

March 31, 2024

## Easter Sunday

“ *This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.* ”

~ Ps 118

“where all are welcome”

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### Parish Mission Statement

*We are a vibrant and welcoming Catholic Church community that recognizes God's presence in all through our love and service.*

### Parish Vision Statement

*Build the Kingdom of God, individually and communally, by fostering discipleship and thanksgiving through:*

- the celebration of Eucharist and other sacraments,
- prayer and lifelong Catholic formation,
- service with and for one another and the greater community.

### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 5 pm  
Fridays 9 am - 3 pm  
Closed Daily 12 pm - 1 pm

### Mass Schedule

Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 7, 9, 11 am, 5 pm  
Weekdays Mon-Thurs, Chapel: 8:15 am  
Weekdays on Fri 8:15 am, Church

### Reconciliation

Fri 5-6 pm, Sat 8-9 am

### Upcoming Events

For a complete calendar of events, please visit [stbenedict.org/calendar](http://stbenedict.org/calendar)

#### Monday, 4/1

Office Closed  
8:15am | Mass

#### Tuesday, 4/2

8:15 am | Mass

#### Wednesday, 4/3

8:15 am | Mass  
6:30 pm | Pastoral  
Council Mtg.

#### Thursday, 4/4

8:15 am | Mass  
4:30 pm | Legion Mary  
6 pm | Adult Choir

#### Friday, 4/5

8:15 am | Mass  
9 am | Adoration  
5 pm | Confessions  
6 pm | Benediction

#### Saturday, 4/6

8 am | Confessions  
10 am | Women's  
Spirituality  
5 pm | Mass

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, 3/31/2024

6 am | Dwight Bare †  
8 am | Parishioners  
10 am | Darel Williams †  
12 pm | Danielle Kumpf †

F 4/5 | Lynnette Barr †  
Sa 4/6 | Cheryle Bechtold †

#### Sunday, 4/7/2024

M 4/1 | Prezkop Family (Ivg)  
Tu 4/2 | Manuel Aguilar †  
W 4/3 | July Prust †  
Th 4/4 | Noah Ritter †

7 am | Sobolewski and  
Margevich Families  
9 am | Ernesto Lee †  
11 am | Parishioners †  
5 pm | Valentina Tello (Ivg)

## Liturgy & Administration

### Scripture Readings

**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 4/1  
5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-4/2  
19, 20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; 4/3  
Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; 4/4  
Lk 24:35-48

**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-4/5  
27a; Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-4/6  
15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15

**Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 4/7  
13-15, 22-24 (1); 1 Jn 5:1-6;  
Jn 20:19-31

### Parish Contributions

*A special thank you to those who are faithfully contributing*

Regular Contributions for  
**February 2024**

**Actual: \$ 80,575\***

**Budget: \$ 78,352**

*\* Realm*

*Online: \$ 41,398*

*Cash/Check: \$ 39,177*

*(Contributions are recorded on a monthly basis per fiscal year*

*July 1, '23 to June 30, '24)*

### St. Benedict Catholic Church Charity & Development Appeal Totals

**March 25, 2024**

**Number of Donors: 179**

**Amount Pledged: \$111,199**

**Donations Goal: \$85,000**

**We have exceeded our goal!**

**Thank you!**



### Live the Liturgy Inspiration for the Week

Even as the disciples saw the empty tomb and the discarded burial cloths, they did not understand what had happened. But they kept faith, trusting that the Lord was at work. Let us keep that same faith when we do not find God where we expect Him to be.

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### Parish Staff

Pastor - Fr. James Aboyi, VC x 302  
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Contact the Parish Office at 480.961.1610

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## *A Reflection by Fr. Manasseh*

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### **“ALLELUIA CHRIST IS RISEN!”**

Our hearts are full of joy and hope as we celebrate Easter, the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose Passion and Death we commemorated on Good Friday. Easter is a season of joy and hope. We are joyful because God triumphed over the evil of death in the Resurrection of His Only Begotten Son. We are hopeful because having died with Him in our baptism, His Resurrection provides the much-needed assurance that we shall rise with Him in our daily endeavors and ultimately after our earthly sojourn (as long as we remain faithful to our baptismal promises). Just as the Resurrection of Christ in Jerusalem restored the dwindling flame of faith among His disciples, so will the celebration of it in our time rekindle and invigorate the dying flame of faith, hope and love in our individual selves, in our community, and in our faith assembly.

Our joy and hope are not built on an incredible myth or a fictitious story that has value only in its lesson. We are joyful today because we know that the Resurrection of Christ is a historical fact that transformed not only His Apostles but, in fact, the whole world. Our evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus is not reliant on an empty tomb on the first day of the week after Christ's death, or in the testimony of Mary of Magdala that Christ was no longer in the tomb. Our greatest proof for the Resurrection is in the dramatic transformation of the Apostles from men who were justifiably afraid of the Jewish authorities that crucified Christ, to men and women of unflinching and uncompromising faith who stood up to the same authorities, disregarding threats to personal safety and braving persecution in their defense of the truth of the Resurrection. Something must have happened that turned the fearful men from Galilee into fiery preachers prepared to go to the ends of the earth, embrace persecution, and ferociously tell the story of Jesus Christ who had risen from the dead. There can be no other explanation to this dramatic transformation other than that Jesus truly rose from the dead and that the Apostles saw and recognized Him as the same Christ with whom they lived, by whom they were taught, and whom they saw buried in a tomb after dying on a cross. Just as the Resurrection of Jesus transformed the Apostles so dramatically and positively, so do we hope that our lives would so totally be transformed that those who knew us when we fraternize with sin would not be able to recognize the new person redeemed by the precious blood of the Lamb that each of us shall become.

It is worth noting that those who celebrate the Resurrection of Christ ought to arrive at the joyful celebration of our transformation through the path of charity. The events of the day of the Resurrection lend credence to this assertion. It was in the process of attempting the charitable act of anointing the body of Jesus that Mary of Magdala stumbled on the fact of the Resurrection and so became the first Apostle. It was only when the two Disciples who were on their way to Emaus invited Jesus to spend the night in their lodging and presented Him with bread that they were able to recognize Him in the breaking of bread. Only on our way to charity, only in our effort to love shall we encounter, understand and be transformed by the transformative power of the Resurrection.

May the Risen Lord bring to life and reinvigorate every ailing facet of our lives and may the world be set on fire with the love of the Resurrected Redeemer.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Happy Easter!

Fr. Manasseh

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## Current Events and More



*Happy Easter  
He Has Risen!*

*May the promise of the Easter Season  
bring you great joy and peace  
in the love of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.*

### Easter Flowers Donations 2024

In Loving Honor/Memory of:

Francisca Camacho, Scott & Judy Davis, Bernitta Etsitty, Dean & Bernitta Etsitty, Olin Etsitty, Ken & Eileen Garcia, Shirley Garcia, John Lattanzio, Eugene Malochowski, Daniel Manzo, Della McCabe, Mora Family, Carmen Portillo, David & Julie Portillo, Pote Family, Quinn Family, Nathan & Elizabeth Rider, Abrien & Sarita Rincon, Gary & Leslie Rohr, Aida Roman, Patricia Roth, David & Allie Schenach, Schenach Family, Irma Seda, Jack & Joanne Sonnenberg, Souls in Purgatory, Angie & Virgil Spini, John & Lisa Spini, Peter & Doreen Steingraber, Steingraber Family, Don Sterkowitz, Marjorie Sterkowitz, Peter Sterkowitz, Villalobo Family, Joe & Bernice Volinsky, Antoinette Wallace, Richard Wenzel, and Paula Ybarra.

### Weekend Schedule 2024

**Saturday, March 30**

- *Blessing of the Baskets* - 12 pm
- *Divine Mercy Novena* - 3 pm (Chapel)\*\*
- *Easter Vigil & Reception* - 7:30 pm

**Sunday, March 31**

- *Mass* - 6 am, 8 am, 10 am, 12 pm
- *Divine Mercy Novena* - 3 pm (Chapel)\*\*

\*\* *The Divine Mercy Novena continues each day at 3 pm, with the last day being Saturday, April 6.*

### Little White Books Available

Remember today to pick up your Little White Prayer Book for the Easter Season!

Faith Formation and More

**Happenings  
in Children and Youth  
Faith Formation**

Sunday, March 31

*Happy Easter!*

Tuesday, April 2

**NO JAM**

**NO** Journey of Faith

Sunday, April 7

Liturgy of the Word with Children  
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
Teen Sacramental Prep  
EPIC

Tuesday, April 9

**JAM**

Journey of Faith

Please join us in congratulating these individuals who received Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

*Congratulations!*

**Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation  
& Holy Eucharist**

Grey Bradley Donovan  
Zoey Johnson  
Jabari Malik  
Marisa Ava Muebling  
Joseph Rhodes

Katleya Salvini  
Aspen Trejo  
Madelyn Nunziata  
Rachel Gutierrez

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Amy Enrico  
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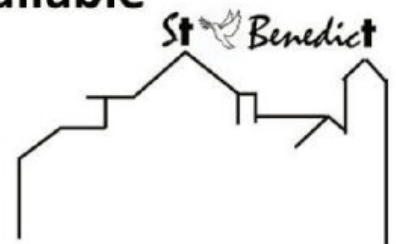
Saturday, April 20, 2024  
The Marriott Chandler  
6 – 9 p.m.

All proceeds  
benefit the  
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**Sponsorship Opportunities Available**

Cocktail Reception  
Plated Dinner  
Silent Auction/Raffle  
Live Music  
DJ and Dancing

Questions? Call the office or  
email  
[mfabilena@stbenedict.org](mailto:mfabilena@stbenedict.org)



## Ministries & More

### Knights of Columbus

The Resurrection of our Lord makes me think, if this was the last week of your life: Who would you be grateful for? Who would you call? What would you say? How would you treat the people you love? How would you treat yourself?

If this were the last week of your life: Where would you go? What would you do? What would you eat? What would you appreciate? You see, you live your best, when you face death.

Our Lord shows us the way, are we doing what it is right to be with him? Rejoice and reflect what you did during Lent and remember this is not a win all in one step, it is about small improvements every day.

#### Announcements:

- Thank you to all the brothers who attended the Chrism Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas on March 25.
- Thank you to all who joined us to pray the Rosary on March 27.

#### Events:

- Next Council Meeting is **April 11** at 7 pm in Annex 1.
- 25th Anniversary Council Picnic is on **Sunday, April 14** at Desert Breeze Park.
- Knights of Columbus State Raffle is ongoing until **May 12**.
- Do not forget to sign up for an officer position for the next fraternal year.

Join online to become a Knight of Columbus at [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus) and enter "Council 12246" and code "GKWAP".

Vivat Jesus,

Isauro Amaro, Grand Knight

Fr. Bob Binta Council # 12246

480.748.1449

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Knights of Columbus... Isauro, 480.748.1449

### St. Vincent de Paul

Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia, Alleluia! Happy Easter from St. Vincent de Paul! Please consider donating the following to our pantry this week:



- Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Paper Towels
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Cereal
- Oatmeal

If you are in need St. Vincent de Paul assistance or information, call the parish office at **480.961.1610 ext. 315**.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

In April, Adoration is on **Friday, April 5** between the hours of **9 am** and **6 pm** in the St. Benedict Chapel. All are welcome to come by and spend some time with the Lord. You can also sign up for a specific time slot at <http://signup.com/go/puKbjk>.



### St. Benedict Welcoming Sunday

Next weekend, after the 9 am Sunday Mass, members of the parish community will be gathering for the monthly Welcoming Sunday for fellowship and some refreshments. Meet our priests, members of the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils, Staff and other parishioners. Join us for fellowship and refreshments. It's always a lot of fun and we hope you will stop by after Mass!

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## A Note From The SJB Principal



Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter! This Easter brings us abundant reasons for gratitude. Our Lenten journey has been rich with the blessings of the Holy Spirit, nurturing both students and staff at SJB. Our community continues to flourish, with the school experiencing rapid growth. With great optimism, I foresee our continued success and expansion. Our strength lies in the unwavering support of our dedicated families and the active involvement of our Pastor, who generously devotes time to visit our campus and supports our school's mission.

Our school is currently closed to allow everyone the opportunity to celebrate Easter with loved ones.

However, we eagerly anticipate our return to campus on Tuesday, April 2, ready to embark on the final stretch of the academic year. Until then, there are still countless learning opportunities and enjoyable school activities awaiting us.

Looking ahead to April, we have an array of exciting events planned. These include our school-wide talent show, the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion, our Pastor-Principal dinner honoring our graduating 8th graders and their parents, the culminating junior high dance of the year, and a farewell retreat for our 8th graders as they prepare to transition to high school.

Our school is experiencing remarkable enrollment growth, with several grades currently maintaining a waiting list. We extend a warm invitation to prospective students from preschool through 8th grade to visit our campus and partake in a personalized tour. To schedule your family's tour, please call 480.219.4848.

Joyful Blessings,

Jamie Bescak, M.Ed.

Principal

480.219.4848

