



*25th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 16:13*



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### MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	5:30 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 & 10:30 am
<b>Tuesday-Friday</b>	8:00 am

### RECONCILIATION

<b>Wednesday</b>	5:00-6:00 pm
<b>Saturday</b>	4:00-5:00 pm

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

<b>Fridays</b>	8:30-9:30 am
<b>First Friday</b>	7:00-8:00 pm

### ROSARY FOR PEACE

<b>Third Thursday</b>	8:30 am
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**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.

*"You cannot serve both God and mammon."*



## Fr. Charles's Corner...

After this weekend's readings, we can't say we have not been warned about the dangers of mixed-up priorities. God's Word is so very clear today on the necessity of putting Him first in all areas of our lives.

We see this in the First Reading from Amos. The Lord has harsh words for those who would take advantage of the poor and whose priorities are not aligned with God's.

In the Second Reading from St. Paul's letter to Timothy, Paul gives us the antidote to the self-centeredness condemned in our First Reading. The antidote, of course, is to imitate Christ. "There is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all." Rather than thinking of Himself and how to "get ahead" Christ gave Himself away — completely — for our sake. That is how we are to live. How to better serve God and give ourselves to others are the thoughts that should preoccupy our minds.

In our Gospel passage from Luke, the Lord shows us how to bridge the gap between worldly thinking and priorities and eternal thinking and priorities. Jesus tells the parable of the corrupt but clever steward who is about to get fired when the master discovers the steward has been squandering his property. Realizing his imminent unemployed status, the clever steward reaches out to the various debtors of his master to wheel and deal with them, making friends who would look out for him when he became jobless.

What do we learn from this curious parable to help us avoid the worldly thinking condemned in our First Reading and give ourselves away as Jesus did as is described in our Second Reading? We know this "bad steward" was clever and energetic. He put thought, prudence, and creativity into the plans he made for his self-serving ends and carried out his plans with great success.

What if we put that kind of effort into our own tasks as good stewards of all God's gifts to us? Into our ministries, into the ways we could make more time for prayer as individuals, as couples, as families, and as a parish? What if we got as creative as the "bad steward" in the use of our finances so that we could give more generously to the poor and the advancement of God's kingdom on the earth? That's our lesson and our challenge.

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**Tuesday, September 20**

Communion Service

**Wednesday, September 21**

Communion Service

**Thursday, September 22**

Communion Service

**Friday, September 23**

Communion Service

**Saturday, September 24**

**5:30 p.m.**

+Tom Norton, Robbye Rapp, +Normie Miller,  
Patrick Rapp, Mike Catarone, +Gale Martin,  
+Carrol & Claudette Arcement

**Sunday, September 25**

**8:00 a.m.**

+Charmaine Hebert, +Clinton Cressionne,  
+George & Lillian Fischer, +Louis Franklin,  
+Deceased Parents of Daughters of Divine Providence,  
+Deceased Sisters of Daughters of Divine Providence,  
Benefactors of Daughters of Divine Providence

**10:30 a.m.**

Parishioners of Saint Benedict



**The flowers on the Altar this weekend are  
in memory of Yolanda Hernandez.**

*The Men's Club would like to thank  
everyone who supported their recent  
Cornish Hen Fundraiser – your  
generosity is very much appreciated...*

**THANK YOU!**





## CONFIRMATION 2022

**Wednesday, October 5**

Confirmation Mass at 7 p.m.

Celebrant: Bishop Fernand J. Cheri

## ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...



- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?
- Has you been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what you have to do to become Catholic?

Father Charles will be leading those interested in becoming Catholic through a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There will be an inquiry session on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m. (between the morning Masses) for those who are interested.



## 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, Donna McFatter, Angela Brady, Jackie Catalanotto, Jean Kelt, Joseph Candilora, John DeSilva, Phillip E. Lee, Sr., Gloria Nordman, Jan Nordman, Flavia Langan

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

**Tuesday, September 20**

**NO MASS** Communion Service

**Wednesday, September 21**

**NO MASS** Communion Service

Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.

**NO Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Thursday, September 22**

**NO MASS** Communion Service

**Friday, September 23**

**NO MASS** Communion Service

**Saturday, September 24**

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

Blessing of Marriages at the end of Mass

**Sunday, September 25**

Blessing of Marriages at the end of Mass

Coffee & Donuts after all Masses

## STEWARDSHIP – September 11th

Weekly Collection:	\$4,822
E-Giving Online:	\$1,727
Building Fund:	\$349
Poor Box:	\$77
Mass Attendance:	443
Building Fund on Deposit:	\$417,817

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