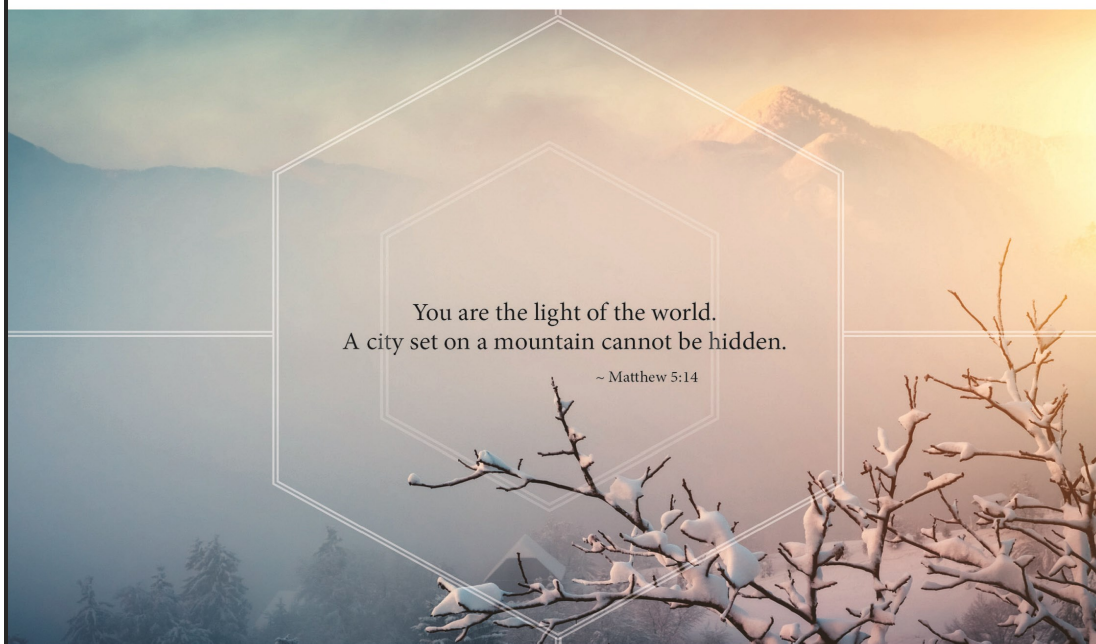


ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH

12934 MARINE AVENUE ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63146

FEBRUARY 5, 2023 • FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



You are the light of the world.
A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.

~ Matthew 5:14

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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,

Last weekend was very memorable (and I don't mean the ice storm!). We celebrated the feast of Saint John Bosco and had punch, lemonade and cookies on Saturday evening after the 5 p.m. Mass, and coffee and donuts on Sunday morning with many people looking at the pictures on the wall, remembering the 50 years of our parish. We hosted the confirmation students from Shaare Emeth congregation at our 10:30 a.m. Mass, then hosted the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ecumenical Service and wonderful reception, despite the ice event. Special thanks to Anita Walth, Sr. Annette Kaba, Diana Buechter, and members of the Century Club, who did so much for the successful reception. Thanks to Janna O'Hara for "stepping up" and adding so much more music when the scheduled choir was unable to attend because of the weather. The Archbishop and our other guests were impressed with the hospitality of our people. Over 60 attended the reception following the prayer service. Thanks to all who made last weekend so memorable!

The Pope's Prayer Network: As I mentioned at Mass last weekend, I'm including the Pope's intention for this month. I completely forgot to include it in last weekend's bulletin because of my retreat last week. Given the fact that the archdiocese is conducting the "All Things New" strategic plan, this month's intention, as suggested by Pope Francis is most appropriate: this month we are asked to pray for **Parishes. We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity, and welcome towards those most in need.**

With our absolutely outstanding St. Vincent de Paul Conference here at Saint John Bosco and the ushers and greeters at each Mass, I think that we truly open up our hearts to faith and welcoming our guests and those most in need. May we continue to do those things as we move through the "All Things New" process. The prayer for this intention for the month of February is: *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*

With the insert in the bulletin this weekend, one side a letter from the Archdiocese about "All Things New" and the other side a quarterly report from our Parish Council, I think we have a lot of reading to do and praying for our parish and the entire Archdiocese. Please be attentive to the insert. Thank you.

Lent is upon us: Ash Wednesday is just a couple of weeks away, on February 22. Beginning this weekend please return your palm from last year (or previous years!), to be burned so that we will have ashes on Ash Wednesday. Weather permitting, we will burn the palm at the beginning of our PSR class on Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras) on Tuesday, February 21. Our ever popular Lenten meditation booklets, both in English and Spanish, are available this weekend. The prayer app **HALLOW** will also have some material for us to use during the season of Lent. Their material will be coming closer to the beginning of Lent. If you really want to plan ahead, our Masses on Ash Wednesday will be at 7 a.m., 12 noon, and 7 p.m. Our "World Famous" fish fries, sponsored by our wonderful Men's Club, will begin on Friday, February 24. Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 3:30 p.m. each Friday, beginning February 24, during Lent. More Lenten information will be coming in the next few weeks.

May God bless us to truly be "the Light of the World," so that our "lights shine before others."

Faithfully yours,
Fr. Joe Weber

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 2/5	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	Fred Entrikin, IV
Mon., 2/6	St. Paul Miki & Companions
7 a.m.	Fabiola Martinez
Tues., 2/7	Weekday
7 a.m.	Russell Pautler
Wed., 2/8	Weekday/St. Jerome Emiliani,
	<i>St. Josephine Bakhita</i>
7 a.m.	Denis Reinhart

Thurs., 2/9	Weekday
7 a.m.	Al Radetic
Fri., 2/10	St. Scholastica
7 a.m.	Billie Belluso
Sat., 2/11	Weekday/Our Lady of Lourdes
5 p.m. (Vigil)	John Aleksick
Sun., 2/12	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	Sr. Fabian, RSM

ROSARY DEVOTION

TODAY - Sunday, February 5 at 7:30 a.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Next weekend (February 11-12) the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting food for the St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist food pantry in north St. Louis. Last month, 66 bags of nonperishable food items were collected. Thank you for your generosity.

Rise and Shine for Heat Up St. Louis: On Friday, February 10, our St. John Bosco conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will participate in the Rise and Shine fundraiser for Heat Up St. Louis. Unfortunately, the two Hardee's locations in Maryland Heights have closed. However, you can go to the Chesterfield (17368 Chesterfield Airport Road) or St. Charles (2023 Zumbuhl Road) locations for \$1 breakfast sandwiches (one, two or a sack full). All money collected from the sale will be used to help the needy keep warm this winter. Volunteers will be on hand to collect any additional donations you wish to give for this cause.

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 or (314) 420-5380 if you have questions.

Upcoming Meetings

The Seniors gather on **Thursday, February 9 at 1 p.m.** at Denny's. Men's Club meets on **Wednesday, February 8 at 7 p.m.** in the Parish Center and Men's Club Poker Night is **Friday, February 10 at 7 p.m.** in the Parish Center.

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.

REST IN PEACE

Barbara Conway, mother of Beth Meier
*May her 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
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
Men's Club - 7 p.m. Bosco Room
- Thurs. **Music Rehearsal** for 10:30 a.m. Sun. Mass - 7 p.m. Church
Senior Social Group - 1 p.m. Denny's
- Fri. **Tai Chi** - 10 a.m. Parish Center
Men's Club Poker Night - 7 p.m. Parish Center
- Sat. **Scripture Study/ATN Preparing for Mission** - 9 a.m. Church

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

AROUND TOWN

Gabriel's Retreat Ministries

Helping Women Find Love & Support when expecting the unexpected

- Love & Life Trivia Night:** March 4 at 7 p.m.
 St. Peter's Catholic Church; St. Charles, MO.
- Pregnancy Retreat:** March 24-26 at LaSalle Retreat Center. Catholic-based retreat at no-cost and open to all women 18 years and older. To reserve a table for trivia or register for a retreat, [visit www.gabrielsretreat.org](http://www.gabrielsretreat.org).

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St. John Bosco StL

OFFERTORY COLLECTION - 1/29/23

Weekly Envelopes	\$ 3,032.00
Loose Collection	\$ 717.00
Online Donations	<u>\$ 725.00</u>
Total	\$ 4,474.00
Bosco Balanced Budget	\$ 8,520.00
Surplus/Deficit	\$ -4,046.00

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, 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 Sahlvia, Tracey Samuelson, Frank Schlueter, Carolyn Schomaker, Mary Jo Shaughnessy, Mary Ann Sitarski, Amy Smith, Michelle Springmann, Jodi Toliver, Emily Winders, Benjamin Yeargain, and Ron Young.*