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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Many are
invited, but
few are
chosen.”

Matthew 22:14

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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	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 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...

How easy it is, especially in these times, to be consumed by the cares and distractions of the “here and now,” forgetting about what matters most — living for the Kingdom of Heaven.

In our First Reading, the prophet Isaiah paints a beautiful and compelling picture of what we can hope for in Heaven. “The LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines.” And not only that, our loving Father will personally heal us of each and every suffering we endured during our lives. “The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face.”

How can we say “no” to such an enticing invitation? Yet, so often we are tempted to do just that. We ignore our relationship with God, neglect our prayer and sacramental life, and the call to put others ahead of ourselves. We prioritize the “immediate” over the “eternal.”

How do we keep focused on the Kingdom of Heaven? St. Paul shares his secret for an eternity-driven life. In our Second Reading from his Letter to the Philippians, Paul says, “I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need.” In other words, Paul has learned to live the stewardship way of life.

What is the secret? It is this: “I can do all things in him who strengthens me.” How? Through this: “My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” It is so simple! But it is not easy. It takes both courage and humility to live this way. God will supply these to us if we ask.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, we return to the image of a feast. Jesus shares the parable of a wedding feast that a king gives for his son. The king sends several groups of servants to call the invited guests to come and join the feast. By virtue of our Baptism, we are the “invited guests” that Jesus is describing. How do the invited guests respond? The first group of guests refuses to come. Among the second group of guests, “some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business.” Is this how we respond?

Our Heavenly Father is continuously inviting us (reminding us, prodding us) to come and join Him in the Kingdom of Heaven. Not in a far-off future, but right here and right now. If we will put Him first, partake of the sacraments He gives us (especially the gift of His own Son in the Eucharist) we can enter into the Kingdom of Heaven right now. And our example can lead others to join us.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, October 17

Rosalie Quigley

Wednesday, October 18

+Abe Hebert

Thursday, October 19

Monks of Saint Joseph Abbey

Friday, October 20

+Skip Miller

Saturday, October 21

5:30 p.m.

+Charmaine Hebert, +Mary Mayo, +Payton Strain,
+Mertelin Arcement, Ed & Charmaine Ansardi

Sunday, October 22

8:00 a.m.

+Cody Lucia, +Marie Bertrand, +Robert Mayo,
+David Snyder, Brian Naccari, +James Bell, Gilbert Cosse,
+Priscilla Cosse, +Evelyn Jacomine

10:30 a.m.

Parishioners of Saint Benedict



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 Istone, 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



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

Happening this Week

Wednesday, October 18

Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.

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

Thursday, October 19

Rosary for Peace 8:30 a.m.

4th Degree Knights of Columbus Meeting

Friday, October 20

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

Saturday, October 21

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

World Mission Collection

Sunday, October 22

Family Day Picnic & Trunk-or-Treat after 10:30 Mass

World Mission Collection



Next weekend (October 21/22) is designated World Mission Sunday. Through mission efforts, World Missions encounters various groups of people and communities in need of your help. Without the faith and generosity of donors, that help would not be possible. Please show your support and as always, we thank you for your generosity.



Altar Flowers

The flowers on the Altar this weekend are in celebration of Jimmie & Effie Benoit's Anniversary.

STEWARDSHIP – October 8th

Weekly Collection:	\$5,371
E-Giving Online:	\$2,113
Building Fund:	\$403
Poor Box:	\$2,118
Mass Attendance:	456
Building Fund on Deposit:	\$523,124

Thank you for your generosity!

Please consider utilizing our parish's online giving program. Explore the convenience of online giving at giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stbencov or by scanning our QR code



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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