

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

FEBRUARY 12, 2023 • SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



If you  
**TRUST IN GOD**  
 you too shall live;  
 God has set before you fire and water;  
 to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand.

~ Sirach 15:15-16

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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.

**Rectory Office Hours:** Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
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## PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Parishioners,

**All Things New:** Once again there is an insert in the bulletin with the “latest” news on the Archdiocesan Strategic planning process. Please note the information contained in the insert. Also please note that the website (mentioned in the insert) is: <https://allthingsnew.archstl.org>. The suggested “models” for all fifteen planning areas are located there. Remember, we are planning area seven. Now, more than ever, it seems that we need to pray the prayer suggested by “The Pope’s Prayer Network,” that I had in last week’s bulletin.

If you have misplaced your bulletin, or didn’t cut out the prayer, here it is again:

*We come to you Lord, as brothers and sisters of the parish community. We are fragile and we are not always in communion. We need to be a community of communities that always puts people at the center, accepting what each one is and has. Send your Holy Spirit upon us so that we build a true Christian community born of shared faith, the fraternity lived, and welcoming those most in need. Help us, Father, to build spaces of lively participation, and communion imbued with a missionary spirit. Give us the grace to be a parish community that evangelizes and allow us to be evangelized by the poorest, as a sign that all love and hope are found in You. Amen*

The “reflection” about the prayer intention for this month was written by Sherry Weddell, from the Pope’s Prayer Network, here in the United States.

*God used a Catholic parish to change my life. Which is strange because I wasn’t Catholic. I was a Protestant university student looking for a place to pray. Protestant churches were closed, but an old parish church a few blocks from campus was open, although I didn’t know why. I stepped into that church and felt a profound Presence of God that I had never experienced before.*

*So I started to pray in that church when it was quiet. My Protestant friends warned me that if I didn’t stop praying in that strange place, I might become Catholic. I laughed. Now I laugh at myself because I did become Catholic and that parish became my new spiritual home. I quickly realized that I was not alone. As one friend observed, “You can’t swing a cat around this place without hitting a convert.”*

*Our pastor and I dreamed of parishes becoming places where people of all backgrounds could meet Jesus and respond to His call. We studied Church teaching about the mission of the laity and the parish. Large numbers of adults entered the Church every year. I created and taught a discernment process to help Catholics discern how they had been gifted by God for the sake of others. Wonderful charisms of mercy, healing, teaching, intercessory prayer, and leadership started to emerge in the community. Our pastor started a parish group for young adults who were discerning Church vocations. Eight entered religious life and the priesthood.*

*We have now had the joy of seeing God do amazing things in hundreds of different parishes in fourteen countries. The icon painted for our Institute shows St. Catherine of Siena holding the old parish church that God used to change my life.*

**President’s Day** is next Monday, a Federal and Archdiocesan holiday. The parish office will be closed. **Ash Wednesday** is a week from Wednesday, February 22. Please bring your old palm back to church next weekend, so it can be burned. Please take home a copy of our daily reflection booklet for Lent. Masses on Ash Wednesday will be at 7 a.m., 12 noon, and 7 p.m. We will have more information about Lent in next week’s bulletin. Stations of the Cross will be prayed, beginning Friday, February 24, at 3:30 p.m., with our “world famous fish fry” following at 4 p.m.

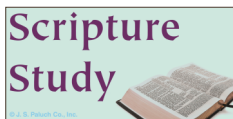
Faithfully yours,  
Fr. Joe Weber

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sun., 2/12</b>	<b>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Thurs., 2/16</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
8 a.m.	People of the Parish	7 a.m.	Raymond Kesslering
10:30 a.m.	Sr. Fabian, RSM	<b>Fri., 2/17</b>	<b>Weekday</b> / <i>The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i>
<b>Mon., 2/13</b>	<b>Weekday</b>	7 a.m.	James Schomaker
7 a.m.	Maureen Baine	<b>Sat., 2/18</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
<b>Tues., 2/14</b>	<b>SS. Cyril and Methodius</b>	5 p.m. (Vigil)	Bernardo Martinez
7 a.m.	Lyle Krizenesky	<b>Sun., 2/19</b>	<b>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Wed., 2/15</b>	<b>Weekday</b>	8 a.m.	People of the Parish
7 a.m.	Cliff Neville	10:30 a.m.	Raymond Boller

### Lenten Bible Study: Jesus' Life-Giving Death

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](mailto:davandkim5913@sbcglobal.net) or (314) 420-5380 if you have questions.



### Palm Collection

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**.

### Ladies Guild Birthright Shower

All are invited to a baby shower to benefit Birthright on **Tuesday, February 28 at 1 p.m.** in the Bosco Room. More details to come!

### With Gratitude

Prayer Shawls were recently blessed and made available to anyone in need of comfort. Many thanks to the volunteers who prayerfully craft these hugs from God: Jean Burkhart, Nancy Davies, Betty Garrido, Linda Neill, Jane Thal, Anita Walth and Diana Buechter.

### Century Club

The winners of the January drawing were Mark and Becky Yeargain. Century Club members pay \$100 annually and have the chance to win \$100 each month plus the grand prize at the annual dinner.

### Reminder from Parish Office



Please pick up your copy of the St. John Bosco Parish Pictorial Directory at the rectory. Call Anita Walth at (314) 434-1312, extension 4 with any questions.

### REST IN PEACE

**Dena Keezer**, aunt of Tracey Samuelson  
**Michael Robertson**, son-in-law of Carolyn Schomaker

*May their souls 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  
**PSR** - 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Parish Center
- Wed. **Quilters** - 10 a.m. Parish Center  
**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  
**Parish Council** - 7 p.m. Bosco Room
- Fri. **Tai Chi** - 10 a.m. Parish Center

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Youth Mass** - Sun., February 19 at 10:30 a.m.
- Ash Wednesday** - February 22
- Ladies Night** - Thurs., February 23
- First "World Famous Fish Fry" of 2023** - Fri., February 24
- Ladies Guild Birthright Shower** - Tues., February 28

### AROUND TOWN

#### Mardi Gras Bunco Night

Tuesday, February 21 - St. Richard Church (O'Brien Hall)  
 Social hour begins at 6 p.m. Game begins at 7 p.m.  
 Free to join. All are welcome. No experience needed.  
 To register, call/text Carolyn at (314) 489-2358.

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#### Catholic Men for Christ Conference

*Transformed: Men After God's Own Heart*

Saturday, February 18 - 8:45 a.m. until 4 p.m.

#### Catholic Women for Christ Conference - *New Life*

Saturday, March 11 - 8:45 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Location & pricing for both conferences:  
 SI Commons @ SLUH; 4970 Oakland Ave; St. Louis  
 Standard pricing - \$40

Register at <https://catholicmenforchrist.org>  
 Register at <https://catholicwomenforchrist.org>

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### OFFERTORY COLLECTION - 2/5/23

Weekly Envelopes	\$ 4,444.00
Loose Collection	\$ 1,416.00
Online Donations	\$ 1,275.00
Total	\$ 7,135.00
Bosco Balanced Budget	\$ 8,520.00
Surplus/Deficit	\$ <b>-1,385.00</b>

### 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 Burkhart, 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., Carol Heineck, Kelly Henry, Dolores Hill, Karen Koehler, Gavin Lain, Don Landweber, Fr. Matthew Ma, SJ, Tony Margherio, Michael Massoni, 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 Shaughnesy, Mary Ann Sitariski, Amy Smith, Michelle Springmann, Jodi Toliver, Emily Winders, Benjamin Yeargain, and Ron Young*