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##### Weekend:

Saturday: 4 p.m.  
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
12:30 pm en español

##### Weekday:

Mon/Wed/Fri/Sat: 8:15 a.m.  
Tuesday: 5:15 p.m.

#### Adoration

Tuesday: 4 to 5 p.m.  
Saturday: 7 to 8 a.m.

#### Confession

Tuesday: 4 to 5 p.m.  
Saturday: 7 to 8 a.m.  
& Anytime by appointment

#### Emergency Anointing

Please call (219) 228-9024

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# Mass Intentions

## SJB Mass Intentions for August 10, 2025

### Sunday, August 10 • Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Francisco Lopez by Family  
10:30 am Mateychuk & Pivovarnik Families by Glen & Patti Schultz and also Moises Vazquez by Family  
12:30 pm Carmen Sandoval by SJB Church Family

**Monday, August 11 • St. Clare, Virgin**  
8:15 am Health & Blessings for Fr. Ivan Alatorre (birthday) by St. John Bosco Church Family

### Tuesday, August 12 • NOTE: SPECIAL TIME

8:15 am H&B for Faculty & Staff of St. John Bosco School

### Wednesday, August 13 • Weekday

8:15 am Bruce Chaisson by Bob & Janine Walla and also H&B for Terri Ferree (birthday) by Sally Ferree

### Thursday, August 14 • Vigil for Assumption/BVM

5:15 pm Bernice Mytych by Daughters and also H&B for Lavern E. Anton by Marsha Pelc

### Friday, August 15 • The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 am All Poor Souls in Purgatory by T. J.  
10:00 am Leona Panek by Husband  
7:00 pm Al Fetzko by Bosco Friends

### Saturday, August 16 • Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
7:00 am Sacrament of Reconciliation  
8:15 am St. John Bosco/St. Joseph/St. Stanislaus Family of God

### Vigil

4:00 pm Tadeo Tran Thuan by Valentin Family and also Terry Delgatto by Friends

### Sunday, August 17 • Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Robert Prendergast by Family and also Joanna Zatkiewicz by Lucy Petkowski  
10:30 am Health & Blessings for Fr. Jeff Burton (birthday) by St. John Bosco Church Family and also Kathy Perry by Loving Friend, Noreen  
12:30 pm Celia Razo by St. John Bosco Church Family

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# THIS WEEK AT SJB

## THE WEEK OF AUGUST 10TH AT ST. JOHN BOSCO

**Monday** Spanish Mass Choir Rehearsal/Church - 6:30 pm  
**Thursday** Vigil Mass for the Assumption/BVM - 5:15 pm  
**Friday** Mass for the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary (8:15 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.)



On Tuesday, August 12, there will not be confessions and adoration, nor evening Mass. Mass will be celebrated at 8:15 am, so that Fr. Jeff and Fr. Ivan can join the bishop and their brother priests for an end-of-summer picnic.

**ASSUMPTION OF MARY  
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**  
Thursday, August 14th at 5:15 p.m.



Friday, August 15th  
8:15 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Mass at St. Joseph: Friday at Noon



## 2025 Catholic Services Appeal

St. John Bosco's Assessed Goal - \$29,829.00

Pledges Received to Date: \$28,765.00

(72 out of 400 active families)

Pledges Paid to Date: \$28,275.00

In addition to your regular weekly offerings, please give prayerful consideration to making a pledge to this campaign. All contributions, whatever your heart feels you can afford, will be greatly appreciated. St. John Bosco must pay the amount of \$29,829.00 to the Diocese of Gary by the end of 2025.

If you need a CSA pledge card, pick one up in Church or at the Parish Office, or one can be mailed to you.

**ATTENTION PLEASE:** Do not send cash. Please submit a check or money order, made out to Catholic Services Appeal. Thank you.

**The Collection for August 3rd will be posted in the next bulletin.**

*Our sincere thanks to all who give so generously to our parish family each day, through financial support, service to our community, ministry in our parish family and the way you live the Gospel. —Fr. Jeff*





## St. John Bosco Parish & Community Picnic

7113 Columbia Ave., Hammond  
Sunday, August 24th

Noon to 5:00 p.m.

All are welcome!

Enjoy great food (Polish, Mexican, & Grill), air-conditioned BINGO, kids games, raffles, & shaded picnic tables. No admission charge.

Entertainment is free.

For more information, call (219) 844-9027.

**PARISHIONERS...volunteers are needed - (adults & high school teens)** before, during & after the picnic. Set-up time begins after the 7:30 a.m. Mass. Give whatever amount of time you can. **Baked goods will be needed**, for the dessert table, and may be dropped off at the Parish Hall after the 7:30 a.m. Mass on that day. Please - nothing gooey.

**A SIGN UP SHEET FOR VOLUNTEERS IS LOCATED IN THE GATHERING SPACE OF THE CHURCH**

We are praying for muscles!



**For information or to enroll your pre-K - 8 student contact:**

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**August 10, 2025**

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Luke 12:32-48**

This week, the Lord tells us, **“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be” (Luke 12:34)**. Our lives revolve around what we treasure. When we discover the treasure the Father gives us—the kingdom of God—everything changes. We might not know its precise value, but we rearrange our lives around it. The joy of this discovery should never be far from our minds.

Sometimes we go through times when we can't find this treasure. It seems hidden. Or it appears like dirty old coins and worthless jewelry in a Ziploc bag. But how crazy would the faithful be if they tossed it away without knowing the cash value? How much crazier are we if we center our hearts on any treasure except that of Jesus and his kingdom? Remember, the Father is pleased to give it to us. That's why we put our hearts there, even when it is hidden.

— Father John Muir

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## SVDP RUMMAGE SALE FOR CHARITY

St. Vincent de Paul District Council of Gary will have a Rummage Sale at Lincoln Center, 2450 Lincoln St., Highland on Saturday, August 16th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



## VIRTUS TRAINING

Wednesday, August 20th in the Cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. This training is mandatory for anyone volunteering or working with our children, including going on field trips. Supplies will be provided. Children are not allowed and child care will not be provided. You must be on time or you will not be allowed to attend. Call (219) 844-9027 to register.

# In Our Community

## RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION

Register after Masses August 16th-17th, for students who do not attend Catholic school, grades Kindergarten-8th/9th grades. **Classes begin Sunday, September 7, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.** Registration forms and information will be mailed to students who were enrolled last year. You can mail your registration to the church, drop it off at the Parish Office during the week, or drop it in the collection basket at Mass.

## REHEARSAL FOR SPANISH MASS CHOIR

Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. All are welcome. For questions, see Vicki Pastore after Mass.

...ALSO...Mass Intentions for the Spanish Mass are also needed. Please call the Parish Office for scheduling.

## MASS INTENTIONS NEEDED

Especially during the week. To schedule a Mass Intention for a loved one or a friend, please call the Parish Office at (219) 844-9027. You can schedule a Mass for someone who is deceased and you can schedule a Mass for someone who is not, which would be noted as "Health & Blessings". Mass Intentions can be for a birthday, anniversary, other occasion, or the first available date. Weekend Masses tend to go faster than the Weekday Masses, so it's best to schedule ahead of time for special occasions or specific dates. Both the 2025 and the 2026 scheduling books are available. Mass stipends are \$10 each.

## BUILD YOUR BUSINESS & HELP US GROW

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## Remember in your prayers:

Luz Barragan, Tom Corey, Alex Dabrowski, Susan Dabrowski, Mark Denys, Mike Elliott, Roman Kiszenia, Patricia Flannigan, Irma Flores, Mark Gamez, Gloria Garcia, Rafael Gomez, Ernestina Gonzalez, Mario Gonzalez, Pat Harle, Barb Helmuth, Carl Helmuth, Christopher Hlista, David Johnsen, Rose Kotlowski, Michael Kuratnik, Diane Kuratnik, Ralph Lopez, Greg Maman, Marjorie Mitchell, Frank Osborn, Ronald Redenbaugh, Peter Romaniak, Diane Sobota, Michael Solan, Michael Soley, Linda Szudy and Julie Vargas.

## ORA POR LAS VOCACIONES PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

"You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

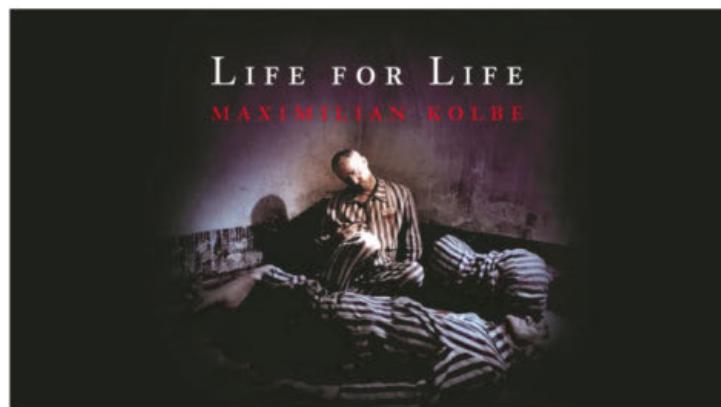
Luke 12:40

**The call to serve can come unexpectedly. Be open to the ways God may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Curious about priestly life? Reach out to Fr. Ivan at [frivan@st-johnbosco.org](mailto:frivan@st-johnbosco.org).**



## Life for Life: Maximilian Kolbe

After escaping from Auschwitz, a man hears the tragic news about ten random inmates sentenced by the Nazis to death as a punishment for his escape—one of whom is Fr. Maximilian Kolbe.



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# A Note from Fr. Jeff

Friends,

In the seventh grade, I learned how to play the euphonium, a low brass instrument that looks like a small tuba and sounds like a trombone. I played in the school's concert bands until the end of my sophomore year, when it just became too difficult to schedule music into my academic schedule. Still, I loved playing and once I was in college, I decided to buy a used one and play just for my own personal enjoyment.

At the same time, I was discovering the joy of parish ministry, as a lector, usher and cantor. I decided that maybe that old horn might somehow be used to glorify God. I would end up playing three Masses every weekend for the next seven years, until I ultimately entered the seminary.

God plants gifts in us that at the time, we have no idea we have and no way of knowing how they might be used to glorify him. In Luke's Gospel today, we hear one of my favorite passages: *For where your treasure is, there also your heart shall be.*

I want to thank all of you for so generously sharing your treasure with us here at St. John Bosco. For a few months now, I've been asked by a number of folks about when the Precious Blood will return to the 4 pm Saturday and 7:30 am Sunday Masses. The answer is, simply, when we have enough volunteer ministers come forward. Next Sunday, we'll have ministry sheets available at the Welcome Table after Mass for those interested in serving as Eucharistic Ministers. My hope is that enough ministers will come forward and we can offer communion under both species at all of our weekend Masses by year's end.

Another ministry that is vital for the future is the ministry of promoting priestly vocations. In talking with Fr. Ivan, we're adding on page 4, a weekly point of encouragement to consider the priesthood as a viable option for a happy, healthy life. Both Fr. Ivan and I are convinced that God is at work in our young people, and that the seed of a priestly vocation is planted in the hearts of a number of young men in this parish and in our schools. While this weekly point-to-ponder is great, we need to pair it with something active. So, I've thrown the ball into Fr. Ivan's court to consider forming some sort of vocations ministry here at St. John Bosco and Bishop Noll. Maybe it's a Vocations Cross or Vocations Chalice program. Maybe it's something else. If the spirit is moving you to join in this effort, reach out to him. Maybe that's the gift you can offer.

Peace,  
Fr. Jeff

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Clare of Assisi | August 11

As a teen in Assisi, Clare learned of a priest named Francis. After hearing him preach, she decided that her calling was to "live for the Gospel." She admired how Francis lived – in poverty, community, and service to the poor.

After receiving permission from the bishop of Assisi, she left her family join Francis and his followers. Once with them, Clare left her fancy life behind, donning a plain robe, simple veil, and cutting her hair short, a symbol of her desire to reject marriage and live a religious life.

Studying early on with the Benedictines, she was joined by her sister. Later, Clare and Francis established the Order of the Poor Ladies of San Damiano.

Daily Mass, adoration, and the Eucharist were integral to the lives of Clare's Poor Ladies.



## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Q: Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?**

**A:** Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

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## REFLECTION POINTS

**The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Let us Bring the Gifts that Differ**

We are the servants and God is our master. He has told us His will, and given us all that we need to carry out His directions. Do we have the courage to act as our master desires? Do we have what it takes to be stewards of God's grace?

> **Jesus teaches the disciples to be vigilant and prudent with the gifts God has given to each of us. What are some of your gifts that you share with others?**

> **Who would you hold up today as a role model for our faith?**

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