



May 12, 2024

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

“ *The Lord has set his throne in heaven.* ”

~ Ps 103

“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, 5/13**  
8:15am | Mass

**Tuesday, 5/14**  
8:15 am | Mass

**Wednesday, 5/15**  
8:15 am | Mass  
6 pm | SJB Graduation

**Thursday, 5/16**  
8:15 am | Mass  
4:30 pm | Legion Mary  
6 pm | Adult Choir

**Friday, 5/17**  
8:15 am | Mass  
5 pm | Confession

**Saturday, 5/18**  
8 am | Confession  
9:30 am | Baptism Class  
5 pm | Mass

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, 5/12/2024

7 am | Carlos Garcia †  
9 am | Darel Williams †  
11 am | Parishioners  
5 pm | Victoria H. Galvan †

F 5/17 | Kevin Day †  
Sat 5/18 | Pacita Rimando †

#### Sunday, 5/19/2024

M 5/13 | Polimene Family  
Tu 5/14 | Dolly LeCain †  
W 5/15 | Steven Jewusiak †  
Th 5/16 | Henry Curtin †

7 am | Chris Splees †  
9 am | Darel Williams †  
11 am | Ron Grabowski †  
5 pm | Rita Rodrigoe †

## Liturgy & Administration

### Scripture Readings

<b>Monday:</b> 5/13	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
<b>Tuesday:</b> 5/14	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17 <b>(St. Matthias)</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b> 5/15	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
<b>Thursday:</b> 5/16	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16: 1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
<b>Friday:</b> 5/17	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
<b>Saturday:</b> 5/18	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-2
<b>Sunday:</b> 5/19	Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29- 30, 31, 34 (see 30); 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23 <b>(Pentecost)</b>

### Parish Contributions

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

Regular Contributions for  
**March 2024**

**Actual: \$ 79,823\***

**Budget: \$ 78,352**

\* Realm

Online: \$ 46,009

Cash/Check: \$ 33,814

(Contributions are recorded on a monthly basis per fiscal year July 1, '23 to June 30, '24)

### Construction Project

February 28, 2024

Current Estimated Construction Costs:	\$9,281,993**
Donations/Fundraising:	(\$4,717,907)
Line of Credit/Debt:	<u>(\$4,500,000)</u>
Additional Funds to Raise:	\$64,086

\*\* Includes building permits not previously included, change orders and fluctuating costs of FF&E.



### Live the Liturgy Inspiration for the Week

In His prayer to the Father, Jesus says it aloud to remind us, always and forever: if we belong to Him, we belong to the truth. Lord, may those words ring in our ears as we go into the world as Christ taught us.

We are consecrated to the truth.

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### Parish Staff

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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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### **“BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES UPON YOU.”**

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is the commemoration of the day when Jesus ascended into Heaven forty days after the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Some of the Gospels describe Jesus blessing His Disciples, separating from them and being carried up into Heaven where He is seated at the right hand of The Father. Acts of the Apostles 1:6-11 explains the importance of the Ascension, as it marks the departure of Jesus from interaction with His Disciples in this world and His entrance into the Realm of God. The Ascension of the Lord is considered the climax of the redemption story, and the gateway to Jesus' priestly work of intercession. It also shows that Jesus has overcome death and is alive with the Father in Heaven.

The Ascension is usually celebrated on Thursday, forty days after Easter, as reported in the Gospels and in Acts of the Apostles. However, in most Dioceses in the United States, the day for the celebration of the Solemnity has been moved to the seventh Sunday of Easter, which is often referred to as “Ascension Sunday.”

St. Mark's Gospel provides for us a concise account of the Ascension of the Lord and the Disciples' response to the event. Prior to His Ascension, Jesus had mandated His followers to *“Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned.”* He also listed the signs that would accompany those who believe. But it is in Acts of the Apostles that we are presented with a comparatively elaborate account of the events on Ascension Thursday. St. Luke reports that after Jesus had presented Himself many times to the Disciples, shown many proofs of His Resurrection from the dead and spoken to them about the kingdom of God, He was taken up into the clouds to Heaven while the Disciples watched. As part of His final speech to them, Jesus had instructed them not to depart Jerusalem but to wait for the promise of the Father about which they heard Him speak. Jesus promised that while John baptized with water, His Disciples would soon be empowered to baptize with the Holy Spirit.

We can actually deduce two promises from the Ascension of our Lord. The first is the promise of the Holy Spirit who would empower the Apostles to go into the world, confront the structures of evil, preach the Gospel and witness to it with their lives thereby making Disciples of all nations. Second, is the promise of the return of Christ in glory to bring the reward of eternal friendship with God to those who believe and faithfully witness to the Gospel, and to serve judgment and condemnation to those who choose not to sustain righteous relationships with God and neighbor. The desire of every Christian should be to experience the revival, the renewal that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit affords us, so that having witnessed to the Gospel faithfully, we may be ready for the second coming of Christ in Glory.

May this be our ardent desire and may God hear and answer us as we prepare for the birthday of the Church at Pentecost.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh

## Current Events and More

### Anointing Mass

The next St. Benedict Anointing Mass will be on **Saturday, May 25** at 11 am in the church. We invite those who are in need of healing in their lives, be it physical, emotional or spiritual. Please RSVP with the parish office at **480.961.1610 ext. 300**.



### Save the Date - Bingo Night

The next Bingo Night is scheduled for **Friday, July 12** from 6 - 8 pm at the St. John Bosco Multipurpose Room. There will be lots of BINGO, fellowship, pizza, baked goods and over 100 prizes! Fun for all ages!

We are always looking for prizes, so if you have gift cards or new items you are not using, or maybe you received a gift that's not your style, donate them for BINGO prizes! Please email [events@stbenedict.org](mailto:events@stbenedict.org) with questions or prize donations.

### Volunteers Needed

St. Benedict parish is looking for volunteers with access to Microsoft Publisher to assist with layout and printing of worship aids for funerals. The average time commitment is about two hours a week. Training is available. If interested, contact Phil Arkfeld at [parkfeld@stbenedict.org](mailto:parkfeld@stbenedict.org) or call **480.961.1610 ext. 311**.

### Father's Day Choir

Calling all dads to be part of our Dad's Choir for the 9 am Mass on Father's Day. Rehearsals will be in the church on Saturday mornings 8 to 9:30 am on **June 1, 8 and 15**. Come on guys, show your kids how it's done. Other instruments welcome. For more details, contact Phil Arkfeld [parkfeld@stbenedict.org](mailto:parkfeld@stbenedict.org), or **480.961.1610 ext 311**.

### Congratulations Connor

Our Seminarian, Connor Companik, is being ordained a Deacon on **Sunday, May 26**, 9 am, at Ss. Simon and Jude Cathedral. He will be serving and preaching at our 5 pm Mass that same evening. Afterwards we are having a Meet & Greet for him over at the St. John Bosco School Multipurpose Room. This will be a pot luck... watch your email for a link to the list of items for sign up!



### Pentecost Next Week - Wear RED!

Pentecost Sunday is next week and we would like to remind everyone to **wear red!** Red is a symbol for the Holy Spirit, and Pentecost is when the Holy Spirit came down to the early followers of Jesus. Let's give the Fathers a reason to smile when they look out into the church to see everybody wearing red!



### New Parishioners

- Janneth Lizzarraga
- Manuel Vera
- Ruth Woods



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### Communication Campaign

This weekend we collect the envelopes for the Communication Campaign. This Campaign connects people with Christ locally, in the United States, and in developing countries around the world through the internet, television, radio and print media. Half of your donation will stay in our diocese, while the other half will support national projects in the US and around the world to spread the Gospel message. Thank you for your donation.

Faith Formation and More

Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

Sunday, May 12
Liturgy of the Word with Children
Children's Mass at 9 am

Sunday, May 19
Liturgy of the Word with Children (last)

Children's Liturgy of the Word

After Sunday, May 19, the Children's Liturgy of the Word, that takes place at the 9 am Mass, will be on break through the remainder of the summer.

OCIA Registration

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children - used to be RCIA) is a process for individuals to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist.

Baptism Class

The next Baptism Class at St. Benedict for parents and godparents is on Saturday, May 18 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am in the St. Benedict Conference Room (Annex 1). To RSVP, contact Sr. Ruth at srruth@stbenedict.org.



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St. Benedict Catholic Church VBS It's coming up! VBS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024 June 10-14, 2024 from 9:AM - 12:00 noon Venue : St. John Bosco Catholic School Registration starts on April1- May 31, 2024 Open to children currently in Kindergarten- 5th Grade ( 2023 - 2024) \$40 per child ( family maximum of \$90) To register please scan this QR code THEME SCUBA giving into friendship with God

## Ministries & More

### 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, May 29**, at 7 pm in the Parish Chapel.

Come and pray with us!



### Free Catholic Movies and More

Where is there a great place to enjoy a wealth of resources for our Catholic faith in a variety of media? At **FORMED.org**! It's easy and free to use as a St. Benedict Church gift to you:

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Now you're ready to start exploring!

### Pastoral Care

Please remember in your prayers **Anastasia Mendez** and **Mike Santoro** 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.

### Ministry Contacts

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### St. Vincent de Paul



Thank you so much for your generosity to the mission of SVdP and the onsite pantry. This week we are in need of household care items:

- Laundry Detergent
- Paper Towels
- Dish Soap
- Toilet Paper
- Tissues

Please note: due to space constraints we are **unable** to accept clothing or household items in the pantry, only non-perishable foods and other items listed each week. Thank you for your understanding.

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

### Position Openings at St. John Bosco

St. John Bosco Catholic School is hiring talented people to fill two positions:

- Instructional Assistant
- Preschool Instructional Assistant

If you are interested or know of any individuals who would like to join our team, go to <https://catholicschoolsphx.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx> for more details and/or to apply. For more information, contact Principal Jamie Bescak at [jbescak@sjbosco.org](mailto:jbescak@sjbosco.org)

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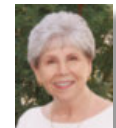
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## A Note From The SJB Principal



Dear Parishioners,

As a Catholic school, we have the pleasure of welcoming our students into the greater faith community by providing them with sacramental preparation as part of our curriculum. On Sunday, April 14, Fr. James Aboyi presided over the St. Benedict Catholic Church Mass and conferred the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation upon our students.



Then on Saturday, April 27, Fr. James conferred these same sacraments upon students belonging to Corpus Christi Catholic Church and presided over the Mass. Please join me in congratulating all of these students on receiving these two sacraments of initiation and blessing them on their faith journey.



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