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Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday by 10:00 a.m.

Office Hours: Monday -Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Mass Schedule:

Weekend:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Weekdays:

Monday: No Mass
Tuesday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.

Holy Days:

7:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and upon appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism: A Baptism preparation class must be taken prior to the birth of the child. Please contact the parish office for more information and to schedule a baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage: Please contact Fr. Jasinski at least one year in advance.

Sacrament of the Sick: You are encouraged to seek the Sacrament of the Sick if you are suffering from a serious illness or are going to be admitted to the hospital for surgery. Please contact Fr. Jasinski or the parish office if you would like to be anointed.

Becoming Catholic: If you or someone you know are interested in becoming Catholic, please contact the parish office.

Prayer Support: If you need prayers for any intention or wish to become a member of the Prayer Apostolate, please contact Joan Houdek - joan.houdek@gmail.com or 701-730-5828.

Faith Formation:

Grades K-5: Sunday, 9:15-10:15 a.m.
Grades 6-8, Middle School FUEL: Wednesday, 6:15-8:15 p.m.
Grades 9-12, High School FUEL: Wednesday, 6:15-8:15 p.m.



Welcome! We are so glad you are here!

To become a member of St. Benedict Church: Simply scan the QR Code on the left, call the parish office, or visit the web site www.stbensnd.org/forms to find our **New Parish Member Registration Form.** We look forward to getting to know you!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 11/24 - COFFEE & DONUTS (Following 8:00 a.m. Mass)
- 11/24 - Sunday K-5 Faith Formation Classes (9:15-10:15 a.m.)
- 11/24 - Altar Server Training (Starting @ 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, & 2:30)
- 11/27 - FUEL Movie Night
- 11/28 - 11/29 - THANKSGIVING - OFFICE CLOSED
- 11/28 - Thanksgiving Mass (9:00 a.m.)
- 11/29 - Coffee and Donuts after Daily Mass (9:00 a.m.)
- 12/1 - First Sunday Second Collection - EFP - Birthday Bag Program
- 12/1 - NO FF CLASSES TODAY. - NO COFFEE & DONUTS
- 12/2 - Scripture Study (5:15 p.m. Multi-purpose Room)
- 12/4 - FUEL + Adoration to end session. (6:15)
- 12/7-8 - Retirement Fund for Religious Collection
- 12/8 - Men's Group - BREAKFAST (After 8:00 and 10:30 Masses)
- 12/8 - Sunday K-5 Faith Formation Classes (9:15-10:15 a.m.)
- 12/8 - Holy Hour (3:00 p.m.)
- 12/9 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - Masses at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Mass Intentions

Sat	Nov 23	5:00 p.m.	† Leo Cossette
Sun	Nov 24	8:00 a.m.	† Filomena Mendes
		10:30 a.m.	Parishioners
Mon	Nov 25	8:30 a.m.	NO MASS TODAY
Tue	Nov 26	8:30 a.m.	Ryan & Maggie Norrell Family
Wed	Nov 27	8:30 a.m.	For Peace in Our Families
Thu	Nov 28	8:30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving
Fri	Nov 29	8:30 a.m.	For Peace in the World
Sat	Nov 30	5:00 p.m.	† Marie Rheault
Sun	Dec 1	8:00 a.m.	Parishioners
		10:30 a.m.	† Renee Bernier

November 2024

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Stewardship

Budgeted Weekly Collection: \$6,538

November 17, 2024: \$7,862

Budgeted Collection YTD: \$300,748

Actual Collection YTD: \$261,800

Nov. Second Collection: \$1,014

**Thank you for your generosity
and continued support!**

Special Prayer Intentions for:

Irene Feist, Adrian Flicek,
Mary Ignaszewski, Jim Krump,
Kathy Loney, Marvin Miller,
Vern Muscha, Chris Richard,
Polly Roe, Arielle Stansbury,
Stewart Sommers, Carol Trotter,
Linda Long

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for NEXT WEEKEND

	Saturday, November 30 5:00 p.m.	Sunday, December 1 8:00 a.m.	Sunday, December 1 10:30 a.m.
Sacristan	Alex Koenig	Sharon Arnold	Kristie Sauvageau
Lector	Bev Marsh	Marcus Vetter	Kristie Sauvageau
Usher	Dean Marsh Bob Stalcup	Mike Sikorski Ken Zetocha	Patrick Reinke Mark Schiltz
Altar Server	Oliver Suda PLEASE VOLUNTEER	Oliver, Grace, and Mia Vetter	Ila Reinke PLEASE VOLUNTEER
EMHC	Margaret Klein (Paten) Curt Bjertness (Paten) Nancy Torgerson (Chalice) Sheri Koenig (Chalice)	Catie Vetter (Paten) Joe Arnold (Paten) Regan Frank (Chalice) Kathy Schroeder (Chalice)	VOLUNTEER (Paten) VOLUNTEER (Paten) Barb Rheault (Chalice) Mary Richard-Johnson(Chalice)
Greeter	Jon and Linda Long	Mike and Kristi Sikorski	Patrick and Bree Reinke
Gift Bearer	Jim and Marie Laufenberg	Kevin and Denise Stoppeworth	Ron and Barb Rheault
Hospitality	November Coffee and Donuts - Service Group # 7 (Not on Nov.26) December Coffee and Donuts - Service Group # 1 (Not on Dec. 1, 8, 24 or 31)		

Stewardship Moment

Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world" (John 18:36)

Life is short. How much time, or energy or money do you put into building "your" kingdom here on earth? We all know we can't take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money do we invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach your heart from earthly possessions. Generously share your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.

Weekly Prayer of the Faithful

That we help build God's kingdom on earth, but also invest our gifts in God's eternal kingdom

For all the names written in our Book of Remembrance

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

St. Benedict Scripture Study Group will be meeting Monday, December 2, at 5:15 p.m.



Thanksgiving Day Mass
at St. Benedict Church
November 28, 9:00 a.m.

First Sunday, Second Collection Special Offering - December 1

Our December second collection will benefit the Birthday Bags Project at the Emergency Food Pantry which helps food insecure families get a cake mix, a can of frosting and a birthday card to help their child celebrate their birthday.

Through October of this year, 16,277 children have been helped. On behalf of the children whose smiles you will not see, the Social Justice Committee thanks you for your support of this project!



PASTOR'S NOTES

Dear Parishioners,

This is the time of the year when you would expect to see boxes of contribution envelopes set out for parishioners to pick up. The Finance Council approved a plan to switch to a new method of distributing contribution envelopes. Beginning at the end of December, contribution envelopes will be mailed to parishioners. Every other month you will receive a packet containing contribution envelopes for the upcoming two months. In addition to each Sunday and Holy Day, it will contain envelopes for the monthly Social Justice collection, as well as other special collections throughout the year. Your envelope number will remain the same.

We are making this change for a number of reasons. First of all, it saves us money by not trying to guess how many new families will join St. Benedict Parish during the upcoming year. In the past, we always ended up throwing out extra boxes of envelopes at the end of the year. Also, when a new family joins mid-year, they will receive just the envelopes they need; they will not have to discard a half a box (or more) of unused envelopes. Additionally, this regular mailing will help us keep up-to-date with parishioners' address changes.

Nothing will change for those who give online. In fact, the new envelopes will contain a checkbox for "I've given online." If you want to put something in the collection basket each Sunday, simply check the box on the envelope and deposit it in the basket. If you are interested in giving online, visit our website, www.stbensnd.org; click "Donate" on the top navigation bar (from a desktop web browser) or from the hamburger menu (from a browser on a mobile device). If you need help, call the parish office.

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At the end of the week we will pause for Thanksgiving, a time to give thanks to God for all the good things he has blessed us with. May you and your loved ones have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Fr. Andrew Jasinski



The parish offices of St. Benedict Catholic Church will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29.

FAITH FORMATION

OCIA meets Thursday evenings @ 6 p.m. There will be NO OCIA session on Thursday, November 28.

Sunday Faith Formation meets:



Nov. 24, Dec. 8, and Dec. 15

No Faith Formation on Dec. 1, Dec. 22 or Dec. 29.

Upcoming Schedule

11/27 - FUEL
Movie Night

12/4 - FUEL with Adoration

12/11 - FUEL



Faith Used in Everyday Life

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To learn more or make a gift securely online, visit our campaign website page on the parish donation tab or scan the QR code:

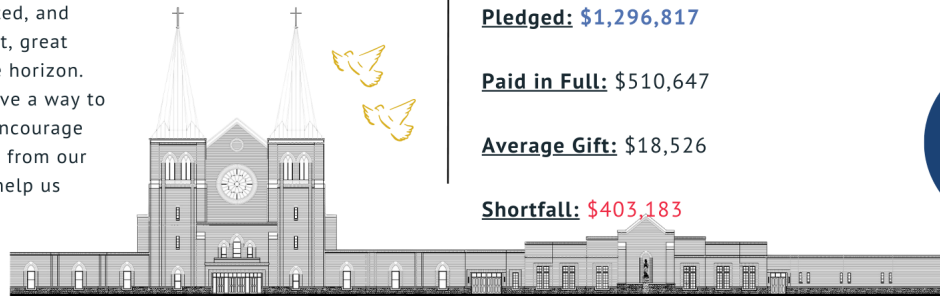


CAMPAIGN NEWS & UPDATES

Embracing Our Tradition, Building Our Future

As we wrap up the Active Phase of our Capital Campaign. We want to thank the families that are already supporting us. Your commitment to St. Benedict is truly appreciated, and with your support, great things are on the horizon. While we still have a way to go, we want to encourage full participation from our entire parish to help us reach our goal.

Stay tuned for updates as we embark on raising money for our beautiful new parish home together. Thank you for making a positive impact on our community!



Campaign Progress *(As of Monday, November 18th)*

Can YOU be the Gift that gets us to GOAL?
Every gift counts, make yours today!

Campaign Goal: \$1,700,000

76%

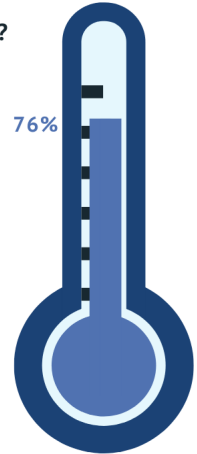
Parish Participation: 30% (70 Families)

Pledged: \$1,296,817

Paid in Full: \$510,647

Average Gift: \$18,526

Shortfall: \$403,183



PARISH NEWS

Advent Giving Tree: This year we will once again host a Women's Care Center Advent giving tree in our church entry. Beginning this weekend, you can select a tag from the tree in the church entry. Gift cards and monetary donations can be placed in an envelope and placed in the box near the giving tree. Please plan on bringing any gift donations to the church lobby on or before Thursday, December 19. Thank you for your support of this year's giving tree.

Women's Care Center was founded in 1984 with the mission to help pregnant women choose life for their babies, have healthier pregnancies, become better parents, and take first steps to self-sufficiency. They serve 30,000 women annually from 36 centers in 12 states. 94% of these women choose to parent or adopt their child.



There is still time to donate a jar of peanut butter to the Social Justice Committee's Peanut Butter Collection for the Emergency Food Pantry! Just leave your donation in the church lobby this week.

Emergency Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

Our volunteer week is coming soon! St Benedict's has, for many years, volunteered at the Fargo Emergency Food Pantry during the Christmas season. What a truly wonderful way to give back to the community. We invite parishioners to help fill carts at the food pantry during the following shifts:

Thursday, Dec 26 (9:30-noon and 1:00-4:00),

Friday, Dec 27 (1:00 - 4:00),

Monday, Dec 30 (9:30-noon and 1:00 - 4:00)

Tuesday, Dec 31 (9:30 - noon and 1:00 - 4:00)

There is a sign up sheet posted in the entry way of the church. Thank you so much!

Join Us for Breakfast!

Sunday, December 8
after the 8:00 Mass and the 10:30 Mass

Free will offering

Hosted by the St. Benedict's Men's Group



UPCOMING EVENTS

Third Annual Saint Gianna Medical Professionals Conference Join the University of Mary for the third annual Saint Gianna Medical Professionals Conference on December 6-7, 2024. Explore the theme "Moral Courage and Mercy: Nurturing Authentic Encounter through Healthcare" through meaningful discussions and expert insights. This conference inspires health care professionals to transform their medical practice by upholding the dignity of every person with compassionate, courageous, ethical, and joyful care. Register today at umary.edu/StGiannaConference.



A Blessed Sacrament Thanksgiving

Thursday,
November 28
11:00 - 2:00

Join us for the best Thanksgiving meal that you've ever had! AND you don't have to do the dishes, (unless you want to volunteer)! We do not charge; it is a free-will donation.

**Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
West Fargo**

NATIVITY SHOWCASE

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701-282-3321**

Dec. 7 from 2 - 7 p.m. and
Dec. 8 from 9:30 a.m. - 1:00
p.m. Join us for holiday music,
treats and beautiful nativity
displays! The charge is \$1.00
or a non-perishable food item.



LADIES' HOLIDAY TEA

*A fundraiser for the
Young Adult Rome Pilgrimage
in May of 2025.*

Enjoy tea, delicious treats, silent
auction gift baskets, music and
fellowship. \$35/person
Reservations required.

December 8, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

*St. Paul's Newman Center
1141 University Dr. Fargo*

To register: 701-356-7909 or
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more about the Catholic faith.

**The Men's Cursillo will be held on
February 20-23, 2025** at Maryvale,
near Valley City, and the contact is
Dustin Volochenko, 701-626-1188.

**The Women's Cursillo is February
27-March 3, 2025** at St. Francis
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Special Event: Cookies with the Claus Family
Friday, November 29th, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., at the FARGODOME.
Santa and the Claus Family will arrive by **horse-drawn sleigh**
at 1:00 p.m. Activities will include **bouncy houses, sleigh
rides, cookie decorating, holiday crafts, Santa's
mailbox** and more. **Free** and open to the public!

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

St. John's Catholic School, Wahpeton ND

St. John's Catholic School in Wahpeton, North Dakota, is seeking a full
time kindergarten teacher for the remainder of the 2024-25 school year.
The candidate must have, or be able to obtain, a valid North Dakota
license and Kindergarten endorsement. Qualified applicants should
submit a cover letter, current resume, transcripts, three (3) letters of
recommendation to be considered. Please send your application packet
to Kaja Kaste, Principal at kaja.kaste@k12.nd.us

Catholic Young Adults Theology on Tap

Tuesday, December 3 @ 6:30 p.m.

*Adults age 21 and over are invited
to join us for **Theology on Tap** at
St. Paul's Newman Center
1141 N University Dr., Fargo, ND
Presented by Bishop John Folda.*

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"Therefore encourage one another
and build each other up."
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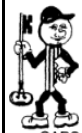
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