

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2026



*"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die ... Lazarus, come out!"*

*John 11*

# Easter at St. John the Baptist



Easter Vigil  
Saturday, April 4  
7:45 - 9:45 pm  
Reception to follow  
in Sebahar Hall

Easter  
Sunday, April 5  
8:00 am in Church  
8:00 am in Chapel  
10:00 am in Church  
10:00 am in Chapel  
12:00 noon in Church

We've made sure that there is room for everyone to participate in worship with us this Easter.

The Easter Vigil will welcome the three newest members of our church family. The Mass will not include as many readings as in years past. We expect the Vigil Mass to have a duration of two hours.

The Easter Sunday Masses will follow our usual Sunday schedule.

Plan now to celebrate with us! Ushers, please sign up on the sheets posted in Usher's room to help accommodate all in our house of worship this Easter!



## ST. JOSEPH TABLE

**This weekend, Sunday March 22 after 10 AM Mass**

Fr. Dan warmly invites the parish to gather in Sebahar Hall in celebration of this beautiful tradition honoring **St. Joseph**.

In addition to the **tasty Italian pastries, cookies, breads, fruit, and egg casseroles**, the table will be beautifully decorated with **flowers, candles, and statues** in tribute to this beloved patron. Come enjoy a morning of faith, fellowship, and tradition. Plan to bring your family and celebrate this special day with us!



# Prepare the Way of the Lord

### Reconciliation

Available each Friday at 3:00 pm and Saturdays following the 8 am morning Mass.  
THERE IS NO RECONCILIATION ON GOOD FRIDAY OR HOLY SATURDAY

### Mass and Our Lady of Sorrows Novena - Wednesday, March 25

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

### Stations of the Cross - Friday, March 27

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

Thank you for the many groups hosting our Stations of the Cross during this year's Lent.

**Feb. 20** Priests

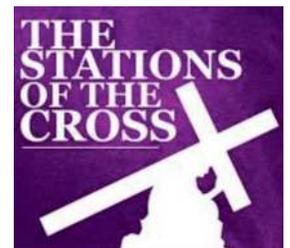
**Feb. 27** Be Formed group

**Mar. 6** Fr. Pat Mulcahy

**Mar. 13** Youth Group

**Mar. 20** School

**Mar. 27** Cursillo



### LAST Lenten Fish Fry - Friday, March 27

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

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 16

**Plan now for summer fun - spaces fill fast!**

Come and learn how to trust Jesus in a Wild World! Open to all children entering grades K through 5 as of Fall 2026. 'Camp' will take place here at St. John the Baptist June 22 through June 26 between the hours of 9 am and 12 noon. Don't 'moose' out on all the fun as St. John's will be the site for a combined VBS for St. John's and St. Michael's due to their road construction. SPACE IS VERY LIMITED! Registration is now open, spaces will be filled on a first-come basis.



Registration is considered complete when payment is made. Checks should be made out to St. Michael, but can be dropped off at the St. John RE Office.

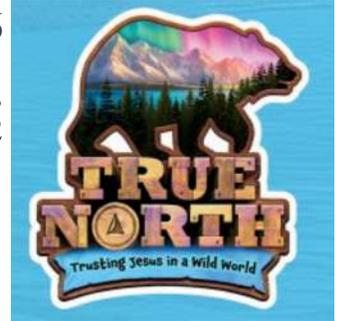
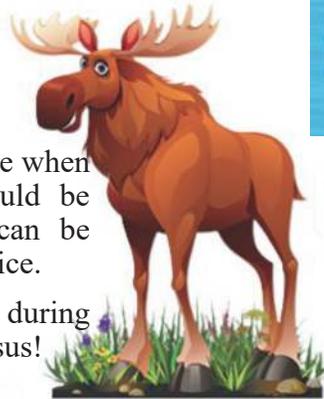
Come and meet new friends during a week of wild adventures with Jesus!

Use these links to register:

Camper link for students entering Gr K-5: <https://forms.gle/6CmADRhZ4CaM3SFe8>

Jr. High Crew Leader link for students entering Gr 6-8:

<https://www.canva.com/design/DAHDb2tUAAy/2LeTEtO2cGLnTXzFNK3hOQ/edit>



**\$ 50 per student for your Passport to Fun !!**



For more information, contact: Kathie Brewer at 630-682-4400 x 613 or [kathieb@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:kathieb@stjohnwinfield.org)

**OPEN TO ALL PRESCHOOLERS THROUGH 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADERS**

**Date: Saturday, April 4, 2026**

**Time: 12:30 pm (after Blessing of Easter Baskets@12 Noon)**

**Place: Gather at the Church pavilion  
(East side of Church off Liberty St.)**

Bring a non-perishable food item or cleaning supplies for the Food Pantry. Don't forget a basket to collect eggs and to carry your candy home. Eggs will be emptied on site so we can collect the empty eggs for next year.

Please dress children appropriately.

**Inclement weather will move the Egg Hunt to Sebahar Hall**



## EASTER USHERS NEEDED

**Please sign up now!**

As preparations continue in your homes with Easter just a couple weeks away, we are getting your church home ready too!

Counting the seats at the table, dusting, decorating and purchasing fresh flowers are all on the To Do List.

We could use the help of the Ushers to commit to attending Mass at one of the needed open spots.

Sign up sheets are in the Usher's room.

Just like the favorite aunt who brings an extra dish to pass, we **SO** appreciate you!



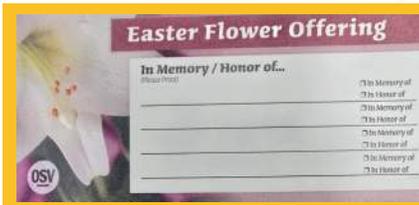
## GETTING OUR HOUSE READY FOR EASTER

**Your generosity will help in that effort!**

Easter preparations have started here at Church, just as they have in your own homes. Please see the Easter Flower contribution envelope in your envelope packet to help decorate our worship space for Easter! Donations may also be made using the QR code at below left.



Names listed *in memory of* or *in honor of* on the flower envelopes will be listed in the parish bulletin on Divine Mercy Sunday and will be remembered in a special way during the Mass Intentions at Easter. What a lovely way to celebrate Easter with those who may not be with us to celebrate this year.





# FISH FRY FRIDAY!

Join the LAST CHANCE for fun on March 27

<p><b>ALL MEALS \$15</b>                      <b>SENIORS \$14</b></p> <p><b>FRIED COD, FRIED SHRIMP, OR COMBO</b> MEALS INCLUDE: BAKED POTATO, COLE SLAW, AND DINNER ROLL</p> <p><b>CHEF TONY SPECIALS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPAGHETTI DINNER - GARLIC BREAD, HOUSE SALAD (KIDS.....\$9)</li> <li>• FISH TACO DINNER - MEXICAN BEANS AND RICE, PICO DE GALLO, TORTILLA CHIPS</li> <li>• ENCHILADA DINNER - MEXICAN BEANS AND RICE, PICO DE GALLO, TORTILLA CHIPS</li> </ul> <p>PIZZA + CHIPS.....\$7 GOURMET SALAD.....\$8 LARGE \$5 SMALL</p> <p><i>*ALL MEALS INCLUDE DESSERT AND A SOFT DRINK *</i></p> <p><b>BEER AND WINE AVAILABLE!</b></p>	<p style="font-size: 1.5em; margin: 0;">Order Online at: <a href="http://www.stjohnwinfield.org" style="color: white;">www.stjohnwinfield.org</a></p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; margin: 0;">Or By Phone: 630-668-0918 ext.651</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin: 0;">↳ Only During Fish Fry Fridays 3 PM - 6:30 PM</p>
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You may also phone Sean Conley at: 630-835-8225 with questions or orders

## ST. VINCENT DePAUL EASTER GIFT CARDS

**Helping a neighbor is a wonderful way to Live Lent**

Deadline approaches to help our neighbors in the Winfield, West Chicago, and Wheaton areas with Food Gift Cards for the Easter holiday. There are over 70 families in need this Easter. To help, phone 630-580-8870. At the time of your phone call, please provide your name, address, phone number and e-mail address. You may choose to donate cards of \$60 for a family of three or \$80 for a larger family. A SVDP volunteer will contact you by e-mail or phone to arrange drop off arrangements. Gift cards should be turned in **NO LATER than Wed, Mar.25.**



**Palm Sunday** Mar 29  
8:00 am Mass  
10:00 am Mass  
12:00 noon Mass



**Holy Thursday** Apr 2  
8:00 am Prayer Service  
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Adoration until 11:00 pm



**Good Friday** Apr 3  
8:00 am Prayer Service  
3:00 pm Passion of the Lord  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross



**Holy Saturday** Apr 4  
8:00 am Prayer Service  
Noon Blessing of Baskets  
12:30 pm Easter Egg Hunt  
7:45 pm Easter Vigil



**Easter Sunday** Apr 5  
8:00 am Mass in Church and Chapel  
10:00 am Mass in Church and Chapel  
12:00 noon Mass in Church

## Scripture Readings

### MONDAY

MARCH 23

*Lenten Weekday*

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17,  
19-30, 33-62 or  
13:41c-62  
Jn 8:1-11

### TUESDAY

MARCH 24

*Lenten Weekday*

Nm 21:4-9  
Jn 8:21-30

### WEDNESDAY

MARCH 25

*The Annunciation  
of the Lord*

Is 7:10-14; 8:10  
Heb 10:4-10  
Lk 1:26-38

### THURSDAY

MARCH 26

*Lenten Weekday*

Gn 17:3-9  
Jn 8:51-59

### FRIDAY

MARCH 27

*Lenten Weekday*

Jer 20:10-13  
Jn 10:31-42

### SATURDAY

MARCH 28

*Lenten Weekday*

Ez 37:21-28  
Jn 11:45-56

### SUNDAY

MARCH 29

*Palm Sunday  
of the  
Passion of the Lord*

Mt 21:1-11  
Is 50:4-7  
Phil 2:6-11  
Mt 26:14-27:66 or  
27:11-54



## 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.

## ALL ARE INVITED TO THE BLESSING OF THE BASKETS

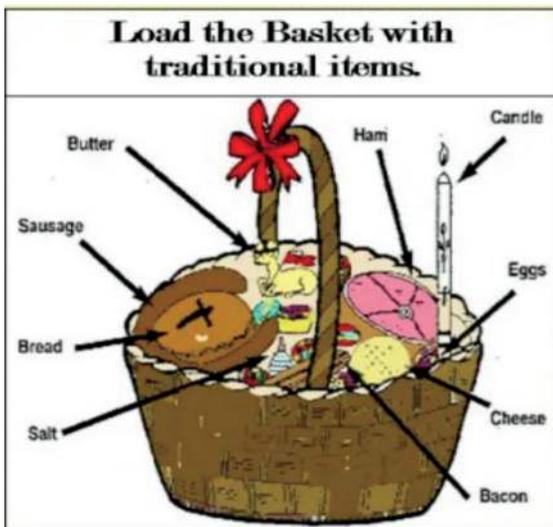
The blessing of the food for the Easter feast will take place in church on

**Saturday, April 4th at 12:00 noon.**

This is a beloved tradition borrowed from those of Eastern European backgrounds. The foods in the baskets are rich in Easter symbolism and serve to do more than whet one's appetite after the long season of Lenten fasting.

Traditional items are listed below. The baskets are sprinkled with holy water and a prayer of blessing is said.

Traditionally the baskets are adorned with boxwood and dried flowers. Covering the basket is a cloth that is meant to symbolize the burial cloth that wrapped Jesus' body in the tomb. These are often embroidered and passed down from one generation to another, as is often, the gift of our faith.



You might want to put in some of the traditional items:

- **Bread**— symbolizing Jesus, the Bread of Life
- **Easter Eggs**— symbolizing our new life in Christ
- **Salt**— to remind Christians that they are to "season" the Earth
- **Meat**— symbolizing joy and abundance
- **Candle**- symbolizing Christ, the Light of the World
- **ribbons**— symbolizing joy and celebration
- **any other items** you want to put in (chocolates, desserts, whatever)

## DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

**Sunday April 12**

**Reconciliation begins at 2:00 pm**

**Adoration holy hour 3:00 - 4:00 pm**

**Start your Divine Mercy Novena on Good Friday, April 3 and then celebrate on April 12th**

I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: "Jesus, I trust in You ." (Jesus to St. Maria Kowalska, Diary paragraph 327)



# In Our Heart and Prayers

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, March 21

5:00 pm ✠ Jim Russell  
✠ Eugene Vanco

### Sunday, March 22

8:00 am ✠ James Maracek  
10:00 am Lola and  
granddaughter Sp. Int.  
12 Noon People of the Parish

### Monday, March 23

8:00 am Sp Int of Augustine Garro

### Tuesday, March 24

8:00 am ✠ Gaetano Garro

### Wednesday, March 25

8:00 am ✠ Charles Kadolph  
5:00 pm Our Sorrowful Mother

### Thursday, March 26

8:00 am Sp Int of Kelley Gripp

### Friday, March 27

8:00 am Sp Int of Ann Noonan  
Sp Int of Linda LeBreux

### Saturday, March 28

8:00 am ✠ Jennifer Thompson  
5:00 pm ✠ Ludwig and Elfriede  
Groetzl  
✠ Armella and Vernon  
Vechart

### Sunday, March 29

8:00 am ✠ Grace Spatz  
10:00 am People of the Parish  
12 Noon ✠ George Scheuller

**T**he 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, Lt. Col. Michael Smolucha

## For Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

The Sanctuary Church lamp burns this week for Fr. Dan Bachner, Fr. Michal Twaruzek, and Fr. Pat Mulcahy

The Chapel sanctuary lamp burns in memory of Manuel and Maria Garza



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

## Vocation Prayer Calendar

**March 22** Fr. Joel Fortier, Fr. Daniel Hoehn

**March 23** Srs. Jadwiga Kokolus, Malgorzata Leszczynska, MChR

**March 24** Dcns. Jim Eaker, Gerard Erickson, John Feely, Richard Feltes

**March 25** Fr. Austin Murphy, OSB

**March 26** Sr. Beata Sawicka

**March 27** Dcns. Robert Fitt, Patrick Forsythe, Frederick Filippo

**March 28** Fr. Martin Gabel

## Stewardship... A Way of Life

Your sacrificial giving for the weekend of March 8 totaled \$ 21,010. Thank you for your support and prayers in helping the parish meet our weekly goal of \$20,198. May God continue to bless you for your generosity and Lenten Sacrifice.



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**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  
Baptist Catholic  
Church & School**



## 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](http://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 :**

Fridays at 3 pm and Saturdays following morning Mass

There is no reconciliation on Good Friday or Holy Saturday

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