

# Saint John Bosco Catholic Church

"United as One, in Christ, to Worship and Love, Witness and Serve"

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP TIME. TALENT. TREASURE.

Time to  
renew your  
parish  
stewardship!  
Make your  
pledge  
today.



Begins this weekend: October 21 & 22, 2023

October 2023

Dear Parishioners,

May and October are Marian months dedicated to Mary. The Church has long set aside the entire month of May to honor Mary. As for October, it has been dedicated to the Rosary – a set of prayers said in honor of the Blessed Mother. Back in the fifteenth century, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, also celebrated as Our Lady of Victory was established by Pope St. Pius V in 1571 to celebrate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on October 7 of that year. St. John Paul II called the rosary his favorite prayer, “in which we meditate with Mary upon the mysteries which she as a Mother meditated on in her heart.” Let us make time to pray this prayer in honor of Mary and give thanks to almighty God.

Thirty-six of us went on the pilgrimage to Poland, Austria, and Italy recently. Thank you for your prayers and support and for allowing me to do this. We had a wonderful and grace-filled time. Unlike previous pilgrimages, I was able to visit the place where Saint Pope John Paul II was born, raised, and served for many years before he was elected Pope. We visited various magnificent basilicas and cathedrals, following in the footsteps of many saints, and celebrated Holy Mass every day. The most touching moment was when I was able to celebrate Mass in the Vatican at one of the private chapels next to St. Peter’s tomb. Another great moment was participating in Wednesday’s audience with the Holy Father, Pope Francis with thousands of pilgrims around the world. The Pope greeted us in person on his mobile, welcomed us with his words, and finally bestowed the pontifical blessings upon us, our family members, and our parishioners. What a wonderful blessing to have that experience!

Our RCIA program, Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, and Confirmation classes will begin this month. I encourage you to register your children in these programs if you have not already done so and I invite you to deepen your faith by being involved in these ministries.

We have had our first Partners in the Gospel listening session with two more sessions to follow. Please check your calendar and participate in these sessions, share your thoughts, concerns, and hopes for our proposed parish family. Your input is important as we journey together in the Archdiocese of Seattle.

Ping Pong will resume twice a week at the beginning of this month. There will be a daily Mass at Immaculate Conception Mission on October 21st at 9:00am. Women of the Well have already begun collecting items for Thanksgiving baskets. Please see the bulletin, Facebook, or our bulletin boards for items needed. Stewardship will begin on October 21, 2023.

There are not enough words to express how grateful we are, and how blessed my ministry has been, because of Terri Nelson. Congratulations on your promotion and new position at the Vicar General Office. I offer our prayers and gratitude to you, Terri, and wish you success in your new adventure. May God bless you as you take off to serve the people of God in the Archdiocese and don’t forget that St. John Bosco is your home parish.

May God, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary, Saint John Bosco, and all the Saints bless you, and your families. May they unite us as One, in Christ, to Worship and Love, Witness and Serve.

In Christ,  
Fr. Thomas

St. John Bosco  
10508 112th Street SW, Lakewood, WA 98498  
Parish Phone: **253-582-1028**  
Parish Website: [www.stjbosco.org](http://www.stjbosco.org)

### Parish Staff:

Fr. Thomas Tran, Priest Administrator

Jeff Greer, Permanent Deacon: Liturgy, Baptism, RCIA

Debbie Pedraza, Pastoral Assistant for Administration

Marianne Manning, Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

Laurie Kaiser, Secretary

## NEW PARISHIONERS



Welcome to our community. Please call the office at **253-582-1028** to register. Anyone over 18 years of age, still living at home, should register as a single adult member of our community.



### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK & COMMUNION

**Emergency Anointing of the Sick: 253-582-1028**

*"Through this holy anointing may the Lord in His love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up."*

- From the Rite of Anointing of the Sick

**PRAYER LINE:** Are you, a loved one, or a friend in need of a prayer? Call the parish office at **253-582-1028** to be added to our prayer line.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** If you would like to schedule a Mass Intention for a loved one, please call the par-



Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of

Jerry Cargo, Maria Havens, Jose Dolor, Faustina Galo, Corazon Rodriguez, Delilah Munoz Salas

May they, their families and friends find peace and comfort in the Lord.



### Church Office Hours

**Monday - 8:00 a.m. to Noon**

**Tuesday - Thursday - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Friday - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Masks are required upon entering the Parish Waiting Area and the Parish Office. Only one individual or family is permitted in the Parish Waiting Area at a time. Please wait in the Hall until the individual or family has completed their personal request and exited the Parish Waiting Area. Do not remove your mask when making your request. Thank you.

### Mass Times at St. John Bosco

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Mass - 9:00 am

**No Daily Mass/No Blessing: 10/27, 11/1, 11/2, 11/9, 11/24, 12/8**

Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass - 10:00 am

Wednesday, 11/1: **All Saints Mass: 9am & 7pm**

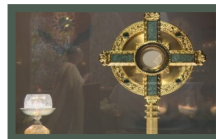
Thursday, 11/2: **All Souls Mass 9am**

### Reconciliation



The sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated at St. John Bosco every Saturday from 4:00 to 4:45 pm in the church reconciliation room (masks required) or by appointment. Call the office at 253-582-1028 to schedule an

### First Friday Adoration



First Friday Adoration  
After 9am Weekday Mass



Interested in being part of our Homebound Ministry Program visiting the sick and homebound? Contact the Parish Office.





Baptism classes will be held the third Sunday of every month at 9am in the parish library with Deacon Jeff. Complete the application prior to attending the class. The baptismal Intake Form and Guidelines for choosing godparents can be found at [www.stjbosco.org](http://www.stjbosco.org) - *click on the Liturgy & Sacraments tab and then Sacraments.*



Are you an adult interested in learning about becoming Catholic or in need of completing initiation sacraments?

All people who are open to discerning their personal experience of faith and to learning more about the Catholic Church are welcome to begin the RCIA process. Many people come to an awareness of their desire to learn about membership in the Catholic Church in various and different ways. Often it may be a personal faith experience, overcoming personal difficulty and tragedy, or a relationship or discussion with a person of faith which leads one to begin this exciting journey. All that is truly required is a sincere desire to learn, to grow, and to develop one's relationship with God.

The RCIA process can be applied to the following 3 groups:

- \* Unbaptized: persons (age of discretion: 7+ years) who have never been baptized and who need a process to help them grow in awareness to God's call to conversion as well as ways to respond to that call. They are considered catechumens.

- \* Baptized in Another Christian Church: Those who were baptized into another Christian denomination and wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. They are considered candidates. For baptized Christians interested in possibly joining the Catholic Church, the process will vary depending upon the depth on one's religious and spiritual readiness.

- \* Baptized (but uncatechized) Catholic Adults: persons who were baptized as infants and not given any religious instruction in the Catholic faith. These adults will be prepared to celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation, and Eucharist. They are also considered candidates.

Please join us for our first gathering on Sunday, October 8, 2023, following the 10:00 am mass in the Parish Library Meeting Room. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 253-582-1028.

# YOUTH MINISTRY

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

We will continue our Children's Liturgy of the Word program this Fall but are in need of additional volunteers. Please contact Marianne to volunteer and check out our website for more info: [stjbosco.org/childrens-liturgy-of-the-word](http://stjbosco.org/childrens-liturgy-of-the-word)

For More Info or Questions, please visit our Website: [stjbosco.org/faith-education](http://stjbosco.org/faith-education) or contact Marianne Manning at [marianne.manning@stjbosco.org](mailto:marianne.manning@stjbosco.org)

## Faith Formation

Please join us for Faith Formation class after breakfast (11:30-1pm) every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

Please enter classrooms through the outside doors labeled with the grade your child is registered to attend. Grades 7-12 (Youth Ministry) meet in the room behind the parish hall. Parents must bring student to check them in and must sign child out at the end of class.

The classes are broken up into the following groups:

Kindergarten-First

Sacrament Prep (labeled Second Grade)

Third-Fourth

Fifth-Sixth

Faith Formation Registration Forms available at: [Faith Formation - St. John Bosco Catholic Church - Lakewood, WA \(stjbosco.org\)](http://Faith%20Formation%20-%20St.%20John%20Bosco%20Catholic%20Church%20-%20Lakewood,%20WA%20(stjbosco.org))



## YOUTH MINISTRY

Please join us for Youth Ministry after breakfast (11:30-1pm) every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month

**CANCELLED — Youth Mass October 20th at 6pm (Chapel)**

Youth Ministry Registration Forms available at: [Youth Ministry - St. John Bosco Catholic Church - Lakewood, WA \(stjbosco.org\)](http://Youth%20Ministry%20-%20St.%20John%20Bosco%20Catholic%20Church%20-%20Lakewood,%20WA%20(stjbosco.org))

## FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion Registration Forms available at:

[First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion - St. John Bosco Catholic Church - Lakewood, WA \(stjbosco.org\)](http://First%20Reconciliation%20&%20First%20Holy%20Communion%20-%20St.%20John%20Bosco%20Catholic%20Church%20-%20Lakewood,%20WA%20(stjbosco.org))

## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation class meets every other Sunday (11:15-1pm) every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. If you are interested in Confirmation, please register for youth ministry. [Youth Ministry - St. John Bosco Catholic Church - Lakewood, WA \(stjbosco.org\)](http://Youth%20Ministry%20-%20St.%20John%20Bosco%20Catholic%20Church%20-%20Lakewood,%20WA%20(stjbosco.org))



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel today Jesus says: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." When God is the center of our lives there is no problem with giving others their due.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are helping your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, and frightened to know that they belong to God.

Is there a neighbor, a family, or do you need assistance because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to leave a message at 253-820-9472.

### Weekly Collection

October 14 & 15, 2023

Including Weekly Online Giving

Sign up for online giving at: [stjbosco.org](http://stjbosco.org)



*Stewardship*  
a way of life

Weekend Collection	\$6,092.50
Weekly Online Giving	\$2,234.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$8,326.50
Budgeted Weekly Goal	\$9,746.42
Weekly Goal Under/Over Budget (\$1,419.92)	
<u>Actual Fiscal Year-to-Date Giving</u> (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)	\$158,133.27
<u>Budgeted Fiscal Year-to-Date Goal</u> (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)	\$155,942.72
Under/Over Budgeted Goal	\$2,190.55
Childrens Collection (Included in weekend collection total).	\$2.50



Maria Havens Funeral  
October 27, 2023  
St. John Bosco  
10am Viewing  
10:30am Rosary  
11am Mass  
Reception Following Mass



FALL FESTIVAL  
OCTOBER 29, 2023  
11AM - 3PM  
PARISH HALL

"How can I repay the Lord for all the great good done for me?"

- Psalm 116:12

**WELCOME** We welcome you to St. John Bosco Parish, celebrating with us, whether you are new to the area/parish or maybe not so new but just have not registered. If you are not registered, please complete the form below and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office. Thank you. (This is not a registration form).

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ New Parishioner    ☐ New Address    ☐ Moving, please remove from parish directory]



### Shawls of Comfort and Joy 2nd & 4th Tuesday of Every Month @ 11am

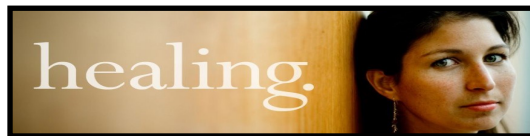
Join our Shawls of Comfort and Joy Ministry the 2nd and 4th of every month at 11am and learn how to make shawls providing comfort or joy to those during illness or recovery, at times of loss and in times of joy. Your hand-crafted gift enables the recipient to be surrounded by prayer and is a tangible reminder of God's care and love. All levels welcome from beginning to expert. We will supply the yarn. You bring the needle.



Ping Pong Club  
**Tuesdays & Fridays**  
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm  
All are welcome  
Location: Classroom 7

### Rachel's Corner

Respect Life Month Intercessions for Life



"I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh"  
- Ezekiel 36:26

Did you feel like your heart turned to stone the day you made your abortion decision or maybe it felt that way over time? God can change that for you. Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and see what it feels like to receive His merciful love flooding your new heart of flesh. Will you accept His invitation?

English Retreat – Friday, March 8-Sunday, March 10, 2024

English: (206) 920-6413 (leave a confidential message)

Email: [projectrachel@ccsww.org](mailto:projectrachel@ccsww.org)

Visit us at: [www.ccsww.org/projectrachel](http://www.ccsww.org/projectrachel) or  
[www.facebook.com/projectrachelww](https://www.facebook.com/projectrachelww)

*Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services. **You are loved with an everlasting Love!***



### We Have 2 Bottles Left

For those of you who are interested and entered into the union of marriage, we have Holy Water from Covadonga, Spain that was blessed for marriage available in the parish office.

### Immaculate Conception Mission Steilacoom, WA



Join us every other month on the third Saturday for daily Mass at **9am**. **The 10/21/23 Mass has been Cancelled.**

**December 12/8/2023**

Mass for The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is 11am. Seating capacity is 50.

### **\*\*Patriots Landing\*\***

Rosary available Wednesdays at 10:30am. St. John Bosco volunteers Cecilia Lago and Marie Cadungug will offer communion (not a liturgy service) to those who are homebound after the rosary.

Celebrate Mass with Fr. Thomas every last Wednesday of the month. The anointing of the sick will be offered every other month.



**Come to Adoration**  
National Eucharistic Revival



The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement in the United States to restore understanding and devotion to the Real Presence in the Eucharist. It was launched by the USCCB on June 19, 2022 and will conclude on the feast of Pentecost on July 21, 2025.

To Register: [10th National Eucharistic Congress - Official Website](https://www.usccb.org/national-eucharistic-revival)



# PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE.



Stewardship asks that we help each other recognize the gifts God has blessed us with and the ways in which we have been blessed through the gifts of others. And then return those gifts with increase to further the mission of our Church.

WE ARE  
CALLED TO  
SHARE OUR  
TREASURE  
WITH OTHERS.

**Everything we have is a gift from God** and we're called to share these gifts with others. Stewardship is our response to God's generosity.

Stewardship starts in our parish. It challenges us to share our gifts beyond what we may have done in the past so we can grow, individually and collectively, as God desires. As you renew your gift of treasure, please consider taking a step in this journey of faith.

**Please prayerfully reflect on your many blessings and return your 2024 pledge card today.** Embracing stewardship allows us to experience profound joy in serving others that comes from developing, using and sharing our gifts.

# PARISH TREASURE RENEWAL IN RELATION TO OTHER CAMPAIGNS

Title		Parish Treasure Renewal	Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)	Special Collections	Your Own Parish's Capital Campaign
TYPE OF STEWARDSHIP	ORDINARY	ORDINARY	ORDINARY	ADDITIONAL CHARITABLE OPPORTUNITIES	EXTRAORDINARY
PURPOSE	Allows parish to plan operating budget for providing essential services and ministries	Supports Archdiocesan ministries; includes parish rebate for donations over goal	Funds selected local and global causes. Collections mandated by USCCB	The purpose of a parish capital campaign can be for various reasons such as building, renovation or deferred maintenance	One-Time campaign with pledges usually over a three-year time period
FREQUENCY	Every Fall: Pledge made for following calendar year. (January – December)	Every Spring: Pledge made for campaign yr. (May – April)	Monthly as Designated	Parish will have set goal	
REQUEST AMOUNT	5% family gross income	1% family gross income	Not specified		
SUPPORTS THESE ESSENTIAL MINISTRIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sunday &amp; weekday Masses</li><li>• Other liturgical events</li><li>• Grounds and facilities</li><li>• Pastoral care</li><li>• Sacramental Preparation</li><li>• Youth and young adult services</li><li>• Faith formation programs for all ages</li><li>• Music ministry</li><li>• Social outreach and advocacy</li><li>• Evangelization</li><li>• Support for parish</li><li>• Community events</li><li>• Administration</li><li>• Bulletins &amp; website</li><li>• Technology</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Financial support for more than 60 + ministries &amp; services in the Archdiocese such as:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CYO Camps</li><li>• Seminarians</li><li>• Catholic Schools</li><li>• Retreat Center</li><li>• Hospital and Prison Chaplains</li></ul></li><li>• Catholic Community Services (CCS)</li><li>• Diaconate formation</li><li>• Clergy continuing education</li><li>• Vocations</li><li>• Pastoral planning</li><li>• Parish support</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NW Catholic</li><li>• PREPARES</li><li>• Catholic Home Missions</li><li>• Catholic Relief Services (CRS)</li><li>• Rice Bowl</li><li>• Holy Land</li><li>• Peter's Pence</li><li>• Catholic Campaign for Human Development</li><li>• World Missions including Church in Africa, Latin America</li><li>• Catholic Community Services (CCS)</li><li>• Local Parish (SVDP, Parish food and/or clothing bank, etc.)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Building project such as new gym or outreach center</li><li>• Renovation of an existing structure such as roof, electrical, or plumbing.</li><li>• Deferred maintenance (environmental/energy upgrades, technology, or other facility needs)</li><li>• Addition of creating brand new ministries with staffing</li><li>• Debt reduction</li></ul>	



# Thanksgiving Baskets

**\*\* No Glass/Beverages -No Expired Items \*\***



Once again, Women at the Well are inviting you to participate in feeding our local families in need. We already have the funds for our purchase of the turkeys, but your kind donations of non-perishable food items will be wonderful!

Place the food in the baskets at the entrances to the church now until mid-November. Please no expired items, glass jars, or juices. Your generosity in the past makes money donations *unnecessary* this year. The baskets will go to the families the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

## Items Needed

**Cans:** Vegetables (corn, green beans, peas, carrots, yams), fruits, cranberry or apple sauce, gravy, tuna, other canned meats, soup, chili, beans, and tomatoes

**Bottles/Jars:** Vegetable oil, mayonnaise, peanut butter

**Boxes/Packages:** Stuffing mix, cereal, crackers, rice, dried beans, pasta, muffin/cornbread mix, cake/frosting mixes

*May God bless your for your generosity!*

# SUPPORT INITIATIVE 2081 I-2081

Join the bishops of Washington  
and sign I-2081



## Why Support I-2081?

The Washington State Catholic Conference (WSCC), the public policy voice of the five bishops of Washington state, supports Initiative 2081 (I-2081), which would establish a parents' bill of rights for parents of children in public schools. In the tradition of Catholic Social Teaching, families are a central social institution that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. I-2081 strengthens family rights.

## I-2081 Specifics

I-2081 names parents as the primary stakeholders in their children's upbringing. It also reiterates or establishes numerous parents' rights within the public school system, including:

- the right to receive reassurance that a child's public school will not discriminate against a child based upon sincerely held religious beliefs,
- the right to receive notification if a child is taken or removed from a public school campus without parental permission, including to stay at a youth shelter or host home,
- the right to receive prior notification when medical services are being offered to their child (except when emergency medical treatment is required),
- the right to review medical records and health records, and
- the right to receive written notice and the option to opt their child out of any surveys, assignments, questionnaires, role-playing activities, recordings of their child, or other student engagements that include questions about any of the following: (i) The child's sexual experiences or attractions; (ii) The child's family beliefs, morality, religion, or political affiliations; (iii) Any mental health or psychological problems of the child or a family member.
- I-2081 also calls for parents to receive notification and the ability to opt their children out of activities that include questions about a child's sexual experiences or are on the topic of sexual activity.

The full text of I-2081 may be viewed on the WA Secretary of State website: [sos.wa.gov/elections#initiatives\\_referenda](https://sos.wa.gov/elections#initiatives_referenda)

## The Initiative Process

The WSCC recommends that you sign an I-2081 petition by mid-December. Campaign organizers must process and turn in completed petitions to the Secretary of State by December 29, 2023. To qualify for legislative action, 324,516 valid signatures must be collected.

I-2081 is an initiative to the Legislature. If the initiative qualifies by the December 29 deadline, it will take precedence over all other measures in the 2024 session, except for budget bills. The Legislature may adopt the initiative, reject it, refuse to act on it, or provide an alternative on the same subject. If the Legislature rejects it or refuses to act, the initiative will then be on the general election ballot in 2024. If the Legislature provides an alternative, both versions of the initiative will be on the 2024 ballot.

For more information visit  
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