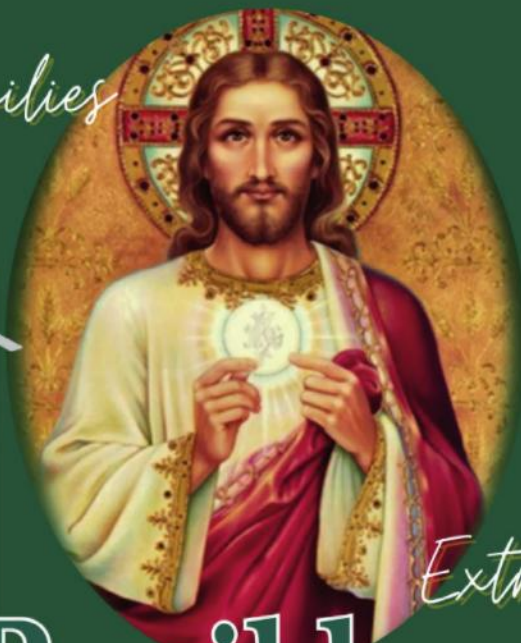


March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

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BAPTISMS
First and Third Sundays of the
month at Noon. Please call the
Parish Office for more information.

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.
& 4:00 p.m.
Mon., Wed., Fri. ... 7:00 a.m.
Tuesday and Thursday ... 5:30
p.m. First Saturday ... 8:30 a.m.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

See Inside the Bulletin
for Schedule

CONFESSION

Tuesday ... 5:00 - 5:25 p.m.
Thursday ... 5:00 - 5:25 p.m.
Saturday... 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.
and by appointment at the Parish
Office

DEVOTIONS

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 7:00 a.m. Monday till 10:00 p.m. Friday

Ministers of the Liturgy & Mass Intentions

March 30, 2024

Saturday - 8:00 p.m.

Intentions: Honor of St. Jude,
George Spaulding, Merle & Charles Dittmer,
Patrick C. McKinney, Flora Maria Be,
Lela Mae LaBorde, Jacqueline Delarosa,
Eileen Drawe, Mike Brelet, Jack Maignaud,
Margaret Bourgeois (L), Roger Parnell,
Eric Cifreo, Thomas Montgomery,
Nellie McCabe
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

March 31, 2024

Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

Intentions: Celeste M. Howard
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

Sunday - 11:00 a.m.

Intentions: Lois Tusa, Roger Parnell,
Fr. Matthew Johnston (L), Eric Cifreo
Michelle Blanchard (L), George Spaulding,
Laurie Waltzer, Louis Frey (L),
The O'Sullivan Family, Thomas Montgomery,
Eileen Drawe, The Zito Family, Glenda King,
Betty Mitchell, Carol Daigle,
Michael Chris Brelet, Gladys Gsell,
Floyd, Marie, Floyd Jr. Volz,
Jacqueline Delarosa
Song Leaders: Contemporary Choir

WEEKDAY MASSES

April 1-6, 2024

Monday 7:00 a.m. Jolene Songy (L)
Tuesday 5:30 p.m. JoAnne Victorio (L)
Wednesday 7:00 a.m. Marian Seeber
Thursday 7:00 p.m. Eric Cifreo
Friday 3:00 p.m. Eileen Drawe
Saturday 8:30 a.m. Members of the
Rosary & Altar Society

This Week at St. Benilde

DATE	EVENT
Monday, April 1	7:00 a.m. Daily Mass 7:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Novena
Tuesday, April 2	5-5:25 p.m. Reconciliation 5:30 p.m. Daily Mass 6:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena Contemporary Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. in the Church
Wednesday, April 3	7:00 a.m. Daily Mass 7:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Novena Wizard of Oz rehearsal 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria Pro-Life Committee Mtg. 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Library DWELL Women's Study Group 7:00 p.m. in the Teen Center
Thursday, April 4	Reconciliation 5-5:25 p.m. in the Church Daily Mass - 5:30 p.m. in the Church 6:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena Wizard of Oz rehearsal 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria C.A.L.M. 6:00 p.m. in the Church Movie Night - Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary 7:00 p.m. in the Library
Friday, April 5	7:00 a.m. Daily Mass 7:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Novena CCRNO Praise and Worship & Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 p.m. in the Church
Saturday, April 6	First Saturday Mass 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. Divine Mercy Novena Wizard of Oz rehearsal 1:30-4:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria Reconciliation 3:00-3:45 p.m. in the Church Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. in the Church

Everyone who believes in
him will receive forgiveness
of sins through his name

Acts 10:43

This Week at St. Benilde Cont.

Sunday, April 7
Divine Mercy
Sunday

8:00 a.m. **Traditional Choir Practice** in the Parish Office

9:00 a.m. **Mass**

11:00 a.m. **Mass**

Divine Mercy Holy Hour 3:00 p.m. in the Church

4:00 p.m. **Mass**

Stewardship of Treasure:

March 23 & 24, 2024

No totals available due to an early Easter printing deadline

Thank you for so generously supporting St. Benilde parish. Your gifts of treasure help ensure the many good works being accomplished within our community. If you would like to set up electronic giving, scan the QR code.



Prayer Intentions:

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns for those newly received into the life of the Church this Easter.



Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp burns for St. Benilde parishioners

The Altar Flowers In memory of deceased parishioners



Altar Volunteers
Week of March 31
Denise DiMuzio

April Linens
Large - Denise DiMuzio
Small - Fay Cortello

St. Benilde
Office

EASTER HOURS

The Parish office will be closed Holy Thursday 3/28, Good Friday 3/29 and Easter Monday 4/1. Normal office hours will resume Tuesday 4/2.

Pope Francis' Intentions

for the month of March



For the New Martyrs
We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Christ indeed from
DEATH IS RISEN

Victimae Paschali Laudes

Fr. Matthew Johnston's Easter Message

He Is Risen!

It is always a great gift when every year at Eastertime I can finally state those three beautiful words. It is not simply a phrase that states that our Lenten fast is finally over and we can go back to eating candy, or phone usage, or whatever else we gave up for the Lenten season. It is phrase that defines who we are as Christians. Without those three words, we would not be here worshipping on this greatest of feasts. Without those three words, there would not even be a Christian Church.

Those three words truly define who we are as believers of Jesus. They are the source of every hope that we have. Without them, death would be a source of despair. But with them, even death, while still sad, is actually a time of great hope. It is a time in which the promise of the Resurrection comes to fulfillment in the soul of the faithful departed.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, I cannot tell you how filled with joy we should be today. Nothing and I mean nothing should be able to take away that joy. There is no suffering that we are called to ensure in this life that is greater than the promise of the Resurrection. Pope Saint John Paul II was so assured of this truth that the first words of his pontificate were "Do not be afraid." He knew what the promise of the Resurrection means for us as Christians and wanted his first statement as Pope to reflect that beautiful hope.

The words of JP II did not end there. His sentence continues with, "that why He said 'I'll come.'" He wanted to remind us that we should not be afraid because Christ is with us in all that we do, in all that we are. We simply have to invite Him into those challenges and joys of our lives. There is a beautiful story that speaks to the fidelity of God involving JP II. In 1982 he desired to have a Eucharistic procession from the Lateran Basilica in Rome to Saint Mary Majors in Rome. He was discouraged by many advisors. They told him that this hadn't been done in a hundred years. They told him it would be too hard to plan with the traffic in Rome. They also told him no one would come. Still, the pontiff persevered and while the turnout may have initially been small in 1982, by 1992, despite rain, over 150,000 people joined for the procession.

I think this is a beautiful story for us to reflect upon as the United States prepares to have Eucharistic processions from the four corners of the country all converge in Indianapolis this summer for the National Eucharistic Congress. Christ is with us most profoundly in the Eucharist. He is truly present and through the priest being "in persona Christi (in the person of Christ)" Jesus transubstantiates the bread and wine into His own body and blood at Mass.

If you are struggling with faith, with sufferings, or even with the daily challenges of life, know that Jesus wants to be invited in. If we allow Him in, He will come and be with us in all of these trials. Take some time to be with Him in the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist. Take advantage of the gift we have of an adoration chapel for prayer time with Jesus. Let the hope of the three words, "He is Risen," that resound through the Easter season be enshrined in your heart.

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Matthew Johnston, Pastor



JOIN
ST. BENILDE
CHURCH FOR
THE
DIVINE MERCY
NOVENA

Please join St. Benilde Church in the daily
recitation of the Divine Mercy Novena

Sunday, March 31st @ 10am

Monday, April 1st @ 7:30am

Tuesday, April 2nd @ 6pm

Wednesday, April 3rd @ 7:30am

Thursday, April 4th @ 6pm

Friday, April 5th @ 7:30am

Saturday, April 6th @ 9am

On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7th, a holy hour
will be offered in the Church from 3-4:00 PM.
During this time the Divine Mercy Chaplet will
be recited.



All Middle School Girls (grades 5-7)
and their Mothers are invited to

*Beautifully &
Wonderfully Made*
An Afternoon Tea

Come celebrate God's plan for you as His daughter!

Saturday, April 13
St. Benilde Cafeteria
Doors open at 1:00 PM:
the formal event is from 1:30-3:30 PM
\$40 for one daughter; \$45 for two or more

Scan me



The deadline to register is
Wednesday, April 3

All girls in grades 5-7 and their mothers are
invited to join us for our second annual
Beautifully & Wonderfully Made Tea on
Saturday, April 13. Come celebrate the gift of
your femininity with tea and treats, crafts,
games, shopping, and inspiring testimonies
from female leaders of our parish and
community.

The cost is \$40 for one daughter and \$45 for
two or more. Register online today at [https://
stbenilde.org/mother-daughter-tea](https://stbenilde.org/mother-daughter-tea) or by
scanning the QR code above. For more
information contact Audrey Huck at
ahuck@arch-no.org



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TUESDAYS:
3:00 A.M. - 4:00 A.M.

FRIDAYS:
3:00 A.M. - 4: A.M.
9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.
11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN-UP AS
AN ADORER OR SUBSTITUTE



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**Sunday, April 28
from 5-7:30 PM**

USHERS ★ N E E D E D ★

We are in need of additional ushers for all of our weekend liturgies. The Usher Ministry is designed to offer a warm welcome to all our parishioners and our visitors. Ushers are responsible for numerous tasks before, during, and after the Mass.



Some of the responsibilities include the offertory collection, helping to seat the congregation, handing out bulletins, and assisting with special needs.



To learn more about the Usher Ministry or to volunteer, please contact ministry coordinator Mike Judge at michaelpjudge@bellsouth.net




That's Amore!

PLEASE JOIN ST. BENILDE CHURCH
FOR OUR ANNUAL
Supper & Substance
AN EVENING FOR MARRIED COUPLES
FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024
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6:15 COCKTAILS
7:00 PM DINNER
\$55 PER COUPLE

WITNESS GIVEN BY
CHELSEA & BEN SINES



All married couples are invited to join St. Benilde Catholic Church for our annual Supper and Substance--That's Amore!--on Friday, April 19. The cost is \$55 per couple and will include cocktails and drinks, dinner, and dessert. Doors open at 6:15 PM for cocktails; there will be a cash raffle (benefitting our CYO retreat fund), games, and an encouraging witness given by Chelsea and Ben Sines. Scan the QR code to register today!



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THE MASS COMES ALIVE

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JULY 1-3, 2024
8:30 A.M. - NOON DAILY

Can you Help?

In Need of Teen & Adult Volunteers

We are looking for teen and adult volunteers for the 2024 Vacation Bible School program scheduled for July 1-3. If you are willing to help, please contact Casey Sprehe at caseysprehe@gmail.com.



Come Holy Spirit!

Please pray for our Confirmation candidates who will be confirmed on Wednesday, April 17



Archdiocesan & Wider Church Events and News:

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

For Those Hurting from Abortion or Miscarriage



There is forgiveness,
hope and peace after abortion.
If you or someone you love
is hurting from abortion or
miscarriage, we can help.
Please consider attending
this faith-based, healing retreat.
All faiths are welcome!
Open to women and men.

Healing the pain of abortion,
one weekend at a time.

Date: April 5-7, 2024

Price: \$195/person (Financial Assistance Available)

Facilitators: Pam Richard and Donna Scheuermann

Priest Facilitator: Fr. Robert Cavalier

To register or for more information, contact the retreat facilitators:
Pam Richard – (504) 460-9360 or richj504@bellsouth.net
Donna Scheuermann – (504) 258-9183 or donnas@1791.com

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Risen Jesus Party For ages 3-7

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Saturday April 6 11 am-2pm

Storytimes 11:30 and 1 pm

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An Evening of Praise!

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Praise and Worship led by John Finch

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