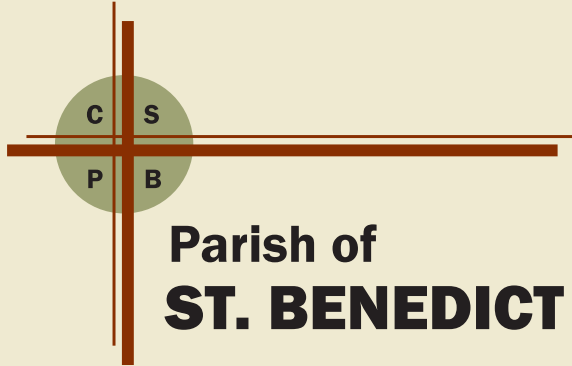


**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 8, 2012**

**“ALL KINGS SHALL PAY HIM HOMAGE,
ALL NATIONS SHALL SERVE HIM”**

- PSALM 72:11



**Parish of
ST. BENEDICT**

“where all are welcome”

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

Schedule of Masses:

Weekends:

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 9 am, 11 am, 5 pm

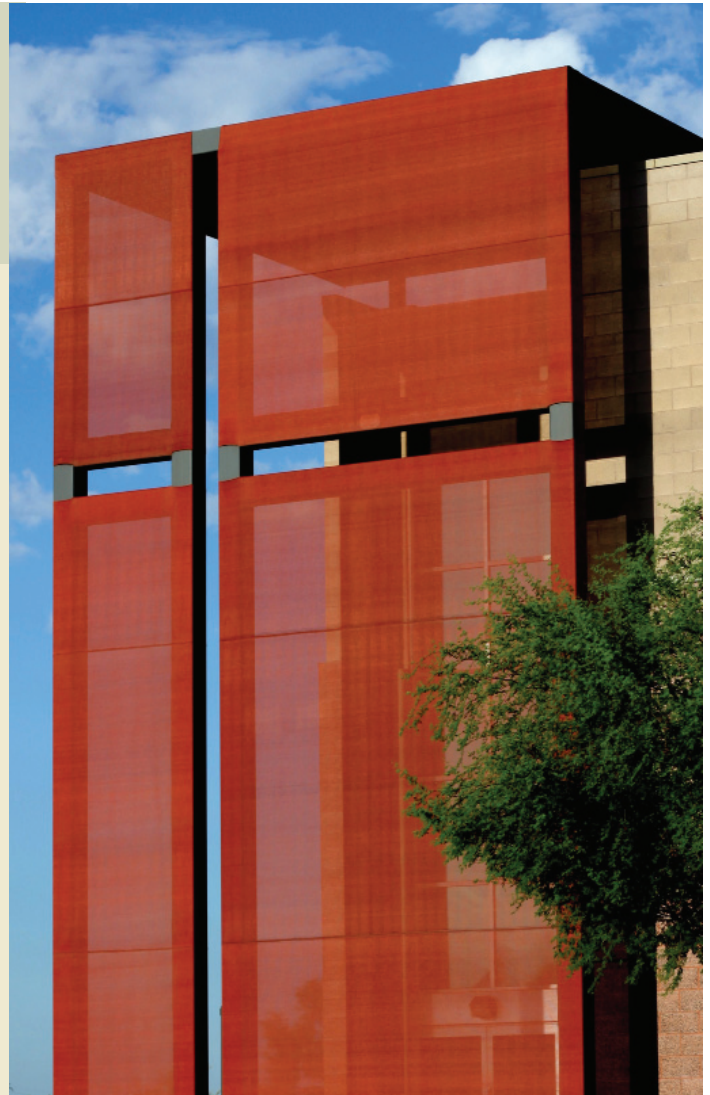
Spanish 1 pm (last Sunday of the month)

Weekdays:

Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 8:15 am

Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:30 pm or by appointment



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*

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/8/2012

Monday: Is 55:1-11; 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11
Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40;
 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 1/8 • 9 am • Albert S. Alvarez †
 11 am • People of the Parish
 5 pm • Grace Martinez †
Monday, 1/9 • 8:15 am • Harold Strachan †
Tuesday, 1/10 • 8:15 am • Janet Barich †
Wednesday, 1/11 • 8:15 am • Harold Strachan †

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

5 pm - Fr. Gary

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

9 pm - Fr. Gary

11 pm - Fr. Gary

5 pm - Fr. Gary

Friday, 1/13 • 8:15 am • Robert Barich †
Saturday, 1/14 • 5 pm • Rose Marzano †
Sunday, 1/15 • 9 am • The Wilk Family
 11 am • Jack Klecka †
 5 pm • People of the Parish

SINCEREST THANKS

We would like to thank all of those who made our parish better this holiday season through contributions and volunteering. Thanks to your generous support we were able to purchase all of the beautiful flowers that decorated our church this Christmas. Also, a special thank you to all of our parishioners that assisted in the planning and execution of the beautiful Christmas decor. We hope you know that your time, talents and treasures are greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU!

Grazie! **¡GRACIAS!** *GRATIA!*
Danke Schön! *Mahalo!*
Merci! *Dziękuję!*

CONTRIBUTIONS

December Collection (Includes online):

12/25/11 - Weekly	\$31,137
- Monthly	\$114,064

Debt Reduction:

12/25/11 - Weekly	\$977
- Monthly	\$7,791

January Collection (Excludes online):

- Weekly	\$20,337
- Monthly	\$20,337

Debt Reduction:

- Weekly	\$1,585
- Monthly	\$1,585

Monthly Mortgage Payment: \$23,005

Loan Balance: \$2,056,291

A Message from the Pastor



Hey now,

“It was twenty years ago today...” These are words from a popular song sung by the Beatles titled, ‘Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band.’ After the song and the album were released people throughout the world began to look at the Fab 4 in a different way. Many things changed in the way they acted on and off stage, and some may even say that the release was the beginning of the demise of the group that had enthralled even Ed Sullivan. However, this is not merely a walk through a brief period in the history of rock ‘n’ roll. (Although many of you may now feel this uncontrollable urge to go listen to this oldie, but goodie.) Rather it is a way to call us to reflect yet again on past events and see what they may mean for us today.

Instead of twenty years ago, as some of us may have some difficulty remembering what we were doing in January of 1992, let us just look back one year. It was one year ago today that the shooting tragedy in Tucson happened. Just like other tragic events that we may have experienced in our lives we can possibly recall where we were, whom we were with and what our initial thoughts may have been. While many were joined together in prayer for the victims of this tragic event, would we still be able to find a place of common ground just one year afterwards?

While some may not agree with Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, do we still continue to pray for her recovery and that of other victims of violence? Do our moments of reflection find us still asking God for an end to senseless attacks around the corner or around the world? Or have those supplications been put on the proverbial ‘back-burner’ until the next shocking news story makes the headlines? Have we changed ourselves to be more life-giving with our words or do we still find our words and actions at times are better at destroying the life and spirit of others?

As I mentioned last week we shouldn’t dwell too long upon the past for it is but a memory, but those memories are hopefully what form us and transform us to become better friends, children, parents, siblings, citizens and Christians (just to name a few). The events that open up the darkness that is still present within the human spirit make us cry out to God in need. Instead of dwelling on these experiences in our heads maybe we need to reflect on them in our hearts. We may not find the answer of why this or that may have happened, but we may hear an invitation of what we can do to better ourselves and the world around us as well.

The one-year anniversary of this tragedy coincides with the Feast of the Epiphany. The light of the Savior is not merely intended for a specific group of people, but for the whole world. All of us need to be enlightened by the Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero and Prince of Peace. If we allow ourselves to be so touched and conformed to the Spirit of our living God we can live out the beautiful words of wisdom from the Kabbalah (a set of scriptures that exists outside traditional Jewish scriptures):

We receive the light, then we impart it. Thus we repair the world.

Twenty years from now may we look back and remember not pain and suffering, but may it stick out as the time we received the light of Jesus the Christ and did our best to share it with all God’s children. Then we, and generations after us, may all realize that each day of our past was used to bring about a brighter today and an even more brilliant tomorrow.

In the Peace of our newborn Savior,
Fr. Gary

PARISH MISSION JANUARY 8-10

Start the New Year with an Epiphany Journey! Please join us for our first Parish Mission of 2012 with Fr. Pat Brennan. We will gather for 3 nights beginning Sunday, January 8 at 6:30 pm. You may come for all 3 evenings or whichever nights fit your schedule.



The theme of our Mission will be the Epiphany Journey and the schedule is as follows:

- Sunday: Good News for You, the Reign of God is Here!
- Monday: Inner Peace in an Age of Anxiety and The Peace that Comes from Forgiveness
- Tuesday: Leadership in a Communal Parish

We will start each evening at 6:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served. Free will offerings will be accepted.

ABOUT FR. PAT BRENNAN

Fr. Pat Brennan, director, served for more than a decade as Director of the Office of Evangelization of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Fr. Pat continued the emphasis on evangelization as pastor of Holy Family Catholic Community, Inverness, IL, creating a convergence model of ministry with eight divisions and 140 individual ministries all focused on evangelization. He has consulted on parish renewal strategies throughout the United States, as well as with dioceses in Canada, Ireland, Germany, Great Britain and Australia.



The Center’s strategies have been developed through Fr. Pat’s extensive academic research and laboratory experiences in parishes. He is on the faculty of the Loyola Institute of Pastoral Studies, Chicago, Dominican University and several other academic institutions. Fr. Pat has authored more than 15 books, articles and audio series, including *The Mission Driven Parish* and *Re-Imaging the Parish*. He also produces *Horizons*, a weekly radio and cable TV program. To learn more about Fr. Pat’s ministry visit www.ncepr.com.

May this holy season be for each of us a time of moving beyond what is “reasonable” and toward the star of wonder; moving beyond grasping tight to what we have to unclenching our hands and letting go, following the Light where it leads; moving beyond the anxiety of small concerns towards the joys of justice and peace. May the transforming acceptance of Mary and Joseph, the imagination of the shepherds, and the persistence of the wise men guide us as we seek the Truth, always moving toward the Divine promise. Always aware God can be hidden in the frailest among us, always open to the unexpected flash of Grace, to the showing forth of that Love that embraces us all.

Amen



FAITH FORMATION

Sr. Colleen Braun • *Director*
 Diane Orban • *Sacraments*
 Patrick Mooney • *Youth Ministry*
 Mary Ziebell • *Administrative Assistant*

WHAT IS THE YOUNG CHURCH?

Young church is the Catholic Church, active among the teens and young adults. We serve our Jr. high and high school students through our Youth Ministry programs. Jr. high school faith formation uses a group dynamic to build on the elementary sessions of Journey of Faith for families. The use of the weekly Sunday readings as our starting point in catechesis (sharing faith), large and small group discussions of Scripture and current relevant topics, and hands on activities along with social and service opportunities help this group live as catholic Christians in the world today. The ongoing formation for Jr. high accompanies and supports what is happening at home with your own family faith development.

A spirit of accompaniment is the focus of high school youth ministry. Questions pursued with our young people center on key areas, spiritual and moral growth (two sides of the same coin), and sharing the Good News of Jesus by breaking open the Gospel on a weekly basis. Spending time in reflection and conversation about the key themes and ideas Jesus expresses in his parables and teachings. In turn, our response to the Gospel challenges us to live out/perform as Christians and Catholics in the world today. This idea of living is explored and revealed with the young church through three key movements – proclaiming the Good News with others, encountering and offering ourselves in service, and sharing our gifts and talents with the parish community and beyond. These movements in part help lead our young people towards active participation in the life, mission, and work of the catholic and Christian faith community.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

If you have a child in Second grade or older who would like to celebrate First Reconciliation during Lent, please contact Diane at 480.961.1610 ext. 303 or dorban@stbenedict.org. Registration forms will be available in the lobby information center.

Confirmation/First Holy Communion: facilitators of the groups and single families are invited to gather on **January 25** at 6 pm in Room 3 to plan for the Family Gathering on **February 5**. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Meetings for both ministries are at St. John Bosco in the Multi-Purpose Room. Registration required.

Jr. High - Sundays at 3:30 pm
 High School - Sundays at 6:15 pm



BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next set of baptism preparation classes will be held on **Sunday, January 15 and 22** from 12:30-2 pm. Please register for these sessions prior to attending by contacting Diane at 480.961.1610 ext. 303 or dorban@stbenedict.org.

JOIN US IN
 TWO WEEKS
 FOR OUR
 SPRING
 SEMESTER

January 15
Youth Ministry

January 17
Journey of Faith for Families

January 18
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

FF QUICK LINKS

stbenedict.org/christian-formation/
stbenedict.org/sacraments/

Young church, find us on Facebook at **St. Benedict YM**. We will keep you updated on upcoming events and dive deeper into our faith discussions.





BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. GARY

Come join us as we continue the journey through the book of Acts. Mark your calendar now for the following Monday evenings at 6:45-7:45 pm in the worship space.

- January 23
- February 6
- March 5
- March 19

Please note that we will not have Bible Study on January 9, please join us for the parish mission with Fr. Pat Brennan.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK: JANUARY 9-14

God calls us all to live our faith and seek out our vocation to become a deacon, priest, religious sister, married or single person. Perhaps God is calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Will you have the courage to follow your heart? We are all called to love and serve Him and one another. As we continue to walk in the light of Christ and to serve our Lord with our whole heart, mind and soul, may we be filled with the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and seek to forgive all who have hurt us. National Vocation Awareness Week is a time for reflection. This week we encourage all Catholics to:

*Heavenly Father, Lord
of the harvest, call
many members of our
community to be generous
workers for Your people
and to gather in Your
harvest.*

-Prayer for Vocations

- Take time to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.
- Reflect on our own vocation and strengthen our personal relationship with Christ.
- Educate our young people about the importance of silent prayer and taking the time to truly.
 - Listen to God's voice in our hearts.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you a practicing Catholic age 18 or older who somewhere along the way, missed celebrating Confirmation and/or First Communion? Are you interested in completing these sacraments of initiation? Preparation sessions will begin in January for those who are practicing their faith. For more information please contact Diane Orban at 480.961.1610 ext. 303 or dorban@stbenedict.org.

CATHOLICS COME HOME

If you or someone you know has been away from the church and would like to explore the possibility of coming back feel free to contact Sr. Colleen at srcolleen@stbenedict.org or 480.961.1610 ext. 302 or to explore other resources you can visit catholicscomehome.org.

WHAT IS FAITH FORMATION? Through the Catholic Church, God invites all people into a prayerful life of worship, continuous learning, intentional outreach, advocacy and service. At the parish of St. Benedict we offer many opportunities in our Faith Formation programs that help people develop and nurture their faith from preschool through adulthood. Each program offers catechesis to help us hear the Word of God, to honor the Good News of the risen Christ, to respond to the needs of the community and to reflect our diversity and culture as we discover together what it is like to be a loving and witnessing community.

INAUGURAL PARISH RUMMAGE SALE

The first-ever Parish Rummage Sale is coming up **Saturday, March 10**. If you are considering a spring clean, please save the good stuff for us! We will soon have more details on where and when you can donate your unwanted treasures! If you are interested in volunteering to help organize this project please email Gayle at gfsiewer@cox.net.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our next continental breakfast and blood drive will be held on **Sunday, January 15** from 8 am to 1 pm. Sign-ups will be held the weekend before or go to www.bloodhero.com to sign up early and get the time you want.

Next Knights Meeting – will be **Thursday, January 12** at 7 pm in room 2. Please plan to attend.



NEW PARISHIONERS

Tony, Tricia and Holdin Bruns
Nathan, Kindra, and Riley Deneau
Matthew, Rachel and Riley Fix, Davis and
Delaney Strickland
Cleo and Sarah Fragosa
Wilhelmina Garcia
Andy, Maureen and Logan Neal
Annette Propati
Emiliano, Norma, Isabella and Arturo Sedillo
Denise Starkey
Simon Valenzuela and Crystal Jaramillo
Tim, Rhonda and Madison Williams
Ying, Zhuang Liu, Kelin and Kaiwen Xu



ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Thank you for your generosity this holiday season. We received enough food and personal/household items to restock the majority of our pantry. Below is a list of the few items still needed in our pantry:

Jelly, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Cereal, Spaghetti Sauce, Deodorant and Shampoo

ATTENTION LECTORS

We still have many lector books for 2012 that have not been picked up. If you have not picked yours up yet, they will be in the sacristy after all masses. The cost is \$13.00.

HELP WANTED

We could use your assistance in taking down our Christmas decorations. Please join us tomorrow, January 9 at 9 am. All are welcome!



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT MINISTRY

The next meeting of the Bereavement Support Ministry will be on **Monday, January 16** at 5 pm in the Church sacristy. The topic to be discussed will be understanding the various stages of grief. Anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved is welcome.

If you have any questions or would like to find out more about the Bereavement Support Ministry please contact Deacon Jack at deaconjb@aol.com or 480.961.1610.

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012

- Little Church - 9 am (SJB)
- Liturgy of the Word with Children - 9 am
- Parish Mission w/Fr. Pat Brennan - 6:30 pm

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2011

- Parish Mission w/Fr. Pat Brennan - 6:30 pm
- St. Vincent de Paul - 6:30 pm (SJB Art room)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2011

- Parish Mission w/Fr. Pat Brennan - 6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011

- No Events

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2011

- Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 pm
- Knights of Columbus - 7 pm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2011

- School Mass - 11:40 pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2011

- World Wide Marriage Encounter - 9 am
- Mass in the Grass - 9 am
- Holy Yoga - 2 pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2012

- KofC Blood Drive & Continental Breakfast - 8 am
- Little Church - 9 am (SJB)
- Liturgy of the Word with Children - 9 am

BULLETIN ARTICLES

The submission deadline for bulletin articles is **9 am on Fridays two weeks prior to the print date**. Articles can be emailed to Nicki Myers at *nmyers@st.benedict.org*.

All articles submitted are subject to edits and are used at the discretion of St. Benedict staff.