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Parish Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday	9 am – 5 pm
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Parish Mission Statement

We are a Catholic faith community that recognizes God's presence in all and we respond with our lives.

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

Schedule of Masses:

Saturday	5 pm
Sunday	9 am, 11 am, and 5 pm
Spanish	1 pm (last Sunday of the month)

Weekdays: Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri - 8:15 am

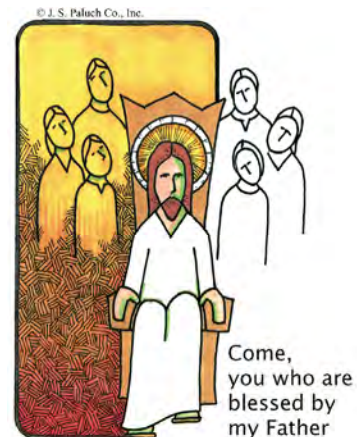
November 24 - Thanksgiving Day Mass 9 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays	3:30 pm – 4:30 pm
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or call for appointment

**Thirty-fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
November 20, 2011**





Our Parish School

SAVE THE DATE

January 29, 10 am to 12 pm
St. John Bosco Open House

At the heart of St. John Bosco Catholic School is the commitment to build a community where deep faith is formed and dynamic leaders are born. We focus on the development of the whole child by nurturing their spiritual, academic, moral, emotional and physical needs while providing for the overall well-being of each student. You are cordially invited to attend our Open House to speak with teachers, students and parents. Campus tours and enrollment information will be available. Stop by before or after mass and find out why we love our school and community!

What is your "Line 25?"

Line 25 is the line on your state income taxes that shows the amount of taxes you owe. So, any amount of Line 25, up to \$1000 married, \$500 single, can be redirected to St. John Bosco Catholic School. This year use your tax dollars to give the gift of a Catholic education to families in our parish. School code 211.

Fight Poverty in America

Today, we take up a Collection that helps fight poverty at its roots. For over 40 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has provided funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. The Collection has helped secure funding for low-income day care centers, programs that emphasize education, and affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods. It has contributed to efforts to implement laws that enforce fair wages. Fight poverty in America. Defend human dignity. Give to the CCHD Collection.



Knights News

Turkey Tuesday - The Knights will be helping St. Vincent de Paul collect Turkeys at the Bashas' Supermarket at Chandler Blvd and Dobson

Road on **Tuesday, November 22**. Please come by and show your thankfulness by donating food for those less fortunate. Donations will be accepted until 7 pm.

Adoration - The next First Friday Adoration will be on **December 2 and 3**. Adoration begins at 2 pm on Friday and runs through the night until 9 am on Saturday morning. All are welcome to participate.

Next Knights Meeting - will be **Thursday, December 8** at 7:30 pm in room 2. Please plan to attend.



St. Vincent de Paul Turkey
Tuesday November 22

Please join us in the heart warming experience of collecting Turkeys, food and funds to feed our needy brothers and sister, not just for Thanksgiving, but for the weeks ahead. This is a wonderful way to start the Holiday Season. We also need some volunteers with larger vehicles to help transport the food and turkeys from the Bashas' Supermarket on Dobson and Chandler back to the church where our members will be assembling Thanksgiving food boxes for distribution the following day. If you would like to volunteer visit signupgenius.com/go/turkey97. For questions contact Michele at MicheleEdison@aol.com or 602.418.8696.

Scrip

Thanksgiving is just around the corner! Be sure to use Scrip to do all of your shopping. Stop by the lobby desk after mass to purchase Scrip for: **Bashas', AJ's, Safeway, Fry's, Sprouts, Whole Foods** and many more. You can view a complete list of all available vendors on the St. John Bosco website: www.sjbosco.org/development/scrip/online-order/.

Presider Schedule

Saturday, November 26

5 pm - Fr. Gary, Homily - Deacon Jack

Sunday, November 27

9 am - Fr. Gary, Homily - Deacon Jack

11 am - Fr. Joe Hennessy, Homily - Deacon Doug

5 pm - Fr. Gary, Homily - Deacon Doug

Sunday Collections, Nov. 06, 2011

Plate Income:		# of Env / % of families -
From Envelopes	\$ 10,036.00	208/16.19%
Loose Cash & Checks	\$ 2,464.10	Average Envelopes - \$48.25
Automatic Bill Pay	\$ <u>2,324.00</u>	# of Automatic Bill Pay / % of
Total	\$ 14,824.10	families - 38/2.96%
		Avg Automatic Bill Pay -
		\$61.16
Building Fund/Debt Reduction last week	\$ 1,242.00	
Building Fund/Debt Reduction this month	\$ 4,679.20	
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$ 23,005.33	
Loan Balance	\$ 2,084,438.19	

Parish Pastoral Council: Lisa Campbell, Patti Franz, Brian Golembiewski, Mike Kulikowski, Mick McLaughlin, Joyce Petrowski, Jack Rubino and Steve Sheard.

Finance Council: Jack Benware, Pat Brown, Gary Rees, Stephanie Neves and Paul Spatz.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Hey now,

There is something about this time of year that seems to make one pensive. Maybe it is the change of seasons as they occur in this part of the country. It could possibly be attributed to the various liturgical and secular holidays such as All Saints and All Souls Days, Thanksgiving or Christmas. Maybe the change of the Earth's axis and the shorter hours of daylight invite one to ponder a little more deeply upon their life and journey of faith.

With that being in my mind as of late, I hope you would allow me this moment to share some words of prayer with you. Sorry these won't be the prayers we grew up with, and may actually be better termed rambling and random thoughts. However, as I have learned the best prayer doesn't have to fit a particular pattern if it comes from one's heart.

In looking at last weekend's parish festival I have to say, God, that my heart is filled with thanksgiving. The people that were met for the first time were at times humbling reminders of the work that you do through us each day. The numerous people who worked together in so many ways, sharing their abilities, time and resources showed yet again that so many want to build up your reign in this world. And that it is built up with the joy of laughter that comes from your children of all ages having fun, but also through taking time from our busy schedules to gather and offer our words of prayer. The rain you gifted us with showed how much you water the ground and our hearts with your blessing and grace. Our awe and wonder may not add anything to your greatness, but we do grow in the grace that comes from you through our sisters and brothers.

A little more than a week ago we experienced a full moon; however, the cloud cover obscured that sight from our eyes. All of our senses allow us to not only perceive the world, but invite us to be ever thankful for the gifts to see, hear, taste and feel your presence in our lives. While very small in comparison to the universe we are grateful to be called your beloved children. What a warm feeling to know that as the expansion of creation continues, we truly find the deepest rest not in things, titles or power but only in you.

Our families are those gifts from you and in them we are reminded that we are called to love. However, the words that were written by a little child tell what the reality of family life can truly be like. "God I don't know how you can love all the people in the world, because there are only four people in my family and I can't love them all the time." Thus, we then turn to our friends, after all, we choose them, and are humbled that while we do have some friends who will be there through the difficult times, our families usually are there in all times.

What a blessing you have bestowed upon my life. While I have never made the best choices, and you know them so well, your presence and love has never failed to shine a light into my life during the darkest moments. The journey has led to various places and communities and while I try to love them all, the one that is with me at the present moment should be given my all for that is an encounter with you. God, there are many things that I am thankful for and if I tried to find words to express the blessing they have bestowed upon me, it would take more volumes than probably are known to humanity. However, instead of wasting time with that, know I will find time to thank you more than I have been doing, and in between those moments I will do my best to show my gratefulness by acting in love to those around me. Amen.

Have a Happy, Prayerful and Grateful Thanksgiving!

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. Gary

P.S.

A humble thank you to the person or people who bought raffle tickets and placed my name upon them. As a child drew my name from the barrel I wanted to have another name drawn. However, the community reminded me that someone wanted to gift me with this opportunity and I shouldn't throw away their graciousness. Thank you for your kindness and caring.

Christmas Tree Elves



We need your help to make this Christmas a joy for underprivileged families on the reservations and for children whose parents are incarcerated. Please take a tag off one of the Christmas trees in the church. Star shaped tags are gifts starting at \$25 and above, red tags are gifts ranging from \$15-\$25, green tags range from \$5-\$15, prayer tags are also available. Please take a tag, purchase the items on the tag and return the items wrapped with the tag attached to the outside of the package.

If you would like to volunteer your time and talents please join us to sort and deliver these packages on **December 18**. This is a great opportunity for teens to earn community service hours. Other volunteer opportunities are available. Please contact Lois for further details at 602.531.9863.

The Bi-national Posada

In collaboration with Diocese without Borders, the Parish of St. Benedict is invited to participate in the Bi-national Posada! The posada is a reenactment and remembrance of Joseph and Mary's journey to Bethlehem and seeking a place to give birth to baby Jesus. The Posada occurs in Nogales, Mexico, **December 17**. If you are interested or wish to learn more about this great experience, please contact Patrick Mooney at 961.1610 ext. 307 or pmooney@stbenedict.org.

An Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Pastor Leland and the community at Mountain View Lutheran Church at 10025 S. 48th Street have invited the Parish of St. Benedict to join them in a Thanksgiving service on **Wednesday, November 23** at 6:30 pm. Bring a non-perishable food item for donation to Chandler Christian Community Center and a pie to share following the service. We hope that you will consider attending this event in the spirit of ecumenism and thanks for all the blessings God has given to us. Let us remember that we are all one, brothers and sisters of God's family.

Journey of Faith for Families

November 20 will be our family gathering for all those who are involved in faith formation this semester. All ages! Come, prepare for Advent! Join us for the 9 am mass followed by a continental breakfast in the MPR at SJB. The session for the whole family end by noon.

Volunteers Needed



We are in desperate need of people to operate the ProPresenter (projection unit) during all of the different masses. This software is very simple to learn and use. If you are interested, please contact Larry Kraus at lkraus@stbenedict.org or at 480.961.1610 ext. 301. Thank you.

Online Giving



Did you know that you can now make your contributions to the Church with your credit card or directly from your bank account? Simply visit www.stbenedict.org and click on the quick link Faith-Filled Giving Online Form. You can choose to have your gift go towards our regular weekly collection (Faith-Filled Giving) or to our debt reduction collection. The best part about this program is that you can set up your gift to be a recurring gift and never have to remember to bring in that envelope or to write a check again!

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All Parish Retreat!

Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 3 at 2 pm** and plan to join us at SJB for an afternoon of prayer for all ages, ending with the 5 pm mass. For more information or to RSVP please contact Mary at mziebell@stbenedict.org or at 480.961.1610 ext. 309.

Sacramental Preparation

We will be offering First Reconciliation preparation once again after the first of the year for those children in second grade or older who were not able to join the group this past session. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Confirmation and First Communion families are meeting once each month as groups to prepare the children for the celebration of these sacraments in the spring.

All candidates should be attending either Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Faith Formation or Catholic School in addition to the preparation sessions for the sacraments. For more information, please contact Diane at 480.961.1610 ext. 303 or dorban@stbenedict.org.



Pax Christi Meeting November 23

Was Jesus political? How does what He said and did apply to us today? What should we be doing to follow His example? The Pax Christi group here at St. Benedict explores these issues along with the tradition of Christian nonviolence. Meetings are held monthly on the 4th Wednesday of every month, and always consist of prayer, study, and action. Everyone is welcome. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, November 23**, at 7 pm in the Sacristy. If you would like more information, call Dave Zabor at 480.889.4676 or visit www.paxchristiusa.org.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Fight Poverty in America. Defend Human Dignity.



In 2009, 43.6 million Americans lived at or below the poverty line, the highest number in the 51 years for which data is available. With many families living one paycheck away from financial instability, there is little hope that more Americans won't face poverty in the years to come.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) funds programs in communities across the United States where people living in poverty join together to identify problems, make decisions, and find ways to improve their lives and neighborhoods.

Please visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections to read more details about CCHD's efforts to bring good news to the poor by helping to break the cycle of poverty.

"The needs of low-income pregnant women to access prenatal care has been a concern of our parish Social Justice Committee for several years. Working with AMOS and MICA (local ecumenical social justice advocacy groups) we are happy to have had some part in securing this important service to the women in our community in need of it."

— Fr. James Secora, Pastor of St. Cecilia Parish, Ames, Iowa

Fight Poverty in America. Defend Human Dignity.

CCHD has supported poor communities for more than 40 years. It has committed over \$200 million to defending human life and dignity by providing community and economic development organizations with the funding they need to address the problem of poverty in their neighborhoods. This commitment includes the participation of Catholic parishes, schools, Catholic Charities, and health ministries.

One such organization, **AMOS (A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy)**, brings together individuals from different backgrounds, cities, and congregations to help women carry out healthy, full-term pregnancies. With CCHD funding, AMOS is able to provide the women of Story County, Iowa, with a mobile clinic where they can receive the prenatal care they need but could not otherwise access or afford. The clinic is equipped with an ultrasound machine and exam rooms and serves nearly 60 women a year just in the small county of Story. The trained medical professionals who staff the mobile clinic do not perform abortions or provide contraceptives.

In Ohio, **WIN Action Organizing Project** is working to provide foreclosure prevention assistance to thousands of home owners. Through continued collaboration with national lenders, the project has been able to help keep low-income families in their homes.

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Ana Suarez-Venot

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Thank you for your generous donations to our Thanksgiving Food Drive. We are still in need of the following items:



Hearty Soups, Toilet Paper, Dish Soap, Laundry Soap and Kleenex

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity for the holidays? St. Vincent de Paul is in need of volunteers to help sort, pack and pass out food boxes on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of this week.

Also do not forget we are also looking for volunteers for Turkey Tuesday. This is a great opportunity for teens to earn service hours and help their community. Please contact the parish office at 480.961.1610 if you would like to help.



Young Adult Phoenix

Theology on Tap PHX presents the [Advent]ageous Series! Join us Tuesdays during Advent, **November 29 - December 20**, at the Arcadia Room in Phoenix at 7 pm.

Also, we would like to invite you to a special Young Adult Mass concelebrated with Bishop Nevares on December 6 at 7 pm. Mass will be held at St. Mary's Basilica. Please visit theologyontapphx.com for more information and to register!



Pastoral Care Ministry

Please pray for the soul and family of Lou Ann Ramaekers, mother of parishioners Carol and Brian Golembiewski, who recently passed, as well as a safe surgery and speedy recovery of Wilhelmina Garcia.

Ministers of Care are available to bring the Eucharist to the sick or homebound. Notify the parish office at 480.961.1610 with the names of your loved ones. This information will be passed on to our Pastoral Care Ministry.



Bible Study with Fr. Gary

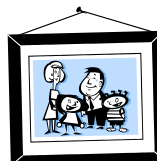
Please come and join Fr. for the following Monday evenings, 6:45-8:00 pm in the Worship Space. To register for one or all sessions or for more information, please contact Diane at dorban@stbenedict.org.

2011

November 21
December 5

2012

January 9 & 23
February 6
March 5 & 19



Spaghetti Dinner Photos

If you attended the spaghetti dinner and would like your photo, please stop by the parish office during regular office hours. If your photo is not picked up by **December 1** we will add it to our photo archives for use by the parish.

St. Vincent de Paul Adopt-a-Family for Christmas



You can bring holiday joy to families in need through the St. Vincent de Paul Adopt-a-Family Program. SVdP volunteers visit the family beforehand and create a profile of the names, ages and wishes of each family member.

You can help by providing the fixings for Christmas dinner and a toy/gift for young children and one gift for other family members living in the home. Sponsoring a family is a great project for office groups, families, organizations, clubs and schools. Pick up a bright pink Adopt-a-Family leaflet in the parish lobby. Deadline to sign-up is **December 1**.

Adult Confirmation



Are you a practicing Catholic over age 17 who somewhere along the way, missed celebrating Confirmation and/or First Communion? Are you interested in completing these sacraments of initiation?

Preparation sessions will be offered beginning in January for those who are practicing their faith. For more information please contact Diane Orban at dorban@stbenedict.org or 480.961.1610 ext. 303.

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Bulletin Articles Deadline

Deadline is 9 am on Fridays two (2) weeks prior to the date you want it in the bulletin. Email articles to Nicki nmyers@stbenedict.org. All articles submitted are subject to edits and are placed in the bulletin at the discretion of St. Benedict staff.

Fr. Joe's Blog

Keep up with the happenings of Fr. Joe Hennessy by following his blog aislingonearth.blogspot.com.

Scripture Readings for the Week of 11/20/11

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;
 Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
 Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36
 Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80;
 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun., November 20	9:00 am	Mass of Thanksgiving
	11:00 am	People of the Parish
	5:00 pm	Fred Zabor †
Mon., November 21	8:15 am	Dolores Wapinnik †
Tues., November 22	8:15 am	Coral Maiefski †
Wed., November 23	8:15 am	Stella & Charles Lanska †
Thurs., November 24	9:00 am	Thanksgiving for the Community
Fri., November 25	8:15 am	Sue McGrane †
Sat., November 26	5:00 pm	Josephine Vodickova †
Sun., November 27	9:00 am	Deacon David Veilleux †
	11:00 am	Anthony Loh & Cheah Siew Kim †
	1:00 pm	Petra Martinez †
	5:00 pm	Fred Zabor †

This Week in our Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2011

Liturgy of the Word with Children - 9 am
 Little Church - 9 am (SJB)
 Inquiry - 10 am
 Journey of Faith for Families - 10 am

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2011

Bereavement Outreach Ministry - 5 pm
 St. Vincent de Paul - 6:30 pm (SJB Art Room)
 Adult Bible Study w/Fr. Gary - 6:45 pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2011

Finance Meeting - 7 pm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2011

Pax Christi Meeting - 7 pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2011

Office Closed
 Thanksgiving Day Mass - 9 am

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2011

Office Closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2011

Blood Pressure Checks After All Masses

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2011

Blood Pressure Checks After All Masses
 Liturgy of the Word with Children - 9 am
 Little Church - 9 am (SJB)
 Spanish Mass - 1 pm

Eucharistic Breadmakers

A special thanks to the following parishioners who provided Eucharistic bread:

Joan Uhler
 Evy Kory

Laura Dawson
 Sophia Mackey