

# Saint John Bosco Catholic Church

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

## STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION



November 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Father Thomas asked that I assist him in composing this month's pastoral letter. As many of you are aware he suffered a fall on October 19<sup>th</sup> resulting in a head injury to include a traumatic subarachnoid hemorrhage and a skull fracture. He was hospitalized for three days and he has since been recovering at the rectory with 24/7 assistance from numerous compassionate parishioners. We expect his recovery will be complete with no permanent cognitive impairment and his return to full duties, excluding roof maintenance, will be soon. We pray for his speedy and full recovery and we are grateful his injuries were not more serious. He thanks you for your prayers and support.

On November 1<sup>st</sup> we celebrated the Solemnity of All Saints and their communion with the multitudes who are in heaven enjoying the joy and happiness of perfect salvation while seeing God face-to-face. On All Souls Day (November 2<sup>nd</sup>) and continuing through the following week we pray for those souls in purgatory awaiting their call to heaven. We pray for our departed loved ones, both family and friends. We remember our family and friends who are deceased and we make an extra sacrifice for them.

As an invocation for the souls in purgatory you may pray:

*My God, bestow Thy blessings and Thy mercies on all persons and on those souls in Purgatory for whom I am in charity, gratitude, or friendship bound and have the desire to pray. Amen*

Father asked that I deliver to everyone his heartfelt thank you for your participation in Partners in the Gospel. St. John Bosco parishioners made a robust contribution to the process. The public input phase has concluded. In early 2024 the final parish family structures will be announced by the Archbishop. At some point after the parish families are announced a priest will be assigned to each family parish and his duties will commence in July 2024. Parish families will then journey together for three years to become one parish in 2027.

Thank you for reading this communication as we all hope and pray that Father will write December's pastoral letter himself.

In Christ,  
Steve Pace



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

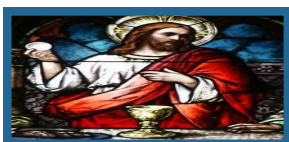
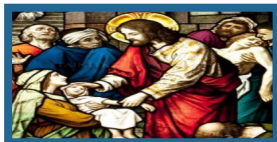
Marianne Manning, Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

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  
Benjamin Clarito, Felicidad Clarito, Paula  
Franklin, Corazon Rodriguez

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.**

**(Office Closed on Thursday, 11/23 & Friday, 11/24)**

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 9am Daily Mass

**No** 9am Daily Mass on 11/23, 11/24, 12/8

Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass - 10:00 am

\*November 23rd: Thanksgiving Mass: 10 am (**SJB**)

\*December 8th: Immaculate Conception of Mary

-11am Mass at (**IC**)

-7pm Mass at (**SJB**)

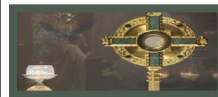
\*December 15th: Advent Penance Service 6pm (**SJB**)

### 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 appointment.

### First Friday Adoration



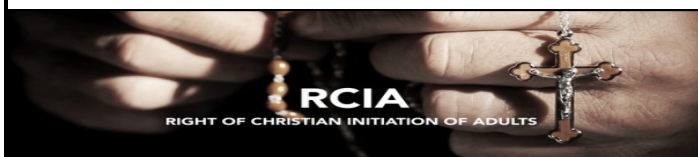
First Friday Adoration  
After 9am Weekday Mass



Interested in being part of our Homebound Ministry Program visiting the sick and homebound? Contact the Parish Office at 253-582-1028.



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 god-parents can be found at [www.stjbosco.org](http://www.stjbosco.org) - [click on the Liturgy & Sacraments tab](#) and then [Sacraments](#).



### **(NO RCIA CLASS 11/26/23 & 12/24/2023)**

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 [marianmanning@stjbosco.org](mailto:marianmanning@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 \(stjbosco.org\)](#)

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

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

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

## **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 \(stjbosco.org\)](#)

## **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 \(stjbosco.org\)](#)

## SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

**November 12**

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

In today's Gospel Jesus challenges, us to "stay awake" by taking time to seriously look at ourselves, the priorities in our lives, and how we are growing spiritually.

Ask yourself "What would Jesus Christ do?" and then put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul red ENVELOPES so that those who are suffering will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving.

*SVDP conference helped 12 neighbors with goods and services equaling \$538.39! One family was facing a notice to turn off utilities. Mom is facing overdue bills because of surgery! And we continue to provide a multitude of referrals for services!*

*On the weekend of Oct 28/29, parishioners gave prayers and gifts of \$515.00. Many thanks!*

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 leave a message at 253-820-9472.

### Weekly Collection

**November 4 & 5, 2023**

Including Weekly Online Giving

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



Weekend Collection	\$8,712.75
Weekly Online Giving	\$4,538.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$13,250.75
Budgeted Weekly Goal	\$9,746.42
Weekly Goal Under/Over Budget	\$3,504.33
<u>Actual Fiscal Year-to-Date Giving</u> (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)	\$188,681.95
<u>Budgeted Fiscal Year-to-Date Goal</u> (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)	\$185,181.98
Under/Over Budgeted Goal	\$3,499.97
Childrens Collection (Included in weekend collection total).	\$4.00
Expenses to Date	\$6,985.44

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE COUNTER

February 9 - 11, 2024

La Quinta Inn & Suites, Tacoma, WA

Apply at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org)

Questions: Jeff & Sandy Corneil 360-930-2321

The Marriage Encounter experience is a heart haven that helps you listen, share and connect more deeply. There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be.

\*\*\*\*\*LAST CALL\*\*\*\*\*



Want to help with the Christmas Nativity Play? We need you, the more the MERRIER! We need actors, singers, costume dressers, prop creators, small children wranglers, and more. All are welcome and wanted.

Rehearsals starting soon!  
Please contact Ashlee Pace at (253) 208-2130.

**"The nation doesn't simply need what we have. It needs what we are."**

**- St. Teresa Benedicta**

**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.

### Rachel's Corner

Respect Life Month Intercessions for Life



*"Hasten to answer me, Lord; for my spirit fails me. Do not hide your face from me." - Psalm 143:7*

God knows the joys of our hearts and the wounds that we carry, often for years. Though God knows us better than we know ourselves, he waits for us to reach out to him for healing. If you carry the wounds from involvement in a past abortion, know God longs for you to reach out to him to begin your journey of healing.

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!*

### 10th Nation Eucharistic Congress Come to Adoration

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.10thnationalcongress.org/)



Ping Pong Club  
**Tuesdays & Fridays**  
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm  
All are welcome  
Location: Classroom 7  
**No Ping Pong 11/24/2023**

### Immaculate Conception Mission Steilacoom, WA



Join us every other month on the third Saturday for daily Mass at **9am**.

**Next Mass: 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.

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP TIME. TALENT. TREASURE.

WE ARE CALLED TO SHARE  
OUR GIFTS WITH OTHERS.

**Effective 11/10/2023**

Family Returned Pledges: 40  
Total Pledged Amount: \$87,332.00  
(Funds pledged remain at the parish)

Thank you to those of you who have returned your pledge cards. If you have yet to do so, there is still time. Fill out a pledge card in the pews or go to: <http://stjbosco.org/stewardship-1>

# PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE.



Gratitude starts when we recognize  
that we have received a gift.

PLEASE  
PRAYERFULLY  
CONSIDER  
GOD'S GIFTS  
TO YOU AND  
MAKE YOUR  
PLEDGE TODAY.

**Everything we have is a gift from God** and we're called to share these gifts with others. This is stewardship.

Understanding this, embracing the joy of stewardship, is what creates in us a "need" to give. We give not because there is a need to give — but because our heart points us to give as a part of our faith journey. We give because we are grateful for what we have been given.

**If you haven't already decided on your parish stewardship commitment, please prayerfully consider God's gifts to you** and make your pledge today. Good things happen when you share. Seeing everything before us as gift — we joyfully accept the responsibility to grow and return our gifts to God.



### Youth Mass Meals

If you are interested in providing a meal for our Youth Ministry Group, please sign up at the link below or contact Marianne Manning at 253-582-1028.

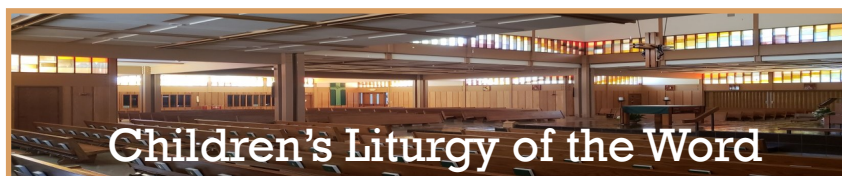
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### Confirmation Class Meals

If you are interested in providing a meal for our Confirmation Class Group, please sign up at the link below or contact Marianne Manning at 253-582-1028.

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### Children's Liturgy of the Word Needed

St. John Bosco offers a Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) every Sunday at 10am. During our regular Mass, the Scriptures are proclaimed using adult language making it challenging for the children to comprehend. Our weekly CLOW sessions have been adapted to allow the children to experience the Liturgy of the Word, gain a better understanding of Scripture, and allows them to discuss, discover, and recognize themselves in the Gospel reading.

Parents and volunteers play an important role in the religious education of our children. Please consider volunteering for this important ministry. Contact Marianne Manning at 253-582-1028.



### Christmas Nativity Play

**LAST CALL!** Want to help with the Christmas Nativity Play? We need you, the more the **MERRIER!** We need actors, singers, costume dressers, prop creators, small children wranglers, and more. All are welcome and wanted. Rehearsals starting soon! Please contact Ashlee Pace (253) 208-2130.



November 25th: Christmas Giving Tree Kickoff...Stay tuned for additional information...



# Thanksgiving Baskets

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



**\*\*All Items Due Wednesday, November 15th\*\***

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!*