

ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH

12934 MARINE AVENUE ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63146



Live-streaming Celebration of the Holy Eucharist 5 p.m. Saturday

Weekend Mass Times *

5 p.m. Saturday

8 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday

*Sign-up Required

Weekday Mass Times

7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Perpetual Help Devotions

After 7 a.m. Mass
on Tuesdays

Sacrament of Reconciliation

3:30-4:30 p.m. on Saturdays

Marriages

Contact parish clergy at least six months prior to the wedding date.

Baptisms

Call the rectory to schedule. The Church requires parents, and, preferably godparents, to attend a baptism class for a couple's first child.

Pastor

Rev. Joseph Weber

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Regular Weekend Celebrants

Rev. Ray Iwujj

Rev. Matthew Ma, SJ

Deacons

Paul Craska

John O'Hara

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Sr. Celia Perez MEST

Pastoral Associate

Cindy Meirink

Pastoral Associate

Assistant

Michele Johnson

Liturgical Coordinator

Liturgical Ensemble Director

Jodi Toliver

Traditional Choir Director

Organist & Pianist

Amy Smith

Parish Secretary &

Safe Environment

Program Coordinator

Anita Walth

Protecting God's Children:

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November 29, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 29	First Sunday of Advent
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	Dominic Doray
Monday, November 30	St. Andrew, Apostle
7 a.m.	Marie Klaus
Tuesday, December 1	Advent Weekday
7 a.m.	Anita Gawenus
Wednesday, December 2	Advent Weekday
7 a.m.	Mary Lauer
Thursday, December 3	Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
7 a.m.	Judy Bourgeois
Friday, December 4	Advent Weekday/First Friday St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
7 a.m.	Agnes Soehngen
Saturday, December 5	Advent Weekday/First Saturday
5 p.m. (Vigil)	Amanda Schepers
Sunday, December 6	Second Sunday of Advent
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	Celebrant's Intention

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR OUR SICK

Geraldine Appelbaum, Leo Bachinski II, Gloria Bainter, Murphy Baker, Jen Berkgigler, Gabrielle Bevans, Nick Biggs, Peggy Bourne, Gloria Brown, Andi Buechter, Margaret Buechter, Tom Burkhart, David Burns, Joe Carey, Ida Cervantes, Pat Chambers, Boyce Clark, Nancy Clayman, Bill Crow, Amy Cutrell, Chris Davidzuk, Nancy Davies, Mary Lou de Garcia, L. Dempsey, Debbie Denton, Brandon Doggett, Tony Doggett, Al Drury, Barbara Dwellingham, Ryan Edwards, Betsy Feely, Betty Garrido, Theresa Garrido, Tim Gentilcore, Richard Haberstroh, Jr., Jason Hames, Norma Hankins, Kay Henry, Dolores Hill, Patricia A. Kurani, Kevin Kurtz, Gavin L., Andrew, Bruce Lehman, Merle Liefer, Nick Lockhart, Tony Margherio, Jaime Martinez, Tom Mason, Michael Massoni, Bill McClennan, Tracy McComas, Matt McKelvey, Barry Mertz, Ray Meyer, Robyn Meyer, Candy Brown-Migneco, Steve Moylan, Bill Mueller, William G. Mueller Jr., Alfredo Narvaez, Teresa A. Nickell, Molly O'Hara, Shaun O'Hara, Mary Ottes, Rich Ottes, Stephanie Pemberton, Bernardo Perez, Emerson Perez, Fran Phillips, Margaret R. Pittman, Susan M. Pittman, Meredith Platt, Nancy Polson, Donna Redenbough, Jane Redshaw, Theresa Reeves, Jack Rielley, Megan Rielley, Kathy Rogles, Robert Rohrer, Chloe Rois, Madeline Rousselow, Mary Saey, Payton Saey, Angie J. Schelker, Liam Schelker, Francis Schlueter, Eleanor Schwing, Mary Jo Shaughnessy, Steven Sherman, Mike Sipes, Kathleen Sweeney, Bev Thurston, Kathy Ulrich, Joe Vojvoda, Christine Woracheck, Emily Winders, and Benjamin Yeagain.

Dear Parishioners,

I hope that you have been able to have a good Thanksgiving weekend, despite all the difficulties that the pandemic is causing. Just getting together with some family is a tremendous gift! I hope you were able to do some celebrating and give thanks to God!

Today we begin the Season of Advent. I know that "the world" wants to celebrate Christmas early ... and then totally forget about it once the afternoon of December 25th comes about. However, that is not the mind of the Church.

Saint Charles Borromeo, the Archbishop of Milan, Italy, in the 16th century wrote this about Advent:

Now is the acceptable time spoken of by the Spirit, the day of salvation, peace, and reconciliation: the great season of Advent ... Each year, as the Church recalls this mystery, she urges us to renew the memory of the great love God has shown us. This holy season teaches us that Christ's coming was not only for the benefit of His contemporaries: His power has still to be communicated to us all. We shall share His power, if, through holy faith and the sacraments, we willingly accept the grace Christ earned for us and live by that grace and in obedience to Christ. ... When we remove all obstacles to His presence He will come, at any hour and moment, to dwell spiritually in our hearts, bringing with Him the riches of His grace.

Please remember the little booklet written by Michelle Francl-Donnay, *Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas: Waiting in Joyful Hope, 2020-2021*, available in the lobby (along with some in the Rectory). We also have a Spanish edition for those who are more comfortable in that language.

December begins on Tuesday. With December we have a different special intention asked to be prayed for by Pope Francis. This month's intention is: For a life of prayer. We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer. Advent is a PERFECT time to work on our personal relationship with Jesus! I hope we all do it! I will have more about this intention next week.

Tuesday, December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, is a Holyday of Obligation. It is also the patronal feast of the United States. We will have Masses at 7:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 7:00 p.m. The dispensation for attending Mass is still in effect if you feel that it would not be safe for you to be at Church. That will be next week, of course.

May God bless us all and may we continue to try to build the Kingdom of God! Happy New Year, too!

*Faithfully Yours,
Fr. Joe Weber*

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The Giving Tree

The tree is set up by the side altar. Also you may find a complete listing of gifts on the website or in the brochure in the lobby of church. Choose one or more ornaments, purchase the gift, **leave the price tag on the gift**, and return it unwrapped by Sunday, Dec. 6 at 12:30 p.m. The gifts will be donated to *The St. Augustine Wellston Center*.

The center does not need gifts for children under 3, puzzles, or crafts. Monetary donations may be placed in specially marked envelopes and placed in the St. Vincent de Paul box in the lobby.

Breaking Bread Missalettes and Advent Resources Available

This Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent, begins the new Liturgical Year of the Church. The new Breaking Bread Missalettes are available in the lobby of the church. Please take one and bring it back with you weekly for Mass. It is your personal copy to use.

A variety of Advent resources are available in the lobby also. Please maintain a six foot distance from all other parishioners as you browse.

The Daughters of St. Paul Invite You To ...

St. Nick: A Virtual Celebration!

Calling all kids to a virtual celebration for the Feast of St. Nicholas! Join the Sisters at Pauline Books & Media on Saturday, December 5 at 10:30 am as we virtually celebrate and prepare for Christmas! Meet St. Nick and learn about the Saint who became Santa! Sing, pray and have fun! To register, email stlouis@paulinemediacom. Call the sisters at (314)965-3512 for more information.

Home for Christmas: A Virtual Concert

Every December, the Daughters of Saint Paul Choir goes on tour to bring the Christmas message to thousands of people around the country. This year, most people will be home for Christmas so we decided to try something new! This week, our sisters will sing a virtual concert that will be streamed Youtube. Mark your calendars for this FREE live event on Thursday, December 3rd at 8pm EST. We hope to see you there!

<https://www.youtube.com/c/DaughtersofStPaul>

First Holy Communion

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion was celebrated on Sunday, November 22 at our church. Originally scheduled for May of 2020, fifteen students received First Holy Communion.

Congratulations

Guadalupe Alcaraz

Angel Ayala

Kinley Danison

Cruz Gaona

Keagan Gutschenritter

William Haselbauer

Angel Hurtado

Traviah Johnson

Anna Peter

Coreima Pina-Pina

Estevan Rodriguez-Fernandez

Lexa Rodriguez-Fernandez

Alex Vallejo

Evelin Zamacona

Natalie Zamacona

We are grateful to the parents of these children and to their catechists, Mr. Adam Gutschenritter, Mrs. Cindy Meirink and Mrs. Peggy Beam, who prepared the children for the reception of this most holy sacrament.

Pray

For Our Loved Ones Serving in the Military

Sgt. Thomas L. Saey III, Army Rangers Sp. Ops.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Steven Eddy, USN

Sgt. James K. Combs, USMC

Spc. Jared Skiles, USA

Cadet Dreyton Pohl, USAF Academy

Seaman James Kedley, USN

This Week at SJB

Tuesday following the 7 a.m. Mass

Perpetual Help Devotions

Wednesday - 7 p.m. - Zoom

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Friday - 10 a.m.

Tai Chi in the Gym

Saturday - 7:30 a.m.

Prayer Service in the Church