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Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st

"And so I say
to you, you are
Peter, and upon
this rock I will
build my church,
and the gates of
the netherworld
shall not prevail
against it."

Matthew 16:18

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MISSION STATEMENT

Grand Knight, Kenny Eberts

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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Father Charles's Corner...

Our readings this weekend reveal beautiful truths about our God, and they challenge us to look at the truth about ourselves as well.

The second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans describes the attributes of God in powerful, eloquent terms. "Oh, the depths of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!" It makes you want to stand up and cheer. Paul ends the passage with this with final shout of praise, "For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen." We can and should join in this chorus of praise.

But mere words are not enough — sentiment alone will not do for this perfect, all-loving and all-powerful God of ours. We must love Him with our whole being. We must make our very lives a grateful gift of love to Him. This is how we can truly give Him "glory forever."

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, leads us to take a serious look at whether our lives give God the glory He deserves. It comes in the form of a question that Jesus poses to the disciples. He leads up to it gently enough: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they offer varying responses. Then, Jesus gets personal with them. "But who do you say that I am?" Peter gets the answer right: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus is getting personal with us today. He poses the same question to each one of us who call ourselves His stewards and modern-day disciples. Surely, we would not hesitate to answer just as Peter did, that Jesus is the Christ, Son of the living God.

But do our lives truly reflect this answer? If we really believe that Christ is the Son of God, sent to save us from our sins and lead us to heaven, then we must say so — not just with words, but with our actions. Do my ambitions and priorities in life say that Christ is my Savior and I am His disciple? Does my budget, my family life, my entertainment say so?

The gifts and blessings that God has given us — our time, our talents, our material possessions — are meant to be used in a manner that says "Christ is my Savior and I am His disciple." The most eloquent praise we can offer Him is a life lived in grateful response to His unfathomable love.



Tuesday, August 29 +Father Roger Chamberland, RSV

> Wednesday, August 30 +Timothy Rollman

Thursday, August 31
Members of Marianite Guild

Friday, September 1
Monks of Saint Joseph Abbey

Saturday, September 2 5:30 p.m.

+Guy Palermo, +Narvey & Esma DeLage, +Mike Lucas, +Father Sam Polizzi, +Mike Langhart, Debra Dwight, +Carrol & Claudette Arcement, +Yolande Billman, +Bob & Jane Ayerst, +Steve & Anna Balogh, +George & Laverne Novak, +Robbie Stiener, Mastio Family

> Sunday, September 3 8:00 a.m.

Parishioners of Saint Benedict 10:30 a.m.

+Arthur DeLaune, +Ellen Rollman, +Jimmy Triay, Brian Naccari, +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 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, Ed Ansardi

CONFIRMATION 2023

Saturday, September 9

Confirmation Retreat 10:45 a.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, September 19

Confirmation Mass at 7 p.m.



Happening this Week

Wednesday, August 30

Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.

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

Friday, September 1

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

Saturday, September 2

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

STEWARDSHIP - August 20th

Weekly Collection: \$5,369
E-Giving Online: \$2,035
Building Fund: \$35
Poor Box: \$227
Mass Attendance: 470
Building Fund on Deposit: \$510,542

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The Parish Office will be closed Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day.





Anyone interested in becoming a Lector, please contact Channon at the Parish Office 985-892-5202.

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, 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.

Job Opening: Parish Custodian

Roxanne Kilpatrick has decided to pursue a new adventure after being our parish custodian. While happy for her new future, we are very sad to see her go. The parish now has an opening for custodian for the church, catechetical center, and rectory. This is a part-time job, with negotiable hours. If interested, please call Channon in the parish office (985-892-5202).

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