

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25, 2026

Join our School Open House, Sunday from 11:30-1:30 Enter door #3 and join the fun!



- Our School is
- Formed in Faith
 - Educated in Excellence
 - Embraced by Community

Our future leaders take the opportunity during Catholic School Week to Thank YOU for your investment in their education. Seventh grade (above) will be leading our school in just a few months. Below our 8th graders are getting ready to take on leadership roles at their high schools. Our 6th graders (at bottom) are watching their examples of how to lead closely. All made possible by YOU! See pg. 4 for more leaders in the making!

Join our school family of 236 students.

Classroom placements available for 3 yr. old pre-school through 8th grade.



For more information, contact school Principal, Mrs. Joanne Policht at jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org or 630.668.2625 x 617

Thank you! On behalf of our students, staff, faculty, and the entire faith-filled learning community, I extend my deepest gratitude for the unwavering support you offer to St. John the Baptist Catholic School. Your prayers, generosity, and the many talents you share truly make a profound difference in the lives of our children and in the vitality of our school community.

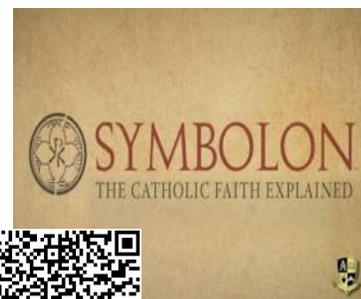
We are abundantly blessed by your kindness. Your steadfast commitment allows our school to continue thriving, growing, and fulfilling its mission each day. Thank you for all you do for us. May God continue to bless you and your loved ones in extraordinary ways. Joanne Policht, Principal



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Beginning **THIS TUESDAY**, 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.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - FEBRUARY 5

Our parish is fortunate to have two different groups meeting to help parishioners handle their grief. The SJB Grief Support Group offers emotional support on the first Thursdays of the month. If we can be of help as you walk your grief journey for a loss whether by death, divorce, or other significant event, we are here for you. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 5 at 7pm in the Parish Office Dining Room. Contact the parish office for more information.



COMMUNION MINISTERS OUTSIDE OF MASS

It is time to register to continue ministering

Anyone that takes communion to others outside of Mass are asked to attend one of two scheduled meetings in January. Tentative meeting date is January 30 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. **Contact Dcn. Joe to reserve your spot.**

If you are unable to attend this option, you must make an appointment with Dcn Joe prior to January 30th. **A list will be generated from these meetings of those people authorized to take communion outside of the parish to the homebound.** For questions, contact Dcn. Joe at 630.668.0918 x 610



WINFIELD WOODS - AHVA CARE SERVICE PROJECT

CCW collection THIS WEEKEND

Collections accepted after Masses on Jan 24-25. Items in need include: 5x7 size notepads, pens, erasable pens, greeting cards and blank note cards, socks, slipper socks with non-skid soles, snack size candy bars without nuts, and Sugar Free sweets, Kleenex pocket packs, gum or mints. Monetary donation also accepted as checks payable to St John CCW.

Saturday, Feb 7 at 10:30 is our General Meeting. All women of the parish are invited to Sebahar Hall for breakfast followed by our meeting where the Ahva bags will be assembled. Contact Venessa for info at 630.336.5414 or venessalopatka@gmail.com



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 on your way.



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.**

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

This year, we are emailing contribution statements to all parishioners and visitors with an email address on file with us. If you would like to verify the email address, we have on file for you and your family, please contact Rosa in the parish office.

Please let us know by **Tuesday, January 27th**, if you prefer to have your statement mailed to you by contacting the parish office. Thank you for the many ways you support St John the Baptist Parish.



NEW ONLINE GIVING - SUPPORTED BY OSV

Our Sunday Visitor is our new online giving.

Our parish is now offering Our Sunday Visitor Online Giving. The Online Giving Portal lets your donations can be made automatically from your checking, savings, or credit card account(s) into the parish bank account. You can choose your donation dates, types and frequencies, as well as enter multiple payment methods. From this main screen you can choose and fund such as Sunday Contributions and immediately click Pledge to Give or Give now.

Or you can click the upper right corner, SIGN IN / CREATE ACCOUNT to set up your account in detail including setting up recurring weekly, monthly or annual donations for each and every donation the parish collects from Sunday Contributions to Pardon Our Dust to Catholic Relief Services. You can scan QR code at right or this link. <https://www.osvhub.com/stjohnwinfield/giving/funds>

You can Enable Two-factor authentication for greater security on your information. OSV has a great Customer Service Department at 800-348-2886 if you run into any difficulties.



If you are using our original Online giving program WeShare, and you start giving in via OSV, please discontinue your donations in the original system. Failure to do so could result in duplicate donations being processed. Please contact the Parish Business Office at 630-668-0918 ext 602 with any questions. Thank you!

ADULT CHOIR CONTINUES TO BUILD!

Did you know: we have rolling enrollment

If you missed your chance to join the St. John the Baptist Adult Choir in the fall, we always have room for more singers. Please email our Director of Sacred Music, Carrie Marcotte, at cmarcotte@stjohnwinfield.org so that she can prepare music for your first rehearsal.

January and February choir dates and times are below.

Wednesdays, January 28, Rehearsal 6:15-7:30 pm in the Church

Sunday, February 1, Sing at the 10 am Mass (warm-up at 9:30 am)

Wednesdays, February 4 & 11, Rehearsal 6:15-7:30 pm in the Church

Wednesday, February 18, Sing at the 7 pm Ash Wednesday Mass (stay for a brief rehearsal afterward)



Forming Tomorrow's Leaders, Today with Your Help !



Thank you Fr. Dan for all of your support of our school !



Scripture Readings

MONDAY

January 26

Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

2 Tm 1:1-8

or Ti 1:1-5

Mk 3:22-30

TUESDAY

January 27

Weekday

2 Sm 6:12b-15,
17-19

Mk 3:31-35

WEDNESDAY

January 28

*St. Thomas Aquinas,
Priest and Doctor
of the Church*

2 Sm 7:4-17

Mk 4:1-20

THURSDAY

January 29

Weekday

2 Sm 7:18-19,
24-29

Mk 4:21-25

FRIDAY

January 30

Weekday

2 Sm 11:1-4a,
5-10a, 13-17

Mk 4:26-34

SATURDAY

January 31

*St. John Bosco,
Priest*

2 Sm 12:1-7a,
10-17

Mk 4:35-41

SUNDAY

February 1

*Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13

1 Cor 1:26-31

Mt 5:1-12a



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!

January 18 - DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

I wish to recall in particular the great difficulties suffered by the population of the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, forced to flee their country because of violence, generally towards Burundi, thus facing a serious humanitarian crisis. Let us pray that dialogue for reconciliation and peace may always prevail among the parties in conflict.



LIVE THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

Word of God Living Among Us

This Sunday is dedicated to the celebration, study, and spread of the Word of God. The word is first spoken in Jesus who is, in fact, the very spoken Word of God. And when this Word himself speaks, things happen. Hear the gospel today: Jesus invites, Peter and Andrew follow right away. James and John immediately do the same. We also believe this: Jesus not only spoke long ago; when Scripture is read aloud in prayer, Jesus speaks today!

- What does Christ say to me in these Sunday readings?
- What darkness needs dispelling by his word?
- What word that I hear will I proclaim? To whom? When?

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Dear brothers and sisters, all too much violence exists in the world and our societies. Amid wars, terrorism, human trafficking, and widespread aggression, our children and young people need to be able to experience the culture of life, dialogue, and mutual respect. Above all, they need the witness of ...those who have suffered injustice and violence [and] resist the temptation to seek revenge.



Address to the 'Arena of Peace', Rome, May 30, 2025



40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING CAMPAIGN

The Campaign begins Ash Wed., Feb 18 and continues through Palm Sunday Mar 29. Parish members will be praying every Monday and Wednesday from 11am-noon on the hill at Waterleaf Women's Center, 3055 E. New York St. Aurora, directly across from a Planned Parenthood Center. Join Us! When pro-life people show up outside the clinic, the no-show rate increases. If these times don't work for you, come with a friend whenever you can during PP business hours. This would be a great Lenten discipline!

In Our Heart and Prayers

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 24

8:00 am ✝ John and Lois Bednarz

5:00 pm ✝ Jon Passini
✝ Mitchell Hickman
✝ Don Essling

Sunday, January 25

8:00 am ✝ Grace Spatz
10:00 am People of the Parish
12 Noon ✝ Anna Vanco

Monday, January 26

8:00 am ✝ Geraldine Gavel

Tuesday, January 27

8:00 am ✝ Bill McConville

Wednesday, January 28

8:00 am ✝ Sr. Cornelia

Thursday, January 29

8:00 am ✝ Michael Lubuy

Friday, January 30

8:00 am ✝ John Noonan

Saturday, January 31

8:00 am ✝ Eddie Payton

5:00 pm ✝ Jim Brewer
✝ David Henderson

Sunday, February 1

8:00 am ✝ Carol Effinger
10:00 am People of the Parish
12 Noon ✝ Charles LoGiudice

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.

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

Michael Brennan - brother of Cathy Johnston

LeRoy Fennewald - husband of Maria

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

The Sanctuary Church lamp burns this week for the special intention of Jerry Zubrod.

The Chapel sanctuary lamp burns in memory of Jim Brewer.



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

Vocation Prayer Calendar

January 25 Srs. Mary DePaul Stave, Sharon Marie Stola, Susanne Thome, Regina Ann Weissmann, OSB

January 26 Srs. M. Kathleen McLinden, Mary Raphael Schmitz, Mary Elizabeth Sheffer, O.Carm

January 27 **Fr. Daniel Bachner**

January 28 Srs. Mary Bratrosovsky, Johanna Choe, JoAnne Form, OSB

January 29 Sr. M. Anthony de Lourdes Veilleux

January 30 Srs. Libby Dahlstrom, Mary Martin, O.Carm

January 31 Dcns. James Breen, David Brockman

Prayer Line

If you would like a loved one prayed for by our prayer line, visit our website to submit a request: stjohnwinfield.org/prayer-request.

Sick and Military List

For both Sick and Military list inclusions, contact the parish office at 630-688-0918 Ext. 1 - OR - via email at sjbulletin@stjohnwinfield.org

www.stjohnwinfield.org



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Communication

Bulletin submissions:

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

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church & School



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

Follow us on:  

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, stop by the parish office or see the parish website at www.stjohnwinfield.org.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are usually celebrated on the first and third Sunday of the month after the 12:00 noon Mass. Special events and holidays may alter the schedule. There is a three month waiting period for new parishioners to schedule a baptism. 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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