



# St. John Bosco

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## Mass Schedule

### Weekend:

Saturday: Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am & 10:30 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)



**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY** *in ordinary time*

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." - Lk 4:18a*

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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,

I was watching TV the other day and they were talking about a trend called “Meatless Mondays,” where people adopt a meatless diet every Monday to help lower cholesterol and provide other health benefits to humans and also to animals.

I want to encourage you to consider adopting this in your own household, but instead of Monday, do it on Friday. You see, we Catholics pretty much invented abstaining from meat one day a week. And, for generations, we fasted from meat on Fridays out of penance. In those early days, meat was a luxury for most families and so eating simple meals was penitential. Even eating fish was penitential, because, by-and-large, eating fish meant cracking a can of salmon and making salmon patties or adding a can of tuna to macaroni. That is, until we figured out that lobsters weren’t exactly sea monsters and if you cooked them correctly, they were actually a delicacy, but I digress.

While some of our well-intentioned brothers and sisters believe the Second Vatican Council got rid of the tradition of abstaining from meat, it did not. Canon 1250 states that the “penitential days and times in the universal Church are **every Friday of the whole year** and the season of Lent.” Canon 1251 also says, “abstinence from meat, or from other food as determined by the Episcopal Conference, is to be observed on all Fridays, unless a solemnity should fall on a Friday. Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.”

What that means, as determined by the U.S. bishops, is that if you aren’t going to abstain from meat, you should do some other act of penance. So, what weekly good deed or self-denial are you prepared to start practicing? It’s all part of our path toward becoming saints.

Peace,  
Fr. Jeff



## PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Parish Council Meeting Cancelled**...the meeting scheduled for Monday, January 24th has been cancelled.

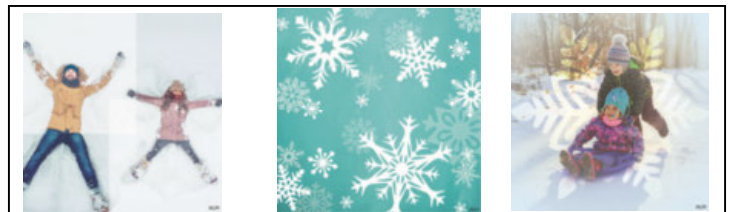
**A Second Collection**...will be taken TODAY for Aid to Latin America.

**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 2:30 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.

**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.

**JOIN FORMED TODAY!  
SEE INSERT IN THE BULLETIN.**



**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.

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Our Father,  
 We seek you in so many ways and places in our life.  
 We seek you for guidance and for comfort.  
 But you have told us that when there is hunger, it is up to us to feed the hungry.  
 We ask you to help us see you in other Christians and humbly ask you for strength in the search for what we have in common.  
 Bless our efforts to look at all the ways we are united in faith,  
 and grant us courage to change our hearts and minds to realize your will.  
 We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother,  
 in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
 Amen.



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## Collections

For January 16, 2022

Adult Envelopes.....	\$4,723.00
Loose Collection.....	\$233.97
Children's Envelopes.....	\$2.00
Collection Total.....	\$4,958.97



**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 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
- .....Sunday.....February 20th.....K-CF II

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

**Meeting TODAY Re: Baptism for Older Children**...If your child is in need of receiving the Sacrament of Baptism (ages 7 years or older), please attend today's (1/23) meeting 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 Communion 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 23RD AT ST. JOHN BOSCO

<b>Thursday</b>	Bible Study/Parish Office/6:00-8:00 pm
<b>Friday</b>	Bible Study/Parish Office/Noon to 12:30 pm Altar & Rosary Mtg./Parish Hall - 1 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	R.E., 9-10:15 am



### 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...** is scheduled for April 3rd. Now is the time to look for bargains on baby items. Suggestions: clothing size newborn to 2-T (boys clothing is especially needed), disposable diapers, diaper bags, bibs, Platex bottle sets, pacifiers, baby tubs, baby grooming items, wash cloths, hooded bath towels, blankets, Vaseline & rash ointment. PLEASE - only new items. NO gently used items...because of the pandemic.

Sponsored by the Altar & Rosary Society.

### 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  
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## SJB Mass Intentions for January 23rd

### 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

### Monday, January 24 • St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:15 am St. John Bosco Family of God

### Tuesday, January 25 • Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

5:15 pm Health of Sobota Family by Family

### Wednesday, January 26 • Ss. Timothy & Titus, Bishops

8:15 am Teresa & Ananias Jimenez by Family

### Thursday, January 27 • Weekday

5:15 pm Poor Souls in Purgatory by T. J.

### Friday, January 28 • St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Religious and Doctor of the Church

8:15 am For all affected by the pandemic

### Saturday, January 29 • Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 am Maria D. Estrada by Geri Hefley

### Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm Mary Bales (anniversary) by Fran Stessl and also Ceil Napierkowski & Nancy Winiacki by Family

### Sunday, January 30 • Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Joni Corak by Repay Family

10:30 a.m. Paulette Redenbaugh (birthday)  
by David Sutkowski and also  
Jean Maria Michalski by Charles Grassini



## Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

- 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
- Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/  
Mk 16:15-18
- Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/  
1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

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