SAINT BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF ANCHORAGE-JUNEAU

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



October 11, 2026

Mission and Core Values

Saint Benedict Parish is a community of Catholic, Christian stewards, working to live and preach the Word of God in thought, word and deed. As a ministry of Saint Benedict Parish, Lumen Christi High School provides a rigorous Catholic education in a Christ-like environment. We are called to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to build community, and to serve our brothers and sistersWe are united in our core values of living Faith, Celebrating Family and Achieving Excellence!

Mass Times:

Monday - Friday: 9:00am
Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 10:30am, 12:15pm

Adoration:

Monday - Friday: 10am - 10pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 6pm - 7pm
Saturday: 3:45pm - 4:45pm OR by appointment

Parish Office

8110 Jewel Lake Road
Anchorage, AK 99502

(907) 243-2195
FAX: (907) 243-0088

OFFICE HOURS:
TUESDAY - FRIDAY: 10AM - 5PM

: www.stbenedictsak.com
: https://www.facebook.com/stbenedictsak
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Lumen Christi Catholic High School

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Anchorage, AK 99502

Grades 7th -12th

(907) 245-9231

OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY- FRIDAY: 7:30AM - 3PM
(Aug. - May)

: www.lumenchristiak.org

THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR

Accepting God's Invitation

Our readings invite us to reflect on a profound and generous reality: God has prepared a rich banquet of love, mercy, and eternal life, and His invitation is extended to each one of us.

In the prophet Isaiah, we are promised a mountain feast where every tear will be wiped away. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus shares the parable of the king's wedding banquet—reminding us that the invitation is open, urgent, and calls for a sincere response. God does not merely ask us to RSVP with words; He calls us to clothe ourselves in His grace, kindness, and righteousness.

Let us ask ourselves this week: Am I too busy with daily routines to accept God's invitation? How can my presence at Sunday Mass transform the way I show patience, forgiveness, and generosity to those around me?

United in Mission Annual Appeal

We're on the home stretch! Our pledges to the appeal now exceed $110,000! This is great news and puts us with striking range of completing both our archdiocesan and parish goals of $120,000! Having met our archdiocesan goal, every dollar now funds the completion of the renovation of the Archangel Attic. If you have not yet made your pledge, thank you for doing so this week so we can retire this annual appeal. Thank you so much! – Fr. Tom

WELCOME TO SAINT BENEDICT PARISH!

~Our Community at a Glance~

Prayer Chain: email Shirley Arnold at s_arnoldak@outlook.com
Outreach: Emergency food for those in need call 907-273-1596
Clare House: 4th Tuesday each month; contact Beth Waetjen @ 907-242-2384
Archangel Attic: Open Tues.-Thurs. 12pm-3pm, and Fri. 10am –3pm, Sat. 10am-4pm, call 907-215-7079. To volunteer call Colleen: 354-4372 or Mary: 868-3453
Youth & Young adult Catechesis: call Gabe O'Lena 907-215-7058
Family Faith Formation Sundays: Fr. Tom Lilly, tlilly@stbenedictsak.com, 243-2195
10:30 Mass Choir: See Steve Ring after Mass or email sring1316@outlook.com
Samoan Mass: 12:15 Mass, 1st Sunday of the Month
Filipino Mass: 12:15 Mass, 3rd Sunday of the Month
Hospitality Sundays: Coffee /donuts, after 8am-10:30am Masses
Pancake Breakfast: Served 8am to 12:15pm the 2nd Sunday of the month, Oct-Apr
Knights of Columbus: Meets 1st Wednesday at 7pm in the Parish Hall.
Legion of Mary: Meets Mon. at 5:30pm; call Ed Wassell



Archangel Attic Hours:
Tues.-Thurs. 12pm - 3pm
Fri. 10am – 3pm
Sat. 10am- 4pm

907-215-7079

To volunteer call:
Colleen: 354-4372 or Mary: 868-3453

The Archangel Attic is the St.Benedict/LCHS Thrift Store! Come shop with us!

Monday 10/12	TUESDAY 10/13	Wednesday 10/14	Thursday 10/15	FRIDAY 10/16	Saturday 10/17	Sunday 10/18
Mass: 9am Tuyen Pham ROS *Office Closed* *Adoration 10am-10pm* *Legion of Mary 6pm* *OCIA 6:30pm*	Mass: 9am MaryJo Thomas SI *Adoration 10am-10pm* *Video & discussion 9:40am* *Blessed Among Women 7pm*	Mass: 9am Pelentino Iloilo ROS *Adoration 10am-10pm* *Confessions 6p,-7pm* *Samoan Chior 6:30pm* *HS youth night 7pm* *Bible Studay 7pm*	Mass: 9am Dorothy Benson ROS *Adoration 10am-10pm* *Choir Practice 7pm*	Mass: 9am Luke Owens SI *Adoration 10am-10pm* *Jr. Legion 10am* ***Kid Play 1pm*** *Samoan Chior 6:30pm*	Vigil Mass: 5pm Police & Firefighters SI *Baptism Class 10am* *Confessions 3:45-4:45* *Samoan Chior 6:30pm*	Masses: 8am: Hector & Mary Serna ROS 10:30am: People of the Parish SI 12:15pm: ***Super Sumday*** *Today 1:30-3:30*

Mass Intentions: SI= Special Intentions RTH= Return to Health ROS= Repose of Soul

SAINT BENEDICT STAFF

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Readings:

Sunday 10/11
Isaiah 25:6-10
Philippians 4:12-14, 19, 20
Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday 10/18
Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Matthew 22:15-21

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

- **OCIA:** Contact Office at 243-2195
- **Baptism of infants:** celebrated either during Mass, after the 12:15 Mass on Sundays or at any other time approved by the Pastor. Parents are required to attend a baptismal preparation class prior to the baptism of the child.
- **Weddings:** scheduled by meeting with the Pastor at least six months prior to the wedding date. Please call the office for more details.
- **Funerals:** contact the parish office following a death and we will be pleased to assist you.
- **Anointing of the Sick, or Communion to the Homebound:** Please call the parish office to request a visit.

For questions, contact the parish office: (907) 243-2195.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE

Stewardship of Treasure:

	WEEK 14	Year-to-Date
Offertory Income	$ 15,707.45	$ 154,774.60
Other Income	$ 1,002.55	$ 41,528.55
	$ 16,710.00	**$ 196,303.15**

Avg. Weekly Expenses: $14,912.51
Year To Date Expenses: $137,929.94

*Avg. wk. expenses based on FY26 financials

Parish Year-To-Date Net Income

Total Income	$ 196,303.15
Total Expense	$ 137,929.94
	$ 58,373.21

*Year To Date is from July 1, 2026 - October 4, 2026

Online Donation Income:

- There were 55 gifts made online
- There were 3 Maintenance Fund donations
- There was 1 Parish Outreach donations
- There were 0 Special Collection donations
- There were 0 Faith Formation donations

Dear Lord,
Thank you for teaching me to be generous as you have been generous with me. Thank you for showing me that all I am and have are gifts from you. And that these gifts from you, Lord, are meant to be shared. Show me the joys of generosity. Help me to understand others, perhaps unknown to me, depend on me for help. Remind me that my world, my parish, needs "Good Samaritans" to heal the wounds of our times. Make me a gift to others in your name.

Amen

Hope Soup Kitchen

Thanks to all who come and put together meals for Hope Soup Kitchen! Next date is Saturday November 7th!

Call Andy Flores @ 907-887-4917

Clare House

Thank you to all who provide meals for Clare House! Next dinner date is October 27th!

The Traveling Madonna

Please say a rosary each day she is in your home.
Thank you for welcoming the Lord's mother.

Questions call the office 907-243-2195

Thinking about Prison Ministry?

Two requirements by State of Alaska Dept.of Corrections:

1. Fill out application form-download at https://www.godinprison.com
2. Attend a Religious Volunteer Training Session

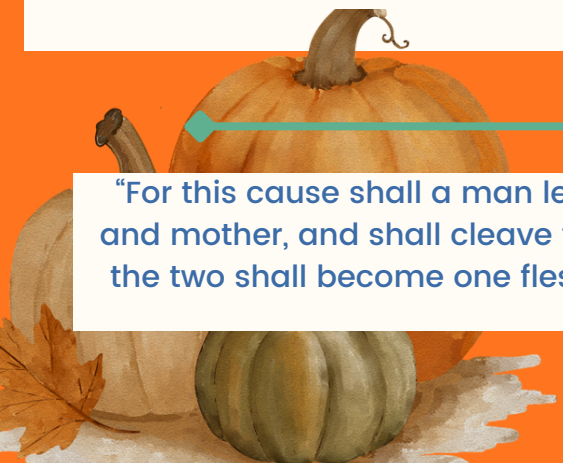
Next Training Session:
Date:TBA
Time: TBA
Place: TBA

Questions? Contact your fellow St. Benedict parishioners:
Phil Ayer 907-250-2711
Greg Gallagher 907-917-9003

CELEBRATIONS

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

James & Gereldene Deagen	09/03/60
Gary and Robin Dayley	09/25/65
Larry and Cheryl Clement	09/18/71
Daniel and Margie Kernen	09/16/78
Bernard and Marion Simon	09/22/79
John and Donna Martin	09/15/84
Daniel and Roxanne Winters	09/14/85
Robert and Gina Leyba	09/26/87
Kurt and Kristen Martens	09/03/88
Patrick and Grace O'Brien	09/26/97
Melanie and Jim O'Rourke	09/13/03
Steven and Jennifer Boylan	09/07/13
Tyson and Marianne Price	09/03/17
Brian & Christina Del Rosario	09/04/18



"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh." -Eph. 5:31

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Lonnie Adkins
Diane Peterson
Christina Del Rosario
Shirley Arnold
Bill Arnold
Bea Freeman
Waetjen Family
Alicia Warren
Fr. Tim Saur
Anthony Mitchell
Rosemary Dunn
Connie Budahl
Danny Lee
Franklin Ellenson
Hien Pham
Terry Tutor
Marty Goblowski
Jim and Sally Seeley
Fr. Rob Evenson
Sam Waetjen
Damon Carey
Gerry Rapp
Alicia Datuin
Mike & Bettye Smith
Pat Scott
Julie Allard
Bernie & Marian Simon
Will Davenport
Nicole Johnson
Jessica Randolph

Geneva Colon
Michele Waetjen
Denise Trefry
Richard Campbell
James Mitchell & sons
Fontaine Wilhelm
Theresa Dolan
Ofelia Domingo
Maipele Burns
Mike Keenan
Kevin Pfeiffer
Steve Taylor
Lara Krill
Joseph Mitchell
Dan Rollins
Ted & Agnes Mayac
Doris Clausen
Ellison Williamson
Jackie & Greg Kern
Paul Larson
Mary Dubois
Glen Allen
Virginia Aberle
Elizabeth Bastiani
Solita Balones
Mark Blumenthal
Deneen B. Bozeman
Ed & Terese O'Neil
Gabe O'Lena



TO ADD OR REMOVE

please call (907) 243-2195

United In Mission

"Many Gifts, One Church"

2026 Annual Catholic Appeal

Saint Benedict Parish

ARCHDIOCESE OF ANCHORAGE-JUNEAU

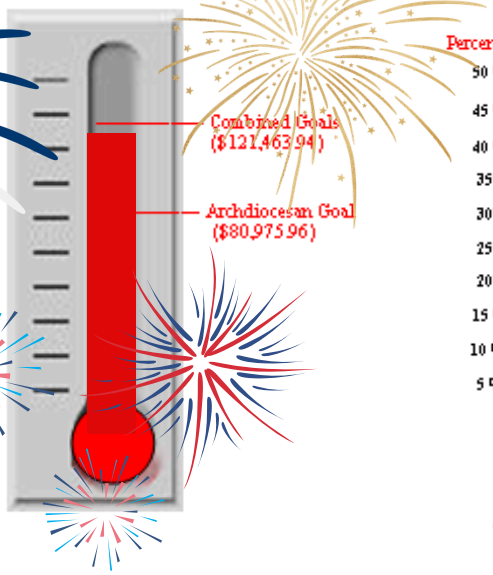
Archdiocesan Goal
$ 80,975.96

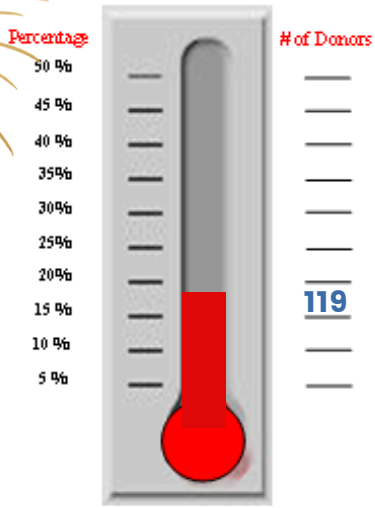
Parish Goal
$40,487.98

Participation Goal
40 Percent *

Donating to ~~United in Mission~~ "Many Gifts, One Church" has never been easier!

Use the QR code and donate right now online.
ARCHDIOCESE OF ANCHORAGE-JUNEAU





* Parish census: 670 households

Contributions beyond our Archdiocesan goal help us to:



Prep and paint exterior.



Close off old access.



Weatherproof the foundation.



Replace all windows.



Convert lighting to LED.



Update bathroom.



Install secure door.



Paint the interior.



Install a new furnace.

Renovate the "Archangel Attic"

Why? Didn't we already do this project last year? Answer: We completed phase I. We raised approximately $36,000 and that amount will allow us to install new windows, a new secure entry door and paint the exterior of the building this summer. Proceeds from this year's appeal will allow us to complete this two-year renovation project. In the summer of 2027 we will install a new furnace, renovate the bathroom, and replace all lighting with LED fixtures. Once completed, the Archangel Attic will be ready for the next decade! The Attic serves as an outreach to the needy in our community, as well as a revenue source for scholarships to Lumen Christi Catholic High School (generating more than $1.4 million since 2011!). All staff, including managers Mary and Colleen, are volunteers. **Thank you!**

LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

LIVING FAITH, CELEBRATING FAMILY, AND ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE



In addition to hosting a "Growing in Love" event for 8th grade students and parents AND holding our quarterly Principal Parent Forum, this is SPIKETACULAR week! Our high school girls volleyball team has been hard at work, under the leadership and coaching of Lumen parent Molly Just, to prepare for this fall season and this time honored, Lumen-hosted tournament. I encourage students and families to come to the gym Thursday through Saturday and show your Lumen Christi spirit and watch some exciting volleyball action! As I said in my Tuesday forum, we could use your help in the areas of hospitality, concessions sales, and gate admission. We simply cannot run these types of tournaments and events without the support of our entire school community, so whether you have an athlete or not, please consider signing up for a time slot or area of support!

As I roam the school building throughout the day, I'm deeply impressed by the focus, determination, and attentiveness of our students and staff. There are smiles and laughter and joy, to be sure, but there is also an amazing amount of learning being done. Just in the past couple of days, I've seen 8th graders review key vocabulary words and events in the pre-Revolutionary War Southern colonies and high school students conduct a lab where they measure velocity and acceleration of a moving object. I've also seen grade level advisories discuss HUMILITY-the Virtue of the Week-and reflect on ways that we can put God and others before ourselves. This is truly an awesome environment for our students to be known, to be challenged, and to be supported!

My office is always open if you ever have any questions or concerns! Please don't hesitate to reach out and contact me directly! Have a blessed and safe weekend!

Brian



KNIGHT'S TABLE

CONGRATULATIONS SEPTEMBER

Knight of the Month:	Family of the Month:
Todd Lindley	Phil & Barb Robinson

The Knight of the month

Todd has been organizing the Men's Rosary here in Anchorage and meets the 13th of the month - publicly praying the rosary at different sites around Anchorage. He has performed this ministry faithfully for the past few years, honoring our Mother Mary and praying for the entire city of Anchorage. He is also very active in the parish life of Holy Family helping with the acolytes and altar servers there

Family of the month

Phil and Barb Robinson. Phil & Barb have been long standing members of St Benedicts and Phil is a leading Knight pancake flipper along with leading in the choir. They have been active in different ministries here at St Benedict's. They have been very supportive of our parish and we would like to recognize the Phil and Barb Robinson family this month!





Please support St Benedict's Knights of Columbus - We sell raffle tickets to help fundraise for all the charitable works we are involved with here in Alaska. With your help we support things throughout our great state including community events like Special Olympics and Catholic Social Services Food Pantry as well as Coats for Kids and the Military Archdiocese; Lumen Christi and St Therese's Camp - Please - Find a Knight and get your raffle tickets soon.

Patriotic Rosary– 10/05 and 11/02 at 6:00 pm
K of C Council meeting - 11/04 at 7:00 pm
4th Degree meeting – 11/02 at 7:00 pm
Officer's meeting - 12/17 6pm

WHAT'S UP?

Fall 2026 | Sep 23 - Nov 1

Anchorage Campaign

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION



Oktoberfest

the 10th at 6pm!



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Have you been wondering who The Catholic Daughters of the Americas are?
Would you like to know more about us?

CDA is one of the largest Catholic women's organizations established in 1903 by the Knights of Columbus. Our local court was chartered in at Holy Family parish in 1961. We are a spiritual, charitable, social and service group. We invite all Catholic women to join us as we plan this year's events.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, October 12th, 2026, beginning 6:30pm in the Lunney Center at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please join us.

For more information contact cecistanley2013@icloud.com.

FALL 2026!

Sept 23 - Oct 31

40 DAYS FOR LIFE®



Sorry, no kickoff rally.

Let's get right to work filling hours!

https//www.40daysforlife.com/anchorage

We continue to challenge all people of faith to sign up for an hour a week if possible (for a total of 6 hours). Our mere presence on the sidewalk changes minds of mothers and fathers headed into abortion facilities -- this gives them time to be offered and to consider life-giving alternatives to abortion. Our presence also pokes the consciences of those driving by.

We are not doing a kickoff rally this year. We hope to host a midway rally and/or a closing Mass. But as always, the core work is our presence on the sidewalks, 7am to 8pm, Monday through Saturday, September 23 to October 31.

May God help us end abortion.

In Christ,
Mary Kemper

WITHIN THE CHURCH COMMUNITY...

NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ANCHORAGE!

Welcome to this week's Communication Email! Here's a look at the latest news, events, and updates from around our Archdiocese. Stay connected and informed as we continue to grow in faith and community together!

Upcoming events around the Archdiocese

- CHRISTMAS CARD SUBMISSION: We are doing the Christmas card submission again. Please put in your bulletins and announcements. I have also attached a registration sheet and an insert for your bulletin.

- The Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau invites our talented and creative youth of the archdiocese to come up with a Christmas card design to submit.

- The card that is selected will be used as the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau's Christmas Card. Please go to the aoaj.org to download a registration sheet. All entries need to be postmarked by November 2, 2026.

- MARY, MOTHER OF LIFE: Archbishop Andrew Bellisario, C.M. will celebrate a Mass honoring "Mary, Mother of Life" for Respect Life Month next Wednesday, October 14th at the cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe at 7:00pm.

JOBS WITHIN THE ARCHIOCESE!

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/EVENT COORDINATOR - CHANCERY: ARCHDIOCESE OF ANCHORAGE-JUNEAU

FULLTIME POSITION

For more information please contact LeAndra Gee Childs at lchilds@aoaj.org or 907-297-7789

Tasks:
Provide administrative and customer service support to Stewardship, Communications, and Faith Formation Departments.
Coordinate donor communications, mailings, and gift acknowledgments.
Assist with planning and executing special events connected to fundraising, donor cultivation, conferences, retreats, and other events as necessary.
Manage event registration, logistics, and on-site support.
Create social media content, brochures, ads, misc. printed materials, weekly emails, and update the website.
Prepare donor reports, tax letters, and thank you letters.
Coordinate mass mailings using donor database information.
Maintain the North Star Catholic mailing list.
Order office supplies and schedule equipment repair (such as copier).
Provide backup layout support for North Star Catholic using Adobe InDesign.
Occasionally make deliveries of materials to parishes.
All other duties as assigned

Must/have:

Willingness and ability to support the Mission of the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau
Dependability and punctuality
An in-depth knowledge of Microsoft, Canva, and Adobe
Experience with Excel

ARCHDIOCESE OF
ANCHORAGE-JUNEAU

We are looking for your

Christmas Card Submission

DEADLINE EXTENDED to November
All submissions are due by November 2, 2026.

The Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau invites our talented and creative youth of the archdiocese to come up with a Christmas card design to submit.

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Use QR code to get submission form

ADULT ED.

TUESDAY MORNINGS:

We are watching a series interesting videos.
Join us for coffee, pastries,
and discussion after 9AM Mass.

BIBLE STUDY



Meets the 2nd –4th or 5th.
Wednesday's of each month at 7pm
See you October 14th Rm 121!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

BLESSED AMONG WOMEN



Our next gathering will be on Tuesday evening Oct. 13th at 7pm, in the Rectory.

This is a monthly gathering to seek a more profound understanding of what it means to be a woman of God through quarterly presentations by local speakers and spiritual teachings from Pope St John Paul II and female Saints (while sharing food and fellowship with other women).

MEN'S MINISTRY

ESTO VIR



Our next Meeting will be on **Thursday, November 12th.**
We meet in the Parish Hall, for food, fellowship, and faith.

Food:

Topic:

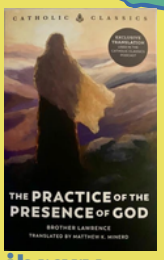
Speaker:



BOOK CLUB

Thursday, Nov. 5th, 7pm, @ TBA

We will be discussing the last half of...



St. Benedict Parish Lending Library –

Pick up a book to enjoy, leave a book to share. Look for the bookcase near the Adoration door, where we have some books, publications, etc. that may be of interest to our Parish community and enrich our Catholic faith. Come see what we have - more to come! Contact Lynn Stuhr @ lstuhr18@gmail.com or 907-830-1627.

BOWLING MINISTRY

Looking for something fun this winter? St. Benedict's Bowling League is looking for you! We are a fun, social group that bowls Sundays at 4:30pm at Jewel Lake Bowl. We are a handicap league so it doesn't matter how good or bad you are. Just come have some fun! You must be able to commit to the enter season (Sept-March). This is a 4-person team league, but we always have teams looking for bowlers.

There is also the Knights of Columbus League that bowls Wednesdays at 7pm at Jewel Lake Bowl. They are a 3-person team league, that is also a handicap, fun and social league.

Contact Beth for more info at 907-230-2810.



ADORATION

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



ADORATION IS OFFERED:

Monday–Friday

10:00AM-10:00PM

You are welcome to come in to pray during these times. Spend time alone with Jesus or bring your family to pray together!
Call the office to get the code to the adoration door.

"Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Mt. 6:21; 26:40)

OCIA



What is Catholicism?

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church?

Do you feel you are on the outside looking in?

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Faith?

Maybe you were raised Catholic and have strayed?

Have you ever wondered, 'Why am I even doing this? Going to Mass?

Do you remember all the reasons of your faith, the beauty of our faith?

We meet, Monday evenings at 6:30pm in the parish rectory starting Sept. 28th!

We would love to have you join us. Everyone is welcome!

For questions contact the office 243-2195

CAREGIVERS:

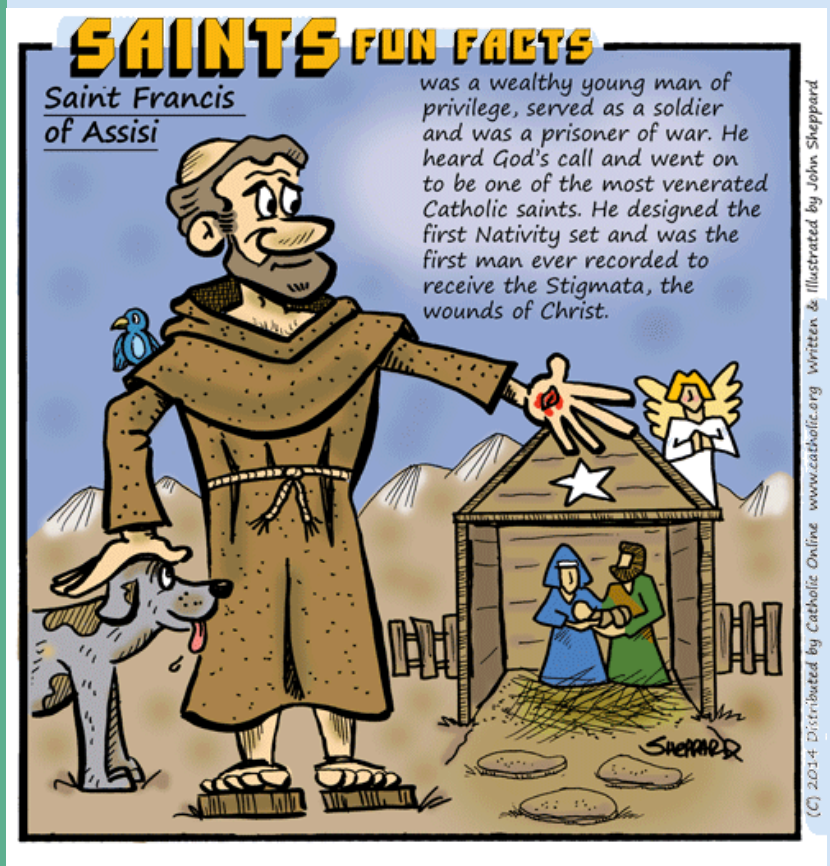
Save the date to take a break on October 17th! You are invited to a family caregivers' brunch on Saturday morning, October 17, 2026, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the JPII building. Come and meet other parishioners who provide support and care for their family members and/or friends.
Come and be inspired by our guest speaker, Yvette Tousignant, Educational Director at Alzheimer's Resource Alaska, who will share information on resources to provide support for your caregiving journey. You are also welcome to join us at our monthly support group meetings. Our next meeting is Friday, September 11, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in the Tara Lounge. If you would like to join us virtually, call or text Evelyn Fink at 602-882-5197 or email dr.eve.az@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link.

& FOR OUR YOUTH...



Everyone Pre-K to 12th grade!

1pm-2pm: Gym Time & Snack
2pm: Family Formation
2:30pm: Kids & Adult classes
3:30pm: Classes over



GLORY BOUND 2026!

Registration for St. Therese's Camp Glory Bound 2026 is Open!



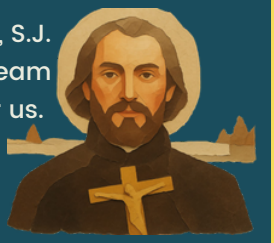
Recharge your faith with great counselors, fun activities, and delicious food in the middle of winter.

Grades 6–8: December 28–30, $155
Grades 9–12: December 30–Jan. 1: $165

Some financial aid available; contact 907-232-2066 for information.
See you at camp!

YOUTH CORNER

St. Andrew Bobola, S.J.
Patron of our E/C Team
Pray for us.



UPCOMING *Youth Nights*



Wednesday 7-9 pm

Vocations

What is a vocation? Why do we have them? Do we have the same one? Come and discuss with Macklen!

Oct 7 2026



Wednesday 7-9 pm

Music

How does music effect our worship? What does the Church say about it? What is your favorite song?

Oct 14 2026



Wednesday 7-9 pm

Winter

What are some of your favorite winter traditions? What should you do to get ready for the coming seasons? Why do we celebrate various holidays here?

Oct 21 2026

@stbensyouthanc

10/14 High School Night 7pm!

TBD Jr. High Night 6pm

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

CHECK OUT OUR PAGES!

ST. BEN'S YOUTH MINISTRY

@STBENSYOUTHANC

WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY. . .



WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE

Fresh International Gardens:
(4520 MchPhee Ave, Anchorage, AK 99508)

The FIG farming co-op is winding down for the season, and needs bags of leaves for mulch to winterize the soil. Donors can bring leaves in bags to Fresh International Gardens: 4520 MchPhee Ave (the gardens across the street), and drop them by the big wood chips piles. We will take bags until Oct 16!



Catholic Social Services is collecting new or gently used winter gear for both children and adults, and all sizes are welcome. We are especially in need of good-quality winter boots in all sizes.

Most-needed items include winter coats and jackets, snow pants, warm layers, gloves and mittens, winter boots, hats, scarves, and warm socks.

Please drop off donations by October 14 at:
Catholic Social Services Main Office
4600 DeBarr Road
Monday-Friday, 9 PM-5 PM

Current Volunteer Opportunities

See our updated current volunteer opportunity page and fill out a fresh application if you don't have a current one on file. Background checks are required for all individuals volunteering with CSS. Group volunteers are welcome. See the group volunteer page on our website and someone will contact you about current group opportunities (not all are listed on the website).

Pause for now!

Saint Francis House Food Pantry Current Needs:

(Drop off at 3710 E. 20th Ave. from 1-4 pm Monday through Thursday and 9-4 on Fridays. Donations for specific CSS programs should be taken to each program location.)

- Canned meat
- Canned Veggies
- Canned Beans
- Dry goods
- Rice
- Pastas
- Canned Soups
- Oats
- Egg Cartons

Brother Francis Shelter:

(Drop off from 9 am - 5 pm, Monday - Friday, at 1021 E. 3rd Ave.)

Hygiene items
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Maxi pads
- Tampons

Bedding & Comfort Items
- Full-size blankets
- Emergency blankets (if available)
- Bath Towels
- Twin sheets

Clothing & Personal Items
- Socks—any kind are great. Warmer the better, but having clean socks to give out is crucial
- Warm gloves (if available)
- Warm hats
- Other winter supplies/coats, warm clothing

3rd Avenue Resource; Navigation Center:

(Drop off from 9 am – 2 pm, Monday - Friday, at 1101 E. 3rd Ave.)

- Towels
- Socks
- Snacks
- Beanies/ Gloves