

ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH

12934 MARINE AVENUE ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63146

Feast of St. John Bosco - January 29, 2023

"Talitha kum", which means
 "Little girl, I say to you, arise!"
Mark 5



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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.

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, January 28 and 29, we are observing the Feast of Saint John Bosco.

The Feast of Saint John Bosco is on January 31, but this is the closest weekend to it so we can celebrate it on a weekend in “Ordinary Time.” This will be the 50th time our parish has been able to celebrate this feast since the parish was established in the Spring of 1972, with the First Mass in September of that year. To celebrate, we are offering cookies, punch, and lemonade after the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday; as well as donuts, coffee, orange juice, and milk after the Sunday Masses this weekend. As you will hear, the readings are those for Saint John Bosco, **not** the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. I think you all know the basics about his life. You can read more about St. John Bosco in the article in this week’s bulletin.

Perhaps some of our older parishioners went to “Camp Don Bosco,” in Jefferson County, in past years. That camp closed in the early 1980s if memory serves. It was a great camp for many young people in the Archdiocese. Of course it had no connection with our parish except the name of the patron saint. So, happy Feast of Saint John Bosco! Our parish is 50 years old! May we continue to keep his example and the “Spirit of St John Bosco Parish” going strong!

Lent is coming very soon! Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday, February 22. Beginning next weekend I am asking you to 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 during our PSR class on Tuesday, February 21. We will have our Lenten meditation booklets available beginning next weekend.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was celebrated this past week with this year’s theme of “**Do Good; Seek Justice.** (cf. *Isaiah 1:17*).” This evening, Sunday, January 29, at 7 p.m., the Archbishop will be here, along with other guests, for an ecumenical prayer service. All of you are welcome to attend. A reception will follow in the Church basement. It will be a simple, but moving, prayer service and we welcome our ecumenical guests.

Retreat: As you know I was on retreat this past week. It is always good getting away to pray and have input from another priest, in this case Fr. Frank Reale, SJ. Fr. Ma was unable to drive after his recent surgery, so (very happily!), I was able to get Fr. Patrick Hayden, a former missionary in Bolivia and currently living at Regina Cleri, to celebrate Mass most of this past week. I want to thank you for your prayers for me. There wasn’t a time when I was in prayer that I didn’t pray for all of you. May God bless us and may there be many fruits from my time of prayer! Please consider making a yearly retreat!

Faithfully yours,
Fr. Joe Weber

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

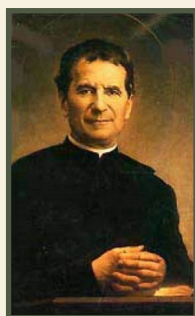
Sun., 1/29 8 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Observance of Feast of St. John Bosco People of the Parish Howard Burgh	Thurs., 2/2 7 a.m.	The Presentation of the Lord Maria Cruz - Special Intention
Mon., 1/30 7 a.m.	Weekday People of the Parish	Fri., 2/3 7 a.m.	Weekday/First Friday <i>St. Blaise, St. Ansgar</i>
Tues., 1/31 7 a.m.	St. John Bosco Pandolfi Family	Sat., 2/4 5 p.m. (Vigil)	Weekday/First Saturday John Krizenesky
Wed., 2/1 7 a.m.	Weekday Mark Ponder	Sun., 2/5 8 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time People of the Parish Fred Entrikin, IV

Prayer Shawls Available Today

Prayer Shawls will be blessed and available in the church lobby after all Masses this weekend. 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.

Ecumenical Service This Evening

Join Archbishop Rozanski and our St. Louis Christian communities in ecumenical prayer for unity this evening 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.



John Melchior Bosco was born on August 16, 1815, ordained in 1841, and died on January 31, 1888, hence his feastday is January 31. As you know, he was an Italian Catholic priest, educator, writer and saint of the 19th century. While working in Turin, where the population suffered many of the ill-effects of industrialization and urbanization, he dedicated his life to the betterment and education of street children, juvenile delinquents, and other disadvantaged youth. He developed teaching methods based on love rather than punishment, a method that became known as the Salesian Preventive System. This system is still used in many schools, operated by the Salesians of Don Bosco, originally named “Society of St. Francis de Sales,” throughout the world. He, along with Saint Maria Mazzarello, who is pictured on the stained glass window in our sanctuary, founded the religious community, Daughters of Mary, Help of Christians, now known as the Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco. Both communities grew very quickly because of the “balanced approach” that both Saints had. There are still over 14,000 Salesian priests and brothers, mainly in the “third world,” working with young people and using the methods that our parish patron, Saint John Bosco, developed. He is the patron saint of Christian apprentices, editors, publishers, students, young children, magicians (he loved to do magic acts!), and juvenile delinquents! He is a great example for all of us!

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
St. Vincent de Paul - 7 p.m. Bosco Room
- 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** - 9 a.m. Church

ROSARY DEVOTION

Next Sunday, February 5 at 7:30 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Blessing of Throats** - Fri., February 3 at 7 a.m. mass
- Men’s Club** - Wed., February 8 at 7 p.m.
- Senior Social Group** - Thurs., February 9 at 1 p.m. at Denny’s
- Men’s Club Poker Night** - Fri., February 10 at 7 p.m.
- Youth Mass** - Sun., February 19 at 10:30 a.m.
- Ash Wednesday** - February 22
- First “World Famous Fish Fry” of 2023** - Fri., February 24

All Things New Parish Feedback Summary

The Parish Feedback Summary for St. John Bosco is available for viewing on our parish website. Please visit <https://stjohnboscostl.com> under the All Things New tab.

Everything and everyone is won by the sweetness of our words and works.

St. John Bosco

OFFERTORY COLLECTION - 1/22/23

Weekly Envelopes	\$ 3,404.00
Loose Collection	\$ 689.00
Online Donations	<u>\$ 1,985.00</u>
Total	\$ 6,078.00
Bosco Balanced Budget	\$ 8,520.00
Surplus/Deficit	\$ -2,442.00

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 Davidzúk, 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 Shaughnesy, Mary Ann Sitarski, Amy Smith, Michelle Springmann, Jodi Toliver, Emily Winders, Benjamin Yeargain, and Ron Young*