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MISSION STATEMENT

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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.

July 6, 2025



Father Charles's Corner...

This weekend we finally get back to Ordinary Time. In our Gospel reading, we find our Lord appointing disciples to go out and prepare others to receive His invitation into the Kingdom of God. Every verse has something to say about the way a disciple of Christ should approach others. Let's consider at least a few of the coaching tips Christ gives.

"The Lord appointed seventy-two others whom He sent out ahead of Him in pairs to every town and place He intended to visit." In His wisdom, Christ sent His disciples out not as individuals but as teams. This approach to evangelization certainly provided practical advantages. The disciples could lean on each other for mutual support and encouragement, helping each other to stay on task and to put their heads together to pray and problem-solve. This teamwork approach is just as relevant to us modern-day Christian stewards. It takes courage and commitment to go out and invite others into the Christian life. We need to work together to do it well.

But there is also symbolic importance to working in teams. It points to the reality that when we invite others to embrace the Good News of the Gospel, we are not merely inviting them into a belief system, but into a relationship with Christ and through that relationship, into Christ's family — our fellow Christian disciples near and far.

Our Church parish is our immediate spiritual family. We are not meant to live as isolated individuals within the parish any more than we are meant to live in isolation within our families. We are meant to be a community. That is why it is so important for us to foster a vibrant, supportive, welcoming parish life. This is why we emphasize hospitality. It is not enough just to point others to Christ, we must invite them to join us in community with Him; we must offer a place and mission for them in the Church and within our parish family.

Next, Christ instructs, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." Who are the laborers that our Lord speaks of? Perhaps it is the clergy and religious who first come to mind. But we confirmed Catholics are also HIs laborers, called by Christ to bring others to Him and to join us in the life of Christian discipleship.

How are we to do this? We are to go first to God in prayer. Inviting people into the Kingdom of Christ is above all a spiritual endeavor so our Lord reminds us to seek God's wisdom before approaching others. The harvest, after all, belongs to Him. We simply have the privilege of helping with the harvesting. This also reminds us that it is not primarily through "Catholic guilt trips" that we will ignite in others a passion for serving Christ and living the Gospel. It is God Himself who must be at work in us as we call others.

The very next instruction Christ gives is this: "Go on your way." Yes, we must pray for each other, for our families, and for our parish. But then we must go! The Good News of Christ is meant to be shared, and not just within the confines of our own parish family. We must take it out wherever our way leads us — in our neighborhood, at our workplace, in our social life.



Tuesday, July 8 +Don Mastio

Wednesday, July 9 +Don Mastio

Thursday, July 10 +Fred Guillot

Friday, July 11 +Poor Souls

Saturday, July 12 5:30 p.m.

+Doug Ellis, +Dale Lorio, +Don Mastio, +Deanie LeBlanc, Sisters of Mount Carmel Benefactors, +David Mastio, +Deceased Sisters of Mount Carmel Apostolate, +Skip Miller

Sunday, July 13 8:00 a.m.

+David Powers, +Eric Hoffman, +Lynne Bernard, +Lorraine Theobold, Randy Bosarge, +George Bartley, Jr.

10:30 a.m.

Parishioners of Saint Benedict



Prayer List



Jim Seward, Anthony Sorrentino, Tina Zocco, Lisa Valley, Scott Lee, Carol Everhardt, Bennett Miller, Joanne Reber, Anna Isone, Gerardo Antonucci, Presley Patrick, Kaiden Lessard, Jennifer Bradley, Ryan Ware, Timothy Rollman, Angela Brady, Judy Woolley, Phillip E. Lee, Sr., Gloria Nordman, Jan Nordman, Flavia Langan, Addie Pitre, Carol Vickers, Evan Cartozzo, Ed Ansardi, Debra Dwight, Margaret Ruiz, Vincent Iannazzo, Patricia Holden, Jim Williamson, Lezlie Brown, Linda Richerson, Elsa Zeringue, Brooke Joseph, Kai Joseph, Dan & Ina Berlin, Paul Richmond, C.J. Richmond, Avery Fuselier



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.



STEWARDSHIP - June 29th

Weekly Collection: \$5,279
Peter's Pence Collection: \$1,378
E-Giving Online: \$2,130
Building Fund: \$110
Poor Box: \$88
Mass Attendance: 464
Building Fund on Deposit: \$662,505

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Happening this Week

Wednesday, July 9

Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.

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

Knights of Columbush Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 10

Men's Club Luncheon

Friday, July 11

Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, July 12

Sacrament of Reconciliation available, 4 to 5 p.m. St. Benedict's Day Potluck Dinner

GRIEF SHARE

If you are grieving the loss of a spouse, child, parent, relative or friend, we are here to help YOU.

GriefShare© is a Christian-based program to help you navigate your loss and grief through a grief recovery support group. It is a 13-week cycle to help those grieving to discover what to expect in the days ahead and what is "normal" in grief. The summer GriefShare© support group will meet on Wednesdays from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm. In the Catechetical Center. Each session is self-contained so you can join at any week, but registration is required. To register, go to griefshare.org and click "find a group" and register.

Sharon Hoffman, a widow and parishioner of St. Benedict Church, will facilitate the GriefShare© group. For more information, contact Sharon at hoffmansha@charter.net and leave your telephone number so she can contact you.

The fee is \$25 made payable to St. Benedict Catholic Church. This fee includes your GriefShare workbook.

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 has begun. 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 <u>www.masstimes.org</u> 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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