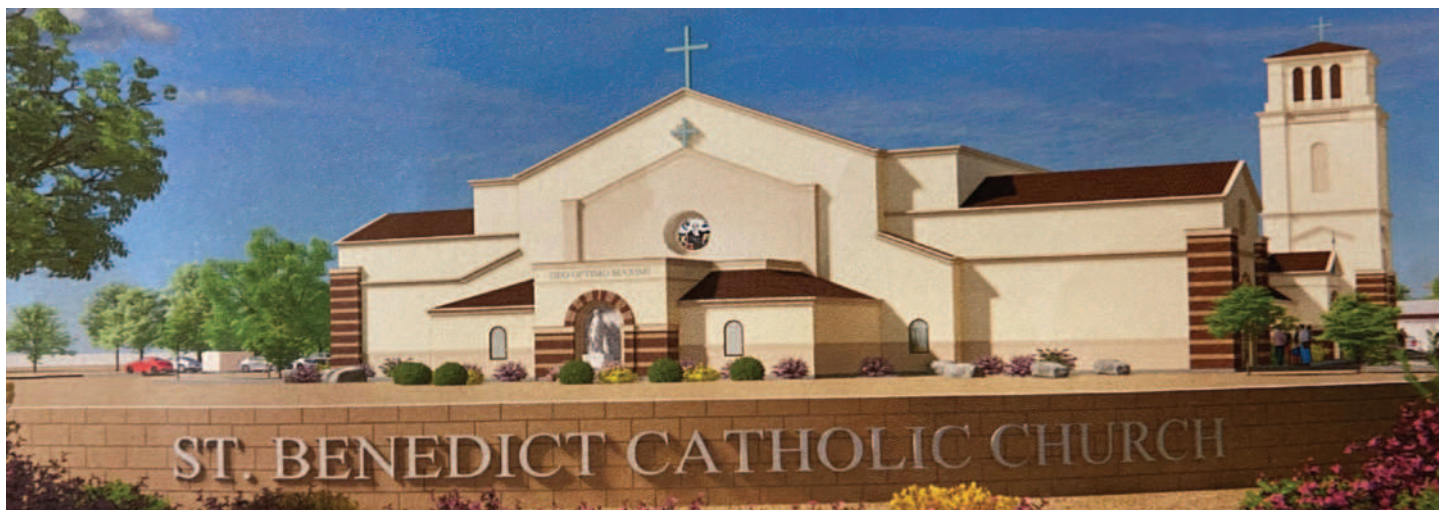




October 19, 2025

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“ ***Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.*** ”

~ Ps 121

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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

Sat 5 pm, Sun 7, 9, 11 am, 1 pm-Spanish, 5 pm

Weekdays Mon-Thurs, Chapel: 8:15 am

Weekdays on Fri, 8:15 am, Church

Reconciliation

Fri 5-6 pm, Sat 8-9 am

Upcoming Events

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

Monday, 10/20

8:15 am | Mass
6 pm | Middle School
Youth Ministry

Tuesday, 10/21

8:15 am | Mass
6 pm | Teen Sac Prep
6:15 pm | JOF

Wednesday, 10/22

8:15 am | Mass
6 pm | Children's Choir
6 pm | Jubilation Choir

Thursday, 10/23

8:15 am | Mass
9 am | Legion Mary
6 pm | Adult Choir
6 pm | K of C
6 pm | Spanish Choir

Friday, 10/24

8:15 am | Mass
5 pm | Confession

Saturday, 10/25

8 am | Confession
8 am | Teen Choir
5 pm | Mass
6 pm | Harvest Fest

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 10/19/2025

7 am | Parishioners
9 am | Arthur Wade †
11 am | Patricia Cox †
1 pm | Sally Barney (Ivg)
5 pm | Jeanne A. Gallogly †

F 10/24 | Andy Koenen &
Jordan Jackson (Ivg)
Sat 10/25 | Carmen Herrera †

Sunday, 10/26/2025

M 10/20 | Lourdes Sanchez †
Tu 10/21 | Letty Alcasid (Ivg)
W 10/22 | Dubi Uceta (Ivg)
Th 10/23 | Tex Petras †

7 am | Kathleen Hutcheson †
9 am | Mike Stoey †
11 am | Giselle Alcasid †
1 pm | Parishioners
5 pm | Hedwig Wenker †

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday: 10/20	Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-75/ Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: 10/21	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b- 21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/ Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: 10/22	Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: 10/23	Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: 10/24	Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: 10/25	Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 13:1-9
Sunday: 10/26	Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2- 3, 17-19, 23/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16- 18/Lk 18:9-14

Parish Contributions

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

Regular Contributions for
September 2025

Actual: \$ 69,362*

Budget: \$ 77,500

** Realm*

Online: \$ 40,241

Cash/Check: \$ 29,121

*(Contributions are recorded
on a monthly basis per
fiscal year
July 1, '25 to June 30, '26)*

Debt Reduction

As of Sept 30, 2025

Church Construction	
Loan:	\$4,500,000
Current Loan Balance:	\$4,265,287
Monthly Mortgage Payment:	\$21,682
Fiscal YTD Principal Paid:	\$50,072
Fiscal YTD Interest Paid:	\$47,270



Live the Liturgy

We are all the widow in Luke's Gospel. We are vulnerable. We feel small in the estimation of the world. We feel ignored. But Jesus is telling us to be bold in prayer, to bring our needs before the judge who will always hear our case.

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Gospel Reflection

AS LONG AS MOSES KEPT HIS HANDS RAISED UP, ISRAEL HAD THE BETTER OF THE FIGHT



God has given us inherent capacity to accomplish many things by ourselves. There are also many other things that may be quite difficult if not outrightly impossible for us to accomplish without Divine help. St. Paul held that, *"we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."* (Ephesians 6:12). For this reason every Christian stands in need of God's help at all times as we journey towards the final fulfillment of the Kingdom of God in the world to come. The surest way to obtain Divine assistance, as taught by Jesus, is through persistent prayer. We lose nothing when we ask for God's help to accomplish the day to day tasks that we have. Instead, we gain everything when we ask for the help of His Holy Spirit and grace as we confront the daily challenges of life.

As they traveled through the desert towards the land promised them by God, Israel encountered many adversaries who harassed them and refused to grant them safe passage. One such nation was the people of Amalek. Confronted with an adversary that was violently reluctant to let them pass, Israel needed to fight in order to keep any hopes of getting to the promised land alive. Moses, the leader of the people of Israel devised some kind of division of labor, he sent Joshua with Israel's warriors to the front to fight for Israel while he, Aaron and Hur ascended the mountain to intercede for them. Moses did not send the whole of Israel, himself inclusive, to the front. Neither did he ask that all stay in the camp to pray away their adversity, nor did Joshua the youthful warrior object to any part of the battle plans of his mentor Moses.

The way God has designed our being, labor has its place in the scheme of things as does faith and prayer. When a complimentary relationship exists between prayer and work in an individual Christian or even in an ecclesial community, the yielding of good Christian fruits is often a natural consequence.

It is worth noting that in the Old Testament, there were no completely *"secular"* wars. Each battle was both a physical and spiritual conflict because the opposing armies always called on their respective Gods. The conflict of nations was always a conflict of their divinities and the stronger divinities won. This is why Moses had to have his hands held up in supplication to Israel's God as Joshua and his team fought the physical battle.

As Christians, freed from the slavery to sin and on our way to the promised land, we encounter several challenges. The Exodus experience provides for us a formidable template for confronting them with the intent to triumph over them. Work and prayer is the counsel of Scripture. As individuals, we sometimes find ourselves in situations where we need to battle with an addiction or a relapse to an addiction after a period of freedom. If we work assiduously and pray persistently, God will always provide the grace with which we shall triumph.

Let us pray during this Liturgical celebration, that we may never grow tired of asking our heavenly Father for His Holy Spirit who will make all things possible for us in the name of Jesus our Lord.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh Iorchir, VC

Current Events and More



Mass of Remembrance

On behalf of St. Benedict Catholic Church and our Pastoral Care Ministry, we invite you to remember our deceased loved ones and join us for the Mass of Remembrance on **Monday, November 3** at 7 pm in the Church.

Bring in a photo of your deceased loved one(s) on October 25, onward, to add to the tables located at the back of the church. Be sure to include your name and number on the back of each photo. These photos will be on display from October 25 to November 16.

On the tables you will also find a Book of the Names of the Dead for you to add names of loved ones who have passed. If you lost a loved one this past year, November 3, **2024** through November 2, **2025** and would like to have them remembered, contact Terri Bauer at pastoralcare@stbenedict.org by Oct 26.

Pastoral Care

Please remember in your prayers **Japhet Ande** and **Mary Angela Jablonski** who died recently. We pray that their families and friends will feel God's healing embrace through the prayers and support of our faith community.

Prayer Blanket Ministry

The next meeting for our newest ministry is on **Tuesday, October 21** at 10 am in Annex 2 and you are invited to be a part of it.

As a Catholic, you pray for friends, relatives, and others every day. Could one of the people you pray for use the extra assurances that they are not alone in facing their challenges? The blankets are made with prayer and followed up with prayer. Also, if you crochet, knit, or quilt as well as pray and if you want to make Prayer Blankets, come to our meeting on Tuesday.

St. Benedict Fall Fiesta

Save the date for the St. Benedict Fall Fiesta Dinner and FUNdraiser happening on **Saturday, November 15** from 6-9 pm at the school.

Tickets are on sale this weekend after Masses! Adults are \$20, children are \$10 for dinner, dessert and entertainment and this year we are expecting a sold-out crowd. Lots of fun and fellowship awaits! Contact events@stbenedict.org with your questions.

Faith Formation and More

Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

Sunday, October 19

*Liturgy of the Word With Children
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
H.S. Youth Ministry*

Monday, October 20

M.S. Youth Ministry

Tuesday, October 21

*Journey of Faith
Teen Sacramental Prep*

Sunday, October 26

*Liturgy of the Word With Children
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
H.S. Youth Ministry*

World Mission Sunday

This weekend, **October 18 and 19**, we will be collecting your donations for World Mission Sunday. This cause is a worldwide Eucharistic celebration encouraging prayer and financial support for over 1,150 local churches and communities in Asia, Africa, and other mission territories. The theme for the year is "*Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples*," a message from Pope Francis calling every baptized person to be a builder of hope in the world.

Children's Monthly Mass

On **Sunday, October 26**, 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.

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"I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over Me, but he comes so that the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what My Father has commanded Me."

(John 14: 30-31)

There is a constant war going on between our flesh and the Spirit. As Christians, the Spirit seeks to move us under the authority of His domain in order for us to fulfill all that we were created for.

Jesus modeled this in His own life. He lived under the authority of His heavenly Father. He made no independent decisions. He, unlike us, was sinless and always remained under His Father's authority. He acknowledged that the prince of darkness has a hold on many, but did not have a hold on Jesus.

The prince of darkness does have his hold on many in our world, even among our brothers and sisters. Each day we must determine if we willingly choose to be under the authority of the Father and in the direction of the Holy Spirit. It is the little decisions of daily life that reveal whether we truly live under His authority.

Announcements:

A thank you goes out to the Brothers and parish members who participated in the Marian Procession last Sunday. It was a very special and memorable event!

Upcoming Events:

October 25 - Harvest Festival at the St. John Bosco school campus, 5 to 8 pm

October 29 - Monthly parish Rosary in the chapel, 7pm, all are welcome

November 1/2 - Membership Drive, all Masses

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St. Vincent de Paul



In the Gospel today, Jesus tells His disciples to pray always without becoming weary. Indeed our prayer must always be an expression of our love for God, our family, our world and especially for the suffering poor. As you make your donation of food or gift in the SVdP Poor Box, please say a special prayer for the poor who have no one to pray for them.

Thank you for donating any of the following this week:

- Sponges
- Can Openers
- Canned Chicken
- Cookies
- Crackers
- Granola Bars

In September, our chapter of SVdP helped 98 families with 127 bags of food, and \$11,713 in financial assistance. We are truly blessed!

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

SVdP Adopt-A-Family



If you and your family or friends (or ministry!) would like to sponsor a less-fortunate family this Christmas, or if you have any questions about being a sponsor, please call St. Vincent de Paul at **480.961.1610 ext. 315**. Leave a message with your name, phone number and that you would like to be an Adopt-A-Family sponsor. Thank you!

Save the Date: 17th Annual Nun Run

The Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration of Tonopah, AZ invite you to save the date for the 2026 Nun Run, a 10K Run, 5K Run/Walk, and 1 Mile Walk. This fundraising event will be on **Saturday, March 7, 2026** in **Tempe**. Register before November 30th for an early bird discount.



For more information, visit desertnunrun.com

Ministries & More



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Angel Giving Trees!

Good news! The Angel Giving Trees will be popping up soon for the upcoming Christmas season!

This Outreach Program asks in-need individuals of 4-5 organizations what they would like for Christmas. These gifts are written on paper ornaments that are placed on Christmas trees for our parishioners to select. The gift is purchased and placed under one of the trees with the paper ornament attached. These gifts are accumulated and delivered to each organization at Christmas so those who may not have had a gift receives one! Imagine how the eyes will light up for the little ones!

For more information or to get involved, contact Val at eeotz1@gmail.com.

Gift Shop

Remember to stop by the parish gift shop! This is the last week to get a raffle ticket for the unique Lego set titled, "Fr. Leopold says Mass!" 174 pieces, Ages 6+ There are 2 sets, so there will be 2 drawings! Tickets are 3 for \$10, running until **Sunday, October 26.**



Come in, see what's new and get your tickets today!

Reflexión sobre las Escrituras

MIENTRAS MOISÉS MANTUVO SUS MANOS LEVANTADAS, ISRAEL TUVO LA SUPERAICIÓN EN LA BATALLA.



Dios nos ha dado la capacidad inherente para lograr muchas cosas por nosotros mismos. También hay muchas otras cosas que pueden ser bastante difíciles, si no imposibles, de lograr sin la ayuda divina. San Pablo sostenía que «no luchamos contra sangre y carne, sino contra principados, contra potestades, contra los gobernantes de las tinieblas de este mundo, contra la maldad espiritual en las regiones celestes» (Efesios 6:12). Por esta razón, todos los cristianos necesitamos la ayuda de Dios en todo momento mientras avanzamos hacia el cumplimiento final del Reino de Dios en el mundo venidero. La forma más segura de obtener la ayuda divina, tal y como nos enseñó Jesús, es a través de la oración persistente. No perdemos nada cuando pedimos la ayuda de Dios para llevar a cabo las tareas cotidianas que tenemos. Al contrario, lo ganamos todo cuando pedimos la ayuda de Su Espíritu Santo y Su gracia al enfrentarnos a los retos diarios de la vida.

Mientras viajaban por el desierto hacia la tierra que Dios les había prometido, Israel se encontró con muchos adversarios que los acosaban y se negaban a concederles un paso seguro. Una de esas naciones era el pueblo de Amalek. Ante un adversario que se resistía violentamente a dejarlos pasar, Israel tuvo que luchar para mantener viva la esperanza de llegar a la tierra prometida. Moisés, el líder del pueblo de Israel, ideó una especie de división del trabajo: envió a Josué con los guerreros de Israel al frente para luchar por Israel, mientras que él, Aarón y Hur subieron a la montaña para interceder por ellos. Moisés no envió a todo Israel, incluido él mismo, al frente. Tampoco pidió que todos se quedaran en el campamento para rezar por su adversidad, ni Josué, el joven guerrero, se opuso a ninguna parte de los planes de batalla de su mentor Moisés.

Tal y como Dios ha diseñado nuestro ser, el trabajo tiene su lugar en el orden de las cosas, al igual que la fe y la oración. Cuando existe una relación complementaria entre la oración y el trabajo en un cristiano individual o incluso en una comunidad eclesial, el fruto de una buena vida cristiana es a menudo una consecuencia natural.

Cabe señalar que en el Antiguo Testamento no existían guerras completamente «seculares». Cada batalla era un conflicto tanto físico como espiritual, ya que los ejércitos enemigos siempre invocaban a sus respectivos dioses. El conflicto entre naciones siempre fue un conflicto entre sus divinidades, y las divinidades más fuertes ganaban. Por eso Moisés tuvo que mantener las manos levantadas en señal de súplica al Dios de Israel mientras Josué y su equipo libraban la batalla física.

Como cristianos, liberados de la esclavitud del pecado y en camino hacia la tierra prometida, nos encontramos con varios desafíos. La experiencia del Éxodo nos proporciona un modelo formidable para enfrentarlos con la intención de triunfar sobre ellos. El trabajo y la oración son el consejo de las Escrituras. Como individuos, a veces nos encontramos en situaciones en las que tenemos que luchar contra una adicción o una recaída en una adicción tras un periodo de libertad. Si trabajamos con ahínco y rezamos con perseverancia, Dios siempre nos proporcionará la gracia con la que triunfaremos.

Oremos durante esta celebración litúrgica para que nunca nos cansemos de pedirle a nuestro Padre celestial su Espíritu Santo, que hará que todo sea posible para nosotros en el nombre de Jesús, nuestro Señor.

Por favor, sea amable y que Dios le bendiga.

Fr. Manasseh Iorich, VC

Ministerio hispano y más



Vivir la liturgia

Todos somos como la viuda del Evangelio de Lucas. Somos vulnerables. Nos sentimos pequeños ante la estimación del mundo. Nos sentimos ignorados. Pero Jesús nos dice que seamos valientes en la oración, que llevemos nuestras necesidades ante el juez que siempre escuchará nuestro caso.

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San Vicente de Paúl



Hoy, Jesús les dice a sus discípulos que oren siempre sin desanimarse. Nuestras oraciones deben ser siempre una expresión de nuestro amor por Dios, nuestra familia, nuestro mundo y, especialmente, por los pobres que sufren. Al hacer su donación de alimentos o regalos en la caja de limosnas de SVdP, por favor, recen por los pobres.

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Peregrinación itinerante de María

La sección de St. Benedict de la Legión de María realizará una peregrinación itinerante de María durante el mes de noviembre. La estatua de Nuestra Señora de Fátima, que ha sido bendecida, visitará a los feligreses y familias que se inscriban para que la reciban en sus hogares durante una semana. Las inscripciones se realizan en el nártex, en la parte trasera de la iglesia, o por correo electrónico a stblom@stbenedict.org





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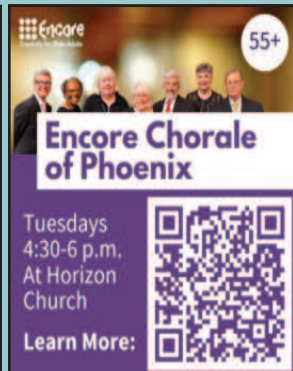


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A Note From The SJB Principal



Dear St. Benedict Parishioners,

Thank you for your incredible generosity and support of our 24th Annual Gala—*Forging the Future: A Western Evening of Faith & Fellowship*. The energy was undeniable—from spirited auctions to a full dance floor and a memorable casino experience—making it a night our community won't soon forget.

We're thrilled to share that we not only met our goal of \$150,000, but exceeded it—raising approximately \$156,000! This achievement was made possible by the dedication of Katie Elsberry and our Gala Committee, who planned, solicited, organized, and decorated with care. Their hard work truly brought the evening to life, and we are deeply grateful.

The funds raised this year from our SJB Gala, *Running with Rosco* and *Birdies Fore Bosco* will continue to update our technology infrastructure and equipment, paint the exterior fencing and trim around the school, renovate restrooms, and more.

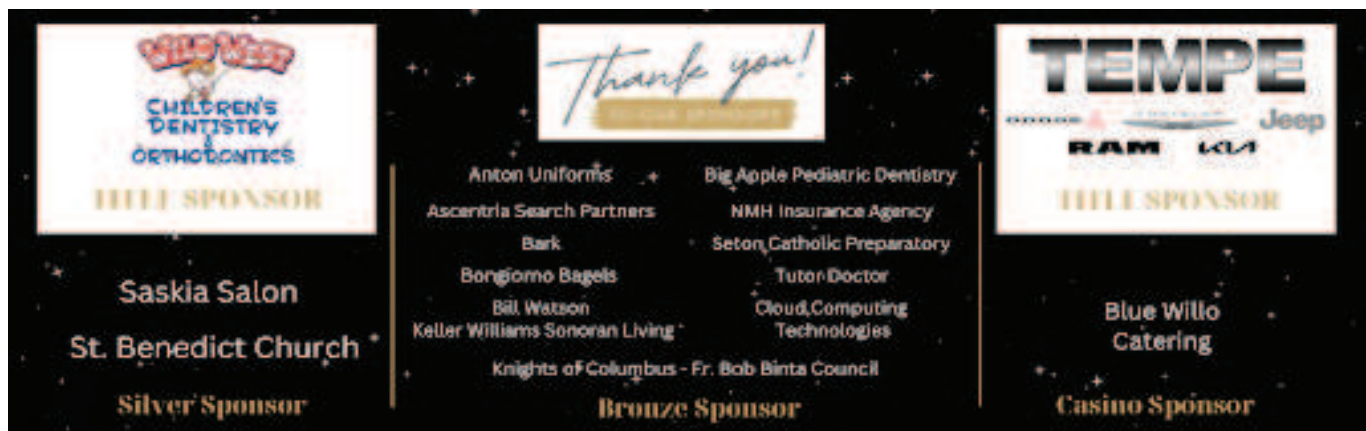
Because of your generosity, all students will enjoy a special Day of Fun on Wednesday, October 29: free dress, no homework, extended lunch and recess, activities with their buddies, and a special treat at lunch.

Thank you again for investing in our students and helping us "Forge the Future" in faith, learning, and community. We are truly blessed by your support.

With Gratitude,

Jamie Bescak, M.Ed., Principal

St. John Bosco Catholic School



Mortgage Support Collection

Every fourth weekend, St. Benedict Church does a second collection to support our mortgage payment plan. We kindly invite you to contribute to this effort by giving a little extra once a month. Every contribution, big or small, brings us closer to paying down the debt. Next weekend is the next scheduled collection, **October 25 and 26**. Mortgage Support Collection envelopes are in the pews, in the Narthex, and will be included in the envelopes you get in the mail. Thank you for your help!