

ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH

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For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water.

Revelation 7:17

FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Easter*

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/Little Disciples

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,

Happy Mother’s Day: To all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, aunts, etc.—a very special and warm greeting. In October 2020 Pope Francis said the following about mothers, especially addressing the role of the Blessed Mother:

Mary’s motherhood and womanhood

According to Pope Francis, Mary is the model of mother and woman. Her school is one of faith and life, and she teaches well the alphabet of human and Christian life.

The Pope made the comment to some 200 students and professors of the Pontifical Theological Faculty "Marianum" of Rome, run by the Order of Servants of Mary (The Servites). This prestigious academic institution on Mariology also publishes Marianum, a well-known journal on Marian theology.

By going to the heart of her mystery, the Pope said, we can discover the wonders of her motherhood and her womanhood. Elizabeth recognized her as “mother of the Lord”, the Pope said, and Jesus wanted us to walk in life with the best of mothers.

Mary’s motherhood builds fraternity

“Our Lady made God our brother, and as a mother can make the Church and the world more fraternal,” the Pope said. The Church needs to rediscover her maternal heart, which beats for unity; but she also needs our Earth, to become again the home of all her children.

Citing his latest encyclical, Fratelli tutti, he said, Our Lady “wants to give birth to a new world, where all of us are brothers and sisters, where there is room for all those whom our societies discard” (no. 278). “We need motherhood, those who generate and regenerate life with tenderness, because only gift, care and sharing keep the human family together.”

According to the Pope, a world without mothers, has no future. “Profits and profit alone do not give a future, on the contrary, they sometimes increase inequalities and injustices. Mothers, instead, make every child feel at home and give hope.”

As a mother, Mary teaches the art of meeting and walking together. In this regard, the Pope commended Marianum where different theological and spiritual traditions come together as in a large family, thus contributing also to ecumenical and interreligious dialogue.

Mary’s womanhood makes us a people

Speaking about Mary’s womanhood, the Pope said, “Just as the mother makes the Church a family, so the woman makes us a people.” This explains the natural popular piety to Our Lady, the Pope said, encouraging Mariology to follow and promote her, sometimes purify her, but always paying attention to the “signs of the Marian times” that run through our time.

In this regard, the Pope drew attention to the role of women, saying it is essential for the Church and for the world. He regretted that many women do not receive the dignity due them. “The woman who brought God into the world, must be able to bring her gifts into history.” He ended stressing, “Her genius and style are needed.”

Confirmation: Sincere congratulations to our newly confirmed members who were confirmed last Sunday at the Cathedral by Bishop Rivituso. Pray that the Spirit truly assists them in their lives!

First Holy Communion: Coming up next Sunday we will have First Communion for 23 young people in our Parish School of Religion.

I hope we all continue to have a blessed Easter Season ... it continues until Pentecost, Sunday, June 5.

Faithfully yours,
Fr. Joe Weber

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| Sun., 5/8 8 a.m. 10:30 a.m. | Fourth Sunday of Easter People of the Parish Mary Leona Weber | Thurs., 5/12 7 a.m. | Easter Weekday / SS. Nereus & Achilleus, St. Pancras Eileen Otti |
| Mon., 5/9 7 a.m. | Easter Weekday Russell Pautler | Fri., 5/13 7 a.m. | Easter Weekday / Our Lady of Fatima Tom Mason |
| Tues., 5/10 7 a.m. | Easter Weekday / St. John of Avila, St. Damien de Veuster Delores Gronemeyer | Sat., 5/14 5 p.m. (Vigil) | St. Matthias Ralph & Christine Lehmann |
| Wed., 5/11 7 a.m. | Easter Weekday Barb Harris | Sun., 5/15 8 a.m. 10:30 a.m. | Fifth Sunday of Easter People of the Parish George Buechter |



Confirmation

Our Eighth grade PSR class celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral Basilica during the month of May. Congratulations to:

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| <i>Jude Badoy</i> | <i>Raul Morales</i> |
| <i>Christian Calderon Rico</i> | <i>Agustin Morales Blas</i> |
| <i>Jennifer Garcia</i> | <i>Jesus Rico Tena</i> |
| <i>Brandon Hurtado</i> | <i>Felishya Robert Rajakumar</i> |
| <i>Josh Joseph</i> | <i>Camila Ruiz Pina</i> |
| <i>Tyler Manker</i> | <i>Misuri Taxis</i> |
| <i>Aaron Mendieta Perez</i> | <i>Alex Toler</i> |

Pauline Sisters to Visit St. John Bosco

The Daughters of St. Paul from Pauline Books & Media will be visiting St. John Bosco on **Saturday, May 21 and Sunday, May 22**. The Daughters of St. Paul are religious Sisters whose mission is to communicate the Gospel with the media, in the spirit of St. Paul. Their publications of Catholic books—both for children and adults—will be available for perusal and purchase after the weekend Masses. Take advantage of this opportunity to find some good reading for your family. For more information, call Sr. Laura at (314) 965-3512.

Parish Council Restructure

At the last Parish Council meeting it was voted to restructure the Parish Council per the guidelines in the insert in this week's bulletin. We are seeking eight new parish members to submit their application to be part of the new Parish Council. Applications can be submitted through Sunday, May 29. Selection by lot will be completed by Fr. Weber the following week. New members will be contacted the week of June 6 and the meeting of the new council will be on Thursday, June 16.

Easter Flowers

Thank you to those who offered donations for Easter flowers, in memory of loved ones. The beautiful flowers on the altar reflected the Easter joy we celebrate this season.

THIS WEEK AT SJB

- Tuesday **Perpetual Help Devotions** - after 7 a.m. Mass
PSR - 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.
- Wednesday **Quilters** - 10 a.m. Parish Center
Men's Club - 7 p.m. Parish Center
- Friday **Tai Chi** - 10 a.m. Parish Center
- Saturday **Prayer Group** - 7:30 a.m. Church

SAVE THE DATE

- SJB Golden Anniversary Celebration** - September 10
- Quilt Bingo** - October 9
- Fall Fun Fest** - November 19

AROUND TOWN

REFLECT Weekend Retreat

June 3-5 at King's House Retreat Center, Belleville, IL For mid-life singles looking for a renewed sense of purpose and belonging. Cost is \$215 including meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, email reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or call (314) 283-0044 for more information or to register.

Marriage Preparation Class

July 16 & 17, 2022 at St. Clare of Assisi Parish, Ellisville ENRICHED is a spiritually fulfilling way to complete your Marriage Prep Class requirement. For details or to register, visit <https://marriageprepstl.org/> or call (314)792-7178.

Century Club

Thank you to Pat Pellegrine and the Century Club for organizing the wonderful Century Club dinner last Saturday. Century Club winners this year were Jim and Maureen Guffey (January); Will and Cathy Fuest (February); and John and Kelly Gegg (March). The prize winners were Bob and Betty Schepker (\$500); Frank and Barb Schlueter (\$1,000); and Terra Yeargain (free Century Club membership for one year.) Congratulations to all!

WEEKLY OFFERING

5/1 - **General Fund:** \$4,661; **Loose:** \$1,541
Online: \$850; **TOTAL:** \$7,052

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: *Maureen Baine, Gloria Bainter, Carolyn Baker, Billie Belluso, Barb Brown, Tom Burkhart, Joe Carey, Karen Cattoor, Amy Cutrell, Chris Davidzduk, Nancy Davies, Debbie Denton, Bob Figge, Audrey Fitzpatrick, Tom Flaspoler, Marquita Gallagos, Tim Gentilcore, Jim Gerdes, Howard Gransbach, Richard Haberstroh, Jr., Norma Hankins, Kay Henry, Dolores Hill, Don Landwehr, Andrew L., Tony Margherio, Michael Massoni, Matt Meinert, Barry Mertz, Ray Meyer, Marge Meyer, Candy Brown-Migneco, Cynthia Miskell, Barbara Ann Mueller, Bill Mueller, Bill Mueller, Jr., Msgr. Pat O'Laughlin, Dolores O'Leary, Ginny Ottes, Rich Ottes, Fran Phillips, Gerald Pope, Mary Saey, Tracey Samuelson, Aniceto Sazalar, Frank Schlueter, Mary Jo Shaughnessy, Mary Ann Sitariski, Tommy Smith, Jodi Toliver, Ronald Tretter, Christine Woracheck, Emily Winders, Estelle Withum, Benjamin Yeargain, and Ron Young.*