

St. Benedict Catholic Church

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The third oldest Catholic parish in North Dakota, serving the community since 1870.



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St. Benedict

September 7, 2025
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday by 10:00 a.m.

Office Hours: Monday - Friday,

8:00 a.m. - 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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday at 4:00 - 4:45 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 have a serious illness or will 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 at 701-730-5828 or joan.houdek@gmail.com

Faith Formation:

Grades K-5: Sunday, 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Grades 6-8, and Grades 9-12: FUEL

Wednesday, 6:15-8:15 p.m.

Phone: 701-588-4288

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Welcome to St. Benedict Church!
We are so glad you are here!

To become a member of our parish,



simply submit a
New Parish Member
Registration Form,
which can be found
on the counter in the
church lobby, on our
website, or by using
this QR code.



Our religious education year officially begins this weekend, and it would simply not be possible without the faith, dedication and generosity of so many people! Please keep these men and women in your prayers:

Catie Vetter

Lesley McNeil

Jessica Heili

Katie Reineke

Sara Corbett

Jessica Haugen

Marcus Vetter

Sophie Richard

Grace Vetter

Mia Vetter

Jessica Brown

Mark Schiltz

Dove Richard

Regan Frank

Jessica Osland

Kara Leopold

Angela Kazmierczak

Mass Intentions September 6 - September 14

Sat	5:00 p.m.	† Russell Koenig
Sun	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Timothy Kraemer
	10:30 a.m.	Parishioners
Mon		NO MASS
Tue	8:30 a.m.	† Marie Jansen
Wed	8:30 a.m.	† LaDonna Dougherty
Thu	8:30 a.m.	† Loretta Jones
Fri	8:30 a.m.	† Arnold Weber
Sat	5:00 p.m.	† Patricia Winter
Sun	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Gerard Braun
	10:30 a.m.	Parishioners

Special Prayer Intentions

Marvin Miller, Kathy Loney, Jeff Foss,
Arielle Stansbury, Lyle Fankhanel

Please allow us to pray for you or your loved ones who may be facing challenges in life. Contact the office to add someone to our parish prayer list.

September's Second Collection
will go to **First Link** Suicide
Prevention.

Schedule of Events

9/6 and 9/7 - Catechist Blessing at all Masses.

9/6 and 9/7 - Second Collection for First Link Suicide Prevention.

9/6 and 9/7 - Time & Talent Weekend

9/7 - World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in U.S. Dioceses.

9/7 - Faith Formation Classes begin.
9:15 - 10:15 a.m. K- 5th grade

9/9 - Social Justice Committee Meeting
6:30 p.m.

9/10 - FUEL Parent Meeting 7:00 p.m.

9/14 - Faith Formation Classes
9:15 - 10:15 a.m. K- 5th grade

9/14 - Holy Hour 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

9/17 - FUEL begins for Middle School and High School youth 6:15 p.m.

9/21 - St. Ben's Annual Fall Dinner

Stewardship

Budgeted Weekly Collection: \$6,586
Aug 31, 2025: \$5,044
Budgeted Collection YTD: \$230,510
Actual Collection YTD: \$199,275
September Second Collection: \$105

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

Stewardship Moment

"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

Weekly Prayer of the Faithful

That we may come to recognize that everything we have is a gift from God and we are called to generously share all of our gifts.



K-5 Faith Formation
Sundays, 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.
Middle School/High School FUEL
Wednesdays, Beginning Sept. 17
6:15 p.m. Supper
6:45 - 8:15 p.m. Session

FUEL Parent Meeting:
There will be a meeting for parents of high school and middle school FUEL students on Wednesday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the youth room.

Ministry Schedule September 13 and 14

Saturday, Sept. 13, 5:00 p.m.

- Sacristan: Ron E.
- Servers: Michael & Oliver S.
- Reader: Bev M.
- EMHC: paten - Curt B.
paten - Joan B.
chalice - Connie E.
chalice - Ron E.
- Usher: Bob S. & Dale W.
- Greeter: Joan H. & Sheri K.
- Gifts: Anthony, Maggie & Caleb
- Music: **Volunteer**

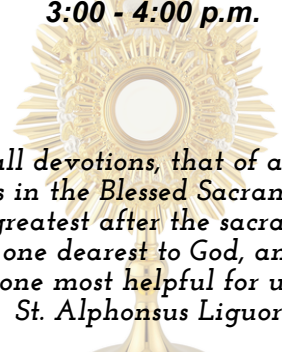
Sunday, Sept. 14, 8:00 a.m.

- Sacristan: Twila N.
- Servers: Trayton S., Anthony & Peter M.
- Reader: Denise S.
- EMHC: paten - Twila N.
paten - Kara H.
chalice - Bradley J.
chalice - Julien R.
- Usher: Claude R.
- Greeter: Dave & Lesley M.
- Gifts: Rilie, Josie, & Matthias
- Music: **Volunteer**

Sunday, Sept. 14, 10:30 a.m.

- Sacristan: Mary R-J.
- Servers: Malakye & Qwynci R.
- Reader: Patti A.
- EMHC: paten - Mary R-J.
paten - Dove R.
chalice - Julie N-P.
chalice - Barb R.
- Usher: Mark S.
- Greeter: **Volunteer**
- Gifts: Ron & Barb R.
- Music: **Volunteer**

Parish Holy Hour Sunday, September 14 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.



"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God, and the one most helpful for us."
St. Alphonsus Liguori

Events in the Area

Catholic Daughters to Meet

Court St. Ann #261 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, September 9th at St. Anthony's beginning with the Mass at 5:15 PM, meal to follow, and meeting at 6:30 PM. Members are invited to bring non-perishable food item donations. If interested in CDA, please join us at our meeting. Any questions, please send an email to regentctstann@gmail.com.

A Night for Life

Join us for a special fundraising dinner for Shanley High School students to attend the National March for Life in Washington, DC. Enjoy a delicious meal and an inspiring evening with guest speaker, Alexandra DeSanctis. Tickets are \$100/person with all proceeds benefiting the Deacons for Life annual pilgrimage to the National March in January.

Thursday, September 25
5:30 p.m. Social, 6:30 p.m. Dinner
Sts. Anne & Joachim Catholic Church



Holy Hour for Life Respect Life Sunday Sunday, October 5, 2025

Bishop Folda invites all the faithful of the diocese to join him in a Mass and Holy Hour for Life on Respect Life Sunday, October 5, 2025. It will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fargo. There will be Mass at noon followed by a Holy Hour for Life starting at approximately 1:15. A lunch will be served in the social hall following the Holy Hour.



An informational meeting about the OCIA process will be held on **September 25 at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Benedict Church. The OCIA includes prayer, study, dialogue, instruction and fellowship for adults who desire to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Pastor's Notes

Dear Parishioners,

Throughout the United States this weekend we celebrate the fifth annual World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Back in February, Pope Francis announced the theme: "Blessed are those who have not lost hope," a quote from the Book of Sirach. It was inspired by the theme of the Jubilee Year, "Pilgrims of Hope." Pope Leo, his successor, wrote the annual Message. In it he included words Pope Francis wrote during his final hospitalization: "our bodies are weak, but even so, nothing can prevent us from loving, praying, giving ourselves, being there for one another, in faith, as shining signs of hope"

In his Message, Pope Leo reflected on people in Sacred Scripture who were old. He wrote, "In the Bible, God repeatedly demonstrates his providential care by turning to people in their later years. This was the case not only with Abraham and Sarah, Zechariah and Elizabeth, but also with Moses, who was called to set his people free when he was already eighty years old. God thus teaches us that, in his eyes, old age is a time of blessing and grace, and that the elderly are, for him, the first witnesses of hope. St. Augustine asks, 'What do we mean by old age?' He tells us that God himself answers the question: 'Let your strength fail, so that my strength may abide within you, and you can say with the Apostle, "When I am weak, then I am strong."'"

Pope Leo continues, "Looking at the elderly in the spirit of this Jubilee, we are called to help them experience liberation, especially from loneliness and abandonment. This year is a fitting time to do so. God's fidelity to his promises teaches us that there is a blessedness in old age. ... That is why Pope Francis wanted the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly to be celebrated primarily through an effort to seek out elderly persons who are living alone. ... Visiting an elderly person is a way of encountering Jesus, who frees us from indifference and loneliness."

To read Pope Leo's entire message, click the link on the St. Benedict Parish website (www.stbensnd.org).

This week we welcomed Kara Hagemester to the St. Benedict staff. Kurt Witteman will train her to become our new Business Manager. Once she has taken over those duties, Kurt will turn to other projects which need to be completed. In other words, you will see Kurt around for a few more months.

May you have a blessed week.

Fr. Andrew Jasinski

Altar Server Training

Father Jasinski will offer training sessions for new or returning altar servers on **Sunday, September 28**. Any student who has received the sacrament of confirmation is welcome to attend the training. There are two training sessions scheduled: 1:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. If needed, more will be added. A sign-up link has been emailed to current servers as well as all 4th grade families.

Events in the Area



CATHOLIC CLASSICS
THE TREASURY OF SACRED MUSIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

Join us for the first concert of the 2025-2026 Performing Arts Series! Director of Music Patrick McGuire, Brenna LaRue, and other special guests are performing a collaborative concert showcasing the heritage of Catholic sacred music. This concert is FREE and open to the public!

Sts. Anne and Joachim Church - Sunday, Sept 7, 4:00 p.m.

For a listing of all area Fall Festivals, Fall Bazaars, and Fall Dinners, visit

<https://fargodiocese.net/news/fall-parish-events>

You're Invited to Down Home's 8th Annual Hoedown! Sunday, September 21st, 4-7pm at The Pines, Davenport

YeeHaw! Kick up your boots with us for a memorable evening celebrating all the Lord has done through Down Home. This event is fixin' to be a night to remember - country casual atmosphere, tasty vittles, saloon-style spirits, entertainment, and an exciting line-up of silent and live auction items.

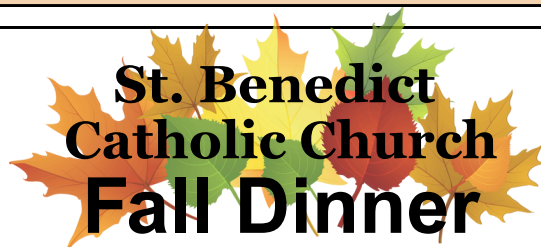
Table sponsorships and tickets on sale now!

Contact Emily at outreach@down-home.org or call 701-532-1488 for more information on table sponsorships. *What to wear:* The dress-code is country casual! Grab your best western wear - cowboy boots, hats and plaids are all welcome.

When to arrive: Social hour starts at 4pm and program begins at 5pm. Get there during the social hour to grab drinks, bid on auction items, and connect with the other incredible attendees. All funds raised during the event will help those emerging from homelessness, by continuing our mission of furnishings homes, strengthening connections, and transforming communities.

Thanks for being part of the impact!

Tickets can be purchased at www.down-home.org/events



FAMOUS HAM DINNER
SILENT AUCTION, BAKE SALE, KID'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, September 21
12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

***We would be very blessed if you could
donate an item or gift basket for the silent
auction!***

We would also love your fresh garden tomatoes and cucumbers for the dinner crudités, and don't forget those baked goodies and garden goodies to sell!

Contact Barb Witteman at
bwitteman@yahoo.com.



Dinner Volunteers needed:

It is getting close, and we are still looking for 25 generous volunteers who are ready to serve our dinner guests (or help clean up when the guests leave!)

Sign up from our website (stbensnd.org) using the Sign-Up Genius link on the main page.

Crayons for Kids Service Project:

Plan on joining in our Parish Service Project this year at the Fall Dinner. This project, organized by St. Benedict's Social Justice Committee, collects and packs bags of school supplies for mid-year distribution to children served through the work of the Fargo Emergency Food Pantry.



THANK YOU!
Let's make this the
Best.Dinner.Ever!

Vietnamese Mid-Autumn Festival:

Join with the Vietnamese community at St. Anthony of Padua, Fargo for a Mid-Autumn Festival on Oct. 4, beginning at 6 p.m.

There will be Vietnamese food, traditional music and the lion dance, in addition to a bounce house and games for the children. All are welcome! If you would like to volunteer to help or become a member of the Vietnamese Catholic culture group, contact thanhphongcebu@gmail.com or 701-793-2184.



Benefiting the
Women's Care Center
Tuesday, October 7

For more information,
or to register online go to
LuxuryBingoFargo.com
5:30 p.m. - Cocktails & heavy
hors d'oeuvres
7:00 p.m. - Opening remarks &
games begin
Holiday Inn, Fargo, ND 58103
High-end prizes!

Upcoming Retreats

Undone– Women's Retreat November 20-22, 2025

Ladies, do you desire to live in greater freedom? Are you longing for an authentic encounter with your true feminine identity? Join us for the Undone Women's Conference where you will experience a weekend of truth, beauty, and transformation, as the knots of Eve's disobedience are "undone" through Mary's model of radical receptivity.

Details and registration: <https://jpiihealingcenter.org/event/undone-womens-retreat-2025-fargo-nd/>



Thursday

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM – Check-in/Registration/Resource Table Open

6:30 PM – 10:00 PM – Session 1: The Consummate Creation

Friday

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM – Resource Table Open

6:30 PM – 10:00 PM – Session 2: The Tangled Truth

Saturday

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Session 3: Untying the Knot

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM – Lunch

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM – Session 4: Living Undone

**The schedule is tentative and subject to change*

The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima **TOUR OF PEACE 2025**

The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue has visited more than 100 countries, bringing Mary's powerful message of salvation and hope to millions. Countless favors and graces have been reported wherever the statue travels. Our Lady's statue will be at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fargo on October 12-13. Call the Cathedral for more information - 701-235-4289.

Life-Giving Wounds Peer Support Group October 6 - December 1

For more information, or to register, go to
<https://fargodiocese.net/lgw-sg>

The Life-Giving Wounds peer support group is a unique opportunity for adults and young adults (18+) whose parents have divorced, separated, or left broken families. It allows participants to reflect intentionally on the wounds caused by their family's breakdown, and to heal from them with others who know this pain, and with knowledgeable, compassionate leaders, who are predominantly adult children of divorce or separation themselves.

iSurrender: ~~If~~ When Life Doesn't Go As Planned

As life falls apart and earthly solutions fail, there's one last thing you may not have tried: iSurrender!

It's not giving up but giving in to receive the bounty of graces God is waiting to bestow.
It's finding a reliable God in an unreliable world.

Let us guide you beyond heartache and hardship to a surrender that will bring you peace.

Presenters: Patti Armstrong,
Monica Hannan and Roxane Salonen



October 3rd-5th, 2025 at Maryvale - Valley City

Register online at www.maryvalend.org

Law Retreat: Conscience and Courage

Join us from September 26-28, 2025, at Stiklestad Lodge, Ft. Ransom, ND, for a transformative Catholic retreat tailored for legal professionals. This event offers a unique opportunity to reflect on the integration of faith and law through keynote speeches, panel discussions, and spiritual enrichment activities. Gain insights from prominent speakers while earning 4.0 hours of CLE credits approved for ND and MN. Engage in daily prayer, Mass, and fellowship with peers as you explore the intersection of law and conscience. For more information, schedule and registration, visit www.conscienceandcourage.org.

Sponsored by Sts. Anne and Joachim Parish.

Upcoming SEARCH Retreat

SEARCH weekends are for high school and college-age young adults, at least 16 years of age. They are open to those of any denomination. SEARCH invites you to discover God, yourself and a community of Christian youth & young adults. It will be held at the Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City, ND on Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 2025
(deadline to register: Oct. 13)

For more information or to register go to:
<https://fargodiocese.org/search4cm>

Employment Opportunities

- **JPII Catholic Schools** has many open **teaching and non-teaching positions**. To see the current opportunities and to apply, visit <https://www.jp2schools.org/careers/> or call 701-893-3231 for more information.
- **Real Presence Radio** is hiring a **Director of Advancement**. This person will be responsible for identifying, developing and executing all fundraising and donor stewardship efforts to further the mission of Real Presence Radio. For more information call 877-795-0122, or go to <https://realpresenceradio.com/careers/>
- **Women's Care Center** is seeking a compassionate part-time or full-time **Ultrasound Tech/ Registered Nurse/LPN** for our pro-life pregnancy centers in Fargo and Moorhead. Call 701-237-6530 for further details or with any questions.
- **Down Home**, Fargo ND is hiring a **Program Support Specialist** to coordinate volunteers, manage the warehouse, and support families as they transition into homes filled with hope and belonging. For information and to apply go to www.down-home.org.

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