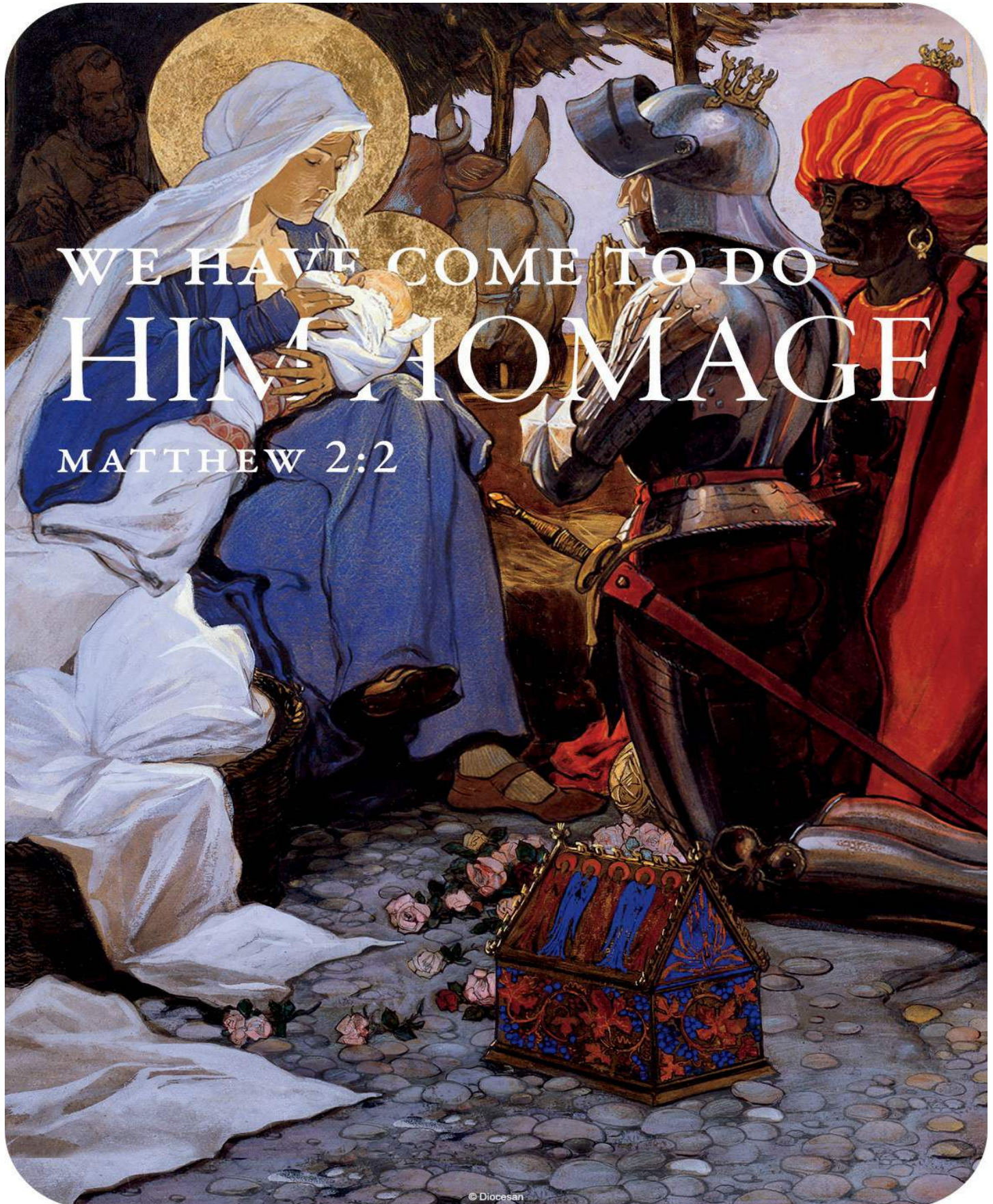


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Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2026



THIRD THROUGH 8TH GRADERS - JOIN US!

Do you have time to be in our Parish Youth Choir for 3 weeks?

Our first “pop up” Parish Youth Choir in October was well received. Our *second* “pop up” Parish Youth Choir will take place **this January, 2026**. It is a 3 week commitment.

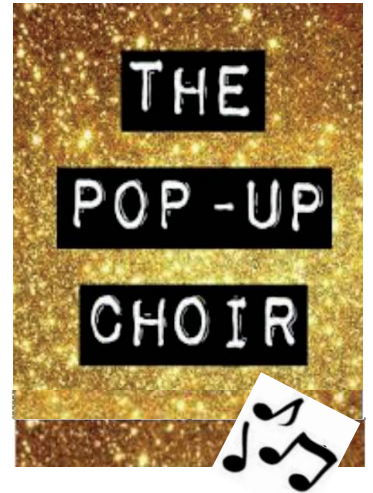
Begins This Week!

The choir will practice in the Church:

Sundays, January 4 and January 11, 11:15-11:45 am

Sunday, January 18th, 11:15-11:45 am. After our practice on January 18th, we will stay in Church and sing at the Noon Mass.

If you were unable to join us the first time, hopefully this second time will fit your schedules. If January does not work for your families, we will have a third “pop up” Parish Youth Choir opportunity in April. To register, you may fill out the google form at this link: <https://forms.gle/vy8dtSaww8hQhBu8A> or you may email Carrie Marcotte, Director of Sacred Music, at cmarcotte@stjohnwinfield.org



BOOK CLUB'S NEXT MEETING - JANUARY 21

Join us in discussing just what the New Year has in store

Join St. John's Book Club at our next monthly meeting, Wednesday January 21 at 7:00 pm at the Winfield Library. We will discuss the swap books received at our December meeting or any good book that you've recently read.

Please RSVP with Jean at tjdaniell@att.net and inquire for directions or with any questions.

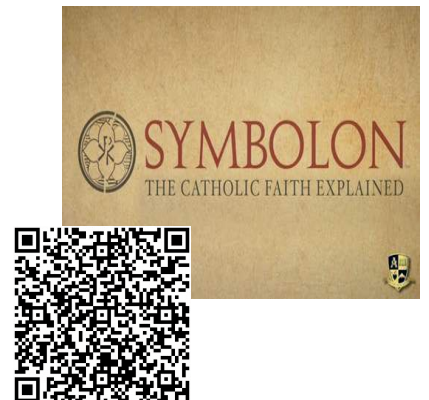


LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Beginning January 27

Wish you knew more about the Catholic Faith? Are you an adult who has not received First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation? Are you looking to become Catholic? If any of these apply to you, you are invited to attend **Symbolon**, our adult faith formation program. This is a required program for those looking to receive the sacraments, but is open to **EVERYONE** in the parish. Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 27 in Sebahar Hall at 7:00 pm. To register, complete the form at <https://forms.gle/q6hoBmADAWWhZ5VWS6> or click the QR code here.

Each session includes a video, discussion and prayer.



CURSILLO

Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ!

Jan. 4 - Divine Mercy Chaplet You're invited to pray with us on Sunday at 8:00 pm via the Zoom meeting. ID is: 984 7599 4038. Passcode: WWJD. Intentions taken prior to the start of the chaplet. Friends and family welcome to join us. Jesus, We Trust in You!

Jan. 10 - Ultreya at St. John the Baptist. Mass at 8:00 am in church with breakfast immediately to follow in Sebahar Hall. Meeting begins promptly at 8:45 am.

To sponsor a weekend or for more information, contact Amy Serritella at amythe1@att.net or visit www.jolietcursillo.org



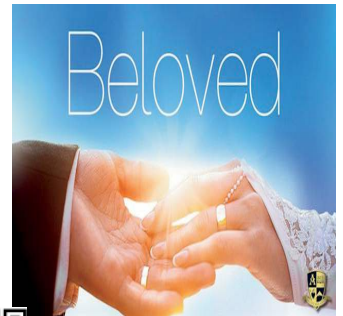
YOU ARE INVITED!

Bring your Marriage into the Church

Were you married civilly, at a venue, or by a justice of the peace, or married in a non-Catholic church? Do you want to have your marriage recognized in the Catholic Church but don't know how to do that? We can help, and we want to!

During Lent, we will begin a program called **Beloved** which will help you to understand Marriage in the Church and prepare for it. We will also help you if you have had prior marriages that need to be annulled. At the end, you will have the option to celebrate your marriage in a group wedding celebration. The program is six weeks long, and will meet on Sundays after the 10:00am Mass. This program is in English only at this time.

To get more information, please visit <https://forms.gle/C5StjimpDYH3UXS4n88> or use the QR code at right to fill out our interest form. We will be in touch with you.



KOFC PANCAKE BREAKFAST - FEBRUARY 1

Waterleaf Women's Center to benefit from donations

Treat yourself and your family to a freshly prepared menu of Hot Buttermilk Pancakes, Sausage Links, Bacon, Golden Hashbrowns, Apple or Orange Juice and Fresh Roasted Coffee.

This year, instead of the traditional baby bottle collection, Waterleaf Women's Center will have a table set up at the pancake breakfast. Invite friends, bring a group and support this worthy cause. Scan the QR code here to learn more about Waterleaf's life saving mission.

You'll find us in **Sebahar Hall from 8:00 am to noon.**



PRIVATE PRAYER

The chapel is open for private prayer between 9 am and 2:30 pm weekdays. Additional evening hours in the chapel are on Thursdays when it is open straight through until Adoration ends at 6:00 pm. The church is locked after morning Mass on weekdays. The church is open for prayer Saturdays 8:00 am to 6:00 pm / Sundays 7:30am - 1:30pm



SEASONS OF HOPE - SEASON 2 RESUMES

Just a reminder for those already registered for Season 2 of Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry, that sessions will resume this Thursday, January 8.

A brand new Season will begin March 5.

For more information, or to register contact Deacon Joe at 630-668-0918 x 610. You can also make contact via email at: deaconjoe@stjohnwinfield.org.



PARISH CALENDAR

Thank you to Hultgren Funeral Homes

Parish Calendars are available for pick up at the back of church or in the parish office. They are free for you to take one to your homes. This year's calendar was sponsored by Hultgren Funeral Homes and we thank them for their support.

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SPENDING MORE TIME WITH THE WORD OF GOD

Following the Pope's prayer intention

We think spending time on the Formed content site is a great way to answer the Pope's call to pray with the Word of God. (see page 5). Formed is hosted by the Augustine Institute and provides Catholic content (over 4,000 titles) to guide and support your spiritual journey. With award-winning studies and parish programs, inspiring audio content, movies, e-books and family-friendly kids' programming, there is something for everyone. It is easier than ever, and completely free to you sign up/register as a parishioner. Scan the QR code at right or go to Formed.org/signup, enter the parish zip code of 60190 and you are well on your way.

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Classes resume on Tuesday, Jan 6

No School Monday, Jan 19

Part of what makes St. John the Baptist School special is the events and activities that bring us closer together, grow in our faith, and reinforce cultures and faith-based traditions. Information about our **Catholic School Week Open House** on **January 25th** will be in the bulletin soon. Mark your calendar to join us to see the many unique ways we feed the spiritual, intellectual and social needs of our students.



We resolve in the new year to count the many blessings of our school community.

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- Embraced by Community

For more information,
contact school Principal,
Mrs. Joanne Policht at
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Scripture Readings

MONDAY

January 5

St. John

Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 3:22-4:6

Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

TUESDAY

January 6

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:7-10

Mk 6:34-44

WEDNESDAY

January 7

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:11-18

Mk 6:45-52

THURSDAY

January 8

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:19-5:4

Lk 4:14-22a

FRIDAY

January 9

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5-13

Lk 5:12-16

SATURDAY

January 10

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:14-21

Jn 3:22-30

SUNDAY

January 11

The Baptism

of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7

Acts 10:34-38

Mt 3:13-17



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For prayer with the Word of God

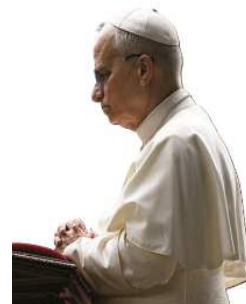
Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Join your prayers with the Holy Father and spread your love and rosary devotions around the world!

December 21

FOR ALL THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD

Dear Children, as you stand before your Nativity scenes, please pray to Jesus for the Pope's intentions as well. In particular let us pray together that all the world's children may live in peace. I thank you from the bottom of my heart!



LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week - **TRAVELERS**

The Magi brought gifts with them. Although King Herod was greatly troubled, Jesus and his parents did not fear these travelers. God was with them all. And God is with us and everyone even to this day.

- Whom do I fear?
- How can I be like Jesus and his parents and the Magi to accept everyone?
- What will I do to assure pathways of peace for migrants, travelers, refugees and aliens?

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Let us resolve to bring [God's] love everywhere, never forgetting that each of our sisters and brothers is a dwelling place of God and that his presence is manifested above all in the little ones, in the poor and the suffering, who ask us to be thoughtful and compassionate Christians.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 25, 2025



We congratulate the families of our recently baptized, and welcome them into our church family of faith.

Liam Edward
child of Monica and Brad Lohbeck

Hailey Anne
child of Nicole and John Thara

Jesus said, "Let the little children come unto me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Mt 19:14

In Our Heart and Prayers

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 3

5:00 pm ✙ Marian Hansen
✙ Ellen Bauler

Sunday, January 4

8:00 am ✙ Bruce Spatz
10:00 am ✙ Charles Kick
12 Noon People of the Parish

Monday, January 5

8:00 am ✙ Joan Blackburn

Tuesday, January 6

8:00 am ✙ Bridget Casey

Wednesday, January 7

8:00 am Sp. Int. for 53rd Wedding
Anniv. of Guillermo and
Violeta Hidalgo

Thursday, January 8

8:00 am Sp. Int. for Joseph Lambert

Friday, January 9

8:00 am ✙ Lillian Kinnish

Saturday, January 10

8:00 am Sp. Int. for Rick Rohr
5:00 pm ✙ Joseph Bryja
✙ Florence Bryja
Sp. Int. for Jim Russell

Sunday, January 11

8:00 am ✙ Carol Effinger
10:00 am People of the Parish
12 Noon ✙ Mabel Murray

For the Sick

Joan Buckingham, Wally Buckingham, Lawrence Campbell, Luke Hougan, Michael McGrath, Britney Prehn, Father Gerald Riva, Rick Rohr, Desiree Sheppard, Jeffrey Skrobitt, Anita Venard, Marino Verdico

To place a name on the prayer lists, contact Rosa Benavides, at rosab@stjohnwinfield.org or by phone at 630.668.0918 x 601. Names will remain on the sick list for six weeks. In a long term illness situation, simply identify such to Rosa at the time of your call.

For the Deceased

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember. Fulfill in them the purpose of your love, and bring us all with them, to your eternal joy.

For those in the Armed Forces for Peace and Safety

Lt. Col. John Berg, SSgt Tyler Bowling, Commander Nicholas Daly, Lt. Col. Anthony Eschliman, Airman Nicholas Kostecka, Cpt. Matthew Luff, 1st Lt. Allyson Serbick, SPC Keegan Serbick, SPC Jack Serbick, Lt. Col. James Smolucha, Maj. Michael Smolucha

For Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

This week, the Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel burns in memory of David Henderson.

The Sanctuary Church lamp burns this week for the Special Intention of the Rohr Family.



Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit. - Pope Francis

Vocation Prayer Calendar

January	4	Fr. Ryan Adorjan, Fr. James Antiporek
January	5	Dcns. Rodger Accardi, Dan Aderholdt, Ciro Afeltra, Al Agurkis, Mark Armamentos
January	6	Vocations Office
January	7	Fr. Tomy Chellakandathil, Fr. Jose Kadukunnel, Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal Mathai, Fr. Thomas Theneth, CMI
January	8	Fr. Jared Rutnicki
January	9	Srs. Camino Fernandez, Mary Grace Kuppe, Carmen Miravalles, Mary Villar, OSA
January	10	Fr. Vernon Arseneau, Fr. Lee Bacchi

The Mass is considered the highest form of prayer in the Church, and certainly the most powerful prayer that is said on behalf of those who are deceased.



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Due Wednesday by 3:00 pm, ten days prior to publication date to
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Holiday schedules will vary.



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Follow us on:



Mass Schedule

Saturday (Sunday vigil) 5:00 pm - church
Sunday 8:00, 10:00 am, and 12:00 noon - church
Daily Monday through Friday 8:00 am - chapel
Saturday 8:00 am - church

Reconciliation Friday 3:00 pm and **Saturday** following morning Mass
- both in church

First Saturday Devotion and Reconciliation

First Saturday of each month following 8:00 am Mass - church

Eucharistic Adoration **Thursdays** 9:00am until 6:00 pm - chapel

NEW PARISHIONERS

We warmly invite you to join our parish family. To register, visit the parish website at www.stjohnwinfield.org or stop by the parish office.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are usually celebrated on the third Saturday of the month at 12:00 noon. Special events and holidays may alter the schedule. There is a three month waiting period for new parishioners. Contact the parish office for information.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Hospitals do not inform churches when parishioners are patients. Tell hospital staff you want to be added to the Catholic census so that hospital ministers know to visit. Contact the parish office Ext 1 to be added to the prayer list, or to receive Eucharist from a Minister of Care.

FUNERALS

Arrangements for a funeral are usually made through the Funeral Director at a funeral home of your choice. Contact the parish office with any questions.

MARRIAGE REQUIREMENTS

Diocese requirements include a formal engagement preparation period of at least six months before the date of the wedding and attendance in a marriage preparation program. St. John the Baptist requires either the bride, groom or parents of either to be registered as parishioners for at least three months before contacting us to set a date. There are a number of additional requirements. To begin the marriage process, either the bride or groom must contact the parish office.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Meetings take place on Thursdays at 7:00pm in the lower level of the parish office in Sodonna Hall.

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