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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.

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October 29, 2023



Father Charles's Corner...

This weekend's readings readings are all about love — the radical love of God for His people and the radical love we are called to live out in response. Our lives are nothing more and nothing less than the practical application of loving God and neighbor in our daily lives.

From the very beginning, God reveals Himself as a loving and compassionate Father Who has a particular concern for the most vulnerable of His people. He requires this same compassion from His people in our treatment of one another.

Our First Reading, from Exodus, is an example. In this ancient text God says, "You shall not molest or oppress an alien... You shall not wrong any widow or orphan... If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset... If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate." This love of neighbor was a radical departure for the people of this era. But this is the radical God that we serve.

Jesus sums up the message of all the prophets as well as the purpose of all God's laws in today's Gospel passage, from Matthew. It is a message we have likely grown up hearing — but it is so beautiful and so challenging, it bears repeating again and again. It is Christ's response to a question about which commandment is greatest. His answer reveals both the greatest and the second greatest commandments.

He says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... The second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself." How is the second like the first? What do the two commands have in common? Love!

Love God first and love neighbor as self. This is the heart of the Christian life — simple enough for a child to understand, challenging enough to be the life's work of every "grown-up." The "how" of loving God first and neighbor as self is unique to each individual.

Perhaps God is calling you to love Him with your whole heart, soul and mind by committing to a daily time of praying with the Scriptures. Maybe He is calling you to spend time with Him in adoration or a weekday Mass. It might be that He is asking you to put Him first as a family with a time for evening or morning prayer together. Maybe He wants you to spend a bit less time watching the news or surfing the internet, and a little more time pondering the blessings He has given you throughout the day.

And how is God calling you to love your neighbor as yourself? Maybe it is by checking on a relative or neighbor who is isolated. Or by patiently listening to a colleague at work who is overwhelmed. Or by getting involved in a ministry that serves children or the poor.



Tuesday, October 31 +Hunter Wagner

Wednesday, November 1 (Solemnity of All Saints) 8:00 a.m.

Parishioners of Saint Benedict

7:00 p.m. +Shirley Gaden

Thursday, November 2
(All Souls)
7:00 p.m.
All Faithfully Departed
(especially Parishioners)

Friday, November 3
Marianites of Holy Cross Associates

Saturday, November 4 5:30 p.m.

+Guy Palermo, +Mary Mayo, +Payton Strain, +Narvey & Esma DeLage, +Bob & Jane Ayesrt, +Steve & Anna Balogh, +George & Laverne Novak, +Robbie Stiener, +Father Sam Polizzi, +Mike Langhart, +Mike Lucas, +Yolande Billman, +Carrol & Claudette Arcement

Sunday, November 5 8:00 a.m.

+Arthur DeLaune, +Gervais Hayden, Wes & Connie Koon, +John DeSilva, Brian Naccari, +Hunter Wagner 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 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 Importance of Godparents

Quite often the selection of Godparents for a child presents difficulties when it is time to have a baby baptized. This insert is intended to help everyone understand the importance of a Godparent and what is required by the Catholic Church for one to take on the role of a Godparent.

What is a Godparent?

Being a Godparent is not simply an honorary title! Godparents are to serve a special role in a child's life and must be selected carefully. One should not be selected simply because of a blood relationship or as a way to acknowledge a deep friendship; there are other ways to do that. The Godparent should be a model of someone who is living their life in accord with the teachings of the Catholic Church. They should be a faith-filled Catholic who is willing and able to share that faith with a child, and someone the parents would want their child to imitate in life, especially in regards to their faith.

What are the Requirements for being a Godparent?

- Must be at least 16 years of age.
- Must be a practicing Catholic who regularly attends Mass.
- Must be fully initiated into the Catholic Church (Meaning they have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.)
- If married, must married in the Catholic Church.
- Must attend a Baptism Seminar.

How many Godparents should there be?

Church law requires that you have at least one godparent, however it has been tradition to have two. So there may be one Godmother, or one Godfather, or one of each.

Can the same person serve as a Godparents for more than one child in the same family?

Yes, as long as they take seriously their responsibility and intention to help all the children grow in faith.

Can a non-Catholic serve as a Godparent?

A <u>baptized</u>, non-Catholic may serve as an "official witness" to the baptism, but only if there is a proper Catholic Godparent (see requirements above). The one who is selected as a witness should be an active and participating member of his/her church community and cannot be someone who was baptized Catholic and has left the Catholic Church. The witness participates in the Baptism ceremony just like a Godparent. His or her name is recorded as an "official witness", together with the name of the Godparent.

Can someone serve as godparent by proxy (stand-in) if the Godparent is unable to participate in the baptism ceremony?

If a Godparent cannot attend the Baptism ceremony, a proxy can stand in the place of the missing Godparent. The name of that person will be recorded as "proxy", along with the name of the missing Godparent.

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What is the difference between All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day?

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1 and is one of the six holy days of obligation celebrated in the United States. The day celebrates the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. In the west, a key step in the establishment of All Saints' Day was in 609/610 AD, when Pope Boniface IV consecrated the Pantheon in Rome as a church and dedicated it to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs.

After rejoicing on November 1 with those of her children who have entered the glory of heaven, the Church then prays for all those who have died and await the day when they will join the company of saints in heaven. This is **All Souls' Day** which is celebrated on November 2 each year. The doctrine of the communion of saints tells us that the sacrifices and prayers of each Christian are able to help all, so the Church on earth joins the saints in heaven in praying for all those who have died, especially through the Mass. (The custom of praying for the deceased is actually found in the Old Testament [see 2 Maccabees 12:38-46].)

Some ideas for celebrating at home

- Join in the parish's celebration of the Mass to pray for the Faithful Departed at 7 p.m. on November 2nd.
- Inscribe your loved ones' names in the *Book of the Remembrance*.
- Visit the cemetery on November 2 and pray for the souls of the Faithful Departed. Visiting the cemetery can be done privately or when the faithful go to the graves of their own families to maintain them or decorate them with flowers and lamps, or to have them blessed.
- Have family discussions about death, preparing for death, funerals, and the Sacrament of the Sick. Visit the cemetery with children. Visits to the cemetery should be uplifting, calm and peaceful, not a scarv event.
- Create a display board in your home for the month of November for your family to write names and share memories of loved ones.
- Families can have a special meal and place pictures of loved ones and serve loved one's favorite dishes.

Scripture passages that may provide comfort

Psalm 23, Psalm 25, Psalm 27, Psalm 63, Psalm 103, Job 19: 23-27, Wisdom 3: 1-9, Wisdom 4:7-15, Lamentations 3: 17-26, Acts 10: 34-43, Romans 5: 5-11, Romans 6: 3-9, 1 Corinthians 15: 20-23, 2 Corinthians 4:14 - 5:1, Matthew 5:1-12, Luke 12: 35-40, Luke 24: 13-35, John 6: 37-40, John 14:1-6

Saint Benedict Catholic Church

November 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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			Closed Holy Day of Obligation Masses at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation	Departed at 7:00 p.m. Parish Office Closes at Noon	cioses de Noon	after Mass
RCIA Mtg. 9:15 a.m. FALL BACK 1 HOUR Blessing of Blankets after all Masses	6 KC Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	7	5:00 - 6:00 p.m. 8 Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m. Family Faith Formation 6 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30 p.m.	9 Men's Club Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass Blanket Ministry Luncheon 10:00 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
	13 KC Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group 2:00 p.m. Altar Society Meeting 6:00 p.m.	Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass 7:00 p.m.	16 Rosary for Peace 8:30 a.m. 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass Angel Tree Assembly 9:00 a.m. Terra Mariae Homeowners Meeting 1 p.m.	Angel Tree Set Up 10:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Catholic Campaign for Human Development Men's Club Gumbo Fundraiser after Mass
19 Catholic Campaign for Human Development Men's Club Gumbo Fundraiser after Mass	20 KC Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	21	22 Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m. Parish Office Closes at Noon	Parish Office Closed THANKSGIVING DAY MASS at 8 a.m.	Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass Parish Office Closed	Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Blessing of Marriages at the end of Mass
Blessing of Marriages at the end of Mass Coffee & Donuts after all Masses	27 KC Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group 2:00 p.m.	Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	30		

Are you longing for meaning in your Life?
Are you longing to be part of something much greater than yourself?
Do you desire to connect to God but do not know how?
Do you desire to know more about Jesus Christ as He is proclaimed, celebrated, and lived in the Catholic Church?
Are there some burning questions that are holding you back from being Catholic?
Are you a baptized Catholic but have not received

the Sacrament of First Holy Communion or Confirmation?

...then RCIA is for YOU!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which people deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and enter the Catholic Church. This includes people who have not been baptized (called catechumens) and people who have been baptized in another Christian church and now seek full Communion with the Catholic Church. Each year on Holy Saturday during the Easter Vigil, catechumens are baptized into the Catholic Church and those already baptized in another Christian church are brought into full communion with the Catholic Church.



FOR MORE INFORMATION,
PLEASE COME TO A MEETING ON
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH
AT 9:15 A.M.
(BETWEEN THE TWO MASSES)
IN THE CATECHETICAL CENTER.



Book of Remembrance

November is the month that we, as a Church, remember and pray for all of the faithful departed. The *Book of Remembrance* has been placed in the back of the church for you to inscribe the names of your deceased family and friends to be prayed for throughout the month.

Happening this Week

Monday, October 30

Parish Office Closes at Noon

Tuesday, October 31

Parish Office Closes at Noon

Wednesday, November 1 (All Saints Day)

Holy Day of Obligation Masses at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Parish Office Closed

Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.

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

Thursday, November 2 (All Souls Day)

No 8:00 a.m. Mass

Mass for Faithful Departed at 7:00 p.m.

Parish Office Closes at Noon

Friday, November 3

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

Parish Office Closes at Noon

Saturday, November 4

Sacrament of Reconciliation available, 4:00 to 5 p.m. Blessing of Blankets after Mass

Sunday, November 5

Blessing of Blankets after all Masses

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 5th. We **"fall back"** by turning our clocks back one hour the night before.



The flowers on the Altar this weekend are in memory of Mary Mayo.

MASS Intentions

The Mass Intention Book will open on November 1st for all intentions to be accepted throughout 2024. 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. No Mass request will be taken over the telephone. Mass request must be made in person in the parish office, or in writing and placed in the collection basket or 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.



Wednesday, November 1st is the Solemnity of All Saints. We will have Mass at 8 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 2nd is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls). We will have a special Mass to pray for all the faithful departed, especially all the members of the parish who have died during the past year, at 7:00 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP - October 22nd

Weekly Collection: \$4,503
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Mass Attendance: 495
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