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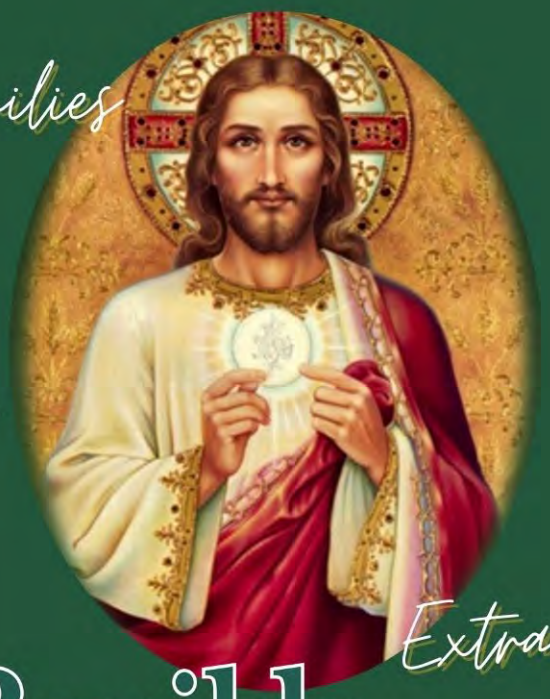

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Rev. Matthew Johnston, Pastor
Deacon Biaggio DiGiovanni
Deacon Stephen Gordon
Deacon Clifford Wright

BAPTISMS
First and Third Sundays of the month at Noon. Contact Parish Office to Schedule

MATRIMONY
Please contact a priest/deacon 8 months prior to your wedding.

FUNERALS
Arrangements may be made at the Parish Office.

MASS TIMES
Saturday Vigil...4:00 p.m.
Sunday...9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Mon., Wed., Fri. ... 7:00 a.m.
Tuesday & Thursday…5:30 p.m. First Saturday ... 8:30 a.m.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
See bulletin and website

CONFESSION
Saturday…3:00-3:45 p.m.
Sunday...5:00-5:45 p.m.
Thursday…6:00-6:30 p.m.
And by appointment at the Parish Office

DEVOTIONS
Holy Hour in Church
Thursday 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Following 5:30 p.m. Mass on Tuesday

NEWCOMERS
Call the Parish Office to receive a New Parishioner Registration Packet.

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DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration from 7:30 a.m. Monday till 10:00 p.m. Friday

Ministers of the Liturgy

July 23, 2022
Saturday - 4 P.M.
Intention: Honor of St. Jude, George Spaulding, Merle & Charles Dittmer, Patrick C. McKinney, Flora Maria Be, Gordon Hansen, Janine Guichard, Hubert LaBorde
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

July 24, 2022
Sunday - 9 A.M.
Intentions: Marilyn LeGrange Boyle
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

Sunday - 11 A.M.
Intentions: Fr. Matthew Johnston (L), Melba Fernandez, Barbara Mayer, John Nicosia, Jr., Eleanore Capretto, Paul J. Hymel, Jr
S*ong Leaders:* Contemporary Choir

Sunday - 6 P.M.
Intention: St. Benilde Parishioners
Cantor: Lauren Gisclair
Organist: Kristin Albarado

WEEKDAY MASSES July 25-July 31, 2022

Monday	7:00 a.m.	Barbara Mayer
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Dolores Credo
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Raymond A. Melan, Jr.
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Joy S. Rojas
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Sandra Baggett

This Week at St. Benilde

Monday, July 25	7:00 a.m. **Daily Mass** **Divine Mercy Cenacle** 7:00 p.m. Parish Office
Tuesday, July 26	5:30 p.m. **Daily Mass** **HALOS Group** 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office
Wednesday, July 27	7:00 a.m. **Daily Mass**
Thursday, July 28	5:30 p.m. **Daily Mass** **Reconciliation** 6-6:30 p.m. **Finding the Passion of Christ in your Story** 7:00 p.m. in the Library
Friday, July 29	7:00 a.m. **Daily Mass**
Saturday, July 30	**Reconciliation** 3-3:45 p.m. **Vigil Mass** 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 31	**Mass** at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. **Reconciliation** 5-5:45 p.m.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
Monday: St. James
Tuesday: St. Joachim and Anne
Friday: St. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
Saturday: St. Peter Chrysologus; Blessed Virgin Mary

Stewardship of Treasure
July 16 & 17

First Collection Envelopes	$1,753.00
First Collection Loose	$3,049.00
2nd Collection (Black & Indian Mission)	$1,442.00
Repairs & Maintenance Envelopes	$622.00
Online Giving	$1,454.75
Msgr. Endowment	$310.00
Total	**$8,630.75**

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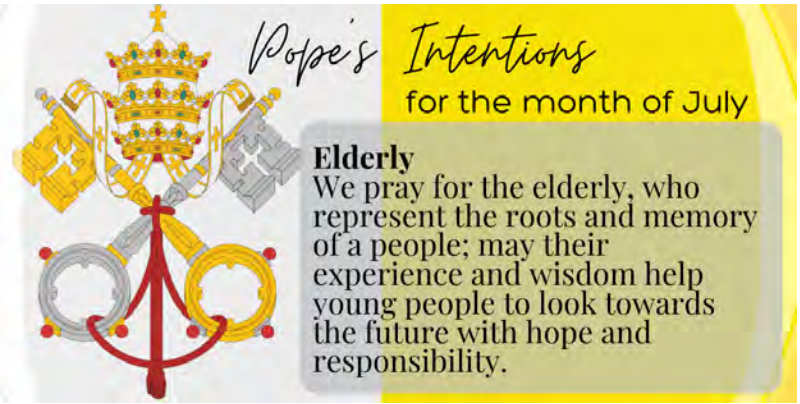


17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." —Luke 11:9

Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. The truth is that many of us need very little. However, we usually want so much more! Stewardship is simply being grateful for all that we are and all that we have been given, and generously sharing all of our God-given gifts with others. Generosity is a gift that opens doors to new relationships with others and with God.

Prayer Intentions

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns for mothers in crisis pregnancy situations

The Blessed Mother Votive Lamp burns for St. Benilde mothers

The Sacred Heart Votive burns for St. Benilde Parishioners

The St. Joseph Votive burns for our St. Benilde fathers

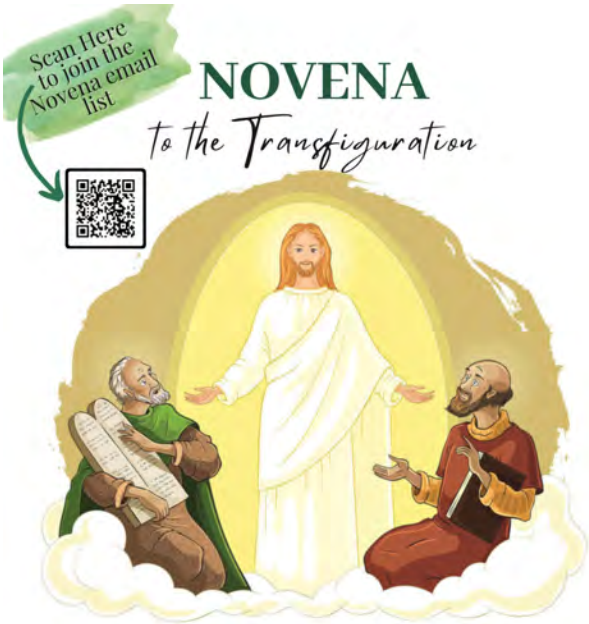
Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Stuart & Gloria Fourroux

Adoration Chapel Candles burns for peace in Ukraine and the world

The Altar Flowers are in memory of Raymond A. Melan, Jr.

Altar Ladies
Week of July 24
JApril Duersel

July Linens
Large - April Duercel
Small - Helen Guichard



Fr. Matthew's Message

Have you ever noticed how dirty our cars can get over time? Since recently I had picked up some dirt, mulch, and other things for gardening in the back of my car, played beach volleyball which left sand in the front of my car, and just general dirt throughout, I realized that my car needed a nice vacuuming. It was just amazing how much sand, dirt, and mulch ended up throughout my car, and it took almost ten minutes to finish vacuuming so the car looked good again. I think we all have similar stories in our own lives. Maybe it is our bedrooms, kitchens, living rooms, cars, office, and who knows what else. Over time our impact on those areas definitely leaves its mark, and they need a good cleaning to get them back to looking good.

The truth is that in many cases the messiness that accrues over time is not just a physical messiness, but it is also a spiritual one. We all know that in order to clean the messiness of our souls, we have the sacrament of confession. But what do we do with the impact that our spiritual messiness has on the world around us? Thankfully the wisdom of the Church helps us with these also. There are prayers to bless and protect not just ourselves but also those places and things around us (homes, cars, etc.)

Since I have been at St. Benilde, we have not really had a parish-wide spiritual re-dedication, and I feel that now is a beautiful opportunity to call on God's grace in a very special way upon our parish. After speaking with the pastoral council, we have decided that on August 6th following the 8:30am morning Mass, we will have a parish-wide Spiritual blessing.

We are inviting all of our parishioners to be present in two very important ways. First, to spiritually prepare yourselves. In order to do this, I am asking all of our parish families to pray a Novena to the Transfigured Lord as August 6th is the Feast of the Transfiguration. Information on the Novena can be found by scanning the QR code the bulletin or through our upcoming Flocknote communication. Second, I am encouraging parishioners to attend the 8:30am morning Mass on August 6th and join for the Eucharistic Procession and Blessing of our whole parish. We will be walking with the Eucharist not just around the perimeter of the property but also into each and every room on campus.

Please join us in this spiritual rededication of St. Benilde Parish to the Our Lord.

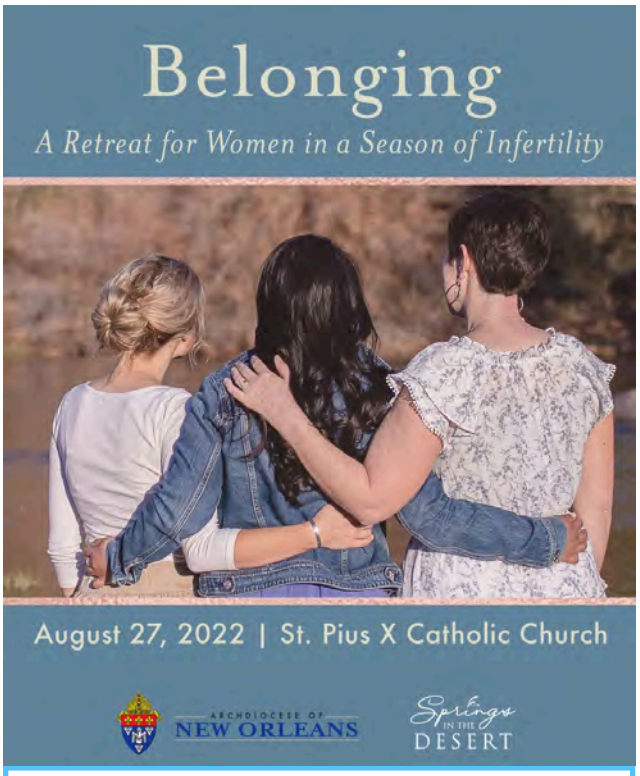
In Christ,
Fr. Matthew Johnson

Adorers Needed!
Adorers are still needed for the following days and times:

Tuesdays:
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Fridays:
2 a.m. - 3 a.m.
3 a.m. - 4 a.m.

Please consider taking advantage of this amazing opportunity. The chapel is located next to the Marian Grotto and **the code to enter is 12741**. Contact George Rojas at (504) 834-5525 or gfrojas@cox.net to sign up or learn more. **Walk-ins, partners and substitutes are also always welcome.** Other hours are also available If needed.

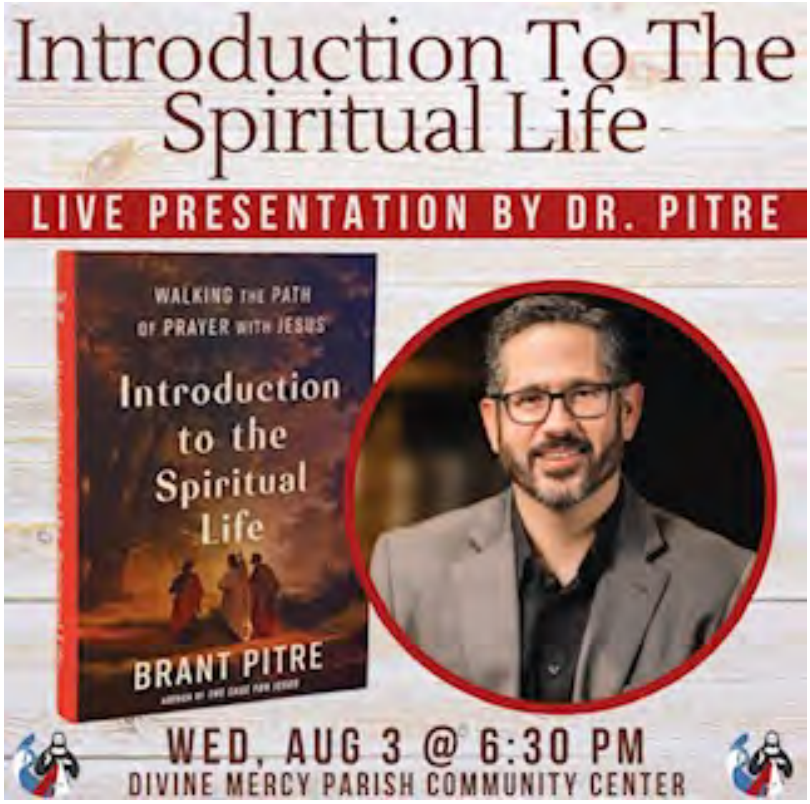
Archdiocesan and Wider Church News:



The Archdiocese of New Orleans and Springs in the Desert are partnering to offer a one-day retreat for women on Saturday, August 27 at St. Pius X Catholic Church.

Wherever you are on the path of infertility, we invite you to join us for reflections on different aspects of the infertility experience, to receive encouragement and some practical suggestions for strengthening your relationship with God and your spouse, and to pray and share community with others on this same path.
For more information and to register, visit www.springsinthedesert.org/nola

The Archdiocese of New Orleans CYO / Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office is organizing a pilgrimage to Lisbon, Portugal from **July 29 – August 7, 2023** for young adults 18 years of age and over to attend the global World Youth Day celebration with Pope Francis. The pilgrimage will include a 1-day trip to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. For more information on pricing and other questions, please visit nolacatholic.org/wyd2023 or e-mail yam@arch-no.org.



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