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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:45 am-4:00 pm

Then let us  
celebrate  
with a feast,  
because this  
son of mine  
was dead,  
and has come  
to life again,  
he was lost,  
and has  
been found.

*Luke 15:23, 24*

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### 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.

### 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.



## *Father Charles's Corner...*

For many, Lent is a season of doom and gloom, a time to feel bad about all the ways we are not “measuring up” in our spiritual lives. But this view could not be further from the truth. Lent is a season of refreshment and love, of awakening and rebirth. In fact, the word “lent” comes from the Old English word, “lencten,” which means spring. Lent is intended to be a springtime for us in our spiritual lives where all can become new again.

St. Paul tells us in the Second Reading, “Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ.” The Gospel Reading, too, is filled with this theme of awakening and the extravagant, life-changing love that the Father has for each one of us; it is the well-known parable of the Prodigal Son.

We are all familiar with this amazing story — the bratty younger son who has the audacity to ask his dad for his inheritance early, only to squander it sinfully away. It makes us bristle instinctively at his nerve when we read it. But isn't that exactly what we do when we selfishly turn away from God (in big or small ways) in our own lives? We squander away the inheritance of grace He has given us.

In desperation from the mess he had made of his life, the son finally “comes to his senses” — awakening to the truth that he is a beloved son of a loving and merciful father and decides to return home. His contrition is faltering and imperfect, motivated in large part by his growling stomach.

But it was enough for the loving father. “While still a long way off, the father caught sight of him.” The son was still a long way off from a deep understanding of what he had lost and what he was about to gain. But that small and imperfect openness to the father's love was enough. In fact, the father is “filled with compassion for him” and immediately sets about preparing feast and fine clothes for this son. What an extravagance of love! What a beautiful picture Jesus gives us of our Father's love and mercy.

Oh, how this should fill us with gratitude for such a Father! Be refreshed in this love. We are new creations thanks to this reconciling love. And what comfort this passage gives to those of us who watch with sorrowful hearts for a return to faith for own “prodigal” loved ones. Our Father is watching and waiting for their return to Him even more eagerly and patiently than we are.

We owe God everything! But let's start by giving him one little thing. Take even a faltering step closer to Him — go to confession, join in the Stations of the Cross, reconcile with a lost family member or friend. With just the tiniest bit of spiritual “spring cleaning” we can be sure we will be swept up in our Father's loving embrace and find ourselves feasting in His presence. Afterall, that is what lent is all about.

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



### **Tuesday, March 29**

Rebecca Lucia

### **Wednesday, March 30**

+Holy Souls in Purgatory

### **Thursday, March 31**

+Holy Souls in Purgatory

### **Friday, April 1**

Brandon Strom

### **Saturday, April 2**

**5:30 p.m.**

+Donald Naquin, Patrick Rapp, +Jerry Luke,  
+Joan Engolia, +Nina Chatelain, +Yolande Billman,  
+Levergne Novak, +Paul Raymond, +Kyle Butler,  
+Bob & Jane Ayrest, +Steve & Anna Balogh,  
+Keith Deancausse, +Eduardo Guevara

### **Sunday, April 3**

**8:00 a.m.**

Parishioners of Saint Benedict

**10:30 a.m.**

+Arthur deLaune, +Kris Rotolo, +Phillip E. Lee, Jr.,  
+Dixie Lee, +Charles Smith, +Elmira DeRocha



## 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 Ison, Gerardo Antonucci, Presley Patrick, Kaiden Lessard, Jennifer Bradley, Derek Feske, Fred and Lynne Guillot, Ryan Ware, Lois Seals, 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.





## *Happening this Week*

### **Monday, March 28**

KC Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.

### **Wednesday, March 30**

Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.

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

### **Friday, April 1**

Way of the Cross 7 p.m.

### **Saturday, April 2**

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

Men's Club Fish Fry Ticket Sales after Mass

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## STEWARDSHIP – March 20th

Weekly Collection:	\$4,524
NOLO Seminarian Education:	\$700
E-Giving Online:	\$8,442
Building Fund:	\$410
Poor Box:	\$5,803
Mass Attendance:	538
Building Fund on Deposit:	\$390,158

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## LENT REMINDERS

Catholics 14 years of age or older must abstain from eating meat on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. In regards to fasting, Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 (inclusive) are required to fast on 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.

During Lent we will pray the Way of the Cross each Friday at 7 p.m. Immediately after the Way of the Cross we will have Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation until 8 p.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available every Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.



St. Benedict Men's Club will hold their final annual Fish Fry during Lent on April 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Dinner choices are: Fish or Shrimp Plate. Sides include Potato Salad, Green Beans and a Dinner Roll. The cost is \$12 per plate. Tickets will be available after Masses next weekend, April 2/3, online at the parish website, or by scanning:



## Easter Flower Sponsorship

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