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June 26, 2022

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“
No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God.”

~ 1 Luke 9:62



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 in June 9 am - Noon (Remote)
Closed Daily 12 pm - 1 pm

Mass Schedule

Weekends at SJB MPR:
Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 7, 9, 11 am, 5 pm
Weekdays Mon-Fri in Annex 2 Chapel: 8:15 am

Reconciliation

Fri 5-6 pm, Sat 8:30-9:30 am, in Annex 1

Upcoming Events

For a complete calendar of events, please visit stbenedict.org/calendar

Monday, 6/27

8:15 am | Mass

Tuesday, 6/28

8:15 am | Mass
1 pm | Crochet & Crafts
6 pm | Teen Bible Study

Wednesday, 6/29

8:15 am | Mass
7 pm | Parish Rosary

Thursday, 6/30

8:15 am | Mass
6 pm | Choir Practice

Friday, 7/1

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

Saturday, 7/2

8:30 am | Confessions
5 pm | Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 6/26/2022

7 am | Henry & Irene Arkfeld †
9 am | Janette Bechtold †
11 am | People of the Parish
5 pm | Eva & Frank Krupp †

M 6/27 | John Wertzberger †

Tu 6/28 | People of the Parish

W 6/29 | People of the Parish

Th 6/30 | Floyd Heinrich †

F 7/1 | People of the Parish

Sat 7/2 | Kim Hammond †

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday:	Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-23; Mt 8:18-22
6/27	
Tuesday:	Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27
6/28	
	<i>(St. Irenaeus)</i>
Wednesday:	Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
6/29	
	<i>(Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles)</i>
Thursday:	Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8
6/30	
Friday:	Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Mt 9:9-13
7/1	
Saturday:	Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17
7/2	
Sunday:	Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20
7/3	

“Living Our Faith, Building Our Home” Capital Campaign

As of April 2022

Campaign Pledges: \$ 3,548,859
Collected Campaign Pledges: \$ 2,636,126

Parish CDA Totals June 7, 2022

Number of Donors: 211
Amount Donated: \$98,431
Donation Goal: \$85,000

Presider Schedule*

the Week of

June 27 - July 3, 2022

Monday 8:15 am - Fr. James

Tuesday 8:15 am - Fr. James

Wednesday 8:15 am - Fr. Wilfred

Thursday 8:15 am - Fr. Wilfred

Friday 8:15 am - Fr. James

Saturday 5 pm - Fr. James

Sunday 7 am - Fr. James

9 am - Fr. James

11 am - Fr. James

5 pm - Fr. James

**Please note: this schedule is subject to change without notice.*

**Parish Contributions

A special thank you to those who are faithfully contributing

Regular Contributions for **April 2022**

(Contributions are recorded on a monthly basis per fiscal year: July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)

Actual: \$ 65,677*

Budget: \$ 74,375

* Faith Direct Online: \$ 49,172

Cash Contributions: \$ 5,096

Check Contributions: \$ 11,409

(Please remember to transfer your Faith Direct deposit over to Realm.)**

A Reflection by Fr. James

LET THE DEAD BURY THE DEAD

Our scripture readings today are centered on our call to a total commitment to discipleship. Jesus warns His followers that following Him would require a total commitment that involves sacrificing everything else and putting God first as the highest priority in our lives.

In the first reading, we heard about the call of the prophet Elisha to succeed the prophet Elijah. On receiving the mantle of prophet Elijah, Elisha understands the seriousness and demands of his call to be a prophet of the Lord. He sacrificed his animals and burned his equipment to demonstrate his willingness to break completely from his former way of life as a shepherd and give his total commitment to his new vocation as the prophet of the Lord.

In the Gospel, we are told that Jesus meets four sets of people on his way to Jerusalem. First, He met the Samaritans who were hostile to Him. His apostles wanted Him to call down fire from heaven to punish them, but He rebuked them. He did this to demonstrate to His apostles that following Him requires having an unconditional love for everyone, even their enemies. Here, we are invited to think about the "Samaritans" in our lives, people who hate us or who differ in their beliefs. We are called to not only forgive them, but to love them.

The next person Jesus met on the way was someone who came up to Him, wanting to follow Him. Jesus described to him the sacrifices involved in following Him, especially the sacrifice of not even having a place to call home. Unlike prophet Elisha in the first reading, this man returned to his former way of life for fear of the sacrifices involved in following Jesus.

Jesus invited the third person he met on the way to follow Him, but the man replies that he would be ready to follow Jesus only after his father died. Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury the dead."

The fourth person that Jesus met on the way volunteered to follow Jesus, but hesitated because of his commitment to his family. To him Jesus said, "No one who sets his hands to the plow and looks at what is left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."

Many of us could identify with these four sets of people who encountered Jesus on His way to Jerusalem. They all have seemingly genuine excuses for not giving their full commitment to God. While some of us are willing to put God first in our lives and to make any personal sacrifices involved, including martyrdom. However, some of us may find it hard to sacrifice an hour for Sunday Mass or time to pray during the week. How many times do we say "when I get this done, then I'll begin going to Church more or spend more time praying?" The devil knows how to play with our minds. He tells us, "You have lots of time, you can pray later, you can do that good deed later, etc." We must resist his temptation. Where we choose to spend our time tells us what is important to us. God is our greatest inheritance and we owe everything to Him.

Fr. James

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Ministries and More

Position Openings at St. John Bosco

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

- Preschool Instructional Assistant
- 3rd -grade Teacher
- 5th-grade Teacher

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is for everyone! In July, Adoration will be on **Friday, July 1** between the hours of **9 am and 6 pm** in the Annex 2 Chapel (please note the change in time). Please come by and spend some time with the Lord, or sign up for a specific time slot at <http://signup.com/go/puKjbjK>. Signing up allows us to make sure that all the time slots are covered.



Marriage Encounter

Take the best summer vacation you could have by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Spend quality time with the person you vowed to love for a lifetime. Sign up for an upcoming experience on **August 13-14**, or **October 1-2**.

For more dates, more information, or to sign up, go to our website at www.wwmearizona.com/.



Save the Date - Bingo Night

The next Bingo Night is scheduled for **Friday, July 15** 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! RSVP today on the parish website at stbenedict.org

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 with questions or prize donations.

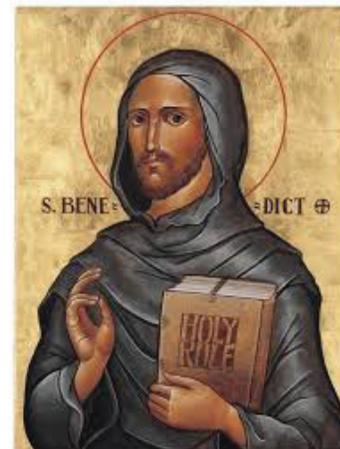
Let's Pray the Rosary

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a parish-wide Rosary on **Wednesday, June 29**, at 7 pm in the Annex 2 Chapel. The world is not at peace. Please come to pray the Rosary to Our Lady for peace in the world and for your special intentions.



St. Benedict Feast Day

Save the date for **Monday, July 11**, the feast day for St. Benedict, when, in celebration, we will have a special Mass plus a movie afterwards. More details coming soon!



Faith Formation and More

Sacrament News

Is your child or teen in need of sacraments? In the Diocese of Phoenix, baptized children in 2nd grade and above prepare for, and receive, the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. Baptized children in 3rd grade and above prepare for, and receive, both the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion. Our parish follows a family-centered model for sacrament preparation, allowing parents to grow in their faith and understanding of sacraments together with their child. Children must have completed one year of religious education before beginning sacrament preparation. Registration for both will begin early in the fall. Watch the bulletin for dates and details!

For questions regarding children 2nd-5th grade, contact Heather Mooney at hmooney@stbenedict.org

For questions regarding children 6th-12 grade, please contact Clare Gisla at cgisla@stbenedict.org



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**.

Looking for Ways to Get Involved?

With summer underway, fall planning has begun! Each year, the success of our St. Benedict Faith Formation programs depends upon amazing volunteers like YOU!

If you feel called to be more involved with the young people of our parish (pre K-elementary, junior high or high school), we would love to talk with you about joining our team as a Catechist, Aide or Core Leader for 2022-2023!

Several different ministries with varying time commitments are available. Our children and teens value the gift of your time and faith whether you are able to commit to a little or a lot of time.

Interested? Contact Heather Mooney at hmooney@stbenedict.org or Clare Gisla at cgisla@stbenedict.org

“The Bible in A Year” Podcast

Check out “The Bible in a Year” podcast by Fr. Mike Schmitz. Fr. Mike is extremely engaging and thoughtful, and he provides intelligent and satisfying answers for some of the difficult questions everyone has about the Bible. Found on Spotify or wherever you listen to podcasts.

Calling All Advertisers

Whenever you see an advertiser supporting our bulletin, please know that they are playing a key role in the finances of the parish. Their support by advertising in our bulletin means that we do not have to pay any money at all for the printing and shipping of our weekly bulletin.

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Current Events & More

Vocations

“As for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

If you think the Lord may be inviting you to carry on His mission as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocations Office at dphx.org/vocations/contact or **602.354.2004**.

Knights of Columbus

As a reminder, our next Parish Rosary will be on Wednesday, June 29 at 7 pm in the Annex 2 Chapel. We need as many people as possible to come to the Rosary to pray for world peace and for our country.

Congratulations to our new brother Knights who have joined the Fr. Bob Binta Council:

- Stanley Sebastian
- John Lattanzio
- John Jennings
- Austin Pham

You too can become a Knight of Columbus at www.kofc.org/joinus and enter “Council 12246” and “TMOORE”.

Support the Ukrainian and Polish Knights as they continue to help the refugees from the Ukraine. Go to the Ukrainian Solidarity Fund at www.kofc.org.

This is my last bulletin as my term as Grand Knight will come to its conclusion on June 30. It has been a pleasure to serve the St. Benedict Catholic Community, St. John Bosco School, Fr. James and our Councils these past two years.

God bless you. Have a safe week and summer.

Vivat Jesus,
Rudy Cavolina, Grand Knight
Fr. Bob Binta Council 12246
GK@kofc12246.org
480.747.8000



St. Vincent de Paul



Thank you for your continued support of the on-site pantry that greatly helps those in our community. Here are a few items needed for the week:

- Canned Fruit
- Canned Chicken
- Paper Towels
- Dish Soap
- Laundry Soap
- Feminine Hygiene Items

Bereavement Support Group

The St. Benedict Bereavement Support Group is open to all adults grieving the death of a loved one and will begin again in July.

The program consists of 7 sessions, the first one being *“Helping Yourself Through Grief”* on **Saturday, July 16**, from 10 am to 11:30 am in Annex 1 at the parish property. Come and learn about the grieving process and join other participants in sharing your thoughts and feelings, receiving support in a safe environment with fellow travelers on the journey. Facilitators are Kathy McCluskey and Terri Bauer.

For more information or to register, contact Kathy at pastoralcare@stbenedict.org.

Crochet & Crafts Ministry

The Crochet & Crafts Ministry is planning to meet on **Tuesday, June 28**, from 1 pm to 3 pm in Annex 1. Both seasoned and new crafters are welcome! If you don't know how to crochet, they will teach you. Come and give it a try!

“You are my inheritance, O Lord.”
~ Psalm 16

[More](#)

Stewardship and Development

By Jennifer Sentz, Coordinator

Thank you to all our parishioners who have activated their Realm account!

We are extending our Faith Direct subscription until Sunday, July 31, 2022. Beginning in August, St. Benedict's online giving will be fully incorporated into Realm. Once you have set up your online giving in Realm, please cancel your Faith Direct payments by visiting faithdirect.net or calling them at **1.866.507.8757**.

In August, the parish office will be preparing for the roll-out of Phase 2 of our Realm Software which includes Volunteering, Scheduling, Registration, and Groups. Please check to see if you are updated with Phase 1 of our efforts:

Phase 1

1. **Activate your Realm account.** Manage your privacy settings, and update your contact information. If you do not see the email invitation to join, just contact contact Amy Fletcher in the office at afletcher@stbenedict.org
2. **Set-up online giving in Realm.** For those who are using Faith Direct, please cancel your Faith Direct payments afterwards. We are closing our Faith Direct subscription in June. Realm saves the parish a considerable amount of money in fees, allowing your donation to make a greater impact.
3. **Talents and Interests.** Each parishioner is a gift to our parish and is treasured as a unique and intricate part of it. We invite you to customize your Talents and Interests so we can know and serve you better.
4. **Important:** Upon review of your account, if there are people listed in your household that no longer live there OR you have children over the age of 18 (whether living in the home or elsewhere), please contact the office so we can update our records to serve them more effectively.

We appreciate your patience while we transfer our database. It is a new software system for both our parishioners and our office. Thank you for your continued support!

Fourth of July Holiday

The parish office will be closed on **Monday, July 4**, in observance of Independence Day. For an emergency requiring a priest, please call **480.961.1610 ext. 317**.



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A Note From The SJB Principal

Dear Parishioners,

In addition to regular summer maintenance projects and deep-cleaning classrooms, we are making major improvements to the exterior of our campus with the construction of outdoor learning areas. Our devoted Dads' Club and the Knights of Columbus spent an entire weekend of hard labor moving rock and digging holes to prepare all three corridors for the installation of artificial turf and trees. This renovation will allow ample space for outdoor learning for all grade levels. Teachers and students will be able to take advantage of the pleasant Arizona climate and enjoy many lessons in the fresh air of our newly enhanced outdoor learning space.

Another exciting learning enhancement arrived this week: 300+ student Chromebooks! This allows every K through 8th grade student to have their own personal Chromebook to use. Such technology is the way 21st-Century learners operate and will not only allow SJB students to keep up with the Information Age, but learn the discipline and responsibility necessary to utilize such technology. Also arriving this week are brand new social studies textbooks for our entire junior high. The purchase of these books was made possible through funds from our annual St. John Bosco Gala.

While work goes on throughout most of the summer, our campus will be closed July 4-8 to allow our staff to enjoy Independence Day and the ensuing week with their families. Regular summer office hours (Monday through Friday, 7 am to 1 pm) will resume on Monday, July 11. Please give us a call if we can be of service to you or schedule a private tour of our beautiful campus.

Joyful Blessings,

Jamie Bescak, M.Ed., Principal

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