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Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday: Vigil Mass at 5 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

Eucharistic Adoration:

Tuesday: 4-5:15 pm/Saturday: 7-8:15 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)



2nd SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

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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

Friends,

We're blessed with a lot of "stuff" here at St. John Bosco, but sometimes we can have so much "stuff" that we don't realize the really important "stuff" we have.

In cleaning closets and drawers and shelves, I discovered that we have quite a few relics of the saints. Relics are objects or articles that either belonged to the saints, were used by the saints, or in some cases, fragments of the saints themselves. Historically, these have served as a memorial to the saints and in Catholic culture, they are often venerated and in prayer, we ask for the intercession of that saint.

On the Holy Family side altar, you'll see a relic of St. John Bosco as we prepare to celebrate his feast day on January 31. Fun fact: This was the first parish in the world named for St. John Bosco and we actually have two relics of our namesake. You'll see a reliquary on the side altar during this stretch of Ordinary Time before Ash Wednesday and there is also a reliquary in the front "porch" room of the rectory, with St. John Bosco facing Columbia Ave.

Likewise, inside the Holy Family altar, we have relics of St. Theodore of Amasea, a Roman general and martyr, as well as St. Theophila, but I have to do more research on her.

In the Parish Office, the former convent chapel high altar has relics of St. Donatus and St. Felix, though, again, more research has to be done to determine which Donatus and which Felix they were.

During the next few weeks, feel free to stop by the Holy Family altar and say a prayer. There is a kneeler there before the relic of St. John Bosco. May he and all the saints continue to be examples of what it means to truly live out our Catholic faith.

Peace,
Fr. Jeff



PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

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 as soon as possible.

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.

Please Note:...The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, Jan. 17th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Many use this day as a day of service. Monday volunteers are asked to come on Tuesday, January 18th.



Cancellation...Due to the uncertainty of the Covid Virus, the Youth Group's annual Pancake Breakfast has been cancelled. Hopefully, we will be able to gather together soon.

Remember in your prayers those who are ill...Monica Allen, Jennifer Biro, 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 Muratori, 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 16, 2022 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

Collections

For January 9, 2022

Adult Envelopes.....	\$3,450.00
Loose Collection.....	\$819.00
Children's Envelopes.....	\$1.00
Collection Total.....	\$4,270.00



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.). Your child must be on time. If he/she is going to be absent/late, please call or text Mrs. Blackwood at (219) 951-8935. Upcoming Schedule:

-TODAY.....January 16th.....K-CF II
-Sunday.....January 23rd.....K-CF II
-Sunday.....January 30th.....K-CF II
-Sunday.....February 6th.....K-CF II
(CF II, Sponsor &/or Parent Session...in Cafeteria)
-Sunday.....February 13th.....K-CF II

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

Baptism for Older Children...If your child is in need of receiving the Sacrament of Baptism (ages 7 years or older), please attend a meeting on Sunday, Jan. 23rd at 9:00 a.m. in the School Cafeteria. Enter through Door "G". Face masks are to be worn.

CF II/Sponsor and/or Parent Meeting...Sunday, Feb. 6th at 9:00 a.m. in the School Cafeteria. Please enter through Door "A". Face masks are to be worn. Data Sponsor sheets are due!

First Reconciliation...Saturday, April 9th in the Church at 9:00 a.m.

Confirmation...Wednesday, April 27th in the Church at 6:30 p.m.

First Communion...Family Communions may be scheduled from April 24th through May 15th. Pick a Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m., Sunday 7:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Mass. Call (219) 844-9027 to schedule.

Group Communion Mass...Sunday, May 22nd at 12:00 Noon.

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16TH AT ST. JOHN BOSCO

Monday Martin Luther King, Jr. Day/Parish Office Closed
Wednesday Baptismal Prep Class/Parish Office - 6:30 pm
Sunday R.E., 9-10:15 am

A Second Collection...will be taken on Jan. 22nd & 23rd for Aid to Latin America.

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.).

Baby Shower...For Women's Care Center, April 3rd. Now is the time to look for those deals on baby clothes & other items. Sponsored by the Altar & Rosary Soc. More info to come.



2021 Contributions

If you would like a copy of your contributions for 2021, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket at Mass on Sunday or drop it off at the Parish Office during the week.

Name _____

Address _____

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Zip _____ env. # (optional) _____



SAINT JOHN BOSCO CHURCH

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SJB Mass Intentions for January 16th

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

Monday, January 17 • St. Anthony, Abbot

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

Tuesday, January 18 • Weekday

5:15 pm Theresa Sens by Bill Orr

Wednesday, January 19 • Weekday

8:15 am Mary Beth Sasko by Geri Hefley

Thursday, January 20 • Weekday

5:15 pm St. John Bosco Family of God

Friday, January 21 • St. Agnes, Virgin and Matry

8:15 am Janet Hudson by Nieces

Saturday, January 22 • Day of Prayer for the Legal

Protection of Unborn Children

8:15 am Larry Aimone by St. John Bosco Church Family

Saturday Vigil

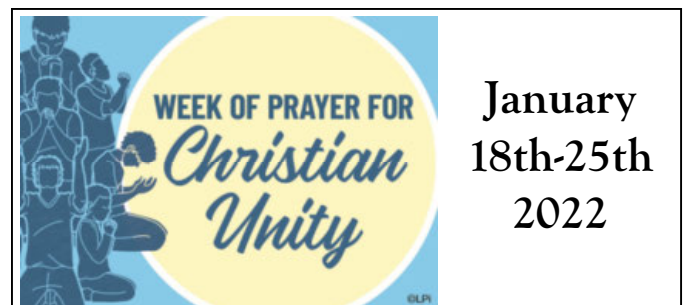
5:00 pm Joan, Eugene & Joseph Kurzydym by Family

Sunday, January 23 • Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. St. John Bosco Family of God
10:30 a.m. Hector Martinez by Family and also
Mary J. Lowry by Jean Reppa

Readings for the week of January 16, 2022

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
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



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