

# Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

Luke 12:15

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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** 8:30 am

**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.





## Fr. Charles' Corner...

This weekend's readings remind us of the importance of being a good steward of our time, talent, and treasure.

Our First Reading from the book of Ecclesiastes contains the famous line, "Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!" The narrator, Qoheleth, points out that we toil and labor all day, worry all night about our work and all we still have to do, and for what? Essentially, he asks what is the point of constantly "stressing out" about things that won't last anyway? That's no way to live! We live for a higher purpose — we live for our God and for the things that matter to Him. Our time, talents, and treasure have an everlasting focus because we recognize that these things are all gifts from God and we use them to give Him glory.

Our Second Reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians, reminds us how to go about making decisions so that we can make the best use of the gifts we have been given. In making decisions about our use of time, talent and treasure, he gives us this advice: "Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." He adds, "Take off the old self with its practices and put on the new self which is being renewed for knowledge in the image of its creator." This is precisely what is taking place within us as we embrace the spirituality of stewardship. We find ourselves living in a continuous process of sloughing off our selfishness (the "old self") and living more and more for God and others.

To many people in our materialistic world, setting priorities that are not focused on earthly goals like wealth, status and power, is foolish and naive. But look at what Jesus has to say about priorities in today's Gospel passage from Luke. He makes it clear that life is not about "stuff." "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Then Jesus goes on to tell the parable of the wealthy businessman who thought he had everything figured out. The man had such an abundance of "stuff" that he didn't have room to store it all. So, thinking of earthly things and not on what is above, he decided to build a bigger place to store all that stuff. Patting himself on the back, he thought about what good times he would have in the years ahead. But Jesus tells us that day would turn out to be the man's last day on the earth. And he had spent it thinking only of himself. How foolish! What vanity of vanities!

Don't be ashamed of living differently from the people around you. Be confident as you set priorities based on what is above. You are wise in God's eyes, and you will be rich in what matters most.

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**Tuesday, August 2**

+Yolande Billman

**Wednesday, August 3**

+Cody Lucia

**Thursday, August 4**

Members of the Marianite Guild

**Friday, August 5**

Eloise Lacour

**Saturday, August 6**

**5:30 p.m.**

+Tom Norton, Christine Davis, Patrick Rapp, +Kyle Butler,  
Robbye Rapp, Regina McMillan, +Guy Palermo,  
+Narvey & Esma DeLage, +Bob & Jane Ayerst,  
+Steve & Anna Balogh, +Levergne Novak,  
+Paul Raymond, +Keith Deancausse,

**Sunday, August 7**

**8:00 a.m.**

Parishioner of Saint Benedict

**10:30 a.m.**

+Arthur deLaune, +Kris Rotolo, +Phillip E. Lee, Jr.,  
Rapp Family, +Elmira DeRocha



## Prayer List



Deacon Nelvin Luke, Jim Seward, Anthony Sorrentino, Dee Sylvia, Earline Todd, 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

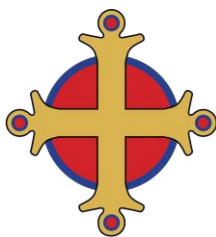
The prayer list is for our parishioners who are homebound or sick. All others can be entered into the general prayer book in the church. Please call the church office to add a parishioner's name to the prayer list. All names will stay on the list for 30 days at a time.



# Saint Benedict Catholic Church

## August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 KC Choir Practice 7 p.m.	2	3 Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.  Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	4	5 Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass	6 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  Blessing of Students & Teachers at Mass
7 Blessing of Students & Teachers at Mass	8 KC Choir Practice 7 p.m.	9 Altar Society Meeting 7:00 p.m.	10 Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.  Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.  Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30 p.m.	11 Men's Club Meeting 7 p.m.	12 Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass	13 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  Catholic Relief Services Second Collection
14 2022 Confirmation Prep 11:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.  Catholic Relief Services Second Collection	15  Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary  <u>NOT</u> a holy day of obligation this year  KC Choir Practice 7 p.m.	16	17 Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.  Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	18 Rosary for Peace 8:30 a.m.  4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 p.m.	19 Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass	20 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  Blessing of Marriages at the end of Mass
21 Blessing of Marriages at the end of Mass  Coffee & Donuts after all Masses	22 KC Choir Practice 7 p.m.	23	24 Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.  Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	25	26 Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass	27 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
28 2022 Confirmation Prep 11:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.	29 KC Choir Practice 7 p.m.	30	31 Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.  Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.			



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## MASS INTENTION POLICY

*The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, or a specific intention, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition. The following policy was implemented in order to accommodate the numerous Mass requests in a reasonable and fair manner.*

1. The *Mass Intention Book* will open on August 1<sup>st</sup> for 2023.
2. Until November 1<sup>st</sup> we will accept no more than 12 single intention requests from a household for 2023. (Unlimited requests for Sunday or Saturday Masses will be accepted.) After November 1<sup>st</sup> all intentions will be accepted until the schedule is full.
3. Mass requests will be honored on a first-come, first-serve basis in the order in which the request is received at the parish office.
4. No Mass request will be taken over the telephone. Mass requests must be made in person in the parish office, or in writing and placed in the collection basket or drop box outside of the parish office. Requests may also be mailed to the office. Forms for requesting a Mass can be obtained from the parish office, in the back of the church, or available online on the parish website.
5. A \$5 stipend—established by the archdiocese—is to accompany each Mass request. The stipend is a gift to the Church for the Mass intention. At present, St. Benedict Church will continue to defray the costs associated in sending a card to the person for whom the Mass is being offered, or if the person is deceased, to their next of kin.
6. Canon Law requires that only one intention per Mass is allowed except for two Masses each week when the pastor can allow multiple intentions. These multiple intention Masses are designated for weekends.
7. Intentions must be specific and deliberate: “special intention” or “private intentions” will not be accepted. Lengthy intention listings cannot be published in the Bulletin and must be edited for the sake of brevity. Also, when the intention is for a family, up to three first names with the same last name (i.e. John, Paul and Mary Smith) or the parents’ first names and last name (i.e. John and Mary Smith Family) should be used.
8. Mass intentions will not be rescheduled if a verbal announcement was not heard during Mass. The priest celebrant is under the strict obligation to remember the intention for which the Mass is being offered and it is presumed that the priest will offer the Mass as requested. The intention is a spiritual act and its verbal publication neither adds nor subtracts from its validity.
9. All intention requests are subject to acceptance by the pastor, who will also have the final determination of the wording of any intention.
10. Mass requests will be granted as close to the requested date and time as possible. If it is not possible to comply with the primary request, the next closest date and time will be scheduled.
11. Please remember the Mass intention is only a request. Once the Mass is scheduled we will do our best to celebrate the Mass on the day and time scheduled. However, this may not be possible because of unforeseen circumstances. In this case the next available date and time will be scheduled. Attempts will be made to contact the concerned parties ahead of time, but please note that this is not always possible.

# What is a Mass Intention?

An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for someone's birthday, or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul. Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical *Mirae caritatis* beautifully elaborated this point and emphasized the connection between the communion of saints with the Mass: *The grace of mutual love among the living, strengthened and increased by the sacrament of the Eucharist, flows, especially by virtue of the Sacrifice [of the Mass], to all who belong to the communion of saints. For the communion of saints is simply ... the mutual sharing of help, atonement, prayers and benefits among the faithful, those already in the heavenly fatherland, those consigned to the purifying fire, and those still making their pilgrim way here on earth. These all form one city, whose head is Christ, and whose vital principle is love. Faith teaches that although the august Sacrifice can be offered to God alone, it can nevertheless be celebrated in honor of the saints now reigning in Heaven with God, who has crowned them, to obtain their intercession for us, and also, according to apostolic tradition, to wash away the stains of those who died in the Lord but without yet being wholly purified.*

In his encyclical *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, Pope St. John Paul II taught: *In the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice, the Church prays that God, the Father of mercies, will grant His children the fullness of the Holy Spirit so that they may become one body and one spirit in Christ. In raising this prayer to the Father of lights, from whom comes every good endowment and every perfect gift, the Church believes that she will be heard, for she prays in union with Christ her Head and Spouse, who takes up this plea of His Bride and joins it to His own redemptive sacrifice.*

The tradition of offering Masses for others, particularly the dead, originates in the very early Church. Inscriptions discovered on tombs in Roman catacombs of the second century evidence this practice: for example, the epitaph on the tomb of Abercius, Bishop of Hieropolis in Phrygia, begs for prayers for the repose of his soul. Tertullian attested to observing the anniversary of a spouse with prayers and sacrifices, *i.e.* the Mass: *Indeed she prays for his soul, and requests refreshment for him meanwhile, and fellowship with him in the first resurrection; and she offers her sacrifice on the anniversaries of his falling asleep.* Moreover, the Canons of Hippolytus explicitly mentions the offering of prayers for the dead during the

Mass. St. Cyril of Jerusalem, in one of his many catechetical discourses, explained how at Mass both the living and dead are remembered, and how the Eucharistic Sacrifice of our Lord is of benefit to sinners, living and dead. St. Ambrose preached, *We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord.* And Pope St. Gregory said, *Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them.*

We find not only the origins of this practice dating to the early Church but we also clearly recognize its importance. Given this understanding, we can add some specifics. When a priest offers Holy Mass, he has three intentions: First, to offer the Mass reverently and validly in accord with the norms of the Church. Second, to offer the Mass in union with the whole Church and for the good of the whole Church. Third, to offer the Mass for a particular intention, such as the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

Therefore, the effects of the Mass bring certain benefits or fruits. The general fruits of the Mass are the effects upon the whole Church to the living faithful as well as the poor souls in purgatory. For this reason, the Eucharistic Prayer makes a special mention is made for both the living and the dead. While the special personal fruits of the Mass benefit the celebrating priest who acts in the person of Christ in offering the Mass and to the people who are in attendance and participate in the offering of the Mass, the special ministerial fruits of the Mass are applied to the particular intention of the Mass, *i.e.* "for whom the Mass is offered."

These fruits are both extensively and intensively finite, since each of us is finite. Therefore, the more a Mass is offered, the more benefit is conferred. For example, all things being equal, 10 Masses offered for the repose of a soul confer 10 times the benefit of one Mass.

A person may ask a priest to offer a Mass for a particular intention. (A stipend is also given as a form of personal sacrifice and to help support the priest.) We find not only the origins of this practice dating to the early Church but we also clearly recognize its importance. When we face the death of someone, even a person who is not Catholic, to have a Mass offered for the repose of his soul and to offer our prayers are more beneficial and comforting than any other sympathy card or bouquet of flowers. To have a Mass offered on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated.



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July 18, 2022

Very Rev. Charles Benoit, OSB, VF, Pastor  
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Dear Monsignor Benoit,

*Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!*

Thank you for sending the sum of \$35,000 to Monsignor William Bilinsky earlier this year for humanitarian relief purposes in Ukraine. Monsignor Bilinsky sent a check in the amount of \$110,000 to the Archeparchy to support our Humanitarian Aid Fund for Ukraine, noting that \$35,000 of that amount came from St. Benedict.

These are very challenging times in Ukraine, and many people, especially the poor, are suffering. The generous assistance from your parish will help provide relief to them in their hour of need. Thank you for this.

We have collected over \$6 million to date for humanitarian relief in Ukraine, and distributed half of those funds so far. You can see our reports on the Humanitarian Aid Fund on the Archeparchy's website at [www.ukrarcheparchy.us](http://www.ukrarcheparchy.us).

Please continue to pray for all our suffering brothers and sisters in Ukraine, together with the clergy, religious and faithful in the Archeparchy. You will be in my prayers.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ *Borys*

+Borys







## *Happening this Week*

### **Wednesday, August 3**

Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation available, 5:00 to 6 p.m.

### **Friday, August 5**

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

### **Saturday, August 6**

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

## **CONFIRMATION 2022**

### **Sunday, August 14**

Confirmation Prep 11:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

### **Sunday, August 28**

Confirmation Prep 11:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

### **Sunday, September 18**

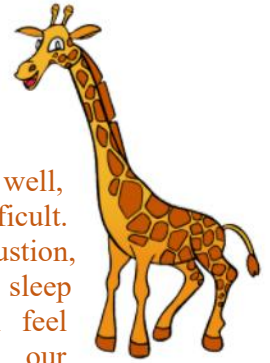
Confirmation Retreat & Practice 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### **Wednesda, October 5**

Confirmation Mass at 7 p.m.

Celebrant: Bishop Fernand J. Cheri

## **Announcing Our New Baby Meal Ministry**



Even when everything goes well, bringing home a new baby is difficult. Between the physical exhaustion, emotional stress, and sleep deprivation, parents can often feel overwhelmed. That's where our church family can come in. Wouldn't it be great if we could deliver meals to families of new babies during the difficult newborn baby phase. Any parishioner parents are eligible, including birth parents, foster parents, and adopting parents of an infant (under 1-year-old) and this applies to all children (first, second, third...etc.)

Volunteers are needed to help us start our New Baby Meal Ministry. We will have a sign-up genius sent out to our volunteer list every time a new baby is born in the parish. Volunteers can sign up for a night to cook/order and deliver a meal to the family. Our goal is to have a meal sent to the family for every other night for 2 weeks so they can enjoy their time with their new baby without needing to worry about dinner. If you are interested in signing up as a volunteer or have any questions, please contact Debra Dwight at 985-966-0437 or DebraDwight07@gmail.com



Healing of the Heart is a Grief Retreat open to Men and Women who are grieving a loss. This is a one-night retreat helping as we grieve to search for Hope. So much of the time we do not think Hope is possible. Come and find the Hope to help you on the journey to heal your heart. This is open for anyone who lost a spouse, a parent, a child, a sibling or a friend. Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 20, 2022 at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center. Register at [neworleansretreats.com](http://neworleansretreats.com) or call 504-267-9604. Cost is \$100.00.



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