

ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH

12934 MARINE AVENUE ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63146

JANUARY 22, 2023 | THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*They left their nets
and followed him.*

~ Matthew 4:20



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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 11:30am.-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.

Rectory Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Today, January 22-23, 2023, is the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Several years ago, Pope Francis asked that we celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God on the 3rd Sunday of the year. In last Sunday's bulletin, we asked that you bring your family bibles to have them blessed today. We will be doing that at the end of Mass. In last weekend's homily, I mentioned a presentation by Pope Francis to the seminarians of the Pontifical North American College in Rome which took place last Saturday, January 14. While he was speaking to the priests and seminarians, he did make a very cogent point to all especially in light of today's celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God: *When Jesus noticed the disciples following him he asked what they were seeking. When they questioned him about where he was staying, he invited them "come and see." Over the course of your lives the Lord wants to enter into a personal dialogue with you, asking what you are looking for and inviting you to "come and see," to speak with him from your hearts and to give yourselves to him constantly in faith and love. Doing so involves fostering a daily relationship with Jesus, one nourished especially by prayer, meditation on the word of God, the help of spiritual accompaniment, and listening to him in silence before the Tabernacle. Always remember this: listening in silence before the Tabernacle. For it is in these moments of familiar relationship with the Lord that we can best hear his voice and discover how to serve him generously and wholeheartedly.* Again, while Pope Francis was speaking to seminarians, it is applicable to all of us. I mentioned also that our church is open every day until 5 p.m. What an opportunity to come and spend time with the Lord, reading the Bible, and listening to him. I encourage you to do that often.

Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: While ordinarily we have this on the last Sunday of the month, since today is January 22, I thought it would be appropriate to have Adoration today on the 50th anniversary of the infamous Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision. While it was overturned by the Supreme Court last summer, there is still much work to do to respect all life. At 3 p.m. today, along with having Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, we will have a brief prayer service for the respect for life for all people. At the end of that prayer service, which should only be about 15 minutes, we will have Benediction. I invite you all to come and spend time in prayer before the Lord as we ask his protection for life. As Archbishop Joseph Naumann's motto for his coat of arms says, "life will be victorious."

Next Sunday: The feast of Saint John Bosco is on January 31. Since next Sunday is the Sunday closest to the feast of Saint John Bosco, we have permission to celebrate his feast day on January 29. The readings will be those for Saint John Bosco. We honor our patron saint and use him as an example for helping young people grow in the faith and in modern society, just as he did back in the 19th century. We will also be blessing our latest prayer shawls that have been made by members of the parish. Those who are in need are invited to take a shawl next Sunday after Mass. Many people have appreciated this ministry over the years and we ask Jesus, the Divine Physician, to be with them as they use these prayer shawls in faith.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is being celebrated this week. This year's theme is "**Do Good; Seek Justice.** (cf. *Isaiah 1:17*)" You can find out a lot about this year's theme, including some pertinent scripture texts, at <https://geii.org>, the Graymoor Ecumenical Institute. Next Sunday at 7 p.m., the Archbishop will be here with other ecumenical guests for a prayer service. All of you are welcome to attend. A reception in the Church basement will follow.

Retreat: Please remember that I will be on retreat this week, beginning on Sunday afternoon. Anita can get in touch with me if necessary. Fr. Matthew Ma, SJ is scheduled to do our weekday Masses. Please pray for me as I will be praying for you! Thank you.

Faithfully yours,
Fr. Joe Weber

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 1/22	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Sunday of the Word of God	Wed., 1/25	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
8 a.m.	Jim Doggendorf	7 a.m.	Raymond Kesselring
10:30 a.m.	Robert Montgomery	Thurs., 1/26	SS. Timothy & Titus
Mon., 1/23	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children/St. Vincent,	7 a.m.	Ana Pandolfa
	<i>St. Marianne Cope</i>	Fri., 1/27	Weekday/St. Angela Merici
7 a.m.	Billie Belluso	7 a.m.	Nick Pandolfa
Tues., 1/24	St. Francis de Sales	Sat., 1/28	St. Thomas Aquinas
7 a.m.	Raymond Laroche	5 p.m. (Vigil)	Betty Radetic
		Sun., 1/29	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
		8 a.m.	People of the Parish
		10:30 a.m.	Howard Burgh

TODAY

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Following the 10:30 a.m. Mass & concluding at 3 p.m. with a Respect for Life Prayer Service and Benediction.

St. John Bosco Blood Drive: 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Gym. If you did not get a chance to schedule an appointment, please stop by to see if there are openings.

Prayer Shawls Available Next Weekend

Prayer Shawls will be blessed and available in the church lobby after all Masses next weekend, January 28 and 29. These special “hugs from God” are for anyone with health concerns. Members of the ministry pray while crocheting these blankets and lap coverings. Thank you to Diana Buechter and her volunteers for their beautiful handiwork.

Upcoming Meetings in Bosco Room

Ladies Guild will meet on **Tuesday, January 24 at 1 p.m.** Ladies should bring an appetizer to share and six dimes for games. **Ladies of the Parish** will gather for Ladies’ Night on **Wednesday, January 25 from 5 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.**

Ecumenical Service at St. John Bosco

Join Archbishop Rozanski and our St. Louis Christian communities in ecumenical prayer for unity on **Sunday, January 29 from 7 until 8 p.m.** at St. John Bosco. The theme for the service is *Do Good; Seek Justice (Is. 1:17)*. All are welcome to attend a reception in the church basement following the prayer service.

Evangelization 101 Workshops

Free morning workshops are being offered throughout the archdiocese beginning in February. These dynamic workshops are designed to cover the fundamentals of evangelization. The nearest parishes offering these workshops are St. Cletus (March 4); Holy Spirit (March 18); and St. Gerard Majella (March 25). You do not have to live within the boundaries of the planning area to attend. Please attend only one session as the content will be identical at each 101 workshop. To register and to see additional workshop dates and locations, visit <https://archstl.org/evangelization>.

REST IN PEACE

John Joseph Schulte, father of Mark Schulte

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

THIS WEEK AT SJB

- Tues. **Perpetual Help Devotions** - after 7 a.m. Mass
Ladies Guild - 1 p.m. Bosco Room
PSR - 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Parish Center
- Wed. **Quilters** - 10 a.m. Parish Center
Ladies of the Parish - 5 to 7:30 p.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
- Fri. **Tai Chi** - 10 a.m. Parish Center
- Sat. **Scripture Study/ATN Preparing for Mission** - 9am. Church

AROUND TOWN

Discernment 101 w/ the Daughters of St. Paul

Saturday, January 28 from 8:30 a.m. until Noon
Pauline Books & Media; 9804 Watson Rd.

For young women ages 16-33. 8:30 a.m. Mass, light refreshments, a talk, discussion, and Eucharistic Adoration. Zoom option available. For more details or to register, please visit connect.pauline.org/discernment-101 or email stlouisvocations@paulinemedia.com.

Dating Retreat & Study Series for Single Catholics with guest speaker Fr. Robert Spitzer
January 27 & 28 - free online event

Relationship Ready: A Single Catholic’s Roadmap to Marriage
6 week study series beginning February 6

For more info on these programs, visit <https://NationalCatholicSingles.com>

St. Monica CYC Sports

St. Monica CYC baseball, softball and golf registration is open for boys and girls: baseball & softball (PK through 8th grade); and golf (1st through 8th grade). St. Monica lacrosse is open for 5th through 8th (boys & girls). For lacrosse info, email Felix at stmonicalax@gmail.com. To register for a sport, go to <https://stmonicastl.org/athletics/>.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION - 1/15/23

Weekly Envelopes	\$	4,884.00
Loose Collection	\$	2,472.00
Online Donations	\$	695.00
Total	\$	8,051.00
Bosco Balanced Budget	\$	8,520.00
Surplus/Deficit	\$	- 469.00

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, Ann Burkhardt, Tom Burkhardt, Felicia Busalacki, Joe Carey, Susan Catanzaro, Amy Cutrell, Chris Davidzduk, Nancy Davies, Jo Dempsey, Debbie Denton, Brandon Doggett, 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, Fr. Matthew Ma, SJ, 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 Salvia, Tracey Samuelson, Frank Schlueter, Carolyn Schomaker, Mary Jo Shaugbnesy, Mary Ann Sitarski, Amy Smith, Michelle Springmann, Jodi Toliver, Emily Winders, Benjamin Yeargain, and Ron Young*