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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

EUCHARISTIC 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 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...

The charism of hospitality is fundamental to the *Rule of Benedict*, and in fact, the Christian way of life. When we envision hospitality, we naturally think of offering a sincere and warm welcome — to visitors and those new to our parish, for instance. We picture inviting them in and making them feel at home.

Today's Gospel reading from John invites us to think of hospitality in a slightly different way. In it, we hear Jesus speaking this to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him."

Jesus is asking that we permit the Blessed Trinity to come and dwell within us. This is a stunning request. It tells us that our first and most privileged form of hospitality should be directed towards God Himself.

How does one show hospitality to God? How do we make God "at home and at ease" within us? How can we communicate to God that He is "highly valued" by us? Jesus tells us how: we are to keep His word, to follow HIs teachings.

To keep His word, we must know His word. This takes discipline and effort on our part. We must make the study of Scripture and Church teaching a priority in our daily lives. This can be done in small and simple ways. Perhaps you can commit to setting your alarm ten minutes early to meditate on the day's Gospel. Perhaps you could read a paragraph of the Catechism with your family at dinner. You could pray over a portion of the Psalms before going to bed at night. You can even volunteer to start a Bible study right here at Saint Benedict's! There are many ways to grow in knowledge and love of God's word.

Over time these simple practices can radically change one's life. We will begin to more easily think like Jesus, respond like Jesus, and live like Jesus. We really will form our minds, hearts, and souls into a place where the Blessed Trinity is pleased to dwell.

How is this possible? Because we have an Unseen Teacher with us as we seek to know and keep God's word. Jesus tells us so later in this same Gospel passage. "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." Ask the Holy Spirit to show you when and how you can get to know God's word in your particular circumstances and then commit to it!

If we want our parish to be a place of genuine Christian hospitality, we must be sure that our own hearts are hospitable dwelling places for the Blessed Trinity. Then our smiles and words, our greetings and ministries will radiate with the warmth of God's love. And our parish family will become at least a little bit like Heaven on earth.



Tuesday, May 17

+Brendan Fitzsimmons

Wednesday, May 18 +Brendan Fitzsimmons

Thursday, May 19 +Brendan Fitzsimmons

Friday, May 20 +Brendan Fitzsimmons

Saturday, May 21 5:30 p.m.

+Donald Naquin, Patrick Rapp, +Tom Norton, Christine Davis, +Charmaine Hebert, +Jay & May Schoen, +Robert & Margaret Townsend, +Fr. Emile LaFranz, +Jay & Othelia Schoen, +Edgar & Mabel Menard, +Adam Dicks, +Kendall Lentz, +Steven Nelson

> Sunday, May 22 8:00 a.m.

+Cody Lucia, +Chris & Doris Johnson, +George Fischer, +Pauline Chiasson, +Edna Bender 10:30 a.m.

Parishioners of Saint Benedict



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 Isone, 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, May 16

KC Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 17

Altar Society Meeting 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, May 18

Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.
Parish Office Closes at Noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation available, 5 to 6 p.m.

Thursday, May 19

4th Degree Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 20

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 21

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

Sunday, May 22

Blessing of Marriages Coffee & Donuts after all Masses Vitalant Blood Drive 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP - May 8th

Weekly Collection: \$5,734

Diocesan Priest Retirement \$1,760

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Building Fund: \$1,465

Poor Box: \$141

Mass Attendance: 536

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Date: TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022 Time: 7:00 P.M – 8:00 P.M. Location: CATECHETICAL CENTER



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