

ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH

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JULY
24
2022

"AND I TELL YOU,
ASK AND YOU
WILL RECEIVE;
SEEK AND YOU
WILL FIND;
KNOCK AND
THE DOOR
WILL BE OPENED
TO YOU."

LUKE 11:9



Seventeenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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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/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,

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: Pope Francis has established throughout the Church the celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly on the Fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The announcement of this celebration coincided with the celebration of the Year of *Amoris Laetitia* Family, which began on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph the husband of Mary, on March 19, 2021, and concluded at the World Meeting of Families in Rome in June of 2022.



Today is that special day. Since so many of our parishioners are over 65, it is particularly appropriate for our parish. The theme for this year's celebration is "In Old Age They Will Still Bear Fruit" (Ps. 92:15). The theme is meant to emphasize how grandparents, and all older adults, are a gift both to society and the Church. For more information on the theme please see the Dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life's announcement. <http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/news/2022/kit-pastorale-per-la-celebrazione-della-seconda-giornata-mondial.html>

From the Vatican Press office: *In his message, Pope Francis acknowledges the difficulties that old age entails in the lives of individuals and in society. However, he invites the elderly to “persevere in hope” and points out that a long life is also a gift for the whole of society: “Blessed is the house where an older person lives! Blessed is the family that honours the elderly!” Precisely in a world torn by the violence of war, it is necessary “a profound change, a conversion, that disarms hearts and leads us to see others as our brothers or sisters.” For this reason, the Pope recalls that the testimony of the elderly is of great importance and invites them to “be teachers of a way of life that is peaceful and attentive to those in greatest need.” This mission begins with everyone’s own family but does not end there and continues to embrace “the many frightened grandchildren whom we have not yet met and who may be fleeing from war or suffering its effects” in Ukraine, Afghanistan or South Sudan, among other places. The Holy Father invites grandparents and the elderly to continue to bear fruit and proposes to them to live in a particular way the dimension of prayer. This –Francis points out– is “the most valuable instrument at our disposal and, indeed, the one best suited to our age.” A “trustful prayer can do a great deal: it can accompany the cry of pain of those who suffer, and it can help change hearts.”*

Or read the Holy Father's message for the Second World Day for Grandparents and Elderly. (It can be found at the same website as listed above.)

This year, Pope Francis is also extending the opportunity for a plenary indulgence "to the faithful who devote adequate time to visit, in presence or virtually through the media, their elderly brothers and sisters in need or in difficulty" on July 24. A friend recently lent me a reprint of a 1963 book by Father John LaFarge, SJ. He was a great writer back in the 30's, 40's, and 50's. The book is entitled *The Precious Gift of Old Age: How to Make the Golden Years the Best of Your Life*. The original title, published in 1963 was *Reflections on Growing Old*. I haven't gotten too far into the book but I found it to be enlightening ... especially for a 72 year old! I recommend it. The publisher of the new book is Sophia Institute Press, www.SophiaInstitute.com.

Another reminder about Gavin Lain fundraiser: In January 2020, Gavin, then an 8th grader at St Monica School, suffered a traumatic head injury. He has been on our prayer list and has one of our prayer shawls. He and his family often worship here with us. There is a benefit for his medical expenses on **Saturday, July 30**, at Foley's Pub, 10654 St. Charles Rock Road, Saint Ann, Mo., from 12 p.m. until 9 p.m. This benefit will help with the expenses for a very technical and beneficial therapy series that he has been getting in the Dallas area. There will be Bar-B-Q plates at \$10 each. There will also be a Dart Tournament, with a \$20 entry fee (half goes to the fund and half to the tournament winner), raffle baskets of various types, and a 50/50 drawing.

Please stay cool and hydrated! Thank you!

Faithfully yours,
Fr. Joe Weber

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 7/24 **17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8 a.m. Alice M. Gorry
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
Mon., 7/25 **St. James**
7 a.m. Harold Feely
Tues., 7/26 **SS. Joachim & Anne**
7 a.m. Virginia Phleger
Wed., 7/27 **Weekday**
7 a.m. Sr. Mary Joan Dyer

Thurs., 7/28 **Weekday**
7 a.m. Sr. Estelle Sullentrop
Fri., 7/29 **SS. Martha, Mary & Lazarus**
7 a.m. Sr. Marie Loeffler
Sat., 7/30 **Weekday/St. Peter Chrysologus**
5 p.m. (Vigil) James Carey
Sun., 7/31 **18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Jim Doggendorf

Blood Drive Today

Today (Sunday) is the St. John Bosco Blood Drive! Please come to the Parish Center Gym at your appointment time. Masks are required. Drop-ins are also welcome. Many thanks to those who are donating. Your blood donation saves lives!



Ladies of the Parish

Ladies, it's time for another get-together! Enjoy good company and lively conversation on **Thursday, July 28 from 5 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in the Gym**. You may bring a favorite snack to share. All ladies of the parish are welcome to this evening gathering.

SVdP Back To School Collection



Next weekend, July 30 and 31, the St. Vincent de Paul Society will collect school supplies for the St. Augustine Wellston Center.

The items most needed are **backpacks (for all ages), 1/2" binders, binder filler paper and notebooks**. In addition, the following items are needed to put in all the backpacks: **glue sticks, crayons, pencils/pens, colored pencils, highlighters, erasers and calculators**. Items may be dropped off in the back of church. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Honor A Loved One

Our lovely Prayer Garden features paver stones that honor loved ones or commemorate special prayers. The cost for a personalized paver stone is \$125. Applications are available in the church lobby or call Anita Walth at (314) 434-1312, extension 4. As a reminder, we need a total of 10 applications before we can place an order.

St. John Bosco 50th Anniversary News

Invitations to the 50th Anniversary Celebration have been mailed. You may return your RSVP by mail or place it in the offertory basket at Mass.

Thank you to all who participated in portrait sessions last weekend. **All appointment times for Monday, August 15 have been filled.** If you were unable to participate during the scheduled portrait days, please call Anita at (314) 434-1312, extension 4 about additional opportunities to have your family included in this milestone directory.

THIS WEEK AT SJB

Monday	Worship Commission - 7 p.m. Bosco Room
Tuesday	Perpetual Help Devotions - after 7 a.m. Mass
Wednesday	Quilters - 10 a.m. Parish Center
Thursday	Ladies of the Parish - 5 to 7:30 p.m. Gym
Friday	Tai Chi - 10 a.m. Parish Center
Saturday	Prayer Group - 9 a.m. Church

SAVE THE DATE

- Pictorial Directory Photos** - August 15
- SJB Golden Anniversary Celebration** - September 10
- Catechetical Sunday** - September 18
- Festival of Ministries** - September 24 & 25 after Masses
- Quilt Bingo** - October 9
- Fall Fun Fest** - November 19
- Ladies Guild Christmas Bazaar** - December 3 & 4

Ladies Guild News

The Ladies Guild will resume their meetings beginning on **Tuesday, August 23 with Mass at 11 a.m. followed by a salad luncheon**. All ladies of the parish are welcome. The luncheon will take place in the Parish Center. Ladies are asked to bring a salad to share. After lunch, there will be a meeting to discuss upcoming events. Future Ladies Guild meetings will take place on **September 27 and October 25, at 1 p.m.** in the Bosco Room.

PSR Registration

PSR registration is open for children in grades one through eight. Classes meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 until 7:45 p.m. beginning September 6. Registration forms for the 2022-23 school year can be found at www.stjohnboscostl.com under the *Parish School of Religion* tab. Call the Faith Formation Office at (314) 878-6492 for more information.

WEEKLY OFFERING

7/17 - **General Fund:** \$2,856 **Loose:** \$837
Online: \$820 **TOTAL:** \$4,513

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, Dave Bainter, Gloria Bainter, Carolyn Baker, Billie Belluso, Barb Brown, Ann Burkhardt, Tom Burkhardt, Joe Carey, Karen Cattoor, Chris Davidzduk, Nancy Davies, Debbie Denton, Bob Figge, Audrey Fitzpatrick, Tom Flaspoler, Tim Gentilcore, Howard Gransbach, Richard Haberstroh, Jr., Kay Henry, Dolores Hill, Derek Johnson, Karen Kohler, Gavin Lain, Don Landwehr, Tony Margherio, Michael Massoni, Barry Mertz, Marge Meyer, Candy Brown-Migneco, Cynthia Miskell, Barbara Ann Mueller, Bill Mueller, Bill Mueller, Jr., Msgr. Pat O'Laughlin, Dolores O'Leary, Fran Phillips, Gerald Pope, Larry Saey, Mary Saey, Tracey Samuelson, Frank Schlueter, Mary Jo Sbaughnessy, Mary Ann Sitarski, Amy Smith, Tommy Smith, Kevin Spooner, Jodi Toliver, Ronald Tretter, Christine Woracheck, Emily Winders, Benjamin Yeargain, and Ron Young.*