

18th Sunday

in Ordinary Time



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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

EUCHARISTIC 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.



Fr. Charles's Corner...

This weekend's readings come as a pat on the back from Heaven for all of us striving to follow Christ. They remind us why we live the way we do, make the choices we make, and leave other things aside. Let's face it, if we truly embrace Christ's way of life, there will be people who find our choices downright foolish. Today we will see what God thinks.

Our First Reading from the book of Ecclesiastes contains the famous line, "Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!" The narrator, Qoheleth, points out that we toil and labor all day, worry all night about our work and all we still have to do, and for what? Essentially, he asks what is the point of constantly "stressing out" about things that won't last anyway? That's no way to live! We live for a higher purpose — we live for our God and for the things that matter to Him. Our time, talents, and treasure have an everlasting focus because we recognize that these things are all gifts from God and we use them in gratitude to give Him glory.

Our Second Reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians, reminds us how to go about making decisions so that we can make the best use of the gifts we have been given. In making decisions about our use of time, talent and treasure, he gives us this advice: "Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." He adds, "Take off the old self with its practices and put on the new self which is being renewed for knowledge in the image of its creator." This is precisely what is taking place within us as we embrace the spirituality of stewardship. We find ourselves living in a continuous process of sloughing off our selfishness (the "old self") and living more and more for God and others.

To many people in our materialistic world, setting priorities that are not focused on earthly goals like wealth, status and power, is foolish and naive. But look at what Jesus has to say about priorities in today's Gospel passage from Luke. He makes it clear that life is not about "stuff." "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Then Jesus goes on to tell the parable of the wealthy businessman who thought he had everything figured out. The man had such an abundance of "stuff" that he didn't have room to store it all. So, thinking of earthly things and not on what is above, he decided to build a bigger place to store all that stuff. Patting himself on the back, he thought about what good times he would have in the years ahead. But Jesus tells us that day would turn out to be the man's last day on the earth. And he had spent it thinking only of himself. How foolish! What vanity of vanities!

Don't be ashamed of living differently from the people around you. Be confident as you set priorities based on what is above. You are wise in God's eye. And you will be rich in what matters most.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, August 5

+Don Mastio

Wednesday, August 6

Regina McMillian

Thursday, August 7

+Cayetano Hernandez

Friday, August 8

+Poor Souls

Saturday, August 9

5:30 p.m.

+David Mastio, +Doug Ellis, +Don Mastio, +Dale Lorio,
+Deanie LeBlanc, Sisters of Mount Carmel Benefactors,
+Deceased Sisters of Mount Carmel Apostolate,
Jimmie Benoit, +Guy Palermo, +Skip Miller,
+Narvey & Esma DeLage, +Clayton Schuler,
+Trish Macior

Sunday, August 10

8:00 a.m.

+Cody Lucia, +Marie Bertrand, +David Powers,
+Eric Hoffman, +Camille Steen, +Dan Berlin,
Marianites of Holy Cross Associates

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 Istone, 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, Margaret Ruiz, Vincent
Iannazzo, Patricia Holden, Jim Williamson, Lezlie Brown,
Linda Richerson, Elsa Zeringue, Brooke Joseph, Kai Joseph,
Ina Berlin, Paul Richmond, C.J. Richmond, Avery Fuselier



STEWARDSHIP – July 27th

Weekly Collection:	\$4,911
E-Giving Online:	\$2,115
Poor Box:	\$2,138
Mass Attendance:	498
Building Fund on Deposit:	\$668,401

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The 2026 Mass Intention book is now open as of Friday, August 1st for the upcoming calendar year. Until November 1st we will accept no more than 12 weekday (single intention) requests from a household for the upcoming year (unlimited requests for Sunday or Saturday Masses will be accepted). After November 1st, all intentions will be accepted until the schedule is full. Mass requests will be honored on a *first-come, first-serve* basis in the office. No Mass request will be taken over the telephone. Mass requests must be made in person in the parish office, mailed to the office, or put into an enveloped and placed in the collection. Forms for requesting a Mass can be obtained from the parish office, in the back of the church, or online on the parish website.

Happening this Week

Wednesday, August 6

Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation available, 5 to 6 p.m.
GriefShare Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 7

Men's Club Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Friday, August 8

Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, August 9

Sacrament of Reconciliation available, 4 to 5 p.m.
Catholic Relief Services Second Collection

Sunday, August 10

Catholic Relief Services Second Collection
2025 Confirmation Prep 11:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

CONFIRMATION 2025

Sunday, August 10

Confirmation Prep 11:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Sunday, August 24

Confirmation Prep 11:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Sunday, September 14

Confirmation Retreat 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 25

Confirmation Mass at 7 p.m.

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