

January 4, 2026  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**

“**Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**”  
 ~ Ps 72

**“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** \_\_\_\_\_

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

<b>Monday, 1/5</b> 8:15 am   Mass	<b>Tuesday, 1/6</b> 8:15 am   Mass	<b>Wednesday, 1/7</b> 8:15 am   Mass 6:30 pm   Pastoral Council
<b>Thursday, 1/8</b> 8:15 am   Mass 6 pm   K of C 6 pm   Spanish Choir	<b>Friday, 1/9</b> 8:15 am   Mass 5 pm   Confession	<b>Saturday, 1/10</b> 8 am   Confession 9:30 am   Baptism Class 5 pm   Mass

**Mass Intentions** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday, 1/4/2026**

7 am | Adelina Alvarado (Ivg) Th 1/8 | Giselle Alcasid †  
 9 am | Hannah Marie F 1/9 | Vera Jakubicek †  
 Wertzberger † Sat 1/10 | Jim Milas †

**Sunday, 1/11/2026**

11 am | Ron Hooper †  
 1 pm | Parishioners  
 5 pm | Yoshiro Minomo †  
 M 1/5 | Lloyd Sr./Ruth Klofanda †  
 Tu 1/6 | Mary Alys Klofanda †  
 W 1/7 | Adolfo Pardo †  
 7 am | Parishioners  
 9 am | Esperanza McLeod †  
 11 am | Peter Sterkowitz †  
 1 pm | Louis Espindola †  
 5 pm | Kathleen Bousquet †

## Liturgy & Administration

### Scripture Readings

<b>Monday:</b> 1/5/2026	1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 ( <i>St. John Neumann</i> )
<b>Tuesday:</b> 1/6	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
<b>Wednesday:</b> 1/7	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
<b>Thursday:</b> 1/8	1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
<b>Friday:</b> 1/9	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
<b>Saturday:</b> 1/10	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-5, 6a, 9b/Jn 3:22-30
<b>Sunday:</b> 1/11	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/ Mt 3:13-17 ( <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i> )

### Parish Contributions

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

Contributions for  
**November 2025**

**Actual: \$ 89,751\***

**Budget: \$ 77,500**

**Nov. Mortgage Support:**  
**\$ 8,789**

\* Realm

Online: \$ 43,369

Cash/Check: \$ 46,382

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

### Debt Reduction

*As of Nov 30, 2025*

Church Construction Loan:	\$4,500,000
Current Loan Balance:	\$4,243,026
Monthly Mortgage Payment:	\$21,682
Fiscal YTD Principal Paid:	\$72,333
Fiscal YTD Interest Paid:	\$76,687



### Live the Liturgy

The journey of the Magi reflects how treacherous our Christian life on earth can be. Always, evil works against us — Satan lays traps. He sows confusion. May we, like the Magi, recognize the will of God as our guiding star.

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## Gospel Reflection

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### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



The Epiphany of the Lord is traditionally celebrated on January 6, but here in the United States it is moved to the First Sunday of the New Year as it is done in other countries. In the Feast of the Epiphany, we celebrate Jesus revealing Himself, not as a mere “King of the Jews,” but as Savior of the whole world. This is the story of the Magi, noble men who saw His sign and traveled from the east to arrive at His birth place in order to worship Him. They followed a visible sign to find reality itself, God made visible in the baby Jesus, in the most unlikely of places for royalty and Divinity: in Bethlehem of Judea, housed in a manger among shepherds and their flock and dwelling among men with quiet peace. They found the Son of God, the second person in the Most Holy Trinity, who had entered the history of humanity from within in the arms of His virgin mother and guarded by His foster father.

The Magi’s journey from the Oriental lands to an encounter with Divinity in Bethlehem mirrors our own individual and sometimes communal journey of faith. God led them through a sign towards Christ. God continues to call us to an encounter that ultimately leads to a righteous relationship with Him through signs. We see the beauty and the order of things that point to a benevolent creator and a loving Father. We receive the sacraments that confer grace, providing a sweet foretaste of life with God in eternity. We see love and unity, fruits the Church bears, and we can imagine full fellowship with Christ in Heaven.

But the wise men faltered a little. When they arrived in Jerusalem, instead of resolutely following the guidance provided by God for them to find Christ, they resorted to seeking counsel within the darkness, literally abandoning the light of the star which did not stop as they entered Jerusalem. On our way to Heaven, God provides scripture and the sacraments to guide us on the right path. Sometimes we seek the counsel of the “Herods of our time” who are most happy and ready to lead us astray. We are often lured away from truth by fear, greed, pride and the desire to be accepted by the world. There are wise men and women in our time who take social media too seriously and make very important and life-transforming decisions straight from what is trending on social media. By turning to this “Herod,” we put our salvation at risk as the Magi placed the safety of the Baby Jesus at risk.

No one can outdo God in providing us with second, and more, chances. When the Magi faltered, God redirected them. When they left Herod’s presence with a promise to report to him the exact location of the Newborn King, they found the star still waiting to lead them to the Nativity site. After offering gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh (again revealing His Kingship, priesthood and foretelling that He would die in order that we may live) they listened to God’s warning in a dream and returned home through a way that did not lead to Herod. It is never too late to make amends by turning away from evil or participation in it in order to return home.

May God continue to reveal Himself to us through His Son, Jesus Christ. May He keep us focussed on the truth so that the distractions of this world do not lead us to drift away from His love. And may we never be ashamed to return to His loving embrace if we have strayed away from our loving Father.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh Iorichir, VC

## Current Events and More

### January 2026 - Events and Activities

**Sun Jan 4** - Welcoming Sunday, 10 am in the Narthex at the back of the Church

**Sat Jan 10** - Infant Baptism Class, 9:30-11 am in Annex 2, East of the Church

**Thurs Jan 15** - Prayer Blanket Ministry  
10 am in Annex 2, East of the Church

**Fri Jan 16** - BINGO Raffle Night, 6-8 pm in the St. John Bosco School Multipurpose Room

**Sat Jan 17** - Anointing Mass, 11 am in the church

**Tues Jan 20** - St. Benedict Dedication Anniversary Mass  
7 pm in the Church

**Wed Jan 28** - Parish Rosary, 7 pm, Parish Chapel

### St. Benedict Welcoming Sunday

This weekend, after the 9 am Sunday Mass, members of the parish community will be gathering for the monthly Welcoming Sunday for fellowship and refreshments. Meet our priests, members of the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils, Staff and other parishioners. It's always a lot of fun and we hope you will stop by after Mass!

**FREEWILL**



### A Gift For You and Your Future

The Diocese of Phoenix has partnered with FreeWill to offer an online estate planning tool that makes it easy and cost-free to make your plan. As a thank you from being part of St. Benedict Church, FreeWill is delighted to help you create your legal will. It is 100% free to you, and most people finish in 20 minutes or less.

Please visit here to get started:

<https://partner.freewill.com/stbenedict/>

To learn more, visit:

<https://dphx.mygiftlegacy.org/will-and-trust/>

### St. Benedict Wish List

You can still make a gift to St. Benedict Church this season with the Staff Wish List on Amazon. Go to the parish website at [www.stbenedict.org](http://www.stbenedict.org) and click on the banner for the list.

(St. Benedict Catholic Church is a qualified 501(c)3 charitable tax-exempt organization (EIN 35-2350484). No goods, benefits or services were bestowed upon this donor in exchange for this charitable contribution.)

### BINGO Night!

Get ready for BINGO on **Friday, January 16** from 6-8 pm in the St. John Bosco multipurpose room. Join us for a fun evening for all ages! We'll have pizza, baked goods, lots of BINGO and over 100 prizes! We are always looking for prizes, so if you have gift cards or new items you are not using, donate them for BINGO prizes.

For more information or to donate prizes, email [events@stbenedict.org](mailto:events@stbenedict.org).

### Parish Picnic

#### Sunday, February 15, 12:30 to 3 pm

The Annual St. Benedict Parish Picnic at Desert Breeze Park is a great day to enjoy food, fun and getting together with our fellow parishioners! Join us on **Sunday, February 15** from 12:30 pm to 3 pm. Lawn games, music plus free hotdogs and hamburgers that our Knights of Columbus grill for us. Bring your own picnic blankets and chairs to relax. RSVP coming soon!

If you would like to volunteer at this special event, please contact Lani at [events@stbenedict.org](mailto:events@stbenedict.org)

### Rummage Sale

Save the date for the parish Rummage Sale which is happening this year on **Saturday, March 7** between the hours of 7 am and 1 pm at the St. John Bosco School courtyard and MPR.

If you are considering a spring clean, please save the good stuff for us! Lots of volunteers are needed! For more information or to volunteer, email [rummagesale@stbenedict.org](mailto:rummagesale@stbenedict.org)





## Faith Formation and More

### Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

All R.E. Classes Are  
On Break Until  
January 11, 2026



### Welcoming Sunday

This weekend, **January 4**, after the Sunday 9 am Mass, you are invited to come to Welcoming Sunday where you can mix and mingle with our priests, members of the Pastoral Council, staff and new parishioners in the Narthex at the back of the church. Refreshments will be available. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Thanks From the Angel Tree Program

Many, many heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the wonderful people of this parish who contributed towards the Angel Tree Project this year. With your generosity, we were able to provide more than **500** toys and miscellaneous items to Helen's Hope Chest, and **700** gifts to Catholic Charities of East Mesa. These charities were beyond grateful and overwhelmed with your giving. A special thanks also to the volunteers and junior volunteers who helped make this ministry a success.

God's Blessings to all of you!

Val VanVianen

### Vocations

*"They prostrated themselves and did him homage."*

(Matthew 2:11)

The Magi offered their gifts to Christ, just as we are called to offer our own. What gifts has God given you, and how is He calling you to use them in service to Him? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at **602.354.2000**.

### A Family House Blessing Activity for the New Year

The New Year is the perfect time to gather your family together to ask God's blessing on your home and protection for all who live and visit within it. It is an invitation for Jesus to remain at the center of every home.

The Blessing can be done simply by using chalk to write over the door:

**20 + C + M + B + 26**

(The 20 + 26 represents the year and the C, M, B are twofold: They are the first initials of the three Magi, but also initials for the Latin blessing, *Christus mansionem benedicat*, meaning "Christ bless this house.")

Finally, offer the following prayer:

*Oh blessed Lord, visit this home with the gladness of your presence.*

*Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch.*

*May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you. Guide, comfort and strengthen us in peace, Oh Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.*



## Ministries & More

### Knights of Columbus

*"Likewise, no one pours new wine into old wine skins. Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins, and it will be spilled, and the skins will be ruined. Rather, new wine must be poured into fresh wine skins. And no one who has been drinking old wine, desires new, for he says 'the old is good.'"* (Luke 5:37-39)

The short parable comes at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. He just called Levi, the tax collector, to become one of his disciples, and then Levi invited Jesus to dine at his home with other tax collectors and sinners. When the scribes and Pharisees saw this, they objected and challenged our Lord. In response, Jesus tells this parable as a way of explaining that He came to call everyone to change and to experience a new transformation of their life.

The "new wine" spoken of is the grace poured forth from the Cross. Remember the blood and water that sprung forth from His side as He hung upon the Cross.

Many of the church Fathers pointed out that the old wine that many prefer is a reference to those who wanted to continue living according to the old law. This was especially true of the scribes and Pharisees, to whom Jesus was speaking in this parable.

If we are to receive this new line of the grace of God, we must be ready and willing to abandon our old selves and become new.

How do you deal with change in life? If you want to grow in holiness, you can be certain that change is the only constant in life. We must become new creations, each and every day, growing, being more transformed, changing always, giving up the old and embracing that which is ever new

Reflect today, upon the courage it takes to change. What is it in your life that you may be afraid to change? What *old wine* do you prefer over the *new wine* of God's grace?

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus, I would like to wish all a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

#### Upcoming Events:

Jan 8 - Council Meeting, Annex 2 at 7 pm

1/28 - Parish Rosary, Chapel at 7 pm

Vivat Jesus,

John Garrity, Grand Knight

Fr. Bob Binta Council # 12246

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### St. Vincent de Paul

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, when the Magi found the Newborn King and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. In the spirit of the Magi, please donate food or give to the poor box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child. Please consider donating any of the following food items:



- Mayonnaise
- Chef Boy R Dee
- Salad Dressing
- Beef Stew
- Hearty Soups
- Crackers

As always, 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**.

### Disciple Maker Index Survey

St. Benedict Church is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ as a parish community. Together we will embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place to grow together in faith through the use of a survey from the Disciple Maker Index.



Many thanks to those who have already completed the 10-15-minute survey that was emailed out to our parishioners over the weekend. **For those of you who are waiting, your online link will be accessible through January 6.** All responses are confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. Remember that paper surveys (in English and Spanish) are also available in the parish office.

Thank you for helping with this important project and please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.



## Ministries & More



### Prayer Blanket Ministry

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? Pick up a prayer blanket at the Gift Shop and give it to someone you are praying for who needs the extra boost.

The Prayer Blanket Ministry is open to all those who crochet, knit, or quilt (or would like to learn). Our next meeting is on **Thursday, January 15** at 9 am in Annex 2. If you would like to help make Prayer Blankets, email Shannon at [smdurham65@gmail.com](mailto:smdurham65@gmail.com)

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

1. A sense of belonging and identity within the 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.

### How Do I Register?

You can register online at the parish website:

**[www.stbenedict.org](http://www.stbenedict.org)**

Registration forms can be also be found in the parish Narthex in back of the church. Submit your completed form to the parish office, drop it in the collection basket or the office drop box located outside the office window.

### Baptism Class

The next Baptism Class at St. Benedict for parents and godparents is on **Saturday, January 10** from 9:30 am to 11 am in Annex 2. To RSVP, contact Sr. Liza at [srliza@stbenedict.org](mailto:srliza@stbenedict.org).



## Reflexión sobre las Escrituras

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### LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR



La Epifanía del Señor se celebra tradicionalmente el 6 de enero, pero aquí en Estados Unidos se traslada al primer domingo del año nuevo, al igual que en otros países. En la fiesta de la Epifanía, celebramos que Jesús se reveló a sí mismo, no como un simple «Rey de los judíos», sino como Salvador del mundo entero. Esta es la historia de los Reyes Magos, hombres nobles que vieron su señal y viajaron desde Oriente hasta su lugar de nacimiento para adorarlo. Siguieron una señal visible para encontrar la realidad misma, Dios hecho visible en el niño Jesús, en el lugar más improbable para la realeza y la divinidad: en Belén de Judea, alojado en un pesebre entre pastores y su rebaño y viviendo entre los hombres con tranquila paz. Encontraron al Hijo de Dios, la segunda persona de la Santísima Trinidad, que había entrado en la historia de la humanidad desde dentro, en brazos de su madre virgen y protegido por su padre adoptivo.

El viaje de los Reyes Magos desde las tierras orientales hasta su encuentro con la Divinidad en Belén refleja nuestro propio viaje de fe, tanto individual como, en ocasiones, comunitario. Dios los guió a través de una señal hacia Cristo. Dios sigue llamándonos a un encuentro que, en última instancia, nos lleva a una relación justa con Él a través de señales. Vemos la belleza y el orden de las cosas que apuntan a un creador benevolente y a un Padre amoroso. Recibimos los sacramentos que nos confieren la gracia, proporcionándonos un dulce anticipo de la vida con Dios en la eternidad. Vemos el amor y la unidad, frutos que da la Iglesia, y podemos imaginar la plena comunión con Cristo en el Cielo.

Pero los sabios vacilaron un poco. Cuando llegaron a Jerusalén, en lugar de seguir con determinación la guía que Dios les había dado para encontrar a Cristo, recurrieron a buscar consejo en la oscuridad, abandonando literalmente la luz de la estrella, que no se detuvo cuando entraron en Jerusalén. En nuestro camino hacia el cielo, Dios nos proporciona las Escrituras y los sacramentos para guiarnos por el camino correcto. A veces buscamos el consejo de los «Herodes de nuestro tiempo», que están encantados y dispuestos a desviarnos del camino. A menudo nos alejamos de la verdad por miedo, codicia, orgullo y el deseo de ser aceptados por el mundo. Hay hombres y mujeres sabios en nuestro tiempo que se toman las redes sociales demasiado en serio y toman decisiones muy importantes y que transforman sus vidas basándose directamente en lo que es tendencia en las redes sociales. Al recurrir a este «Herodes», ponemos en peligro nuestra salvación, al igual que los Reyes Magos pusieron en peligro la seguridad del Niño Jesús.

Nadie puede superar a Dios a la hora de darnos segundas oportunidades, y más. Cuando los Reyes Magos vacilaron, Dios los redirigió. Cuando abandonaron la presencia de Herodes con la promesa de informarle de la ubicación exacta del Rey recién nacido, encontraron que la estrella seguía esperándolos para guiarlos hasta el lugar del nacimiento. Después de ofrecer regalos de oro, incienso y mirra (revelando una vez más su realeza, su sacerdocio y presagiando que moriría para que nosotros pudiéramos vivir), escucharon la advertencia de Dios en un sueño y regresaron a casa por un camino que no conducía a Herodes. Nunca es demasiado tarde para enmendarse alejándose del mal o de la participación en él para poder regresar a casa.

Que Dios continúe revelándose a nosotros a través de Su Hijo, Jesucristo. Que Él nos mantenga enfocados en la verdad para que las distracciones de este mundo no nos alejen de Su amor. Y que nunca nos avergoncemos de volver a Su amoroso abrazo si nos hemos alejado de nuestro amoroso Padre.

El reino unido de Israel había desaparecido

Fr. Manasseh Iorchir, VC



## Ministerio hispano y más



### Vivir la liturgia

El viaje de los Reyes Magos refleja lo traicionera que puede ser nuestra vida cristiana en la tierra. El mal siempre obra en nuestra contra: Satanás nos tiende trampas y siembra la confusión. Ojalá, al igual que los Reyes Magos, reconozcamos la voluntad de Dios como nuestra estrella guía.

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### Encuesta sobre el índice de formación de discípulos

La iglesia de St Benedict está embarcada en un viaje para conocer, amar y servir a Cristo como comunidad parroquial. Juntos abrazaremos la visión de Cristo para el discipulado misionero, de modo que nuestra parroquia pueda prosperar y ser un lugar donde crecer juntos en la fe, mediante el uso de una encuesta del Índice de Formadores de Discípulos.

Muchas gracias a quienes ya han completado la encuesta de 10 a 15 minutos que se envió por correo electrónico a nuestros feligreses durante el fin de semana. Para aquellos que aún están esperando, el enlace en línea estará disponible hasta el 6 de enero. Todas las respuestas son confidenciales y la parroquia solo recibirá información sobre la comunidad en su conjunto. Recuerden que también hay encuestas en papel (en inglés y español) disponibles en la oficina parroquial.

Gracias por colaborar en este importante proyecto y, por favor, sigan rezando por esta intención y por el crecimiento y la protección de nuestra parroquia.



### ¡Noche de BINGO!

Prepárense para el BINGO el viernes 16 de enero de 6 a 8 p. m. en la sala multiusos de St. John Bosco. ¡Acompañennos en una divertida velada para todas las edades! ¡Tendremos pizza, productos horneados, mucho BINGO y más de 100 premios! Siempre estamos buscando premios, así que si tienen tarjetas de regalo o artículos nuevos que no usan, donenlos para los premios del BINGO. Para obtener más información o donar premios, envíe un correo electrónico a [events@stbenedict.org](mailto:events@stbenedict.org).

### San Vicente de Paúl

Hoy celebramos la fiesta de la Epifanía, cuando los Reyes Magos encontraron al Rey recién nacido y le ofrecieron regalos de oro, incienso y mirra. Siguiendo el espíritu de los Reyes Magos, por favor donen alimentos o contribuyan con la caja de los pobres para que se pueda volver a dar consuelo y paz a un niño recién nacido. Por favor, consideren donar cualquiera de los siguientes alimentos:

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Como siempre, si necesita ayuda o información de San Vicente de Paúl, llame a la oficina parroquial al **480.961.1610 ext. 315**.



### Picnic parroquial

#### Domingo, 15 de febrero, de 12:30 a 15:00

¡El picnic anual de la parroquia de San Benito en Desert Breeze Park es un día estupendo para disfrutar de la comida, la diversión y la compañía de nuestros feligreses! Acompañenos el domingo 15 de febrero, de 12:30 p. m. a 3 p. m. Habrá juegos en el césped, música y perritos calientes y hamburguesas gratis que nuestros Caballeros de Colón prepararán a la parrilla para nosotros. Traiga sus propias mantas y sillas de picnic para relajarse. ¡Próximamente se abrirá el plazo para confirmar asistencia!

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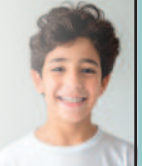
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## A Note From The SJB Principal



Dear St. Benedict Parishioners,

I hope you're enjoying a joyous Christmas Season and that 2026 is off to a healthy start. As you read this message, our students and faculty are savoring their final day of Christmas vacation. While they've undoubtedly enjoyed time at home with their families, returning to the familiar rhythm of school schedules and reconnecting with friends can be just as exciting. And there's plenty to look forward to this month on our bustling campus!

This month, we'll mark the **100th Day of School** on **January 15**—our Kindergarteners will dress up as if they are 100 years old, and the rest of our students will join in the fun with 100th day activities. And we hope everyone will join us for **Catholic Schools Week, January 25–January 30**, especially our **Celebration of Learning Open House** on **Wednesday, January 28**. We have many wonderful events and activities planned to celebrate our community and express gratitude for the privilege of our Catholic School.

I look forward to celebrating this new year together as we continue to grow in faith, knowledge, and service. Enjoy the last moments of the Christmas season, and get ready for the blessings and opportunities ahead!

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