

Ordinary Families



Extraordinary Faith

St. Benilde

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CLERGY

Rev. Matthew Johnston, Pastor
Deacon Stephen Gordon
Deacon Mike Sorensen

**DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL
INITIATIVE** Audrey Huck

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Colleen Hezeau

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.

www.stbenilde.org

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.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

See Inside the Bulletin
for Schedule

CONFESSION

Saturday ... 3:00—3:45 p.m.
Tuesday ... 5:00—5:25 p.m.
Thursday ... 5:00—5:25 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

St. Benilde Conference
(504) 233-3246.

ST. BENILDE SCHOOL

Mr. Thomas Huck, Principal
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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

Saturday, November 16, 2024
4:00 p.m.

Intentions: Joy S. Rojas, Honor of St. Jude,
Merle & Charles Dittmer, Patrick C. McKinney,
Flora Maria Be, David Wayne Capretto,
Dennis Doredant, Hubert LaBorde,
Robert Phelps, Luigi Giugno, Mary Ann Grau,
Bernard Cleary, Doris Bayhi, Maria LeBlanc,
Michael Brelet
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

Sunday, November 17, 2024
9:00 a.m.

Intentions: Tricia O'Connor (L)
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

11:00 a.m.

Intentions: Paul Hymel, Jr.,
Daniel Deichmann, Fr. Matthew Johnston (L),
Jack & Penny Bryant (L), Mary Landry (L),
Armando A. Asaro, Jr., Mark Alan Capretto,
Milton Retif, Joey Hoffmann, Jr.,
Mary Jo Fontenot (L)
Song Leaders: Contemporary Choir

4:00 p.m.

Intentions: Justine Mapes
Cantor: Lauren Gisclair
Organist: Kristin Alvarado

September October Nov. 18-22, 2024

Monday	7:00 a.m.	Eric Cifreo
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Myrtle Costanza
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	George & Audrey Carline
	8:15 a.m.	SBS Families
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Bill C. Johnson
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Joy S. Rojas

This Week at St. Benilde

Monday, Nov. 18	7:00 a.m. Daily Mass Men's Club Mtg. 7:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria
Tuesday, Nov. 19	Reconciliation 5-5:25 p.m. in the Church 5:30 p.m. Daily Mass SVDP Mtg. 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Office Cub Scout AOL Den Mtg. 7:00 p.m. in the Teen Center Contemporary Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. in the Church
Wednesday, Nov. 20	Women's Bible Study - HOME 6:15 a.m. in the Parish Office 7:00 a.m. Daily Mass 8:15 a.m. School Mass Liturgy Committee Mtg. 6:30 p.m. in the Library TAPS Care Group 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office Women's Bible Study - HOME 7:30 p.m. in the Library
Thursday, Nov. 21 <i>Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Reconciliation 5-5:25 p.m. in the Church 5:30 p.m. Daily Mass
Friday, Nov. 22 <i>Memorial of St. Cecilia Virgin and Martyr</i>	7:00 a.m. Daily Mass
Saturday, Nov. 23	Survivors of Suicide Loss Day 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Library Reconciliation 3:00-3:45 p.m. Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m.

This Week at St. Benilde Cont.

Sunday, Nov. 24
Solemnity of Our
Lord Jesus, Christ
the King

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

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

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

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

CYO Friendsgiving
5:00-7:30 p.m. in the
Cafeteria

*Heaven & earth
will pass away,
but my words
will not pass away*

MARK 13:31

Stewardship of Treasure Nov. 2 & 3, 2024

First Collection Envelopes.....	\$2,579.00
First Collection Loose.....	\$2,082.00
Repairs & Maintenance Envelopes.....	\$920.00
Repairs & Maintenance Loose.....	\$286.00
All Saints' Day.....	\$820.00
Candles.....	\$115.00
Msgr. Endowment.....	\$83.00
Online Giving.....	\$2,986.00
Totals.....	\$9,871.00

Totals Nov. 3 & 4, 2023.....\$14,516.75

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
Daniel Deichmann



Adoration Chapel Sanctuary
Lamp burns for
Stuart & Gloria Fourroux

The Altar Flowers In memory of
deceased parishioners



Altar Volunteers
Week of November 17
Mary Ann Curry &
Betty O'Hara

November Linens
Large - Kathryn Howard
Small - Anita Delaup

Come Receive God's Mercy

The Sacrament of
Reconciliation is Offered
Weekly

Tuesdays 5-5:25 PM

Thursdays 5-5:25 PM &

Saturdays 3-3:45 PM





International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day

November 23, 2024

St. Benilde
Library

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Brunch, afternoon
snacks, and videos
by the American
Foundation for
Suicide Prevention
with discussions;
Confession and
mass available.

Host contact:
Val Hebert
valencemet@aol.co
m
504-427-0327

This event is for
Survivors of Suicide
Loss only.



American
Foundation
for Suicide
Prevention

ST. BENILDE MEN'S CLUB MONTHLY MEETING



Monday
November 18
7:30 PM
St. Benilde Cafeteria



All Men of the
Parish are
Welcome!



St. Benilde
CATHOLIC CHURCH

TAPS CARE GROUP

GRIEF SUPPORT FOR THOSE
WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES
THROUGH MILITARY SERVICE

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF
EVERY MONTH

AT 7PM



ST. BENILDE PARISH OFFICE
1901 DIVISION STREET
METAIRIE, LA 70001

WE ARE HIRING

THE ST. BENILDE LORETO EARLY LEARNING CENTER IS SEEKING A PART-TIME TEACHER FOR OUR 1 YEAR-OLD AND/OR 2 YEAR-OLD PROGRAM. CANDIDATES SHOULD BE DEDICATED TO PROVIDING A NURTURING AND CARING ENVIRONMENT WHILE ALSO BEING COMMITTED TO THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.



EMAIL RESUME TO
thuck@stbenilde.com

CYO Corner:



CYO is open to all parish youth grades 8-12. To learn more about this ministry, contact Director of Pastoral Initiative Audrey Huck at ahuck@arch-no.org.

ADORERS NEEDED

TUESDAYS:
3:00 A.M. – 4:00 A.M.

THURSDAYS:
2:00 A.M. – 3:00 A.M.
8:00 – 9:00 P.M. (PARTNER
NEEDED)
9:00 – 10:00 P.M.
(PARTNER NEEDED)

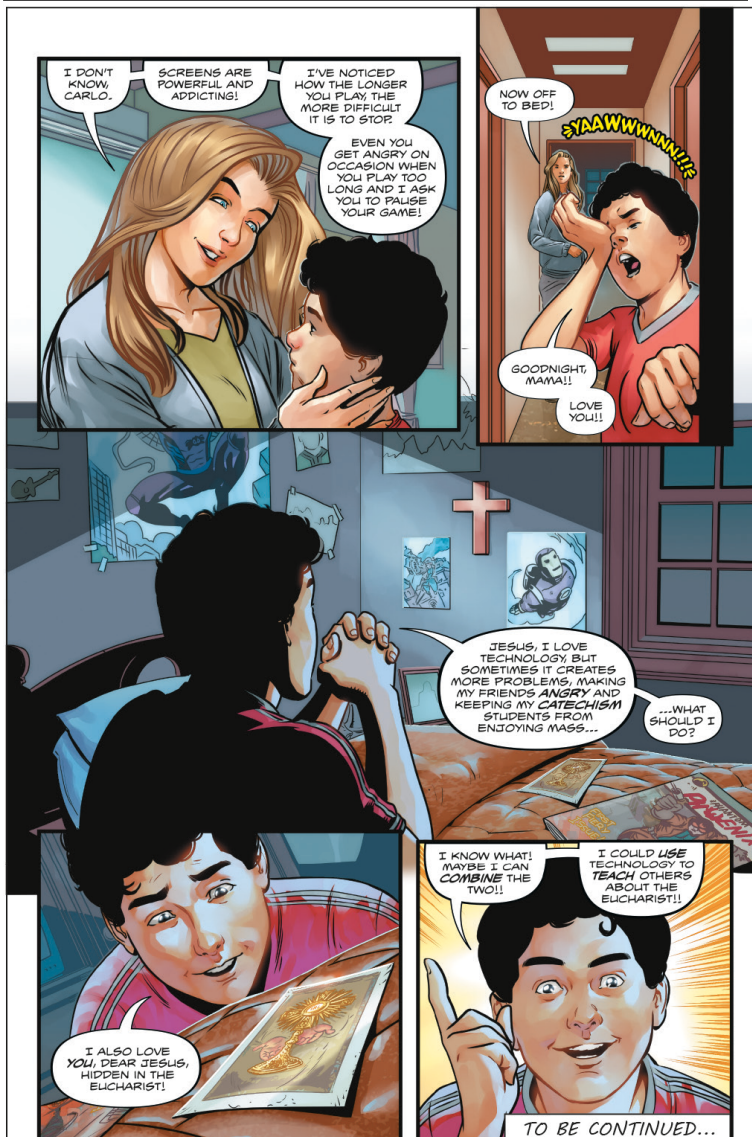
FRIDAYS:
2:00 – 3:00 A.M.

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



SCAN ME

*The wise shall shine
brightly like the splendor
of the firmament*
DANIEL 12:3





#iGIVECATHOLIC ON GIVING TUESDAY DECEMBER 3, 2024 EARLY GIVING BEGINS ON NOVEMBER 18



Dear Friend of St. Benilde School,

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take.” -Proverbs 3:5-6

These verses are recited by the entire St. Benilde student body every day as they are the school theme this year. The verse explains that we should always be striving to place more trust in God and to depend less on ourselves. We should be confident that we have a loving, faithful God who truly wants what is best for us. All we need to do is trust in His providence.

But do we really trust in God with all of our hearts? Time for me to make a small confession... each year I am always very nervous about our *iGiveCatholic* campaign. Even as I write this appeal letter, I spend countless hours pondering, “Will this year’s campaign be a flop?” or “What if the campaign struggles and we can’t meet our budgetary needs?” And each year I am humbly reminded that I truly need to trust God with all of my heart; that He will always provide for the ministry of our school and the children He has entrusted into our care. A few years ago, after our *iGive* campaign ended, I received a phone call from a grandparent stating, “I see that you were \$7,000 short of reaching your fundraising goal, can I come by the school to drop off a \$7,000 check to you?” And last year, as I struggled to fall asleep on *GivingTuesday*—the last day of the campaign—because we were significantly short of reaching our goal I laid down and wondered, “where were the extra funds going to come from?” I begged God in prayer to find a way to provide for our school. The next morning, I was contacted by a donor who let me know they were going to drop off a \$25,000 check! This was yet another powerful reminder that when I fully trust in God there is no need to try to rely upon my own understanding.

This year, I am inviting you to further grow in faith and trust in our Heavenly Father with me. Please consider making a gift to our *iGiveCatholic* campaign, trusting in God’s great plan for St. Benilde School. Pray for the success of this campaign and invest in the beautiful riches of Catholic education. Last year, through many prayers, donations, and prize monies, **our 2023 #iGiveCatholic campaign raised \$112,064 by way of 385 donors to continue providing a passionately Catholic education for the children of our school.**

#iGiveCatholic is a national Catholic fundraising platform and “competition” during which thousands of Catholic organizations across the U.S. participate in. In 2023 St. Benilde School placed 2nd in the Archdiocese of New Orleans and 8th in the nation for total number of donors. Likewise, we placed 3rd in the Archdiocese and 23rd in the nation for total amount raised. When compared to other elementary schools, St. Benilde was 1st in the nation for number of donors and 3rd in the nation for total amount raised.

Our goal this year is to raise \$120,000 through the support of 500 donors. On November 18, the early giving period starts for *#iGiveCatholic* and continues to *#GivingTuesday*, December 3, the culmination of the *#iGiveCatholic* fundraising campaign.

Funds raised from this year’s campaign will be utilized towards:

- **Funding the current needs of our Exceptional Learners Program.**
- **Complete upgrades to our Loreto Center Play Yard.**
- **The St. Benilde Scholarship Fund.**

Your generosity helps make the precious gift of Catholic education possible for future St. Benilde Students. I thank you for your generosity, making St. Benilde a school and home of trust for so many children.

In Christ,

Thomas Huck, Principal



2024 Prizes

This year, we are excited to give away about \$3,000 in prizes throughout our early giving period and during our live telethon for donations made online or mailed in.

Prizes include:

- \$1,000 tuition credit
- \$500 Wonderfold Wagon
- \$500 Amazon gift card
- \$260 Audubon Inst. Membership
- \$200 Children's Museum Membership
- \$100 AMC movie theater gift card

All prizes will be announced during our live telethon!

St. Benilde #iGiveCatholic Novena

Please pray the following prayer each day from
November 25th to December 3rd

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for your perfect love and many blessings. For several years your love and blessings have poured out upon St. Benilde School in order to make it a ministry and witness of the love of your Son.

Father, we beg today that your abundant blessings would continue fall upon St. Benilde in a special way. We ask that the Holy Spirit move within the hearts of our benefactors to compel them to give in a generous way during our #iGiveCatholic Campaign. Lord, allow each friend of St. Benilde to see their generous gift as an investment in the potential of the children that our school serves daily.

Lastly, we pray that St. Benilde continue to be a ministry of Christ's mercy and that each child will grow to know, love, and serve You. -Amen.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Annual Report

The St Benilde conference of SVDP was chartered in 1983 and we have been helping needy families for 41 years. The vast majority of the funds that we use are provided by donations to the SVDP/St Anthony poor box located in the vestibule of the church. We get some support from other donors outside of the parish.

The ministry currently has 18 active members and 14 associate members (those who help during special events such as Thanksgiving and Christmas).

The SVDP fiscal year begins on October 1st and ends on September 30th of each year. For the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 following is a summary of our finances.

Receipts:

Poor box donations	\$28608.00
Other fundraising	1040.00
Miscellaneous receipts	<u>2625.00</u>
Total	\$32273.00

Expenses

Families we serve	\$40105.00 (St Benilde parish)
Help for others	1794.00 (outside St Benilde)
Administrative	<u>281.00</u>
Total	\$42180.00

Home visits	183
People helped	537

Food pantry distributions (food left in the church vestibule plus other food drives)

# of times	154
value	\$10900
Total volunteer hours	1220
Miles driven	170

Christmas Angel program 2023

Number of families receiving gifts and gift cards	51
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Number of people	115
Number of children 12 & under	41

Your donations make a difference and we appreciate all the support!