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Galatians 5:1



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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

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's readings take us back to some basics of Christian living.

Our First Reading, from 2 Kings, shows us the necessity and power of hospitality. It recounts the story of a woman who showed loving hospitality to a visitor, inviting him to dinner with her family and arranging a room for him in their home so that he would have a comfortable place to stay during his travels through her town. She reached out to the man in a simple and practical manner to make him feel welcome and was rewarded in an extraordinary way.

In our Second Reading, from the Letter to the Romans, St. Paul reminds us of the power of our Baptism and how this sacrament makes us disciples. What does that mean for us here and now? St. Paul tells us very clearly: "You must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus." We must live for Christ! Nothing less will do.

Our Lord proclaims this same instruction in a rather shocking way in our Gospel passage from Matthew: "Whoever finds his life [by living for oneself] will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." But how do we lose our life? Precisely through loving actions towards others, loving them as if they were Christ. "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple... he will surely not lose his reward."



NEXT WEEKEND
we will celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Benedict at all Masses. Please join us in the Catechetical Center next Saturday for our annual Potluck Party after the 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, July 4

+Loretta Stansbury

Wednesday, July 5

+Whip Mouton

Thursday, July 6

+Earl Ritchie

Friday, July 7

Parents of Marianites of Holy Cross

Saturday, July 8

5:30 p.m.

+Deceased Religious Sisters of
Daughters of Divine Providence,

+Deceased Parents, Relatives & Benefactors of
Daughters of Divine Providence,

+John DeSilva, +Skip Miller, Joe Barreca, Corey Thomas,

+Sally Hoffschwelle

Sunday, July 9

8:00 a.m.

Parishioners of Saint Benedict

10:30 a.m.

+John DeSilva, +Gladys Tucker, +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 Istone, 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

LUNCH MINISTRY THANK YOU

Thanks to all who donated to the Lunch Ministry for the Pasta Salad. The recipients really appreciated the generosity of St. Benedict's Lunch Ministry and our parishioners.



Happening this Week

Tuesday, July 4

Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, July 5

Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.

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

Friday, July 7

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

Saturday, July 8

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



The Parish Office will be closed Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. We wish everyone a safe and Happy 4th of July Holiday.

STEWARDSHIP – June 25th

Weekly Collection:	\$6,791
E-Giving Online:	\$1,900
Poor Box:	\$105
Building Fund:	\$300
Mass Attendance:	459
Building Fund on Deposit:	\$500,407

Thank you for your generosity!

Saint Benedict's GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The Grief Support Group welcomes anyone who may be looking for comfort and support after losing a loved one or a relationship; wanting to learn ways to cope and deal with the grief in their life; and searching to see where God is in their situation. The Grief Support Group will meet every second and fourth Tuesday of the month, beginning July 2023, from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm in the Parish Center. Two of our Marianite sisters, Sister Kateri Battaglia and Sister Elvira Brown, will facilitate these meetings. Prayerfully consider accepting this invitation to connect with others who are walking that same journey from grief to healing, to acceptance, to transformation. No one is meant to deal with loss alone.

VACATION TIME IS HERE!

The summer is here and so are vacations, if you haven't already noticed our annual decrease in Mass attendance during June and July. We hope you are enjoying a change of pace and some time away. If you are vacationing, please remember two things.

First, we do not take a vacation from God. Please check out www.masstimes.org for a list of churches in the areas you are visiting and their Mass times.

Secondly, the needs of the parish and those seeking social assistance do not take a holiday in June through August. In fact, many times we received more requests for financial assistance during the summer months. Our ability as a church to pay our own bills and help those facing the loss of electricity or water due to their inability to pay, or to help one of our parishioners facing a financial crisis, depends on the continued generosity of our congregation. Please don't forget your offering to St. Benedict's this summer when you are traveling or away for vacation.

The safest and most secure way to make contributions to St. Benedict's, however, is to use our online giving, which can be accessed at:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stbencov>

or you can scan the QR Code below:



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