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#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday **Tuesday-Friday** 8:00 am

#### RECONCILIATION

5:00-6:00 pm Wednesday 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

**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.



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 celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Our readings are focused on the gifts of the Word of God and the Eucharist.

In our first reading, from Deuteronomy, Moses tells the people that God "let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed



you with manna... in order to show you that not by bread alone does man live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the Lord. Do not forget the Lord your God." Our Heavenly Father is such a good teacher. He reminds His people that just as we experience physical hunger from lack of food, we become spiritually malnourished through a lack of feeding on the Word of God. It is that important.

God's Word is alive and He intends for us to feed on it daily. Yet, it is a gift that is easy to neglect. In this noisy modern world, it can be challenging to even recognize our spiritual "hunger pangs." And it is easier to feed them with the junk food of mindless distraction and entertainment. As Christians, we must recognize our dependence on God's Word, and treasure this priceless gift — out of gratitude to the Giver and so that we can share it with others.

Our Lord reveals the full meaning of this gift in our Gospel passage from John. He says to the crowds, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." In the Old Testament, God fed His people with manna. Now, He feeds us with the very Flesh and Blood of His Son.

And, just as the Word of God is vital to our spiritual nourishment, so, too is the nourishment of the Eucharist.

Jesus could not make this any clearer to us: "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." Without the Eucharist, we die spiritually. But through the Eucharist, we experience a taste of heaven right now. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life." Notice that Christ does not say those who partake of His Body and Blood will have eternal life, but that they have eternal life — right here and right now! It is no wonder then, that the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes the Eucharist as the "source and summit of our faith" (1324).

In the gifts of the Word of God and the Eucharist, we have everything we need to sustain us in this world and guide us to heaven. Let us resolve to steward them well with all our hearts, always.



Tuesday, June 13 +Poor Souls

Wednesday, June 14 +Mertelia Arcement

Thursday, June 15 +John DeSilva

Friday, June 16
Matthew Haar

Saturday, June 17 5:30 p.m.

+John DeSilva, +Delta LeBlanc, +Walter & Joyce Blaize, +Ione Clark, Robbye Rapp

Sunday, June 18 8:00 a.m.

+John DeSilva, +Dora DeKerlegand, Betty Lemoine, +Cody Lucia, +Hunter Wagner, +Robert Mayo, +Harold Rome, Sr.

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, Donna McFatter, 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

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

#### Wednesday, June 14

Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.

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

#### Thursday, June 15

Rosary for Peace 8:30 a.m.

4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 p.m.

#### Friday, June 16

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

#### Saturday, June 17

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

#### Sunday, June 18

Father's Day

#### STEWARDSHIP - June 4th

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Mass Attendance: 492
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The flowers on the Altar this weekend are in memory of Ray and Elmira DeRocha.

#### Father's Day Remembrance

You will find a book in the back of the church to enroll your loved ones (living or deceased) in the Masses on Father's Day weekend, June 17/18. This is an excellent way to remember your loved ones on this special day.

"Eat my flesh, [Jesus] says, and drink my blood." The Lord supplies us with these intimate nutrients, he delivers over his flesh and pours out his blood, and nothing is lacking for the growth of his children.

-St. Clement of Alexandria

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