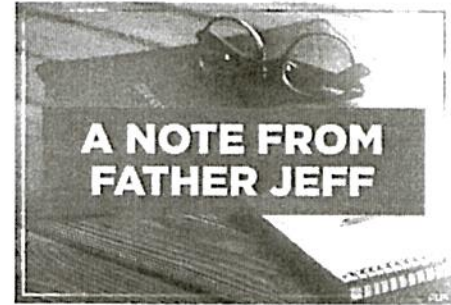


My dear family of faith,

It's been a joy getting to know so many of you during our first month together. I'm convinced that God's providence brought us together in this very moment and I know great things are on the horizon for this St. John Bosco family.



As we journey together, there will be some practical adjustments that have to be made as we continue to grow this family of faith and as I balance my responsibilities as chaplain of Bishop Noll Institute. After much prayer, I believe we have a path forward for the next year that serves the spiritual needs of the students, faculty and staff at Bishop Noll and actually expands our spiritual and liturgical life here at Bosco.

Below will be our new liturgical and spiritual schedule, as of Aug. 15, 2021

Monday: Mass at 8:15 a.m.
Tuesday: Eucharistic Adoration from 4 to 5:15 p.m.
Confessions from 4 to 5 p.m.
Mass at 5:15 p.m.
Wednesday: Mass at 8:15 a.m.
Thursday: Mass at 5:15 p.m.
Friday: Mass at 8:15 a.m.
Saturday: Eucharistic Adoration from 7 to 8:15 a.m.
Confessions from 7 to 8 a.m.
Mass at 8:15 a.m.
Mass at 5 p.m.
Sunday: Mass at 7:30 a.m.
Mass at 10:30 a.m.

I believe this schedule adjustment holds great potential for expanding an authentically Catholic spirituality here at Bosco. We'll be adding two hours of Eucharistic Adoration and have opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation twice each week. It also helps us reach out to those needing that infusion of sacramental grace through the Eucharist, but unable to attend a weekday morning Mass. Twice each week we will have the only weekday evening English-language Mass in Hammond and the Ridge area.

For many of our parishioners with a daily Mass devotion, I know this will pose a significant change. Yet, we will still celebrate Mass daily here at Bosco and I still very much need your partnership in ministry.

On a personal note, this schedule will also permit me to take one "day away" from the office each week, so that I can recharge my own spiritual batteries and continue giving a joyful and energetic witness to this family of faith for years to come.

Again, I know that change is never easy, but be assured, I remain committed to the spiritual health of this family of faith and the building up of the kingdom right here at St. John Bosco.

Peace,

Fr. Jeff