

20th 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

EUCCHARISTIC 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...

Last weekend Jesus reminded us to be good stewards: be prepared, be vigilant, and be generous. This weekend's readings set a high bar, reminding us that a stewardship way of life is meant to be a challenging way of life.

The bar is set immediately, beginning in the first verse of our Old Testament reading from Jeremiah: The king is told, "Jeremiah ought to be put to death" for "demoralizing" the people. What had Jeremiah been doing to merit such a punishment? He was speaking out against corruption and the unjust treatment of the poor. For speaking God's truth to those around him, Jeremiah gets thrown into a cistern where he is left to die. Later in the passage, we learn that the king relents and sends someone to rescue Jeremiah from the cistern. Even so, some thanks he gets for preaching God's word!

In the second reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, we are told to live as Christ lived. And how did Christ live? "For the sake of the joy that lay before Him He endured the cross." If we are tempted to complain about the sufferings we must endure in living as Christ's disciples, we are told, "In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood." In other words, "If you're not bleeding, what are you complaining about?" That is quite a high bar!

The Gospel reading from Luke continues this challenging theme. Our Lord tells His disciples "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing." A couple of verses later Jesus adds, "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

Jesus's life on this earth and the message He brought were not meant to simply make us feel good. In fact, His words can make us downright uncomfortable at times. That's because His Good News (and it is indeed good news!) is meant to change us, to make saints of us.

Another verse in our second reading encourages us: "Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith."

The stewardship way of life sets a high bar indeed. But deeply embraced, this way of life focused on God and others will make us the saints we are called to be.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, August 19

+Daniel Wegmann

Wednesday, August 20

+Dan Berlin

Thursday, August 21

+Carrol Arcement

Friday, August 22

+Dan Berlin

Saturday, August 23

5:30 p.m.

+David Mastio, +Don Mastio, +Dale Lorio, +Jerry Wilson,
Sisters of Mount Carmel Benefactors, +Dan Berlin,
+Deceased Sisters of Mount Carmel Apostolate,
Theresa Dicks

Sunday, August 24

8:00 a.m.

+Camille Steen, Harold Brent, +Dan Berlin,
+David Powers, +Abe Hebert, +Margaret Breaux,
+Tina Brantley, +John Karpa, +Lynda Prattini, +Ana Brent,

10:30 a.m.

Parishioners of Saint Benedict

STEWARDSHIP – August 10th

Weekly Collection:	\$5,096
E-Giving Online:	\$7,069
Building Fund:	\$275
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Mass Attendance:	485
Building Fund on Deposit:	\$670,093

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CONFIRMATION 2025

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.

Happening this Week

Wednesday, August 20

Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.

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

GriefShare Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 21

Rosary for Peace 8:30 a.m.

4th Degree Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Friday, August 22

Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, August 23

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

Blessing of Marriages at the end of Mass

Sunday, August 24

2025 Confirmation Prep 11:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Blessing of Marriages at the end of Mass

Coffee & Donuts after all Masses

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St. Dominic Church
September 13, 2025; register by August 31
8am - 2 pm Confessions, Mass, Summit



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Sr. Judy will serve as out mistress of ceremonies sprinkling spiritual guidance throughout the summit.



FR. W.C. PAYSSE
PRIEST

Father Paysse will begin with a prayer and conclude with closing remarks and a Benediction.



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Monica will provide a song for each presentation, enabling us to explore the concept of worship in greater depth.



SARAH DENNY LORIO
SPEAKER

Building on Pope St. John Paul II's teachings, Sarah will discuss the gift of being a woman, reflecting on how our bodies reveal our vocation. The talk will emphasize that all women can bear fruit when open to the Spirit.



OLIVIA GULINO
SPEAKER

Olivia will focus on what Edith Stein and Genesis delineate as woman's role in God's salvific plan after the Fall to demonstrate how vastly our learned experience of what woman is differs from what we were created for.



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Prayer List



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