

# ASH WEDNESDAY



A Clean  
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Create  
For Me,  
GOD;  
Renew  
Within Me  
A Steadfast  
Spirit.

Psalms 51:12



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### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil** 5:30 pm  
**Sunday** 8:00 & 10:30 am  
**Tuesday-Friday** 8:00 am

### RECONCILIATION

**Wednesday** 5:00-6:00 pm  
**Saturday** 4:00-5:00 pm

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Fridays** 8:30-9:30 am  
**First Friday** 7:00-8:00 pm

### ROSARY FOR PEACE

**Third Thursday** 7:00 pm

**MARRIAGE** Please contact the church office at least six (6) months prior to the desired date of the wedding.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK** Any Catholic who is in danger due to age or health, or undergoing medical procedures and feels the need for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact Father Charles. It is the parish's custom to do anointings during the daily Mass, but they can also be administered privately. For emergencies, call the parish office 892-5202 and follow the prompt for emergencies.

**BAPTISM** Please email Deacon Danny [dmusso@arch-no.org](mailto:dmusso@arch-no.org) or contact the office to begin preparations. Seminars are held on the last Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

### MISSION STATEMENT

Guided by the Gospel, strengthened by the Eucharist, and inspired by Benedictine values, the mission of St. Benedict Catholic Church is to be a vibrant family of believers, worshipping God with joy, excitement, and reverence. Forming the Body of Christ and acting upon our faith in Jesus, we strive to spread the Good News by engaging in ministries of hospitality, hope, education, spirituality, and social justice to each other and those beyond our community.



## Father Charles's Corner...

This weekend's readings exhort us to form ourselves — mind and heart — in imitation of Christ so we can better reflect His goodness in our daily lives.

The first reading from Sirach offers timeless counsel: "the fruit of a tree shows the care it has had: so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he speaks." Jesus uses the very same analogy in today's Gospel reading from Luke. "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit." Jesus explains, "A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good... for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

Everything we have is a gift from God to be used for His honor and glory. This includes the gift of speech and, even more broadly, all forms of modern-day communication — email, text, Twitter, Facebook, and the rest. What comes forth from our mouths, or keyboard, or phone, reflects what is in our minds and hearts. Our ability to communicate with each other is itself a gift that we must steward well.

In the same Gospel passage, Jesus reminds us, "No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher." We must therefore be trained by Jesus our teacher so that our minds and hearts will be aligned with His mind and heart, and our speech (and actions for that matter) will reflect His goodness.

How do we obtain this training? Thankfully, we have an abundance of supernatural materials at our disposal.

First and foremost, we can spend time with the Teacher, our Lord: we can study His life through reading the Scriptures, and we can listen and speak with Him in quiet, regular times of prayer. We can expand our faith knowledge through study of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. We can find healing and strength in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Amazingly, we can partake of His Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

The more intentionally and frequently we make use of these means, the more we will become like our Teacher and Lord. Then, all that we do and say (and tweet and post) will bring others closer to Him. This is the life's work of the Christian steward. It is privileged work indeed.

All my love,

*F. Charles, O.S.B.*

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



### Tuesday, March 1

+Yolande Billman

### Wednesday, March 2

8:00 a.m.

+Greg Lyons

7:00 p.m.

+Jerry Luke

### Thursday, March 3

Members of Marianite Guild

### Friday, March 4

Scioneaux Family

### Saturday, March 5

5:30 p.m.

+Donald Naquin, Patrick Rapp, +Jerry Luke, +Kyle Butler,  
Delta LeBlanc, +Nina Chatelain, +Narvey & Esma DeLage,  
+Guy Palermo, +Bob & Jane Ayerst, +Paul Raymond,  
+Steve & Anna Balogh, +Levergne Novak,  
+Keith Deancausse,

### Sunday, March 6

8:00 a.m.

Parishioners of Saint Benedict

10:30 a.m.

+Kris Rotolo, +Art Seghers, +Phillip E. Lee, Jr.,  
+John Shaw

## Attention Communion Ministers

We are in need of a few communion ministers to help bring communion to the sick in their homes. Please consider helping us in this very important ministry, even if you have never brought communion to the sick before. Please see Father Charles or call the parish office if you are interested in serving in this ministry. Father Charles will be conducting a training meeting for all interested persons.



# Lent & Easter Regulations

The penitential days for the universal Church are each Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Mass with the distribution of ashes will be at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Lent is an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of Easter. The following regulations are observed in this sacred season:

## Abstinence

Catholics 14 years of age or older must abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. It is only on the other Fridays of the year that abstinence may be substituted by another form or penance.

## Fasting

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 (inclusive) are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. There is a limit of one full meal and no food between meals on those days. Two smaller meals are permitted as needed to maintain one's strength.

## Sacrament of Penance

All the faithful who have reached the age of reason are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year. Lent is a good time to fulfill this precept of the Church. Anyone who is aware of having committed a mortal sin must not receive Holy Communion without previously having been to sacramental confession (Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), 1457). The Sacrament of Penance is available every Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Fridays after the Way of the Cross until 8 p.m., and Saturdays from 4:00 p.m. to 5 p.m.

## Holy Communion

Catholics who have received their First Holy Communion are obliged to make a worthy reception of Holy Communion at least once a year during the Lenten or Easter seasons. In the United States, this reception of Holy Communion may take place from the first Sunday in Lent (Feb 21<sup>st</sup>) through Trinity Sunday (May 30<sup>th</sup>).

## Other Lenten Observances

Each weekday of Lent is also an obligatory day of penance. Some recommendations include the participation in daily Mass, increased prayer or spiritual study, self-imposed fasting or abstinence, works of charity, and participation in traditional Lenten Devotions (such as Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7 p.m., and reciting the rosary).



The proper context for all Lenten discipline is the conversion of our hearts. As the Catechism states, however, “interior conversion urges expression in visible signs, gestures and works of penance.” These penances help us to redirect our whole life to God and away from sin and the evil we have committed (CCC, 1430-1439).

As we celebrate our Lenten penitential practices, may we experience this conversion of heart and be strengthened in our faith in God's mercy. May our discipline, through God's grace, lead us to full participation in the eternal Easter.



# FISH FRY



**Mar. 11**  
**Mar. 25**  
**Apr. 8**



**4 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

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or on the link online at <https://stbenedictchurchcovington.com> or at:



March 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>  Parish Office Closed	<b>2</b>  Masses at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. <b>DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE</b> Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>DAY OF ABSTINENCE</b> Way of the Cross at 7 p.m. followed by Adoration until 8 p.m.	<b>5</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Men's Club Fish Fry Ticket Sales after Mass
<b>6</b> Men's Club Fish Fry Ticket Sales after Mass	<b>7</b> KC Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation 5-6 p.m. Family Faith Formation 6:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>10</b> Parish Office Closes at Noon Men's Club Meeting 7 p.m.	<b>11</b> Blanket Ministry Luncheon  Fish Fry Men's Club Fish Fry 4 – 7 p.m. Way of the Cross, 7p.m. followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation until 8 p.m.	<b>12</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  Fr. Charles's Annual 39 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration after 5:30 Mass
<b>13</b>  Daylight Savings Time begins Family Faith Formation 11:45 a.m.	<b>14</b> KC Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.	<b>15</b> Altar Society Meeting 9 a.m.	<b>16</b> Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation 5-6 p.m.	<b>17</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 p.m.	<b>18</b> Way of the Cross, 7p.m. followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation until 8 p.m.	<b>19</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Second Collection: Archdiocesan Seminarian Education Men's Club Fish Fry Ticket Sales after Mass
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<b>27</b> Blessing of Marriages at the end of Mass Coffee & Donuts after all Masses	<b>28</b> KC Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation 5-6 p.m.	<b>31</b>		



**CATHOLIC WOMEN**  
in Action

## 2022 Northshore Lenten Morning of Reflection

# The Lord is My Shepherd: Trust in Him

**March 8<sup>th</sup>**

**9-11 a.m.**

**Mary Queen of Peace**

**1501 W. Causeway App.**

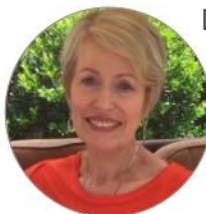
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You're invited! Join Catholic Women in Action (CWIA) for our 2022 Northshore Lenten Morning of Reflection, **The Lord is My Shepherd: Trust in Him**.

Fr. Beau Charbonnet (Pastor, St. Angela Merici) will celebrate Mass. Denny Charbonnet will then offer her insights on our theme. Confessions will be available from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross, possibly outside, will follow Mass.

Questions? Please contact Kathi Zimmerman at [kzimmerman@ccfnola.org](mailto:kzimmerman@ccfnola.org) or 504.527.5794. COVID-19 guidelines will be observed.

## REFLECTION SPEAKER



Denise "Denny" Charbonnet is the loving mother of Rev. Beau Charbonnet, Jean Charbonnet, and the late Elise Charbonnet Angelette. Aside from her duties at home, Denny enjoyed a 30-year career as drama teacher and department head and director of St. Paul School's Marian Players. Her theatre vision, teaching philosophy, and approach to life are formed by her deep faith in God.



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For more information, visit [www.ccfnoia.org](http://www.ccfnoia.org).







## *Happening this Week*

### **Monday, February 28**

*Lundi Gras*

Parish Office Closed

KC Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.

### **Tuesday, March 1**

*Mardi Gras*

Parish Office Closed

### **Wednesday, March 2**

Ash Wednesday Masses at 8 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation available, 5 to 6 p.m.

### **Friday, March 4**

Way of the Cross 7 p.m. followed by Adoration until 8 p.m.

### **Saturday, March 5**

Sacrament of Reconciliation available, 4:00 to 5 p.m.

Men's Club Fish Fry Ticket Sales after Mass

### **Sunday, March 6**

Men's Club Fish Fry Ticket Sales after Mass



This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. We will have Mass with the distribution of ashes at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. It is also a day of fasting and abstinence. (Please see the Lent and Easter Regulations page for more information.)

### STEWARDSHIP – February 20th

Weekly Collection:	\$4,768
E-Giving Online:	\$1,155
Building Fund:	\$200
Poor Box:	\$61
Mass Attendance:	409
Building Fund on Deposit:	\$385,550

*Thank you for your generosity!*



## *Prayer List*



Deacon Nelvin Luke, Jim Seward, Anthony Sorrentino, Dee Sylvia, Earline Todd, Hunter Wagner, Julie Wagner, Tina Zocco, Clara Armstrong, Dr. Jerry Casey, Lisa Valley, Scott Lee, Carol Everhardt, Bennett Miller, Joanne Leber, Anna Istone, Gerardo Antonucci, Presley Patrick, Kaiden Lessard, Jennifer Bradley, Derek Feske, Fred and Lynne Guillot, Ryan Ware, Lois Seals, Billie Chiasson, Timothy Rollman, Vivian LeBlanc, Michael Duran, Donna McFatter, Angela Brady, Jackie Catalanotto, Jean Kelt, Judy Woolley, Joseph Candilora, John DeSilva, Phillip E. Lee, Sr., Gloria Nordman, Jan Nordman

The prayer list is for our parishioners who are homebound or sick. All others can be entered into the general prayer book in the church. Please call the church office to add a parishioner's name to the prayer list. All names will stay on the list for 30 days at a time.

## CRS LENTEN RICE BOWL CAMPAIGN

Our parish and Catholic Communities throughout the United States do something amazing each Lent. We come together to pray, fast and give alms-and by doing so we help lift families and communities out of poverty and put them on a path toward resilience, prosperity and stability. That's the CRS Rice Bowl effect. Rice Bowls will be available for pick-up in the back of church beginning this weekend. Inside the bowls are suggested prayers, readings and facts about the work of Catholic Relief Services.



### **FATHER CHARLES'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

Father Charles will have his Annual 39<sup>th</sup> Birthday on March 12<sup>th</sup>. We will have a Birthday Celebration for him on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, following the 5:30 p.m. Mass.





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