



Sunday, August 16, 2026

*Twentieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

*Ordinary Families
Extraordinary Faith*

WELCOME!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses

Mon., Wed., Fri. | 7:00 a.m.

Tues. & Thurs. | 5:30 p.m.

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil | 4:00 p.m.

Sunday | 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. &
4:00 p.m.

Confession

Tues. & Thurs. | 5-5:25 p.m.

Saturday | 3-3:45 p.m.

(Also available by appointment
at the Parish Office.)

DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Mon. 7:00 a.m. - Friday 10:00 p.m.

CONTACT



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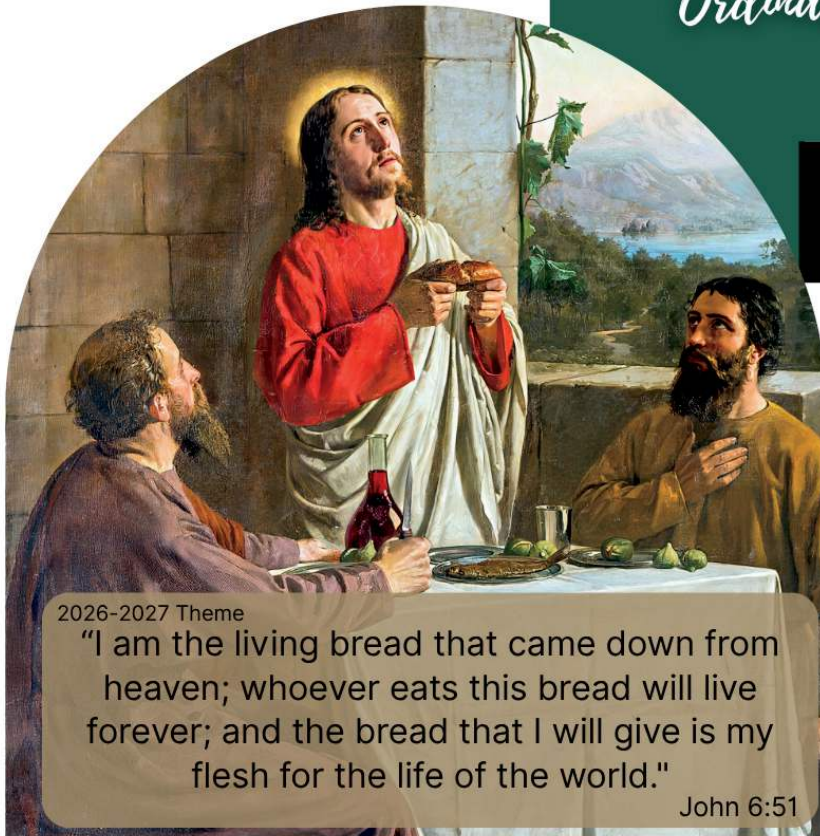
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2026-2027 Theme

"I am the living bread that came down from
heaven; whoever eats this bread will live
forever; and the bread that I will give is my
flesh for the life of the world."

John 6:51

CLERGY

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

OFFICE MANAGER

Mrs. Colleen Hezeau

BAPTISMS

First and third Sundays at noon.
Call the Parish Office for details.

MATRIMONY

Please contact a priest/deacon
8 months before your wedding.

FUNERALS

Arrangements can be made at
the Parish Office.

DEVOTIONS

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual
Help following the Tuesday
5:30 p.m. Mass.

Mary's Hour Saturdays at
8:00 a.m. in the Church.

NEWCOMERS

Contact the Parish Office to
receive a New Parishioner
Registration packet.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

St. Benilde Conference
(504) 233-3246.

ST. BENILDE SCHOOL

Mrs. Julie Gaudet, Principal
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This Week at St. Benilde | Saint of the Week

Monday, August 17

7:00 a.m. **Daily Mass**

7:00 p.m. **Men's Club Monthly Meeting** in the Cafeteria

Tuesday, August 18

5-5:30 p.m. **Reconciliation** in the Church

5:30 p.m. **Daily Mass**

6:00 p.m. **St. Vincent de Paul Meeting** in the Conference Room

7:00 p.m. **Seasons of Hope for Survivors of Spousal Loss** in the Library

7:30 p.m. **Contemporary Choir Practice** in the Church

Wednesday, August 19

7:00 a.m. **Daily Mass**

6:00 p.m. **Radio Rosary** in the Library

7:30 p.m. **CCRNO Prayer Meeting** in the Church

Thursday, August 20

Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

5-5:30 p.m. **Reconciliation** in the Church

5:30 p.m. **Daily Mass**

6:30 p.m. **Come, Lord Jesus!** in the Conference Room

7:00 p.m. **Jesus and the Eucharist** in the Library

Friday, August 21

Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope

7:00 a.m. **Daily Mass**

7:00 p.m. **Movie Night: The Hail Mary** in the Library

Learn more about the various ministries by scanning this QR code:



Saturday, August 22

Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. **Mary's Hour** in the Church

3-3:45 p.m. **Reconciliation** in the Church

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

Sunday, August 23

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

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

Saint of the Week

St. Maximilian Kolbe

Feast Day: August 14

Patron of drug addicts, prisoners, families and the pro-life movement

Birth: 1894 | Death: 1941

SAINTS FUN FACTS



St. Maximilian Kolbe was born in Poland and was a Franciscan. He founded the Immaculata Movement devoted to Our Lady.

While imprisoned by the Nazis, ten men were chosen to die in reprisal for a prisoner escape.

He offered himself in place of a young husband and father. He was the last of the ten to die after enduring two weeks of starvation, thirst and neglect.

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Prayer Intentions | Capital Campaign | Stewardship of Treasure

Ministers of the Liturgy and Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 15, 2026

4:00 p.m.

Intentions: Carl A. Guidroz, Patrick C. McKinney, Merle & Charles Dittmer, Louis Roussel, In Honor of St. Jude, Eileen Drawe, Friends of Suffering Souls, Flora Maria Be, Michele Moyer Pepperman, Dennis & Belle LaBorde, Bernard Cleary, Lucille Foster, Bertha Morein, Woodrow Morein, Phil Simoneaux, Hal Judge, Maria LeBlanc, Michael Brelet, Dennis Brown, Lena Mae Lehrmann

Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

Sunday, August 16, 2026

9:00 a.m.

Intentions: Dolores Masson

Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

11:00 a.m.

Intentions: Daniel Deichmann, David Klapatch, Eric Cifreo, Louis Frey(L), Paul J. Hymel, Jr., Marco Perez, Sr., Doris Lambert, Gail Hoffman, Maria Guadalupe Martinez, Fr. Matthew Johnston(L), Wilbur Daigle, Jr., Laurena Rogers(L), Mary Ann Jacobs, Penny Bourgeois, Joseph Bollinger(L)

4:00 p.m.

Intentions: Leon Faist

August 17-21, 2026

Monday Friends of Suffering Souls
Tuesday Mary Morgan
Wednesday Vince Welty(L)
Thursday Don Douglas
Friday Friends of Suffering Souls



The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns for our St. Benilde School Teachers and Administrators.



Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp burns for our SBS students and a fruitful school year.

The Altar Flowers are in memory of St. Benilde deceased parishioners.



Altar Volunteers
Week of August 9

Ruth Meche

August Linens

Large - Colleen Hezeau

Small - Sissy Roniger



Capital Campaign Progress

The campaign launched in August 2023 to address the needs of our aging campus. Our goal is to raise \$3.5 million by August 2026, supporting the mission through 2028.

	August 3, 2026	Difference since last update (July 27)	% to the goal
Amount received	\$1,316,480	+\$352	37.61%
Amount pledged	\$1,921,428	-	54.90%
Number of donors	185	-	-

We invite you to prayerfully consider pledging or increasing your gift by visiting stbenilde.org or scanning the QR code. Thank you!



Stewardship of Treasure

	August 2
First Collection Envelopes	\$4,095
First Collection Loose	\$1,213
Repairs & Maintenance, 2nd Collection	\$1,719
Holy Day	
Candles	\$142
Msgr. Richaud Endowment Fund	-
Other	-
Online Giving	\$2,941
TOTALS	\$10,110
Previous year (August 2-3, 2025)	\$10,108

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.



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



FIRST MEETING IS AUGUST 17!

Join the Men's Club! A parish ministry focused on spiritual growth, service, and brotherhood. Members support St. Benilde School and the parish by organizing and assisting with a wide range of events. It's a great way to grow in faith and community.

MEETINGS
3rd Monday of the month
7:30 PM - St. Benilde Cafeteria
Food and Fellowship

ANNUAL DUES
\$100
(covers the cost of food)

SCAN  Scan the QR Code or go to <https://stbenilde.org/membership> to join & pay annual dues

CONTACT US:
saintbenildemensclub@gmail.com

OFFICERS
PRESIDENT: Matt Zeringue
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ST. BENILDE FRIDAY MOVIE NIGHT PRESENTS

THE HAIL MARY

(RATED PG)
21ST AUGUST | 7:00PM
ST. BENILDE LIBRARY



**Free to attend.
Popcorn and snacks provided.**

Contact: Val Hebert
valencemet@aol.com | 504-427-0327

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Holy Hour & Social

28th August 2026

Holy Hour from 7-8:00 PM in the Adoration Chapel; Snacks, Games & Hang Out to follow from 8-9:30 PM in the Teen Center




SPIRITAN FAST FACTS

Congregation of the Holy Spirit:

Spiritans, or Holy Ghost Fathers and Brothers

Founded: May 27, 1703 in France

Founder: Claude Poullart des Places
(Seminary of the Holy Ghost, 1703)

Second founder: Francis Libermann
(Congregation of the Holy Heart of Mary, 1841)

In 1848: The Church merged the original Spiritan community and the Congregation of the Holy Heart of Mary

Charism: The evangelization of the 'poor' is our purpose. Therefore, we go especially to peoples, groups, and individuals who have not yet heard the message of the Gospel or who have scarcely heard it, to those whose needs are the greatest, and to the oppressed. We also willingly accept tasks for which the Church has difficulty in finding workers. (Spiritan Rule of Life, #4)

Motto: *Cor Unum et Anima Una*
(One Heart and One Spirit)

Generalate: Rome

Mother House: Paris

Priests & Brothers: 2,400

Priests & Brothers in Formation: 1,045

Where we serve: 63 countries (Americas, Africa, Europe, Asia & Oceania)

U.S. Parishes: 24

U.S. Province Website:
www.spiritans.org

Congregation Website:
www.spiritanroma.org

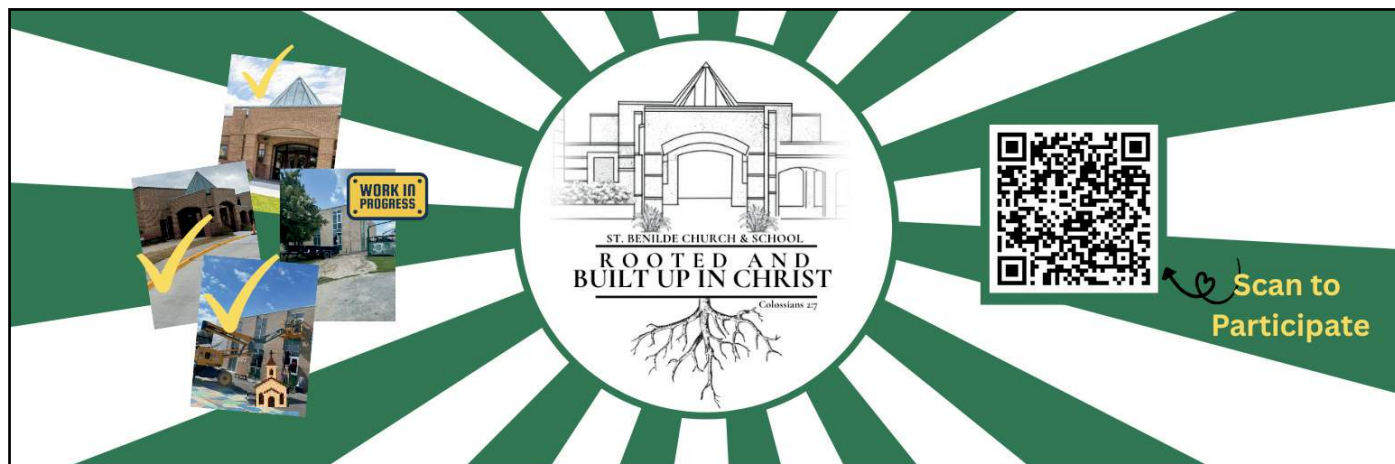


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Pray for us

DURING HURRICANE SEASON



St. Benilde Parish Capital Campaign:

100% All In: Every Gift. Every Family.

Gifts of Pledge Commitment, One-Time Donation, Prayer, Service, and Legacy Planning

On Sunday, August 13, 2023, the Feast Day of St. Benilde, we launched our **\$3.5 million dollar Capital Campaign** to help ensure a sustainable future for our parish and its mission of spreading the Gospel.

In keeping with our commitment to our parish community, we have already begun many of these much needed improvements to our church and school facilities, just as promised.

We're already **37% of the way to our goal**, praise God! Now we're excited to launch this next phase and invite you to help us cross the finish line together.

We are deeply grateful to all who have participated in the Capital Campaign. Whether through pledged gifts over the past three years, one time donations -large or small- helping promote giving across the Parish, serving on the Gala Committee or most importantly, praying for the campaign's success, your generosity and support have made a meaningful difference.

Completed Improvements

- Church Roof Replaced
- Driveway Updated with accessible Ramps
- New Windows on the School Building
- Teen Center HVAC Replacement
- Elevator lift installation process underway in the main school building

Remaining Priorities

- Bathroom renovations
- School building roof replacement
- HVAC Replacement of All Church and School Buildings

From now until August 2028, we invite 100% of our Parish family, including all Church and School families, to participate in whatever way you feel you are called to answer this need. Scan the QR code above to view all the ways you may participate and complete the commitment form.

Campaign progress will continue to be published weekly in the Sunday bulletin and flocknote. **In January 2027**, we will celebrate our progress at the Gala and recognize, by name, all who have participated so far since the launch and during this next phase (unless you wish to remain anonymous). We look forward to sharing this milestone with the entire parish as we continue working toward the goal together.

We are excited to see what more God will accomplish through His people here at St. Benilde Parish. Together, we remain "Rooted and Built Up in Him, and established in the faith just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." (Colossians 2:7)

2026-2027 Rooted & Built Up



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ROOTED

WHAT IS ROOTED?

- Our Parish Wide faith formation program for EVERY St. Benilde family and EVERY person.
- **Everyone** belongs, no matter where you are on your faith journey.
- Encounter God's love through Scripture, Catholic teachings, prayer and community.
- Grow deeper in your relationship with Christ and your parish family.

ROOTED FORMAT

- New this year, we will kick-off with a one-day retreat for our adults to reconnect with the Lord
- Sunday gatherings, 5-7:30pm, once a month
- Age-appropriate breakout groups
- Faith formation and discussion
- Family dinner and fellowship

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John 6:51

LEARN MORE OR REGISTER

- Full schedule
- FAQ's
- Important Dates
- Sacramental Prep
- And More!



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2026 Rooted 2027 & Built Up

BUILT UP

WHAT IS BUILT UP?

- Our Sacramental preparation programs offered alongside Rooted
- Participants typically attend a Rooted Night and a Built Up Night each month
- Sunday gatherings, once a month, 5:15-6:30 PM

WHO ATTENDS BUILT UP?

- **First Reconciliation & First Communion**
 - Open to all parish children, including students from St. Benilde School, public schools, private schools or homeschool
 - Children attend with at least one parent or guardian
- **11th-grade students preparing for Confirmation**
- **Adults and families interested in OCIA**
 - For those interested in becoming Catholic or completing their sacraments

HOW DO I REGISTER?

Scan the QR code to view the schedule and register for your program

STBENILDE.ORG/ROOTED-BUILT-UP

First Reconciliation and Communion



Confirmation



OCIA



ROOTED

No August
September 12*
October 11
November 15
December 6
January 10**
February 21
March 21
April 11
No May

BUILT UP

No August
September 20
October 18
November 29
No December
January 24
February 28
March 14
April 18
No May

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT DATES

Confirmation Day of Service - October 10th	Confirmation Retreat February 20th
Food & Music Fest November 6th-8th	Confirmation TBD
First Reconciliation Mini Retreat December 5th	First Communion & May Crowning May 2nd
First Reconciliation December 13th	Pentecost Party May 16th

* SATURDAY KICK OFF RETREAT
** EVENING STARTS WITH 4PM MASS



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DRAW NEAR RETREAT

A DAY OF EUCHARISTIC REFLECTION

DRAW NEAR TO GOD, AND HE WILL DRAW NEAR TO YOU. JAMES 4:8

ST. BENILDE
SATURDAY, SEPT. 12
10AM - 5PM

MASS, ADORATION,
CONFESSION,
TALKS, SMALL
GROUPS

OPEN TO
ST. BENILDE
TEENS AND
ADULTS

STBENILDE.ORG/DRAW-NEAR-RETREAT-REGISTRATION



JASON ANGELETTE



CLAIRE GALLAGHER

REGISTER HERE:





FR. ANDREW GUTIERREZ

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Woman Pity Daughter Sheep Help
Dogs Scraps Great Wish Healed

ADORERS NEEDED

MONDAYS
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

TUESDAYS
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
9:00-10:00 PM
11:00 PM - 12:00 PM

WEDNESDAYS:
1:00 AM - 2:00 AM
2:00 AM - 3:00AM
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

THURSDAYS:
3:00 AM - 4:00 AM
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

FRIDAYS:
1:00 AM - 2:00 AM
2:00 AM - 3:00 AM
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM



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Questions or Feedback?

Please feel free to share!





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