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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
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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.

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.



Father Charles's Corner...

This weekend we come to the end of the liturgical year, celebrating the magnificent Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Our readings provide contrasting images of this King of ours — He has authority over all, and yet, He is humble and tender in His care for us, especially the most vulnerable. How can we properly honor and love such a King?

Our First Reading, from Ezekiel, describes our Lord as a tender shepherd who knows his flock intimately and actively seeks to heal and save us. “Thus says the Lord God: I myself will look after and tend my sheep... I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest... The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal.” Such love is impossible to fully comprehend. All we can do is marvel at the greatness of our God and resolve to thank Him by giving Him the very best of ourselves — our time, our talents, our treasure — and by imitating His love as best we can.

The Second Reading demonstrates that humble as He is, Jesus Christ is indeed King of all, having authority over all, both individuals and nations, both the material world and the spiritual world. He will restore all things and all people to proper order “when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.” As intimately as we are called to love our King, so too, must we revere and respect His authority over us. We must be ever mindful that everything we have, every breath we take, is a gift from this all-powerful King. In justice, then, we must give Him His due.

What is it that He expects from us? The Gospel passage from Matthew shows us. The passage begins with Christ's own description of His Second Coming, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him.” Then the moment of judgment will come. Some will be invited into the Kingdom of Heaven — the others to eternal punishment.

This judgment will be based not on how influential we became in society, how high we climbed the corporate ladder, or any “worldly” achievements. Rather our judgment will be based on how we treated the last of those around us, whom Jesus calls His brothers. “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.” To make His point very clear, Jesus gives specifics — feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, showing hospitality to the stranger, and caring for the ill and imprisoned. These are the priorities of our King. And these must be our priorities, too.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, November 28

+Abe Hebert

Wednesday, November 29

+Earl Ritchie

Thursday, November 30

+Thelma Ritchie

Friday, December 1

+Poor Souls

Saturday, December 2

5:30 p.m.

+Mary Mayo, +Joe & Gwen Gagliano, +Guy Palermo,
+Narvey & Esma DeLage, +Bob & Jane Ayest,
+Steve & Anna Balogh, +George & Laverne Novak,
+Robbie Stiener, +Father Sam Polizzi, +Mike Langhart,
+Mike Lucas, +Yolande Billman, +Abe Hebert,
+Carrol & Claudette Arcement, +John DeSilva

Sunday, December 3

8:00 a.m.

+Arthur DeLaune, Wes & Connie Koon, +John DeSilva,
Brian Naccari, +Deacon Nelvin Luke

10:30 a.m.

Parishioners of Saint Benedict



Prayer List



Jim Seward, Anthony Sorrentino, Dee Sylvia, Julie Wagner,
Tina Zocco, Clara Armstrong, Lisa Valley, Scott Lee, Carol
Everhardt, Bennett Miller, Joanne Leber, Anna Isona,
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, Evan Cartozzo, Ed
Ansardi, Debra Dwight, Margaret Ruiz

Thanks for Giving

The Lunch Ministry collected enough items for numerous Holiday Baskets. Baskets were delivered and greatly appreciated by all who received them. **THANK YOU** for your support.



Annual Christmas Card Campaign

Starting next weekend, December 2/3 mail bins will be placed at the entrance of the church to begin collecting your Christmas Cards for those in our community in Long Term Care, Nursing, and Rehabilitation Homes. Place as many Christmas Cards as you like... Please include the “*thoughts and prayers from the Parishioners of St. Benedict Parish*” in your Christmas greeting/signature. The outside of the envelope can be left blank or you may write, “Merry Christmas”. Please place your Christmas cards in the mail bins no later than Wednesday, December 13th. The Card will be distributed on Friday, December 15th and Saturday, December 16th by the Deacons.



Angel Tree gifts are due back next weekend, Sunday, December 3rd. Gifts need to be unwrapped and placed in gift bags. Please make sure the Angels are securely attached to the gift bags. The Angels are the only way we have of identifying the recipients of the gifts. Gifts will be sorted Sunday, December 3rd and distributed Tuesday, December 5th.



Merci! Thank You to all who contributed to the Men's Club Gumbo Fundraiser. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Happening this Week

Tuesday, November 28

Grief Support Group 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 29

Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.

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

Friday, December 1

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

Saturday, December 2

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

Sunday, December 3

Angel Tree Deadline for Gifts to be returned to the Church by Noon

Angel Tree Sorting of Gifts 1:00 p.m.

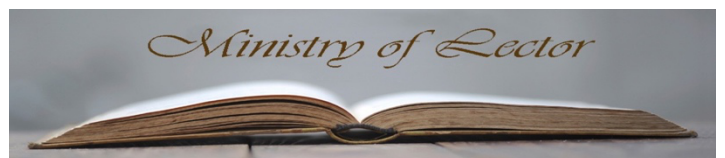


A collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious Appeal will be held December 9/10. Elderly religious need your help. More than 32,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests live in the United States. Through prayer, love, and sacrifice, they established Catholic schools, hospitals, and more. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left a shortage in retirement funding. Your gift helps their religious communities furnish necessities such as medications and nursing care. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

LECTOR BOOKS

The 2024 workbooks are available in the usher's room for all Lectors.

HOPE



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