

February 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“
I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.”

~ Ps 32

“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, St. Benedict Chapel: 8:15 am

Weekdays on Fri 8:15 am, St. Benedict Church

Reconciliation

Fri 5-6 pm, Sat 8-9 am

Upcoming Events

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

Monday, 2/12
8:15am | Mass

Tuesday, 2/13
8:15 am | Mass

Wednesday, 2/14
Ash Wednesday
Masses: 6:30am, 8:15am,
5pm, 7pm
Service with Ashes: Noon

Thursday, 2/15
8:15 am | Mass
6 pm | Adult Choir

Friday, 2/16
8:15 am | Mass
5 pm | Confessions
6 pm | Stations of
the Cross

Saturday, 2/17
8 am | Confessions
5 pm | Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 2/11/2024

7 am | Parishioners
9 am | Mary Ann Jorgensen †
11 am | Fran Sroka †
5 pm | Margaret McDermott (lvg)
Th 2/15 | Marie Holden †
F 2/16 | Lance Vanderzyl †
Sa 2/17 | Jason Ruiz (lvg)

M 2/12 | Maria Gil †
Tu 2/13 | Apolinar & Lucia
Samin †
W 2/14, 6:30 am | Iva Bennett †
8:15 am | Ed & Linda
Winkelbauer (lvg)
5 pm | Darel Williams †
7 pm | B. & E. Korczyk †
Sunday, 2/18/2024
7 am | Parishioners
9 am | Eugene Laatsch †
11 am | Jim Winkelbauer †
5 pm | Carmen Brinkley †

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday: 2/12	Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: 2/13	Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: 2/14	Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 (Ash Wednesday)
Thursday: 2/15	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: 2/16	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: 2/17	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: 2/18	Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Parish Contributions

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

Regular Contributions for
December 2023

Actual: \$ 70,615*

Budget: \$ 78,352

* Realm

Online: \$ 40,111

Cash/Check: \$ 29,504

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

Construction Project

December 15, 2023

TOTAL COST: \$9,142,918

Total Expenses

Paid To Date: \$7,324,794

Remaining

Balance of Cost: \$1,818,124

**TOTAL AMOUNT
AVAILABLE**

(Cash on Hand &

Line of Credit): **\$1,502,984**

Additional Funds

Need to Raise: \$315,141



Live the Liturgy Inspiration for the Week

It was pity that moved the heart of Jesus to heal the leper. He worked this miracle because the leper, in his faith, boldly asked him to. Have that same courage in approaching God with your needs. Have that same faith in His power to heal.

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A Reflection by Fr. Manasseh

“GO, SHOW YOURSELF TO THE PRIEST.”

In ancient Israel, leprosy was a disease that was considered a punishment for committing sin and a person who was unfortunate to contract it was marginalized and their communion with both God and man was unfortunately disrupted. The First Reading provides a background to understanding the encounter between Jesus and the leper who, after receiving healing from Jesus, decided to disobey Jesus' instruction to him to “*see that you tell no one anything...*” by spreading the news of his miraculous cure everywhere, thus impeding the Lord's movement. God had directed Moses and Aaron to tell the people to bring to Aaron, or any of the priests, for careful examination of anyone who had a skin disease that corresponded with the description of leprosy. If the priest determined that such a person was actually infected by leprosy, the person was to be declared unclean by the priest, rend his garments, leave his head uncovered, desist from mingling with others, stay away from the assembly for worship, and announce his uncleanness in order to prevent others from coming into physical contact with him. Such a leper could only be reintegrated into society if the priest declared them clean after a cure had been verified and certified. As can be imagined, being a leper was not a good position for anyone to find themselves.

Although Scripture is very clear that leprosy and any other disease is not the result of any moral offense on the part of the sufferer, it is worth noting the similarity between the consequences of sin and the effects of leprosy in ancient times. Like skin disease, sin is a clinging contagion that contaminates the sinner and those he contacts. There is a social dimension to the effect of sin in the sense that it destroys interpersonal relationships, can scandalize or cause injury to the faith of others, and affects our relationship with God. Sin is a spiritual “*leprosy*.” This is why St. Paul encouraged the early Christians to “*avoid giving offense*.” Therefore, it is not enough to do things that are “*within our rights*,” we are encouraged to give good examples that build the faith of others. The way we spend our money, the entertainments that we choose, the businesses that we patronize, even the friendships that we keep, none of those should become the occasion of scandals to others. This is particularly true of the Clergy and other leaders in the Church.

We can now understand why the leper in the Gospel passage showed much faith in approaching Jesus in his desperation to be restored to communion with God and his community: the extent of Jesus' compassion for him by touching him while he was still unclean, the reason Christ referred him to the priests for him to be readmitted into the community, and the way the leper could not keep to Jesus' instruction to stay quiet about this miracle. The leper was desperate for help and so he broke barriers and exhibited great faith to get what he wanted. Jesus loves us beyond man-made laws and customs, so He touched the man considered unclean to make him clean and sent him to the priest for confirmation of his healing and reabsorption into society and community of believers. This man could not keep quiet about his healing and restoration to communion with his community and with God because it meant the world to him. Jesus continues to comb the streets of our time in search of those suffering from the spiritual leprosy. Those are the men and women of faith to whom Jesus would say, “*Go, show yourself to the priest (the Sacrament of Reconciliation), so that they can be reintegrated into the Holy people of God and be in the right relationship with their God.*” The gentle touch of Christ can be made visible by our actions, not only in caring for the needs of the suffering and the neglected, but also in ensuring that our actions do not turn others away from the Gospel.

May we be the arms of Christ that bring all people, especially the imperfect, the suffering, and the neglected into the warm embrace of God.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh

Current Events and More

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Parish Picnic

The St. Benedict Parish Picnic at Desert Breeze Park is next weekend on **Sunday, February 18** from 12:30 pm to 3 pm. Enjoy a day of food, fun and getting together with our fellow parishioners! Lawn games, music and more. Free hotdogs and hamburgers that our Knights of Columbus will grill up for us. Bring your own picnic blankets and chairs to relax. Please RSVP on the parish website at stbenedict.org before Wednesday, February 14.

We are still looking for volunteers, please contact Lani at events@stbenedict.org

The Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is reforming here at St. Benedict Church. Their main purpose is to give glory to God through prayer, service, and the spiritual development of its members. For more information contact Ann Marie at 480.688.2096.

Ash Wednesday, February 14 Mass/Service Schedule

Mass with Ashes:

6:30 am, 8:15 am, 5 pm, 7 pm

Service with Ashes:

12 Noon

Stations of the Cross

Join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent, beginning this coming **Friday, February 16**. Afterwards, we are having a Fish Fry. You will get two pieces of fish, coleslaw, chips and water for \$10. We hope to see you there!



Rummage Sale

The Parish Rummage Sale is on **Saturday, March 9** between the hours of 7 am and 1 pm at the St. John Bosco School courtyard and MPR. Mark your calendar for this super fun event! If you are considering a spring clean, please save the good stuff for us! We are able to take and store your donated items at the mobile mini trailers either before or after weekend Masses.

We gladly accept small appliances, books, furniture, CDs, DVDs, electronics, jewelry, housewares, bedding, games, tools, toys, etc.

We cannot accept any child car seats, large appliances such as dishwashers, stoves, or old model TVs; however, working refrigerators and freezers will be accepted.

Also needed are many volunteers! Contact Gayle at rummagesale@stbenedict.org.

Faith Formation and More

Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

Sunday, Feb 11

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Teen Sacramental Prep

EPIC

Tuesday, Feb 13

NO JAM

NO Journey of Faith

Sunday, Feb 18

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

EPIC

Tuesday, Feb 20

JAM

Journey of Faith

Vacation Bible School



It's not too early to mark your calendar for **Monday, June 10** through **Friday, June 14**

when we DIVE into a week of faith and fun to explore an amazing undersea world at Vacation Bible School! All children currently in Kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome to participate. Stay on the lookout for more details and registration information coming later this Spring.

It takes many fins and flippers to make VBS possible so make a splash and become a volunteer - High school teens and adults of all ages are needed! Contact us at vbs@stbenedict.org.

FAQ: Why Should I Register at Saint Benedict Catholic Church?

1. A sense of belonging and identity within a parish community.
2. It is a commitment to practice your faith.
3. Registration enables the parish pastor and staff to get to know you better, to welcome you and to minister to you, in good times and in bad.
4. Registration helps you stay connected with your parish and helps your parish stay connected with you. Also, if you use offertory envelopes or online giving, you will have a statement for income tax purposes.
5. Registered active members are eligible to be sacramental sponsors and godparents.
6. Census numbers may determine how many priests are assigned to a parish and how many Masses and enrichment programs are planned and scheduled.
7. Children are considered members with their parents until they turn 18 years old. Once they are 18, it is their responsibility to join a church family, participate in the Mass and register as a member independent of their parents.

Where Do I Register?

You can register online at stbenedict.org. In addition, the parish office has Registration Forms that can be picked up or mailed to you for completion, then returned to the office.

Rummage Sale Sponsors Needed

Do you have a business? Would you like to advertise your business on the mobile minis and help offset the cost of these storage containers? Then maybe you would like to be a sponsor for the Rummage Sale? You will get a 2'x4' banner for only \$200 through to March 9. To find out more, email Gayle and Denny at rummagesale@stbenedict.org.

Children's Monthly Mass

On **Sunday, February 25**, we will have the monthly Children's Mass held at 9 am. This Mass is led by our St. Benedict youth who joyfully serve as Lectors, Hospitality Ministers, Choir Members and Altar Servers.

If your child is interested in serving in one of these ministries during the monthly Children's Mass, please call the parish office at **480.961.1610, ext. 300**.

Ministries & More

Knights of Columbus

We have a new building, and with it the beginning of a new chapter in the history of our parish. It is a beautiful setting that our community has worked hard to achieve. More work is required but we can see the rewards.

I love to see the image of St. Benedict but have you ever wondered the meaning of each element on it? St. Benedict is holding a cross and the Holy Rule. On his right is the poisoned cup (snake inside) which broke when he made the sign of the cross over it. On his left is the pet raven carrying away the loaf of poisoned bread. Inscribed above the cup and raven are the words *Crux S. Patris Benedicti* - meaning "Cross of Holy Father Benedict." The outer edge bears the inscription: *Eius In Orbitu Nostro Preasentia Muniamur*: "May We Be Strengthened By His Presence At Our Death." Below the feet of Benedict are the date and place of the first casting of the medal: *EX S M CASSINO MDCCCLXXX* - "Archabbey of Monte Cassino 1880."

Announcements:

- Thank you to all the Knights who attended the monthly meeting last Thursday.

Events:

- This **Wednesday, February 14**, is Ash Wednesday.

Join online to become a Knight of Columbus at www.kofc.org/joinus and enter "Council 12246" and code "GKWAP".

Vivat Jesus,

Isauro Amaro, Grand Knight

Fr. Bob Binta Council # 12246

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St. Vincent de Paul



Thanks to the generosity of both St. John Bosco School and the BSA Scout Troop 77, as well as the continued support of our parishioners each week, our on-site pantry is FULL to the brim! In addition, we have a dedicated group of volunteers who work hard at keeping the pantry organized and stocked so we can better serve our neighbors. In January, we helped 73 families with \$4,269 financial aide and 141 bags of groceries. Our neighbors also received \$50 gift cards donated by Safeway for food. God is good all the time, all the time God is good!

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

New Parishioners

- Sophie Johnson
- Monica Trujillo
- Al Villegas



Vocations: World Marriage Day

"Do everything for the glory of God."

Give Him the glory through your marriage. Your vocation is your sanctification in this life to lead you to sainthood in the next. Pray for your spouse each day and lead each other to Heaven.

Lectors... Michele, micheleedison@aol.com

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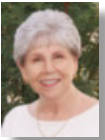
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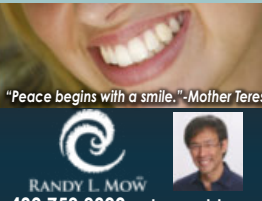
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A Note From The SJB Principal



Dear Parishioners,

This Tuesday marks Mardi Gras, and we will maintain our tradition of “resting” the Alleluia banner with a brief afternoon ceremony led by kindergarten. Every Mardi Gras, our entire staff and student body gather in the courtyard for the “banner-resting” event and contribute their Lenten commitments to the Lenten box. This ceremony marks the beginning of the Lenten season when we refrain from using the word “Alleluia.” The event is set for this Tuesday, February 13, at 2:30 pm, and parents are warmly invited to attend.

All K-8th-grade students will attend Ash Wednesday Mass at 8:15 am at St. Benedict Church. Families are, as always, encouraged to join us for Mass. We look forward to celebrating this special Mass in our new church with our fellow parishioners.

Open Enrollment is now available for the general public and has attracted a substantial number of new students for the upcoming year. We are eager to introduce these newcomers to the excitement at SJB, and we’re confident they will thoroughly enjoy being part of our SJB family!



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