

April 7, 2024

Divine Mercy Sunday

“ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
his love is everlasting.. ”

~ 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

Monday, 4/8

8:15am | Mass

Tuesday, 4/9

8:15 am | Mass
6:15 pm | JAM
6:15 pm | JOF

Wednesday, 4/10

8:15 am | Mass
6 pm | Youth Choir

Thursday, 4/11

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

Friday, 4/12

8:15 am | Mass
5 pm | Confessions

Saturday, 4/13

8 am | Confessions
2:30 pm | Baptism Class
5 pm | Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 4/7/2024

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

Th 4/11 | Eleanor Estelle Sobolewski †

F 4/12 | Jaime & Pilar Gonzalez †

Sat 4/13 | Jaime & Pilar Gonzalez †

Sunday, 4/14/2024

7 am | Mike Mohr †

9 am | Rosalinda Cons Jimenez †

11 am | Margaret Webster (lvg)

5 pm | Parishioners

M 4/8 | Joe Wertzberger (lvg)

Tu 4/9 | Carol Wenzel †

W 4/10 | Anthony Loh & Cheah Siew Kim †

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11;
4/8 Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
(The Annunciation of the Lord)

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-
4/9 2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9;
4/10 Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-
4/11 18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36
(St. Stanislaus)

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
4/12 Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-
4/13 19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4,
4/14 7-8, 9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

Parish Contributions

A special thank you to those who are faithfully contributing

Regular Contributions for
February 2024

Actual: \$ 80,575*

Budget: \$ 78,352

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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**

April 3, 2024

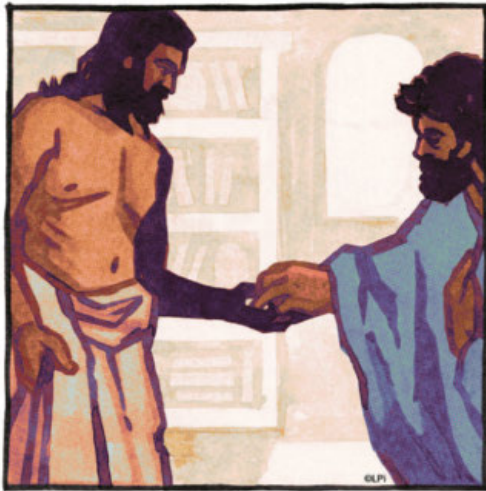
Number of Donors: 190

Amount Pledged: \$117,089

Donations Goal: \$85,000

We have exceeded our goal!

Thank you!



**Live the Liturgy
Inspiration for the Week**

We find unfathomable mercy and everlasting love in the wounds of Christ – even when we are skeptical, even when we carry doubt. God meets us there in the confusion. He reaches for our hand and places them at his side. We just have to call his name.

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A Reflection by Fr. Manasseh

“RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT. WHOSE SINS YOU FORGIVE ARE FORGIVEN THEM.”

On April 30, 2000, the First Sunday following Easter and the Sunday that completed the Octave of Easter, Pope John Paul II both canonized Sister Faustina Kowalska (a Polish nun who saw visions of Christ in which Our Lord asked her to be an Apostle of Divine Mercy) and declared in his Homily of that day his own desire that the “*Second Sunday of Easter.... From now on throughout the world will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday.'*” Following these holy wishes of the Holy Father, on May 5, 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued a decree officially establishing the Second Sunday of Easter as “Divine Mercy Sunday.” On this day, the Church hopes that all of us as continuous beneficiaries of God’s mercy will contemplate the immensity of God’s greatest attribute and having experienced the mercy of God ourselves, will endeavor to extend mercy to others through our words, actions and prayerful thoughts towards them. The feast of Divine Mercy is not only a beautiful reminder of the love of God, but also a challenge to a deeper understanding of who He is, and who we are in relation to Him. The fullest expression of this Mercy of God is the sacrifice of Christ on the altar of the cross, offered for the restoration to righteousness of all people provided they look towards Him with faith (John 3:14).

In the Gospel passage for this Sunday, St. John gives us a beautiful account of one of the appearances of Jesus to His Disciples after His Resurrection. While they were hiding in a room for fear of the Jews, Jesus appeared to them and His first words to them were “*peace be with you.*” Then He breathed the Holy Spirit upon them, recreating them like God did in the creation of man (Genesis 2:7) and empowering them with God’s Spirit, and told them “*receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.*” By doing so, Christ graciously empowered His Apostles who were mere mortals a privileged participation in the administration of Divine Mercy. By the merits of Christ and by this mandate, the Apostles were adequately equipped with the authority to forgive sins in the name of Christ the fullest expression of Divine Mercy. This is the basis of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the administration of which every Catholic priest who is granted the relevant faculty is privileged to participate in.

Jesus also showed mercy to Thomas who, though an Apostle, was not with the Apostles when Jesus first appeared to them and so doubted the fact of the Resurrection demanding a personal verification of the claims of those who saw Him before he would believe. Thomas’ absence at the first appearance of Jesus and the resultant skepticism reminds us of what can happen to us when we are part of the church by virtue of baptism but not with the Church in terms of what we believe and practice: we miss out on important aspects of faith and life and doubt tends to creep into our lives. Jesus literally gave him a second chance with this appearance which yielded unexpected fruits: Thomas made a profound profession of faith in the Lord Jesus by declaring “*My Lord and my God.*” When we realize how much God loves us by giving us chance upon chance to be better children of His through His mercy, the natural response is usually a reawakening of a deep form of faith that we never thought was possible with us.

May God continue to show us mercy and may we in turn extend His mercy to others in our thoughts, words, actions and prayer even for those who may be undeserving of it.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Happy Easter!

Fr. Manasseh

Current Events and More

St. Benedict Welcoming Sunday

This weekend, after the 9 am Sunday Mass, members of the parish community gather 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. We hope you will stop by after Mass!

The Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary meets weekly on **Thursdays** at 4:30 pm in Annex 1. Their main purpose is to give glory to God through prayer, service, and the spiritual development of its members. For more information contact Ann Marie at **480.688.2096**.

Little White Books Available

Remember to pick up your Little White Prayer Book for the Easter Season! Booklets are located at the back of the church and in the lobby.

New Parishioners

- Jocelynn Herr
- Mawlood Jadan
- John and Marilyn Kolpan
- John & Donna Mercier
- Alyssa Newsome
- Janet Oatfield
- Rodrigo Olivares
- Sasha Perez
- Krizia Silva
- Maria Stoej



Pastoral Care

Please remember in your prayers **Wayne Mannheimer** and **Chris Splees** who died recently. We pray that their families and friends will feel God's healing embrace through the prayers and support of our faith community.

Tickets on
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Soon!

Save The Date

St. Benedict Annual Gala!

Saturday, April 20, 2024

The Marriott Chandler

6 – 9 p.m.

All proceeds
benefit the
General
Fund!

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Cocktail Reception

Plated Dinner

Silent Auction/Raffle

Live Music

DJ and Dancing

Questions? Call the office or
email
mfabilena@stbenedict.org



Faith Formation and More

Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

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

Sunday, April 14

Liturgy of the Word with Children
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
EPIC

Tuesday, April 16

JAM
Journey of Faith

Baptism Class

The next Baptism Class at St. Benedict for parents and godparents is on **Saturday, April 13** from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm in the St. Benedict Conference Room (Annex 1). To RSVP, contact Sr. Ruth at srruth@stbenedict.org.

St. Benedict Catholic Church

It's coming up!

VBS

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Praying the Rosary

Pray the Rosary with fellow parishioners **Monday** through **Thursday** mornings at 7:45 am, before the regular morning Mass, in the Parish Chapel.

Later this month (and on the last Wednesday of every month) the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a parish Rosary on **Wednesday, April 24**, at 7 pm in the Parish Chapel. Come and pray with us!

Get Back on Track

Feeling the stress of life's changes? Struggling with behavior problems? Having relationship issues? Coping with the loss of a loved one?

Catholic Charities Community Services is here to support you. The trained counseling staff provides understanding, compassionate support to strengthen families and assist those in crisis. They help set goals, overcome barriers, access resources, and help people better understand themselves, their abilities and their potential. Fees are on a sliding scale. For more information call **602.749.4405**.

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 and enter "Council 12246" and code "GKWAP".

Vivat Jesus,

Isauro Amaro, Grand Knight

Fr. Bob Binta Council # 12246

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St. Vincent de Paul



Thanks to the continued generosity of our parishioners. We, and those we serve, are grateful for your support. This week we are in need of the following items:

- Granola Bars
- Cookies
- Crackers
- Fruit Snacks
- Fruit/Pudding Cups
- Juice (all sizes)

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

SJB Dad's Club Car Raffle

The St. John Bosco School Dad's Club is raffling off a 2021 Kia Seltos and want to give you a chance to win it!



Tickets are \$200 each and only 300 tickets will be sold. The drawing will take place on **Friday, May 3** with proceeds being used for campus improvements (ie. security fencing, shade structures over the playgrounds, updated playground equipment, etc.). Click on the QR Code to purchase tickets. Thank you for your support and good luck!

Bosco Car Raffle QR Code



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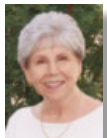
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A Note From The SJB Principal



Dear Parishioners,

Our return to school marks the beginning of our journey towards the end of the school year at full throttle. There's much to learn and celebrate along the way!

It's my pleasure once again to share some remarkable news concerning four outstanding students from our Junior High. Elle Bescak, Sophia Bernardez, Jenna Hansen, and Celine Salloum, all eighth-graders, have been honored as the recipients of the esteemed Christian Service Award for the year 2024. This prestigious accolade is bestowed upon individuals who exemplify Christ-like virtues through their selfless acts of service to the parish, school, and wider community. These young women epitomize a genuine devotion to their Catholic faith, not only professing a commitment to service but actively embodying it in their daily lives.

Elle Bescak, Sophia Bernardez, Jenna Hansen, and Celine Salloum represent just a few of the exceptional students within the St. John Bosco School community. We take immense pride in the accomplishments of all our students and eagerly anticipate the arrival of many more bright minds in the coming academic year.

Joyful Blessings,
Jamie Bescak, M.Ed.
Principal
480.219.4848

