

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026

*"This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him."*



*"Rise, and do not be afraid."
Matthew 17:5-7*

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - MARCH 5

Our parish is fortunate to have two different groups meeting to help parishioners handle their grief. The SJB Grief Support Group meets on the first Thursdays of the month and offers emotional support for those grieving a loss whether by death, divorce, or other significant event in their lives. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 5 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Office Dining Room. Contact the parish office for more information.



HANDBELL CHOIR LOOKING FOR RINGERS

Contributing to the Mass with your gifts? Now that rings a bell!

The handbell choir at St. John the Baptist is looking for some additional ringers. Please email our Handbell Conductor, Joyce Schram at joyceschram5@gmail.com if you're interested. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7 to 8:15 pm in the church. The choir rings once a month for the 8:00 am Sunday Mass (dates to be determined).



Join the fun on March 6, 20 or 27 there is no fish fry on the 13th

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SEASONS OF HOPE

Season 3 to begin soon

The first 'season' of the Bereavement Support Group began in August, and the third season will begin **THIS Thursday**, March 5. Seasons of Hope is a Catholic Christ centered bereavement ministry that focuses on our Catholic faith and the many ways our faith helps us through grief with the loss of a loved one. We meet every other week on Thursday evenings. Pre-registration is required. 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.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE – LENTEN SACRIFICE

Colossians 4:2 "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."

Standing and praying for life in front of Planned Parenthood is doing exactly that. Be encouraged, prayer warriors! Please come and join us on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 am until noon at Waterleaf in Aurora.



Please pray to save babies' lives.

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Living Lent

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Ways to practice digital media fasting this Lent where you swap out screen time for prayer and reflection might include:

Avoid phone use before sleep and immediately upon waking. **Limit social media** and streaming time. **Observe device-free** meals and gatherings. **Practice occasional** 24 hour or weekend digital fasts. **Remove** distracting apps. **Replace screen time** with prayer, service, reading or conversation. Repeat often during Lent this simple prayer to begin each day or discipline anew:

“Lord empty me, fill me and use me.”

Mass and Our Lady of Sorrows Novena - Wednesday, March 4

Meet in church every Wednesday during Lent at 5:00 pm

Stations of the Cross - Friday, March 6

Meet in church every Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm

Lenten Fish Fry - Friday, March 6

Order on line, or stop in person to enjoy the fantastic food and festive fellowship 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

Available each Friday at 3:00 pm and Saturdays following the 8 am morning Mass. Mark your calendar now for the Lenten Reconciliation Service on March 19th at 7pm. A number of priests will be present to hear confession.

HEALING SERVICE WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND ADORATION

March 12 at 7:00 pm - light incense will be used

All are invited to come and experience the healing power of Jesus within a healing service led by Fr. Dan Bachner. Jesus will be there, exposed in the eucharist for adoration, light incense will be used, soft music will be performed, anointing of the sick with specially consecrated oil will take place, and sacred first class relics will be walked through the crowd gathered for a special blessing through intercession of the saints. The evening brings spiritual strength, comfort and if God wills, physical healing.



CCW EVENT - MARCH 4

Join us on Wednesday, March 4 at 10 am in Sebahar Hall for a Lenten reflection titled A Journey to Joy presented by Dolores Bopp Potterton. She will invite us to see the season as a time for deeper intimacy with Christ. Continental breakfast will be served with the reflection beginning shortly after 10 am. A brief meeting and announcement of our Woman of the year will end the morning.



CCW SPRING BAZAAR - MARCH 14 ONLY

You'll find us in Sebahar Hall from 10 am until 4 pm. We are looking for vendors to rent a table to sell their wares, Bakers willing to donate items for the always popular Bake Sale and donations of Spring Seasonal knick knacks or home accessories in great condition. Phone Cecily at 630-408-2109 or email at cecilyandlarry@comcast.net to arrange for donation drop offs.



K OF C PANCAKE BREAKFAST - THIS WEEKEND - MARCH 1

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

A free-will offering is appreciated. Invite friends, bring a group and support the parish. Have a cup of coffee on us! The Knights volunteer over 95 million hours across the U.S. each year to better Catholic Faith Communities.

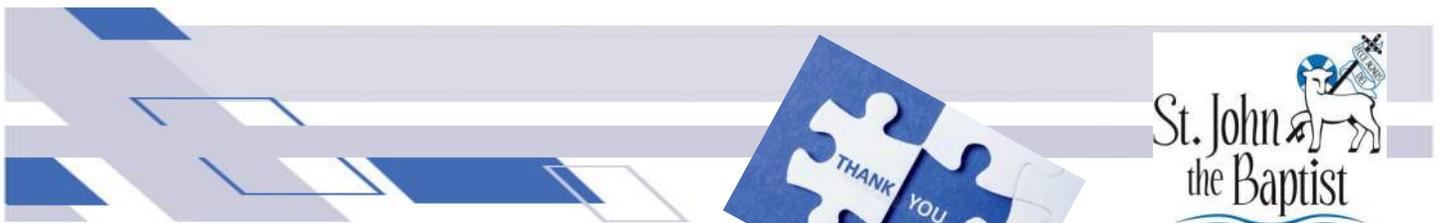
You'll find us in **Sebahar Hall from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.**



RE OFFICE HUNTING FOR DONATIONS

Hop on over - our needs are specific and our gratitude is sincere

The annual Easter Egg Hunt for young children is coming soon. Will you please help us make this a success by donating some candy to stuff the eggs? Small, individually wrapped candies that will fit in the eggs are what is needed. NO chocolate please as it might melt. Please bring any donations to the RE office Monday-Thursdays between 9:30am & 3:30pm from now until March 23. Cash donations to buy candy are also welcome.



We wanted to take one more opportunity to remind the Sponsors of our school Gala that: They are a Blessing!

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And most of all, you are *incredibly* appreciated !

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Scripture Readings

MONDAY

MARCH 2

Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b-10

Lk 6:36-38

TUESDAY

MARCH 3

Lenten Weekday

Is 1:10, 16-20

Mt 23:1-12

WEDNESDAY

MARCH 4

Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18-20

Mt 20:17-28

THURSDAY

MARCH 5

Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10

Lk 16:19-31

FRIDAY

MARCH 6

Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3-4,
12-13a, 17b-28a

Mt 21:33-43,
45-46

SATURDAY

MARCH 7

Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14-15,
18-20

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

SUNDAY

MARCH 8

*Third Sunday
of Lent*

Ex 17:3-7

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Jn 4:5-42 or
4:5-15, 19b-26,
39a, 40-42



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION - MARCH 7

Join us the first Saturday of each month for this beautiful devotion.

Meet in church for the 8:00 am Mass with Adoration, Confession, Rosary and Devotional prayers to follow. Our Lady proclaimed in her own words, *"I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."*



LIVE THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

It is Good to Be Here

God says to each of us today. I will bless you; live a holy life. Thurs, it is good to be here in the holy Lent. Like the three apostles on the mount, we listen to Christ, we witness his divine glory, and we keep our eyes on the promise of heaven while living in merciful ways today.

- How will the radiant Christ shine through my thoughts and actions?
- What will I do to listen more intently to Christ each day this week?
- Because of God's mercy to me, what mercy works will I do today and tomorrow ?

WeShare giving **is being phased out** as the vehicle for automated giving to St. John the Baptist parish. Please go to their website at <https://www.wesharegiving.org/cp/Account/Login> to terminate previously established automated giving before joining fellow parishioners on the new OSV online giving option. We very much appreciate your attention to this matter and your thoughtful and continued generosity. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. **For more information, contact** the Parish Office 630-668-0918, ext. 0 or at: contactus@stjohnwinfield.org

MARCH BOOK CLUB

Next meeting of the St. John's book club will be on Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to join us at the home of Jean Daniell as we discuss the book, *The Engineer's Wife* by Tracy Enerson Wood. Please RSVP, inquire for directions or questions at tjdaniell@att.net.

CURSILLO

Pray the Divine Mercy Sunday Chaplet with us on Sunday, March 1@ **8:00pm**. The Zoom Meeting ID is: 984 7599 4038. Passcode WWJD. Prayer intentions taken prior to start of the Chaplet. **Friends and family are welcome to join.** Jesus, We Trust in You!

In Our Heart and Prayers

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 28

5:00 pm ✚ Jim Russel
✚ Evelyn and Howard Fischer
Sp. Int of the Meath Family

Sunday, March 1

8:00 am ✚ Carol Effinger
10:00 am ✚ Clem and Joyce Milder
12 Noon People of the Parish

Monday, March 2

8:00 am ✚ Poor Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, March 3

8:00 am ✚ Susan DeZutel

Wednesday, March 4

8:00 am ✚ Jeanne Ptak
5:00 pm Our Sorrowful Mother

Thursday, March 5

8:00 am ✚ Levi Beck

Friday, March 6

8:00 am All Souls Intentions of the Parish
Living and Deceased CCW members and for Peace

Saturday, March 7

8:00 am Sp Int. of Sherrie Scheuller
5:00 pm ✚ John and Sophie Kohut
✚ Ellen Bauler
Evelyn Essling

Sunday, March 8

8:00 am ✚ Grace Spatz
10:00 am People of the Parish
12 Noon ✚ Evander Lopez

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, Regalado Carlos, Mildred Hoffman, Luke Hougan, Michael McGrath, Britney Prehn, Fr. Gerald Riva, Genevieve Rohr, Rick Rohr, Bobby Schreiber, Fr. John Sebahar, Desiree Sheppard, Jeffrey Skrobutt, 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, Sgt. Justin Earle, 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 in memory of Jeanne Ptak.

The Chapel sanctuary lamp burns 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

March 1 Brs. Charles Gregor, Peter Hannon, Tom Harding, Tom Hetland, FSC
March 2 Dcns. Michael Fitzpatrick, Anthony Holmes, Andrew Jalove
March 3 Srs. Theresa Fix, IHM Arlene Ashack, CJ
March 4 Fr. James Dougherty
March 5 Sr. Lorna Hayes, CJ
March 6 Srs. Ann Hyzy, Judy Illig, CJ
March 7 Fr. Stanley Drewniak, Fr. Robert Duda

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS

Is there something you can share with your neighbor?

Our Food Pantry at St. John the Baptist could use some help restocking a few items in particular. Our greatest needs currently include: Cooking Oil, Sugar, Pasta Sauce, Shampoo, Small Laundry Detergent and Deodorant.

Check expiration dates before donating. Collection bins are at both entrances to church or can be dropped off at the parish office. Thank you for your generosity!



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and School

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Communication

Bulletin submissions:

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

**St. John the
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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 0 to be added to the prayer list. Ext 610 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.

Follow us on:



Daily Mass Schedule during Lent :

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 8:00 am

Wednesday 8:00 am and 5:00 pm * 5pm Mass is followed by Our Lady of Sorrows Novena

School Mass is Tuesday at 8:45 am

Weekend Mass Schedule which fulfills Sunday Obligation :

Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 noon

Reconciliation :

Parish Reconciliation Service - March 19 at 7:00 pm

Also Fridays at 3 pm and Saturdays following morning Mass

There is no reconciliation on Good Friday or Holy Saturday

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