

ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH
 12934 MARINE AVENUE ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63146

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 19, 2023

Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

1 CORINTHIANS 3:16

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Live-streaming all Weekday and Weekend Masses

Mass Times: Monday–Friday 7 a.m. | Saturday 5 p.m.
 Sunday 8 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. & Children’s Liturgy of the Word
Perpetual Help Devotions: Tuesdays after 7 a.m. Mass
Rosary Devotion: First Sunday of the Month at 7:30 a.m.
Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Fourth Sunday of the Month - 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m.
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.

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Lent is upon us! Last weekend we had a flyer with the Archdiocesan requirements for the Season of Lent. Here are some of them again: *The Pope and the American Bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence as follows: **Ash Wednesday (February 22, 2023), all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday (April 7, 2023) are days of abstinence (refraining from meat) for all Catholics from age 14 onwards. On these two days, fast, as well as abstinence, is also obligatory for those from the ages of 18 to 59. Abstinence means refraining from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.***

While not a Holy day of Obligation, Ash Wednesday is a very popular time to attend Holy Mass. The Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday here at Saint John Bosco will be 7 a.m., 12 noon, and 7 p.m. Ashes are distributed after the homily at each of those Masses. I would like to remind you that we will have Stations of the Cross at 3:30 p.m. on every Friday of Lent, followed by our “World Famous Fish Fry,” which begins at 4 p.m.

I hope that you make this Lent “the best Lent ever” by using the booklets you have received the past two weeks or using the material on the FREE **Hallow** App, available for your smartphones. Please see the flyer in the bulletin. There are also Hallow bookmarks available in the lobby of Church.

As I’m sure all our parishioners know, in addition to being pastor here at Saint John Bosco, I am the administrator of the Saint Louis Byzantine Catholic Parish. It is a Ruthenian Rite Byzantine Parish of the Eparchy of Parma, Ohio and just like Latin rite dioceses, Byzantine eparchies also have the normal positions of authority—Bishop, Vicar General, judicial vicar, etc. One of our former vicar generals, Fr. John Kachuba retired several years ago. He turned 75 last month. Last Sunday, which the Byzantine church observes as “Meatfare Sunday,” with the gospel from Matthew 25 which includes the separating of sheep and goats, Fr. John gave a beautiful homily to the Sisters of the Holy Bridegroom of Christ monastery in Burton, Ohio. Here is his homily: *Are you a sheep or are you a goat? Are you on the right hand or the left hand of our Lord? We refer to Jesus many times as the Shepherd and we are the sheep who follow Him, in other words He leads us. When you went to the Holy Land did you happen to see any sheep with a shepherd, or any goats? A shepherd gets the attention of the sheep and they follow him when he wants to lead them to better pastures. Goats are driven from the rear, and they go where they want to go. They wander from one thing to another, and they might not be going to the best places. So, are we following the Shepherd and go where He goes, or are we going our own way? He tells the righteous in the Gospel today and is telling us that when we feed the poor, when we welcome strangers or when we visit the sick, what are we doing, we are conforming to Christ's law, the law of love, to love God and love our neighbor. He tells us today when we do all these things for the least ones, we are doing them for Him. I have no doubt that you are the sheep, the followers of the Bridegroom, and you do all these things as members of the monastery. But are there times when you as an individual may want to wander in another direction? Maybe only in thought? I know I try to follow Christ, but there are times that I wander in other directions and need to be herded from behind as a goat is. We are being given a great opportunity during this upcoming Lent. [*It may be our last opportunity; we don't know what the future holds for us.] Fasting and caring we can become better sheep, better followers of Christ. We can better love Christ and those He puts in our lives. If we don't do this, He warns us what will happen--and we hear about the final judgement. All of us need to take heed of this warning, and during this Lent become better sheep. [*Sentence not included in typed script but spontaneously added.]*

I put this in for your reflection because he was struggling during the Mass that morning and around 2:30 that afternoon was found dead of a suspected heart attack. His homily is a great reflection for Lent!

Have a very holy and special Lenten season.

Faithfully yours,
Fr. Joe Weber

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 2/19 8 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Celebrant’s Intention Raymond Boller	Thurs., 2/23 7 a.m.	Thursday after Ash Wednesday/ St. Polycarp KM Neville, SG Neville, LA Ruzicka
Mon., 2/20 7 a.m.	Weekday People of the Parish	Fri., 2/24 7 a.m.	Friday after Ash Wednesday Donna Reed
Tues., 2/21 7 a.m.	Shrove Tuesday / St. Peter Damian Margaret I. Meier	Sat., 2/25 5 p.m. (Vigil)	Saturday after Ash Wednesday Bernard Callnan
Wed., 2/22 7 a.m. Noon 7 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Blanca de Martinez Celebrant’s Intention Forgotten Poor Souls in Purgatory	Sun., 2/26 8 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	1st Sunday of Lent People of the Parish Dorothy Fitzgerald

Drop Off Palm

Please bring your palm from past years and place them in the vases in the church lobby. We will burn the palm during our PSR class on **Tuesday, February 21.**

Ash Wednesday Collection

On Ash Wednesday, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

Bible Study Begins Wednesday

Join a six-week Lenten Study of the Gospel of Matthew on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Bosco Room. Led by parishioner David Reiling, this study will focus on the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Meeting dates are **February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.** Sign-up sheet is located in the church lobby. Contact David Reiling at davandkim5913@sbcglobal.net or (314) 420-5380 if you have questions.

We're Having a Baby Shower

You're invited to relive the showers of the past (1940s - 1980s). Games, food and laughter will abound as we gather to support new moms in need. Bring an unwrapped baby gift on **Tuesday, February 28 at 1 p.m.** in the Bosco Room. All are welcome. Bring a friend. If you are unable to make the shower, you can donate by bringing a gift to the church lobby. Please RSVP to Barb Schlueter at schlueterf@aol.com.

Ladies' Night

Ladies of the Parish are invited to Ladies' Night on **Thursday, February 23 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.** in the Bosco Room. Join us for lively conversation and refreshments.

REST IN PEACE

John Moody, brother-in-law of Carolyn Schomaker

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

THIS WEEK AT SJB

- Mon. **President's Day** - Parish Office closed
- Tues. **Perpetual Help Devotions** - after 7 a.m. Mass
PSR - 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Parish Center (burning of palm)
- Wed. **Quilters** - 10 a.m. Parish Center
Bible Study - 10 a.m. Bosco Room
Music Rehearsal for 5 p.m. Sat. Mass - 7 p.m. Church
- Thurs. **Music Rehearsal** for 10:30 a.m. Sun. Mass - 7 p.m. Church
Ladies' Night - 5:30 to 7 p.m. Bosco Room
- Fri. **Tai Chi** - 10 a.m. Parish Center
Stations of the Cross - 3:30 p.m. Church
Men's Club Fish Fry - 4 to 7 p.m. Parish Center



ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Next Sunday, February 26
Following 10:30 a.m. Mass
until Benediction at 3 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Trivia de Mayo - Friday, May 5

AROUND TOWN

Catholic Women for Christ Conference - *New Life*
Saturday, March 11 - 8:45 a.m. until 4 p.m. - \$40
SI Commons @ SLUH; 4970 Oakland Ave; St. Louis
Register at <https://catholicwomenforchrist.org>

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The Day Jesus Died: The Passion Narratives
Saturdays: March 11, 18, 25 & April 1-10 a.m. until Noon
National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows - Visitors Center
Cost: \$40 for series or \$10 per session
For more info, call (618) 394-6281. Register at <https://snows.org/ministries/spiritual-programs/>

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION - 2/12/23

Weekly Envelopes	\$ 5,079.00
Loose Collection	\$ 1,180.00
Online Donations	<u>\$ 1,600.00</u>
Total	\$ 7,859.00
Bosco Balanced Budget	\$ 8,520.00
Surplus/Deficit	\$ -661.00

ONLINE GIVING:

<https://osvhub.com/stjohnboscostl/funds>

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*

Prayer Requests for Our Sick: *Gloria Bainter, Carolyn Baker, Dave Beidle, Pat Beidle, Msgr. Jerry Billing, Tom Burkhardt, Felicia Busalacki, Joe Carey, Susan Catanzaro, Amy Cutrell, Chris Davidzduk, Nancy Davies, Jo Dempsey, Debbie Denton, Brandon Doggett, David Feldman, Bob Figge, Audrey Fitzpatrick, Tom Flaspoler, Joyce Ganahl, Betty Garrido, D. Garrido, Tim Gentilcore, Howard Gransbach, Doris Grant, Richard Haberstroh, Jr., Carol Heineck, Kelly Henry, Dolores Hill, Karen Koehler, Gavin Lain, Don Landweber, Rhonda Larkin, Tony Margherio, Candy Brown-Migneco, Cynthia Miskell, Joe Montgomery, Bill Mueller, Bill Mueller, Jr., Dolores O'Leary, Ronald Pearlman, Fran Phillips, Gerald Pope, Alex Rankin, Jean Redshan, Larry Saey, Mary Saey, Dianne Salvia, Tracey Samuelson, Frank Schlueter, Donna Schrameyer, Mary Jo Shaughnessy, Mary Ann Sitarski, Amy Smith, Michelle Springmann, Emily Winders, Benjamin Yeargain, and Ron Young.*