



# St. John Bosco

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## Mass Schedule

### Weekend:

Saturday: Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm  
 Sunday: 7:30 am & 10:30 am

**Weekday:** See page 4 of bulletin.

**Holyday:** See bulletin.

## Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** Tuesday 4-5 pm  
 Saturday 7-8 am

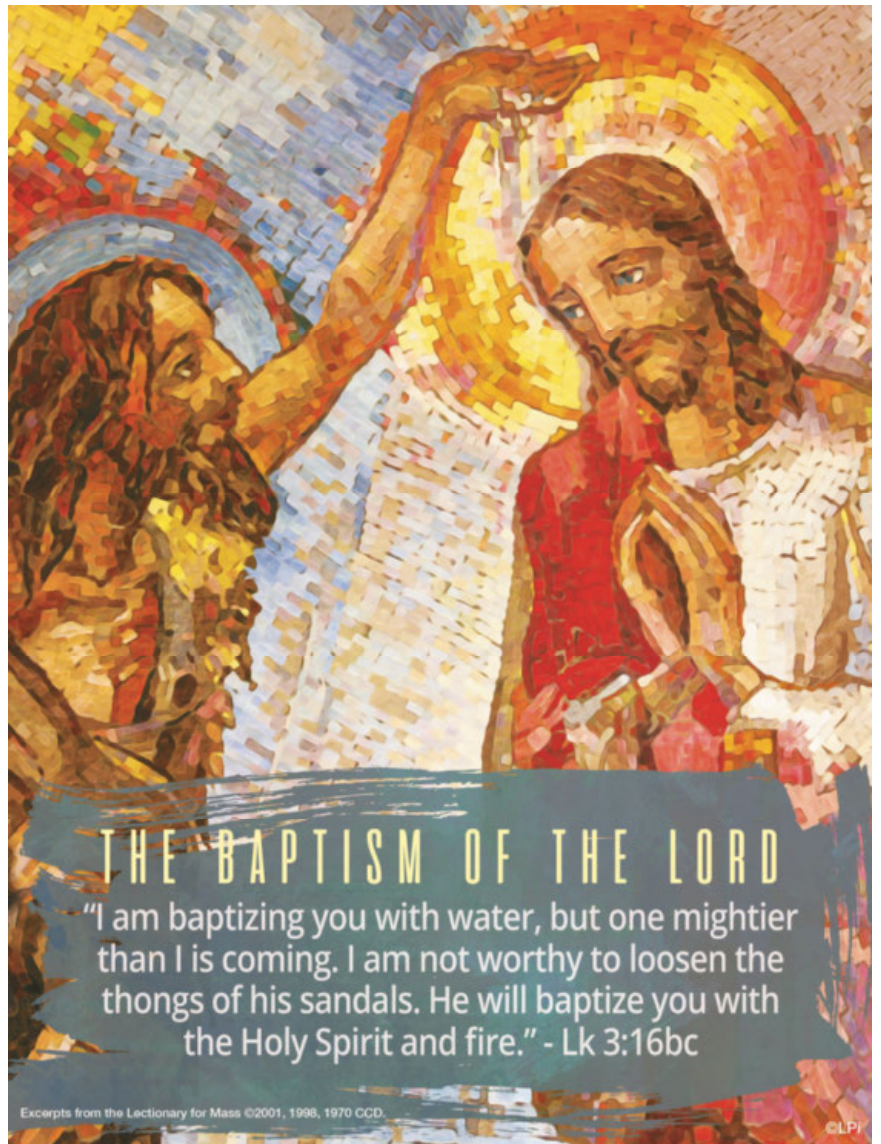
**Baptism:** Call the Parish Office.

**Marriage:** Arrangements to be made six months in advance. Call Parish Office.

## Anointing of the Sick

First Saturday each month at the 8:15 am Mass.

**Emergency:** Call the Parish Office (844-9027)



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

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## PARISH VISION STATEMENT

As a parish, we the community of St. John Bosco, are called to:

- Create a welcoming atmosphere in which we hear the word and live the word in the world;
  - Share Christ with others;
  - Embrace God in the community celebration of sacraments;
  - Encourage and embrace the full and active participation of our members;
- So that we may individually and collectively continue to grow in faith and to be transformed.

Acknowledging that we have a shared responsibility to improve the environment, both physical and spiritual, we act collectively to heal that which undermines our Faith values and weakens our people, in prayerful reflection through the inspiration of the spirit of God.

## NEWS & NOTES

### The Baptism of the Lord Feast

**Prayer:** Jesus himself is baptized by John. Then he prays. In his praying, the Spirit comes and the Father speaks words of possessive pleasure.

**Reflection points:**

- How will I pray this last day of the Christmas season?
- When I am quiet enough, what do I hear God say?
- What mercy work does the Spirit empower me to do?

**Please pray for our priests:**

### FEBRUARY

- 1st - Rev. Paul Quanz
- 2nd - Rev. Walter Rakoczy
- 3rd - Rev. Benjamin Ross
- 4th - Rev. Ronald Scheible, OSA
- 5th - Rev. George Schopp
- 6th - Rev. Gerald Schweitzer
- 7th - Rev. John V. Scott
- 8th - Rev. Selvaraj Selladurai
- 9th - Rev. Joseph F. Semancik
- 10th - Rev. John Siekierski
- 11th - Rev. Paul Silva, LC
- 12th - Rev. Alphonse Skerl
- 13th - Rev. Bronislaw Socha, OCD
- 14th - Rev. Anthony Spanley
- 15th - Rev. Robert Sprott, OFM
- 16th - Rev. Gerald Sroka
- 17th - Rev. Christopher Stanish
- 18th - Rev. Bartlomiej Stanowski, OCD
- 19th - Rev. Terrence Steffens
- 20th - Rev. Reinhard Sternemann, OSA
- 21st - Rev. Michael Surufka, OFM
- 22nd - Rev. John Szura, OSA
- 23rd - Rev. Tadeusz Tabak, SDS
- 24th - Rev. Francis Tebbe, OFM
- 25th - Rev. Frank Torres
- 26th - Rev. Joseph Uko
- 27th - Rev. Joseph Vamos
- 28th - Rev. Nestor Varon, AIC
- 29th - Rev. Keith Virus
- 30th - Rev. Ian Williams
- 31st - Rev. James Wozniak



## PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Join Us For Bible Study...**at the Parish Office on Thursdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. or on Fridays from 12 Noon to 12:30 p.m., Pick one to attend. Join any time. For more information, please call (219) 844-9027.

**Cursillo Reunions...**(brief gathering) Sundays after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. All Cursillistas - those who have made their Cursillo, are invited to attend.

**Baptismal Prep Class...**Wednesday, January 19th at the Parish Office at 6:30 p.m. This mandatory class is for parents and Godparents only. It is a one-time session, it is offered once every other month and is free of charge. To register, please call the Parish Office at (219) 844-9027 by January 14th.

**A Heart Felt Thank You...**to all of our parishioners, community members, family & friends for the support you have shown to St. John Bosco over the past year. Thank you for supporting the many fundraisers for the church, school and our various ministries. Thank you for your participation in the prayer services and other gatherings we have had. We are all one family of God. The support, involvement and participation of all of our members is vital to the survival of our parish. So, once again, thank you. May God Bless us all in this new year.



**Remember in your prayers those who are ill...**Monica Allen, Jennifer Biro, Raul Carillo, Raul Ceja, Mary Ceja, Mike Ceko, Alex Dabrowski, Mark Denys, Mike Elliott, Al Fetzko, Gloria Garcia, Rafael Gomez, Ethel Hall, Christopher Hlista, David Johnsen, John Lopez, Ralph Lopez, Jerry Mitchell, Marjorie Mitchell, Romana Murotori, Martha Nejak, Dolores Nicoloff, Vicki Pastore, Ronald Redenbaugh, Sr. Joan Marie Romaniak, Peter Romaniak, Fran Stessl, Theresa Stewart & Stacy Ziebarthow.

If you see a name above that should be removed or have a name to add, please call 844-9027.



## January 9, 2022 - The Baptism of the Lord

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

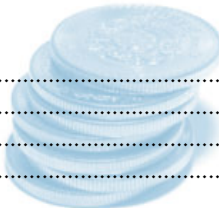
It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.



## Collections

For January 2, 2022

Adult Envelopes.....	\$4,053.00
Loose Collection.....	\$240.00
Children's Envelopes.....	\$2.00
Collection Total.....	\$4,295.00



**St. John Bosco School Spring Raffle...**tickets are available at the Parish Office. Donation: \$10. There are five prizes in all - the top prize is \$5,000.00! The drawing will be held on March 25, 2022. Winner need not be present. Please support our school.

**Save Your Stracks Receipts...**and drop them off at Church or at the Parish Office. Our school will earn sporting goods and educational equipment.

**Religious Ed. Classes...**(ongoing faith formation and preparation for the Sacraments for students who do not attend a Catholic school) are held each Sunday from 9:00-10:15 a.m. Mass attendance is required as part of the faith formation program. (Saturday Vigil at 5:00 p.m., Sunday at 7:30 a.m. or Sunday at 10:30 a.m.). Upcoming schedule:

- .....TODAY.....January 9th.....K-CF II
- .....Sunday.....January 16th.....K-CF II
- .....Sunday.....January 23rd.....K-CF II
- .....Sunday.....January 30th.....K-CF II
- .....Sunday.....February 6th.....K-CF II

For more information, call Vickie Blackwood at 844-9027, ext. 310.

## Just To Make You Smile

### Divine Delivery

A businessman ordered flowers to be sent to the opening of his friend's new branch office. When the businessman got to the event, he was shocked to see the flowers with the inscription "Rest in Peace." He was so outraged that he stopped at the florist to complain.

"It could be worse," the florist said, "Just think: Today someone was buried beneath a floral arrangement with the inscription 'Congratulations on Your New Location!'"

### One for Every Room

One Sunday our priest announced he was passing out miniature crosses made of palm leaves. "Put this cross in the room where your family argues most," he advised. "When you look at it, the cross will remind you that God is watching."

As I was leaving church, the woman in front of me walked up to the priest, shook his hand, and said, "I'll take five."

### Confession

En route to church to make his first confession, my nervous seven-year-old grandson asked me what he could expect.

"Confession is where you tell all the bad things you've done to the priest," I told him. He looked relieved.

"Good. I haven't done anything bad to the priest."

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9TH AT ST. JOHN BOSCO

**Sunday** R.E., 9-10:15 am (Jan. 9th)

**Sunday** R.E., 9-10:15 am (Jan. 16th)

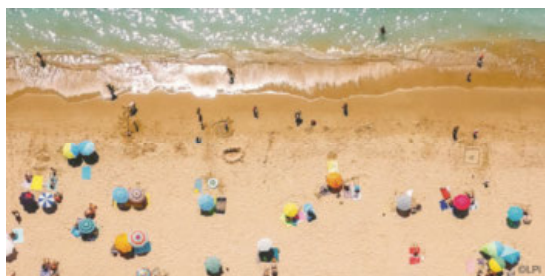
### St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Staples

Peanut Butter, Cereal, Jelly, Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruit, Jello, Macaroni & Cheese, Spaghetti, Tuna, Canned Soup, Dry Soup (Raman Noodle type), Canned Veggies, & Canned Pasta. Also...toilet paper, dish soap and laundry detergent.

Donations may be placed in the vestibule of the Church on Sundays or they may be taken to the Parish Office during the week (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.).

Monetary donations are also accepted. You will find an envelope for SVDP in your contributions packet. Thank you for your kindness.

### Welcome back from vacation, Fr. Jeff!



### AT ST. JOHN BOSCO

**Eucharistic Adoration**...Tuesdays from 4:00-5:15 p.m. & on Saturdays from 7:00-8:15 a.m.

**Confessions**...Tuesdays from 4:00-5:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 7:00-8:00 a.m.

**Anointing of the Sick**...is offered on the first Saturday of each month at the 8:15 a.m. Mass.

**Mass Intentions**...are always needed for during the week. If you would like to have a Mass Intention said for a loved one or a friend, please call the Parish Office at 844-9027. Mass stipends are \$10.00 each.





# SAINT JOHN BOSCO CHURCH

7113 Columbia Avenue  
Hammond, IN 46324  
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## SJB Mass Intentions for January 9th

### Sunday, January 9 • Epiphany of the Lord

- 7:30 a.m. Bill Zura by Family and also  
Maria D. Estrada by Peaches Corey
- 10:30 a.m. Richard C. Johnsen by Family and also  
Eleanor Munda by Edward Gargano

### Monday, January 10 • Weekday

- 8:15 am Theresa Sens by Family

### Tuesday, January 11 • Weekday

- 5:15 pm Mary "Mamie" Vicksinich by Family

### Wednesday, January 12 • Weekday

- 8:15 am Christopher Nicolini by Repay Family and also  
Thomas R. Bobak by Nieces

### Thursday, January 13 • Weekday

- 5:15 pm St. John Bosco Family of God

### Friday, January 14 • Weekday

- 8:15 am Poor Souls in Purgatory by T. J.

### Saturday, January 15 • Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:15 am Ann Radde by Jane & Mac

### Saturday Vigil

- 5:00 pm Theresa "Tia" Kandall by Jean Reppa and also  
Mary Bobak by Granddaughters

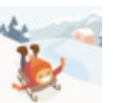
### Sunday, January 16 • Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. Robert & Marcella Prendergast by Family
- 10:30 a.m. Diane Sadler by Family and also  
All Souls by the Osborn Family



## Readings for the week of January 09, 2022

- Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/  
Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22  
or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25,  
27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/  
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
- Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk  
1:14-20
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk  
1:21-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-  
9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk  
1:40-45
- Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk  
2:1-12
- Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-  
7/Mk 2:13-17
- Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor  
12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11





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