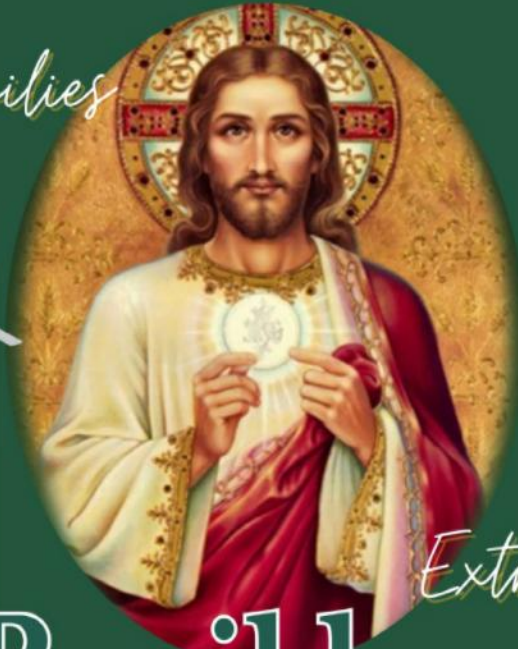


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BAPTISMS
First and Third Sundays of the
month at Noon. Please call the
Parish Office for more information.

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.

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.

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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, April 5, 2025

4:00 p.m.

Intentions: In honor of St. Jude,
Charles Montgomery, Sr.,

Merle & Charles Dittmer, Patrick C. McKinney,
Flora Maria Be, Hugh Howat, Louis Roussel,
Pat Manfre, Thomas Montgomery,
Bernard Cleary, Adrienne Paciera,
Mary Morgan, Maria LeBlanc, Mike Brelet
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

Sunday, April 6, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Intentions: Calvin G. Kaufmann
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

11:00 a.m.

Intentions: Bill & Peggy Stumpf (L),
Lawrence Chighizola, Glenn Hymel,
Leigh Whitman Director,

Fr. Matthew Johnston (L), Paul Hymel, Jr. ,
Richard Hale, Yvonne Morise, Richard Hale,
Charles Bordes, Hugh Howat, Sandy Casella
Song Leaders: Contemporary Choir

4:00 p.m.

Intentions: Eric Cifreo
Cantor: Lauren Gisclair
Organist: Sarah Finnicle

April 7-11, 2025

Monday	7:00 a.m.	Richard Hale
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Ray Dunn
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Marion Seeber
	8:15 a.m.	SBS families
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Bill C. Johnson
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Robert Kelly

This Week at St. Benilde

Monday, April 7	7:00 a.m. Mass
Tuesday, April 8	<p>Reconciliation 5-5:25 p.m. in the Church</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Daily Mass</p> <p>Seasons of Hope 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office</p> <p>Cub Scout AOL Den Mtg. 7:00 p.m. in the Teen Center</p> <p>HALOS Mtg. 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office</p> <p>Contemporary Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. in the Church</p>
Wednesday, April 9	<p>Women's Prayer Group - Magnify 90 6:15 a.m. in the Parish Office</p> <p>Daily Mass 7:00 a.m.</p> <p>School Mass 8:15 a.m.</p> <p>Archdiocesan Evening of Confession 5-6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Grandparents' Club Mtg. 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria</p> <p>Red Bird Ministries - Grieving Parents Support Group 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office</p> <p>That Man is You! 7:30 p.m. in the Teen Center</p> <p>CCRNO Prayer Group Mtg. 7:30 p.m. in the Church</p>

The LORD has done great things for us;
WE ARE GLAD INDEED

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

This Week at St. Benilde Cont.

Thursday, April 10	<p>Reconciliation 5-5:25 p.m. in the Church</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Daily Mass</p> <p>Sisterhood Circles Mtg. 6:30 p.m. in the Teen Center</p> <p>Come Lord Jesus 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Office</p> <p>Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled - 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the library</p>
Friday, April 11	<p>Daily Mass 7:00 a.m.</p> <p>School Stations of the Cross 8:15 a.m.</p> <p>Drive Thru Fish Fry 5-7:30 on the Blacktop</p> <p>Daily Mass 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m.</p>
Saturday, April 12	<p>Mary's Hour 8:00 a.m. in the Church</p> <p>Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 9:00 a.m. in the atrium</p> <p>Mother/Daughter Beautifully & Wonderfully Made Tea 1:00-4:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria</p> <p>Reconciliation 3:00-3:45 p.m.</p> <p>Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m.</p>
Sunday, April 13 <i>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</i>	<p>Traditional Choir Practice 8:00 a.m. in the Parish Office</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Mass</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Mass</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Mass</p> <p>Built Up 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria</p>

Prayer Intentions:

**The Church Sanctuary
Lamp** burns for
Leigh Whitman Director



**Adoration Chapel Sanctuary
Lamp** burns for
St. Benilde Parishioners

The Altar Flowers/Plants in memory
of deceased parishioners



Altar Volunteers
Week of April 6
Cathy Ayers

April Linens
Large - Denis DiMuzio
Small - Fay Costello

Stewardship of Treasure

March 29 & 30, 2025

First Collection Envelopes.....	\$1,991.00
First Collection Loose.....	\$1,897.00
Repairs & Maintenance.....	\$25.00
Candles.....	\$116.00
Msgr. Endowment Fund.....	\$40.00
SVDP Society.....	\$467.00
Online Giving.....	\$2,912.00
Totals.....	\$7,448.00

Thank you so much for your generous support of St. Benilde Parish. Your gifts of treasure help ensure that the many good works taking place within our parish can continue. To set up an automated donation online, scan the QR code.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

+ Tenebrae Service 7:30 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

+ Morning Prayer 9:00 AM

+ Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

+ Morning Prayer 9:00 AM

+ Veneration of the Cross 3:00 PM

+ Stations of the Cross 6:00 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

+ Morning Prayer 9:00 AM

+ Easter Vigil 8:00 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

+ Easter Mass 9:00 AM

+ Easter Mass 11:00 AM

NOTE: There is NO 4:00 PM Mass Easter Sunday



Tenebrae

A Service of Shadows

Wednesday, April 16

7:30 PM

St. Benilde Church



Tenebrae means "darkness" or "shadows", and it refers to the chanting of matins/lauds of the Divine Office on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

Usually, in religious orders, this part of the office is chanted when it is still dark outside, and sung by the light of candles only. In the earliest centuries, it was chanted shortly after midnight, but starting in the middle ages, it became the common practice to chant it on the evening before in anticipation, to make it more widely accessible to clergy and laity.

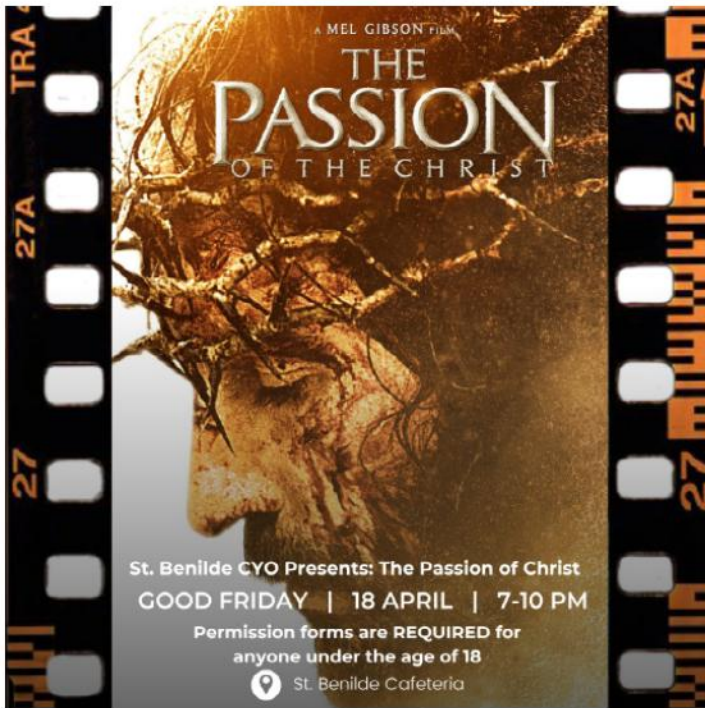
We will follow this tradition and make it available for parishioners. This year we will hold a Tenebrae service on Wednesday of Holy Week when the sun sets at 7:30pm. It will be roughly an hour in the candle-lit church.

What to Expect:

The cantor and Fr. Matthew will alternate the verses of the psalms. We as a congregation will have a booklet to follow along with. This will help us to know when it is our turn to speak or sing. There is a candle "hearse" at the front, shaped like a triangle, with seven candles. As each psalm is completed, one candle is extinguished, until only the lone candle at the top is left; this is a powerful reminder of the apostles abandoning Christ in his darkest hour.

Then, the candle representing Christ is hidden, so there is total darkness. This symbolizes the seemingly apparent victory of the forces of evil. A "loud noise/commotion" (the strepitus) is made, which represents the convulsion of nature following the death of Christ; the chaos of the world without a savior. This is done by the congregation banging their hands on pews for several seconds, until the "Christ candle" is returned to view again. Then all commotion ceases. And all depart in silence & darkness.

We urge you to consider coming if you haven't before, and experience this deeply moving, and prayerful part of Holy Week at St. Benilde. It helps us, as the lay faithful enter into Holy Week with a greater degree of contemplation. It is like a mini religious retreat for lay people.



St. Benilde's CYO will be hosting a solemn viewing of Mel' Gibson's *The Passion of Christ* in the Cafeteria beginning at 7:00 PM on Good Friday, April 18. This is open to any parishioner who would like to view the film as a way of further meditating on Christ's suffering, passion and death. However, because the film is rated R for violence, all individuals under 18 years of age must have a signed permission form to attend. Blank permission forms will be available upon entry.

St. Benilde Catholic Church....Rooted and Built Up in Christ

60th Anniversary St. Benilde CATHOLIC CHURCH Diamond White Gala

Saturday, April 26th

Loyola A.O. Jazz Band



5:30PM - 10PM
in St. Benilde School Cafeteria

COCKTAIL HOUR
SILENT AUCTION
DINNER AND PROGRAM
DESSERT AND DANCING

Live entertainment
from our Pastor and Principal!
Check back for
Silent Auction updates!

TICKET

\$60

Per Person
for General Admission
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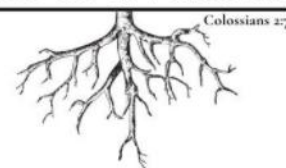
Celebrate the 60th anniversary of the best hidden gem of Metairie! The Gala will benefit the St. Benilde Capital Campaign; support the viability and future of our Church and School!

For more info, visit StBenilde.org/gala
or scan the QR code



ST. BENILDE CHURCH & SCHOOL

ROOTED AND
BUILT UP IN CHRIST



On Sunday, August 13, 2023, the Feast Day of St. Benilde, we launched a three year-\$3.5 million dollar Capital Campaign to address the needs of our aging campus.

Capital Campaign Update

As of the end of March, our campaign has generated
\$1,138,680 - 33% of our goal

Funds raised from the upcoming 60th Anniversary White Diamond Gala, held at our campus on Saturday, April 26th, will be contributed to the St. Benilde Capital Campaign, Rooted and Built Up in Christ. It is imperative that our Capital Campaign is successful to upgrade many aspects of our aging facilities and campus.

Visit stbenilde.org/gala for more information!

60th Anniversary
St. Benilde
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Diamond White
Gala

While we are blessed and thankful to have begun on all areas of the campus that needed crucial improvements, the current needs of our aging campus are still many and we continue to look forward to what can be accomplished over the next years of our campaign. Within the next few months, we aim to begin replacing the A/C system for the Rainbow building!

Learn more &
Pledge today!



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APRIL 26, 2025

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PSALM 34:3
DISCOVERING THE BIGNESS OF GOD
IN THE SMALLEST OF THINGS

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
for
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!**

Are you ready to make a difference in the lives of children while having fun and sharing God's love? Join us as a volunteer at Benilde VBS!

No experience is needed just a joyful heart and willingness to serve!

June 30 - July 3
8:30 AM - Noon Daily

Use the QR code to sign up



Contact stbenildevbs@gmail.com for more information

The Divine Mercy Novena is a nine-day prayer devotion, starting on Good Friday and culminating on Divine Mercy Sunday (the Sunday after Easter), where specific intentions are prayed each day, as requested by Jesus to St. Faustina, to draw souls closer to God's mercy. Novena pamphlets will be available in the back of Church and all parishioners are invited to gather together daily (see below schedule) praying the chaplet together.



**JOIN
ST. BENILDE
CHURCH FOR THE
DIVINE MERCY NOVENA**

Good Friday, April 18-
immediately following
3pm Good Friday Service
Saturday, April 19-3pm,
Sunday, April 20- (before
all the Sunday masses),
Monday, April 21-6pm,
Tuesday, April 22-6pm
(following 5:30pm mass),
Wednesday-April 23-6pm,
Thursday, April 24-6pm
(following 5:30pm mass),
Friday, April 25-6pm, and
Saturday, April 26-3:30pm
(before 4pm mass).



St. Benilde Men's Club
Fish Fry
DRIVE THRU ONLY
Gates open
at 5PM

Friday, April 11

MENU

- FRIED FISH PLATE - \$12**
- FRIED SHRIMP PLATE - \$12**
- COMBO PLATE - \$15**
- FRENCH FRIES - \$4**

ALL FRIED FISH PLATES INCLUDE:
POTATOES, CORN ON THE COB, & BREAD



CABBAGE BALL



For Boys & Girls PK4-12th Grade
Tuesday & Thursday Nights May 22-July 1, 2025
\$30 for any registrants March 1-May 10; \$40 for
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Receptionist and After
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Send your resume & cover
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ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS EVENING OF

Confession

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9
5-6:30 PM

St. Benilde Church

**I CONTINUE MY
PURSUIT TOWARD
THE GOAL, THE PRIZE OF
GOD'S UPWARD CALLING,
IN CHRIST JESUS.**
Philippians 3:14

St. Benilde CYO

APRIL EVENTS

APRIL 5

9-6:30PM
Tunica Falls
Hiking Trip

Please bring a
packed lunch as well
as a refillable water
bottle; snacks will
be provided.

APRIL 6

5-7:30PM
ROOTED

Join us in the Teen
Center for Rooted
following 4pm Mass.
Dinner will be provided.
Please bring \$5 to
contribute to food.

APRIL 18

7-10PM
CYO PRESENTS:
THE PASSION OF
CHRIST

Permission forms are
REQUIRED for 18 and
under due to R-Rated
movie. This is a solemn
day of fasting, no food
will be provided.

APRIL 27

4-8PM
MASS & CYO
NIGHT

Please join us for a
CYO Night following
the 4PM Mass on
Sunday April 27 in
the Teen Center. 7th
Graders are invited!



Christopher Monistere wants to thank everyone in St. Benilde Parish and School for helping with the sock collection. We collected over 2,350 pairs of socks and delivered them to Ozanam Inn. Thank everyone for your help and donations.



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