

# St. Benedict Catholic Church

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July 10, 2022

## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“ *Christ Jesus . . . is the head of the body,  
the church.* ”

~ *Colossians 1:15,18*



### 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 July Closed

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](http://stbenedict.org/calendar)

#### Monday, 7/11

8:15 am | Mass  
6 pm | St. Benedict Feast  
Day Mass & Movie

#### Tuesday, 7/12

8:15 am | Mass  
6 pm | Teen Bible Study

#### Wednesday, 7/13

8:15 am | Mass

#### Thursday, 7/14

8:15 am | Mass  
6 pm | Choir Practice  
6:30 pm | Knights of  
Columbus

#### Friday, 7/15

Parish Office Closed  
8:15 am | Mass  
5 pm | Confessions  
6 pm | BINGO Night

#### Saturday, 7/16

8:30 am | Confessions  
5 pm | Mass

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, 7/10/2022

7 am | People of the Parish

9 am | Mary Van Vianen †

11 am | Israel Garza †

5 pm | Hyder Hussein (living)

M 7/11, 8:15 am | People of the Parish

6 pm | A. Loh & Cheah Siew Kim †

Tu 7/12 | Ledda & Michael Mostar †

W 7/13 | Tony Rose †

Th 7/14 | People of the Parish

F 7/15 | Sonia Aguilar (living)

Sat 7/16 | Beth Williamson †

## Liturgy & Administration

### Scripture Readings

<b>Monday:</b> 7/11	Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34–11:1 <i>(St. Benedict)</i>
<b>Tuesday:</b> 7/12	Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24
<b>Wednesday:</b> 7/13	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27
<b>Thursday:</b> 7/14	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13- 14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30 <i>(St. Kateri Tekakwitha)</i>
<b>Friday:</b> 7/15	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10- 12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8 <i>(St. Bonaventure)</i>
<b>Saturday:</b> 7/16	Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
<b>Sunday:</b> 7/17	Gen 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

### “Living Our Faith, Building Our Home” Capital Campaign

*As of May 2022*

Campaign Pledges: \$ 3,548,859  
Collected Campaign Pledges: \$ 2,640,766

### Parish CDA Totals July 5, 2022

Number of Donors: 213  
Amount Donated: \$98,746  
Donation Goal: \$85,000

### Presider Schedule\*

*the Week of*

*July 11 - 17, 2022*

<b>Monday</b>	8:15 am - Fr. James
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:15 am - Fr. James
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:15 am - Fr. James
<b>Thursday</b>	8:15 am - Fr. James
<b>Friday</b>	8:15 am - Fr. James
<b>Saturday</b>	5 pm - Fr. James
<b>Sunday</b>	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 **May 2022**

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

**Actual: \$ 74,231\***

**Budget: \$ 74,375**

\* Faith Direct & Realm Online: \$ 49,521

Cash Contributions: \$ 5,515

Check Contributions: \$ 19,195

**(\*\* Please remember to transfer your  
Faith Direct deposit over to Realm soon!)**

## A Reflection by Fr. James

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### Who Is My Neighbor?

In the parable of the Good Samaritan that we heard in the Gospel today is one of the most popular stories in the Bible. I read that the United States and many countries in the world have some form of a law called "The Good Samaritan Law." These laws are focused on the obligation to help someone in urgent need while legally protecting the helper, or "good samaritan."

Jesus' response to this lawyer, in the light of Moses' instructions in the first reading, draws our attention to two main lessons: The first is about our willingness to love and help others unconditionally, especially when we stand to gain nothing in return. The second is the need to pay attention to the "heart of the law" rather than the "letter of the law" when reaching out to those in need.

As background, the Jews considered the Samaritans as their national enemies at the time of Jesus. We are told that a priest and a Levite passed by, but did not help the dying man. Perhaps they were on their way to the Temple worship, in which case they felt justified for not helping because they were observing the Torah that forbids them from touching a dead body. In other words, they were following the letter of the law. The Samaritan, on the other hand, simply followed the law that was written in his heart. He broke through the wall of prejudice within his heart to help his enemy who is in need. In doing this, he fulfilled what Jesus commands us to do when he says we should love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us (Mt 5:43-46).

In the first reading, Moses reminded the people (and all of us) that we do not need to worry about remembering the letter of the law of God, but to follow the law that is written in our heart, which is love. It is the summary of the law and the commandments. Similarly, Jesus reminds us today that our neighbors are not just people who live in our neighborhood, but anyone in need of our help.

In the past two weeks, we literally saw the story of the Good Samaritan replayed in our lives. We heard about some of our neighbors, the unborn children in danger of death, and the effort of some "Good Samaritans" in our country to save their lives. We also heard about the new "priests and Levites" who appealed to the letter of the civil law and science to justify their reasons why unborn infants should be left alone to die by the "roadside." Are we Samaritans or priests/Levites on this issue? Let us remember what Jesus himself did for us: He gave his life to save us when our eternal life was at stake. He invites us to do something to protect the helpless and to speak for the voiceless in our society if we are truly his followers.

Fr. James

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## Ministries and More

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### Native American & Black Mission

The Native American and Black Mission Collection exists to help diocesan communities build the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and the Alaska Native people of God. Your donation helps to encourage vocations, support good teachers of the faith, and provide grant funds to enliven parish life, catechesis and to empower evangelizing ministries. This collection will be next weekend, **July 16/17**. Thank you.

### Pastoral Care

Please remember in your prayers **Bunny Bessler** who died recently. We pray that her family and friends will feel God's healing embrace through the prayers and support of our faith community.

### JPII Classic on August 5

Get ready for the Priest vs Seminarian Basketball Event on **Friday, August 5** at 7 pm (doors open at 6 pm) at the Xavier College Prep Gym. For more information and tickets go to [dphx.org/event/jpii-classic](http://dphx.org/event/jpii-classic)

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## Update of the Construction of Our New Worship Space

The grading and extension pads are completed. Scheduling surveyor next week to layout the external building lines and internal walls. The general contractor is trying to get the concrete sub to come before his August planned date to do the footings of the extensions. We requested to move the storm drain extension segment to July, ahead of the start of school, as this work will impact the area in front of the Annex building. This week's pictures are: the grading looking towards SJB, the elevated area for the Sanctuary, and the area for the bell tower.



## Faith Formation and More

### Faith Formation News

We can't wait to welcome your children and teens to Faith Formation for 2022-2023. Registration for Journey of Faith, JAM, and EPIC (K-12th grade) will begin **Monday, August 1**.

Wondering why your teen or child should attend faith formation at St. Benedict? Here are five reasons:

1. I want my child or teen to have a personal relationship with Jesus.
2. I want my child or teen to better understand the beauty of liturgy and the sacraments.
3. I want my child or teen to develop healthy peer relationships with friends who share Christian values.
4. Knowing my child or teen is gaining knowledge of their faith and a deeper understanding of God is a gift to my own spirituality.
5. Catechesis promotes a missionary spirit that prepares my child or teen to be an active and service-minded Christian in society.



### Looking for Ways to Get Involved?

With summer underway, fall planning for faith formation has begun! Each year, the success of our St. Benedict programs greatly depends on amazing volunteers like YOU! If you feel called to be more involved with the young people of our parish (pre-K through elementary, junior high or high school), we would love to talk to you about joining our team as a catechist, aide or core leader for 2022-2023! No prior experience is required - just a willingness to joyfully accompany our young people in their growing relationship with Christ by sharing your time and Catholic faith. You'll receive materials, support and training. 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. And, as a bonus, being involved with the young people often strengthens our own faith.

Interested? Contact Heather Mooney at [hmooney@stbenedict.org](mailto:hmooney@stbenedict.org) or Clare Gisla at [cgisla@stbenedict.org](mailto:cgisla@stbenedict.org)

### Faith Formation Fall Kick-Off: Mark Your Calendars!

Join us on **Sunday, August 28** from 1 pm to 3:30 pm at Skateland Chandler as we kick off another great year of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry for our St. Benedict children, teens & parents!

The cost is \$17 per Skater (All ages 2+). Includes admission, skate rental, 1 slice of pizza & a drink. (Non-skating attendees are free with \$6 for pizza slice & drink.) Pay cash at the door and please let us know if you're planning to attend. RSVP on our website.

Don't miss out on this FUN afternoon for new & returning Journey of Faith, CGS, JAM and EPIC families. Scholarships are available. Contact Clare Gisla for details at [cgisla@stbenedict.org](mailto:cgisla@stbenedict.org) or call 480.961.1610 ext. 307.



## Current Events & More

### Knights of Columbus

Thank you to all the parishioners who joined us to pray the Rosary on June 29 in the Annex 2 Chapel. Please mark your calendars for **Wednesday, July 27** at 7 pm for our next parish-wide invitation to pray the Rosary.

By founding the Knights of Columbus in 1882, Father Michael McGivney sought to establish a fraternal Order whose members live the Christian virtues by means of the principles of "Charity, Unity, and Fraternity." As Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly noted in his annual report last August, "*Christ in the Eucharistic is the source of true charity. Christ in the Eucharistic is the author of true unity. Christ in the Eucharistic is the builder of perfect fraternity.*" The more we devote ourselves to the Eucharistic, the more we will understand what it means to be a Knight.

Last month the Church in the United States began a three-year initiative, a National Eucharistic Revival, to help the faithful better appreciate and live out our eucharistic faith. The U.S. Catholic bishops have published a document titled "*The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*" to encourage a renewal of Eucharistic faith and practice in parish communities. Visit [eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org) to download this document.

Thinking of joining the Knights of Columbus but have some questions? Please contact myself or ask any of the Brother Knights.

Vivat Jesus,

Isauro Amaro, Grand Knight

Fr. Bob Binta Council # 12246

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*"Turn to the Lord in your need,  
and you will live."*

~ Psalm 69

### St. Vincent de Paul



SVDP needs your continued help! This summer we've seen a sharp increase in the number of visits to our pantry and our stock is dwindling. There are a number of reasons why we are unable to have a formal food drive, so we are asking for your assistance. Our parishioners have always been generous in donating to the pantry and we are grateful. We are asking that you kindly continue to generously donate food and toiletries so we may be able to better serve our neighbors. Your help is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

### Bingo Night this Friday

The next Bingo Night is scheduled for this **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](http://stbenedict.org)

### 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 23**, from 10 am to 11:30 am in Annex 1 on 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](mailto:pastoralcare@stbenedict.org).

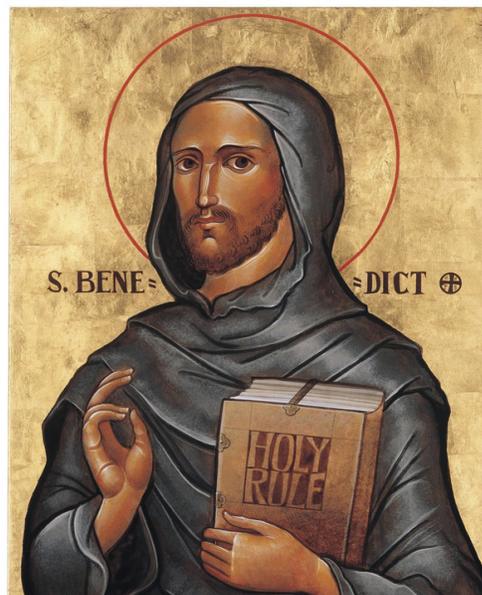
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## Celebrating St. Benedict

St. Benedict's Feast Day is this week and we would like to celebrate with a special Mass and movie! Please plan to join us on **Monday, July 11** at 6 pm in the St. John Bosco multipurpose room, with a short movie about St. Benedict afterwards (popcorn will be served).

St. Benedict was born around 480 and had a twin sister who became a saint as well, St. Scholastica. He died on March 21, 543 after a high fever on the exact day God told him he would die.

St. Benedict is the patron saint of students and Europe and is best known for his Rule of St. Benedict, a collection of his beliefs and instructions on religious life. The Rule contains 73 chapters and still directs religious life after 15 centuries.



The medal of St. Benedict is one of the oldest and most honored medals used by Christians and, due to the belief in its power against evil, is also known as the “devil-chasing medal.”

**Front:** On the front of the medal is the image of St. Benedict holding a cross in his right hand as the Christian's symbol of salvation. In Benedict's left hand is his Rule. On a pedestal to the right of Benedict is the poisoned cup, shattered when he made the sign of the cross over it. On a pedestal to the left is a raven about to carry away a loaf of poisoned bread that a jealous enemy had sent to Benedict. Above the cup and the raven are the latin words: *Crux s. patris Benedicti* (The Cross of our holy father Benedict). On the margin of the medal, encircling the figure of Benedict, are the latin words: *Eius in obitu nostro praesentia muniamur!* (May we be strengthened by his presence in the hour of our death!). Below Benedict we read: *ex SM Casino MDCCCLXXX* (from holy Monte Cassino, 1880). This medal was struck to commemorate the 1400th anniversary of the birth of St. Benedict.

**Back:** On the back of the medal, the cross is dominant. On the arms of the cross are the initial letters of a rhythmic latin prayer: *Crux sacra sit mihi lux! Nunquam draco sit mihi dux!* (May the holy cross be my light! May the dragon never be my guide!). Above the cross is the word *pax* (peace), which has been a Benedictine motto for centuries. Around the margin of the back of the medal, the letters **VRSNSMV - SMLIVB** are the initial letters of a latin prayer of exorcism against Satan: *Vade retro Satana! Nunquam suade mihi vana! Sunt mala quae libas. Ipse venena bibas!* (Begone Satan! Never tempt me with your vanities! What you offer me is evil. Drink the poison yourself!)



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# St. John Bosco

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## A Note From The SJB Principal

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you enjoyed a safe and restful Fourth of July weekend! We will be back on campus and resume our summer office hours on **Monday, July 11**, 7 am to 1 pm. Please stop by or give us a call with any questions about our school. 480.219.4848.

### Upcoming Events:

- New Family Night, Wednesday, July 27 @ 5:30 pm

Parents of new students are invited to learn more about the beginning of the school year, protocols, dress code, and how we make Catholic Education affordable. (parent-only event)

- Meet the Teacher, Monday, August 8, 4 to 6 pm

Parents and students are invited to meet their teacher and drop off school supplies before the first day of school.

- First Day of School, Wednesday, August 10 @ 7:45 am

Preschool-8th grade students begin the 2022-23 school year!

Joyful Blessings,

Jamie Bescak, M.Ed., Principal



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