





"All LIFE has inestimable value, even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor are masterpieces of God's creation."

Pope Francis

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MISSION STATEMENT

Grand Knight, Kenny Eberts

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 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 or contact the office to begin preparations. Seminars are held on the last Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

October 8, 2023



Father Charles's Corner...

This We have been given so many gifts and blessings by our Heavenly Father. Yet, in our fallen state it is all too easy to take them for granted. Our readings this weekend teach us that we must live with an intentional awareness of our many blessings and use them gratefully to glorify God.

Our First Reading, from Isaiah, foreshadows today's Gospel passage. Both passages employ images of a landowner and his vineyard, who with great love and care, creates the perfect vineyard and fills it with the choicest vines. Yet, it fails to produce good fruit. As a result, the landowner allows the vineyard to go to ruin. This is a reminder that while Our Heavenly Father is merciful and kind, He is also just.

Our Second Reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians, is a reminder of one key blessing that is surprisingly easy to take for granted — the gift of our thought life. Our intellect is a gift from God and we are called to steward it well. Lack of discipline in our thoughts can easily lead us down a path of discontentment and fear. St. Paul instructs us rather to "have no anxiety at all." How are we to do this? He tells us, "In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." And as it turns out, by turning our thoughts towards God with gratitude, we will be blessed immediately. Paul continues, "Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

St. Paul gives specific advice for intentionally maintaining an attitude of gratitude in our thought life. "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, and if there is anything worthy of praise" these are the things we should focus on. As we develop this habit we will discover a powerful way to navigate life with peace and joy.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, we return to the image of a vineyard in a parable Jesus uses to teach the importance of using our blessings well. It is the story of a landowner who plants a vineyard and leases it to tenants before he goes on a journey. Instead of tending the vineyard, the tenants mistreat the servants in the vineyard and even the son of the landowner, whom they kill. When the landowner realizes what the tenants have done, he puts them to death and leases his vineyard to tenants who "will give him the produce at the proper times."

By Baptism, we have received the gift of salvation and membership in Kingdom of God — we are now "tenants" called to work in the "vineyard" and produce fruit for its owner, our Heavenly Father. Jesus makes it clear that if we squander the gift of salvation, we will lose it. It is a sobering truth. So let us live each day with a profound awareness of all that we have been given by God.



Tuesday, October 10
Marianites of Holy Cross Associates

Wednesday, October 11 +Poor Souls

Thursday, October 12
Father Ed Grice

Friday, October 13 +Cody Lucia

Saturday, October 14 5:30 p.m.

+Mary Mayo, +Skip Miller, Rob & Pam Mingo, +Abe Hebert, Alleen Hebert, +Payton Strain, +Deceased Religious Sisters of Daughters of Divine Providence, +Deceased Parents, Relatives & Benefactors of Daughters of Divine Providence

> Sunday, October 15 8:00 a.m.

Parishioners of Saint Benedict 10:30 a.m.

Jimmie & Effie Benoit, Brian Naccari, +Cathy Haney, +Kent Peterson, +George Luscy, Jr. +Phillip E. Lee, Jr.



Prayer List



Deacon Nelvin Luke, Jim Seward, Anthony Sorrentino, Dee Sylvia, Julie Wagner, Tina Zocco, Clara Armstrong, Lisa Valley, Scott Lee, Carol Everhardt, Bennett Miller, Joanne Leber, Anna Isone, Gerardo Antonucci, Presley Patrick, Kaiden Lessard, Jennifer Bradley, Derek Feske, Fred Guillot, Ryan Ware, Timothy Rollman, Vivian LeBlanc, Angela Brady, Jackie Catalanotto, Judy Woolley, Joseph Candilora, Phillip E. Lee, Sr., Gloria Nordman, Jan Nordman, Flavia Langan, Addie Pitre, Harry LeBlanc, Carol Vickers, John Johnson, Evan Cartozzo, Ed Ansardi, Debra Dwight

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, October 10

Angel Tree Meeting 9:00 a.m. - Noon Grief Support Group 2:00 p.m. Altar Society Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 11 Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation available, 5:00 – 6 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 12

Men's Club Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 13

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Blanket Ministry Meeting 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, October 14

Sacrament of Reconciliation available, 4:00 to 5 p.m. Altar Society Ornament Fundraiser after Mass

Sunday, October 15

Blessing of Pets & Animals at 2:00 p.m. Altar Society Ornament Fundraiser after all Masses

LECTOR BOOKS

The 2023 workbooks are now available in the usher's room for all Lectors.



Sunday, October 15th at 2:00 p.m.



STEWARDSHIP – October 1st

Weekly Collection: \$6,787 E-Giving Online: \$3,011 **Building Fund:** \$2,293 Poor Box: \$43 Mass Attendance: 425 \$521.848 Building Fund on Deposit:

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Sunday, October 22nd will be our annual Parish Picnic after the 10:30 Mass. Food, Family, and Fun is guaranteed. The parish will supply lunch for everyone - we are asking each family to bring drinks for their own family. Our Youth Ministry will be coordinating games and other activities.

As a special addition to the Parish Picnic, we will also have Trunk or Treat - a family friendly Halloween event in which children and their families get to enjoy dressing up and receive candy from each of the family friendly themed vehicles that participate. All youth are invited to dress up as their favorite saint or biblical figure on Sunday, October 22nd for the 10:30 a.m. Mass. During the picnic we will have our trunk or treat. Everyone is encouraged to decorate their trunks and to bring candy or other goodies to give to those who participate. All are welcome to join in the fun.

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