

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



Then they opened their treasures and offered him

GIFTS OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH.

Matthew 2:11

January 8, 2023 • The Epiphany of the Lord

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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: Last Sunday of the Month from 1:30am.-3 pm.

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,

This weekend we end this year's celebration of Christmas with the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord on Saturday/Sunday, and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday. Thanks to all who decorated for the holidays. AND thanks to all who helped take down the decorations today (Sunday).

THANK YOU, again! Again this week I want to thank so many of you who sent cards and "goodies" to the Rectory over the Christmas Season. Many treats arrived this past week, in time for the Rectory's New Year celebrations, so thank you, again, for helping us keep our weight up! (LOL!)

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI: Even though Pope Francis told the world on Wednesday, December 28 that his predecessor was growing more and more weak, when the news came on Saturday morning that Pope Benedict had died it was still a shock. This article is being written before the funeral but I can only presume that many thousands of people turned out for the late pontiff's funeral in Rome. On Thursday of this past week, Archbishop Rozanski celebrated a Memorial Mass for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI at the Cathedral. If you notice, the 8 a.m. Mass this weekend will be for the repose of his soul. Many wonderful things have been written about him this past week on the internet and I hope that you were able to read some of them and follow the activities regarding his funeral. Obviously, with the funeral Mass having started at 2:30 a.m. Saint Louis time last Thursday morning, it would have been difficult to watch it "live." However, the replays on EWTN will continue throughout this weekend, I'm sure. *Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network: Last week I mentioned the prayer intention of Pope Francis for this month of January: *For educators We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.* Please remember all educators, at all levels, while praying this month. The suggested prayer from the "Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network" is: *Jesus, Good Master, as the young man of the gospel called you, your life was a living testimony of love and welcome. You taught us with your coherence, that love needs to be put into works to be a credible witness of the Father's love in the world. Contemplating you in the gospel we understand that we can only communicate to others what we experience. That is why we ask you to help those who educate that their style will resemble yours: communicating with concrete attitudes and also with words, fraternity, mutual respect, and the value of differences. May your Spirit of Love instill in them, your method of being with the most fragile, helping them to forge a dignified life grounded in you and open to humanity. Amen.* I will have the January reflection about this prayer intention next week. It is written by a Lay Dominican who teaches High School in Maryland. It is quite good; I hope you enjoy it next week.

PSR resumes this Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. I will also have my Adult Faith Formation session (as requested by several responses on the DMI) beginning at 6:45 p.m. this coming Tuesday.

Retreat: I thought I'd tell you now that later this month, beginning the afternoon of Sunday, January 22 until around noon on Saturday, January 28, I will be on a "directed retreat" at White House Retreat in South County. The last full (week long), directed retreat I had was in December of 2016! While I've been "on retreat" since then, my Spiritual Director and I recognize that I need a full retreat! This is just a head's up that it will be coming. Fr. Matthew Ma, SJ, will celebrate the weekday Masses that week.

Faithfully yours,
Fr. Joe Weber

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 1/8
8 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
Mon., 1/9
7 a.m.
Tues., 1/10
7 a.m.
Wed., 1/11
7 a.m.

The Epiphany of the Lord
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
Fr. John Ganly, M.M.
The Baptism of the Lord
William Haggarty, Sr.
Weekday
Billie Belluso
Weekday
Maureen Baine

Thurs., 1/12
7 a.m.
Fri., 1/13
7 a.m.
Sat., 1/14
5 p.m. (Vigil)
Sun., 1/15
8 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Weekday
Joseph Dickes
Weekday/St. Hilary
Edward & Ann Back
Weekday
Bob Berger
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
People of the Parish
Russell Pautler

Spiritual Direction

Deacon John O'Hara has completed the Archdiocese Spiritual Direction 10-month certification course and is offering opportunities for members of St. John Bosco to explore, in a one-on-one environment, their prayer life and a deeper spiritual relationship with Jesus. If you are interested in an initial appointment to discuss your spiritual journey, please contact the parish office at (314) 434-1312.

SVdP Food Collection

Next weekend (January 14-15) is the first Society of St. Vincent de Paul food collection of 2023. Your donations support St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist food pantry in north St. Louis. Thank you in advance for your generous contributions of nonperishable food items.

Respect Life Committee

In the church lobby you will find a sign-up sheet for parish members who would like to join the St. John Bosco Parish Respect Life Committee. Committee members will provide information to the parish regarding upcoming Respect Life events in the St. Louis area, and important Respect Life policy information. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon John O'Hara at (314) 805-4888 or deaconjohn.ohara@stjohnboscostl.com.

Upcoming Meetings

The **Men's Club** will meet Wednesday, January 11 in the Parish Center. The **Senior Social Group** will gather on Thursday, January 12 for a 1 p.m. lunch at Syberg's Dorsett.

St. Louis Review

To stop receiving the St. Louis Review, please contact the Parish Office at (314) 434-1312, extension 4. If you want to continue receiving the Review, no action is necessary. To make a donation to help cover the cost of the annual subscription to the Review, please use the envelope provided in your packet.

Free Throw Contest at St. Monica

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship will be held on Friday, January 20 at 7 p.m. in the St. Monica gymnasium. The competition is free of charge and open to boys and girls ages 9 to 14. CYC card or birth certificate required as proof of age. For more information, please see the flyer in the Church lobby.

THIS WEEK AT SJB

- Tues. **Perpetual Help Devotions** - after 7 a.m. Mass
PSR - 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Parish Center
Adult Faith Formation - 6:45 p.m. Bosco Room
- Wed. **Quilters** - 10 a.m. Parish Center
Music Rehearsal for 5 p.m. Sat. Mass - 7 p.m. Church
Men's Club - 7 p.m. Parish Center
- Thurs. **Senior Social Group** - 1 p.m. Syberg's Dorsett
Music Rehearsal for 10:30 a.m. Sun. Mass - 7 p.m. Church
- Fri. **Tai Chi** - 10 a.m. Parish Center
- Sat. **Family Enrichment** - 7 to 8 p.m. - Parish Center

LOOKING AHEAD

- Ladies Guild** - Tuesday, January 24 at 1 p.m.
- Feast of St. John Bosco** - Tuesday, January 31 (details to come)

Century Club

Congratulations to Jim and Maureen Guffey who were the December Century Club winners.

Yearly Contribution Record

If you wish to receive a record of your contributions for 2022, please contact Anita Walth at (314) 434-1312, extension 4. Donation letters will be mailed to those who request one.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

12/25/22	
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 2,994.00
Loose Collection	\$ 2,377.00
Online Donations	<u>\$ 2,845.00</u>
Total	\$ 8,316.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 1,166.00
Seminary Collection	\$ 1,737.00
1/1/23	
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 4,119.00
Loose Collection	\$ 1,526.00
Online Donations	<u>\$ 1,295.00</u>
Total	\$ 6,940.00
Bosco Balanced Budget	\$ 8,520.00
Surplus/Deficit	\$ -1,580.00

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, Ann Burkhardt, Tom Burkhardt, Felicia Busalacki, Joe Carey, Susan Catanzaro, Karen Cattoor, Amy Cutrell, Chris Davidzuk, Nancy Davies, Jo Dempsey, Debbie Denton, Bob Figge, Audrey Fitzpatrick, Tom Flaspoler, Joyce Ganahl, Betty Garrido, D. Garrido, Tim Gentilcore, Howard Gransbach, Doris Grant, Richard Haberstroh, Jr., Kelly Henry, Dolores Hill, Karen Koehler, Gavin Lain, Don Landweber, Tony Margherio, Michael Massoni, Barry Mertz, Candy Brown-Migneco, Cynthia Miskell, Joe Montgomery, Bill Mueller, Bill Mueller, Jr., Msgr. Pat O'Laughlin, Dolores O'Leary, Ronald Pearlman, Fran Phillips, Gerald Pope, Larry Saey, Mary Saey, Dianne Sabria, Tracey Samuelson, Frank Schlueter, Carolyn Schomaker, Mary Jo Shaughnessy, Mary Ann Sitariski, Amy Smith, Michelle Springmann, Jodi Toliver, Emily Winders, Benjamin Yeargain, and Ron Young.*