

SAINT BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF ANCHORAGE-JUNEAU

17TH

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 26, 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 sisters. We 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

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(907) 243-2195

FAX: (907) 243-0088

OFFICE HOURS:

TUESDAY - FRIDAY: 10AM - 5PM



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OFFICE HOURS: (Aug. - May)

MONDAY- FRIDAY: 7:30AM - 3PM

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THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR



Seeking True Wisdom

Our scriptures challenge us to evaluate what we truly value in life. In the First Reading, a young King Solomon is told by God to ask for any gift. Instead of requesting personal wealth, long life, or power over his enemies, Solomon asks for an "understanding heart" to govern God's people justly. Do we pray for material success, or do we seek the spiritual wisdom to discern God's will? True wisdom guides our moral choices to align with the Gospel. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus shares the beautiful parables of the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price. In both stories, the individuals joyfully sell every single thing they own just to possess that one invaluable object. The Kingdom of God is that treasure! Finding it brings profound joy; keeping it requires us to let go of any attachments, sins, or distractions that hold us back from total devotion to Christ. Saint Paul reminds us in the Second Reading that "all things work for good for those who love God". When we prioritize the Kingdom, we can rest in the peace that God is actively conforming us to the image of His Son. Even in moments of trial, His grace sustains us. Let us pray this week for the grace of a wise and discerning heart. May we recognize the immense value of our faith and always choose the lasting treasure of God's love over the passing things of this world. - 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
 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 07/27	TUESDAY 07/28	Wednesday 07/29	Thursday 07/30	FRIDAY 07/31	Saturday 08/01	Sunday 08/02
Mass: 9am Orlando José Sargento ROS <u>Office Closed</u> Adoration 10am-10pm Legion of Mary 6pm	Mass: 9am John Branham SI Adoration 10am-10pm Video & discussion 9:40am	Mass: 9am Peter Mitchell ROS Adoration 10am-10pm Confessions 6p.-7pm Samoan Chior 6:30pm HS youth night 7pm	Mass: 9am Terry & JudyAnn Tutor SI Adoration 10am-10pm KofC Meeting 6pm	Mass: 9am Marilyn Goyeneche Ros Adoration 10am-10pm Jr. Legion 10am Samoan Chior 6:30pm	Vigil Mass: 5pm Police & Firefighters SI Confessions 3:45-4:45 Samoan Chior 6:30pm	Masses: 8am: People of the Parish SI 10:30am: Nora Waetjen SI 12:15pm: Terry Tutor SI

Mass Intentions:

SI= Special Intentions

RTH= Return to Health

ROS= Repose of Soul

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Readings:

Sunday 07/26

1Kings 3:5, 7-12
 Romans 8:28-30
 Matthew 13:44-52

Sunday 08/02

Isaiah 55:1-3
 Romans 8:35, 37-39
 Matthew 14:13-21

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:

Offertory	WEEK 3	YTD
Income\$	10,374.50	\$ 41,039.85
Other Income\$	815.00	\$ 4,987.00
	<u>\$ 11,189.50</u>	<u>\$ 46,026.85</u>

Expenses: (avg. wk. \$17,162.20)
YTD Expenses: \$ 4,941.99

COMBINED PARISH & SCHOOL

Total Income	\$ 46,026.85
Total Expense	<u>\$ 4,941.99</u>
	<u>\$ 21,084.86</u>

Our new fiscal year just began 1 July 2026

Online Donation Income:

- There were 48 gifts made online
- There were 0 Families new to online giving
- There were 2 Maintenance Fund donations
- There were 2 Parish Outreach donations
- There were 0 Special Collection donations
- There were 0 Faith Formation donations

Hope Soup Kitchen

Thanks to all who come and put together meals for Hope Soup Kitchen!

Next date is
Saturday August 1st!

Call Andy Flores @
907-887-4917

Clare House

Thank you to all who provide meals for Clare House! Next dinner date is July 28!

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

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

CELEBRATIONS

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Ralph and Cheryl Feriani	7/24/1971
Edison and Nancy Garcia	7/14/1973
Bob and Carrie Haskell	7/26/1976
Jerry and Pat Scott	7/17/1978
Paul and Katherine Hendrickson	7/24/1981
William and Georgia Polley	7/26/1986
Gregory and Julie Pepe-Phelps	7/29/1989
Michael and Misty Cain	7/15/2000
Chris and Regan Hamey	7/28/2000
Tai Wei and Wendy Sturdivant	7/10/2004
Rodney and Sarah Madril	7/21/2005
Jeffrey and Lea Bouton	7/15/2006
Anthony and Sara Kriz	7/7/2007
Gabriel and Dyan Garcia	7/17/2011
Kalolo and Mary Jane Iosefo	7/4/2015
Adam and Jessica Kincaid	7/25/2015
Fono and Linda Solaita	7/13/2017
Josh and Olivia Milla	7/27/2019
Mike Pauline Moevao-Ulberg	7/25/2020
David and Rebecca Dilley	7/5/2024

“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

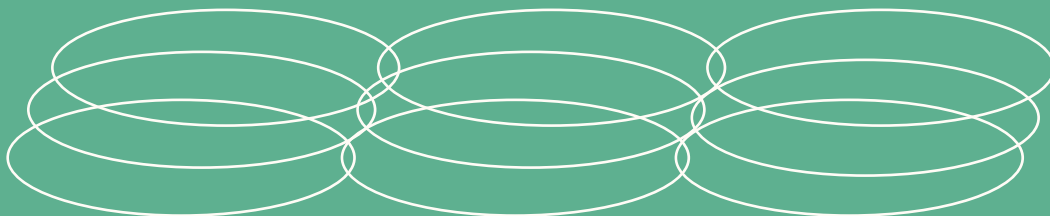
PLEASE PRAY FOR

Lonnie Adkins
Diane Peterson
Christina Del Rosario
Shirley Arnold
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
Bernadette Boring (RIP)

Geneva Colon
Michele Waetjen
Denise Trefry
Richard Campbell
James Mitchell & sons
Fontaine Wilhelm
Theresa Dolan
Ofelia Domingo
Maipela 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

TO ADD OR REMOVE

please call (907) 243-2195



LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

LIVING FAITH, CELEBRATING FAMILY, AND ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE

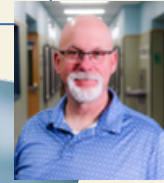


PRINCIPAL UPDATE



Have a blessed summer!
Continue to check your email for
important details during the
summer!

• Campus Minister:



KNIGHT'S TABLE

CONGRATULATIONS JULY...

Knight of the Month: Family of the Month:
Daniel Johnston Andy and Sandie Flores

The Knight of the month

Daniel Johnston has helped out in the pancake breakfasts and been around our socials assisting the council. When the weather is good he is around to help - when the weather is bad he's probably busy at work

family of the month

Andy and Sandy Flores family - Andy has taken on the task of bringing back the EstoVir men's ministry. He has also led others, donating precious time and volunteering to help out at the soup kitchen, getting volunteers and keeping a couple Saturday shifts staffed.

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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**
2026
Pot O' Gold
Alaska Raffle

GRAND PRIZE:
\$15,000
Seller of Grand Prize Ticket: \$500
Council/Assembly Selling Grand Prize Ticket: \$1,000



TEN PRIZES:
\$1,000 EACH
Top 5 Sellers of Most Tickets:
1st \$500
2nd \$400
3rd \$300
4th \$200
5th \$100

★ Council/Assembly Selling Grand Prize Ticket: \$1,000 ★

**FINAL DRAWING:**
Saturday, December 12, 2026 at 2:00pm
at Holy Family Catholic Church
811 West 6th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska

**EARLY BIRD DRAWING OF FIVE PRIZES: \$500 each**
Early Bird Drawing: Monday, September 7, 2026 at 2:00pm
(same location)

**Winners announced on alaskakofcstate.com**
Need not be present to win

LIMIT 5,500 TICKETS ★ \$20 PER TICKET ★ PERMIT #168300

Patriotic Rosary-- 07/06 and 07/20 at 6:00 pm
K of C Council meeting - 07/01 at 7:00 pm
4th Degree meeting - 07/06 at 7:00 pm
Officer's meeting - 07/30 6pm

WHAT'S UP?

We had a great turn out and the parish hall was buzzing after the feast of St Benedict's Vigil Mass. Plenty of food to go around and thanks to all those Knights and family members that came early to prep and set-up. The unsung grillers out supporting and keeping the time, and the burgers and dogs coming in hot... For all those who helped in service and those that came in to clean-up - Thank you, Thank you! Thank you!! There are too many to name individually - but hopefully we can recognize all those again and prepare for our next event(s)...

Food Drive - update: Thank you also to Paul Hafele and David Mitchell for spending some time helping with the drive-by food drives the afternoons of July 4th and the 11th... We raised ~600# for the St Francis Food Pantry and also helped stock the shelves of our parish outreach. The need is there for other food donations so we'll make sure we look at options to assist later this summer / fall... Stay tuned and/or let us know your ideas for raising support for local food shelves.



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, September 14th, 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.



United In Mission

"Many Gifts, One Church"

2026 Annual Catholic Appeal

Saint Benedict Parish



Archdiocesan Goal

\$ 80,975.96

Parish Goal

\$40,487.98

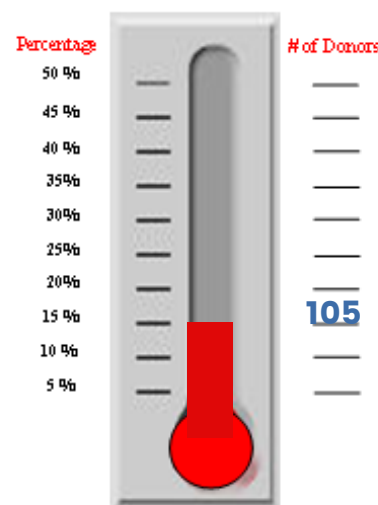
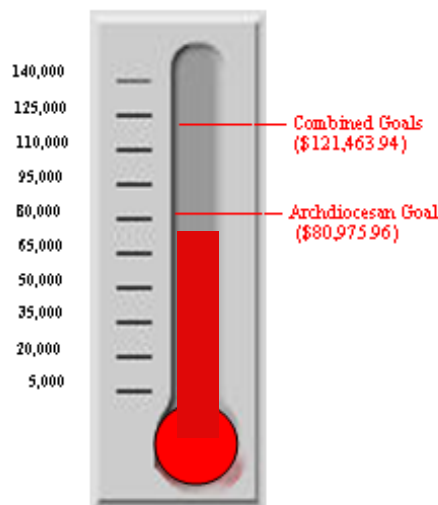
Participation Goal

40 Percent *

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



Use the QR code and donate
right now online.
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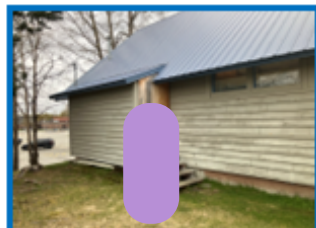


* Parish census: 670 households

Contributions beyond our Archdiocesan goal help us to:



Prep and paint exterior.



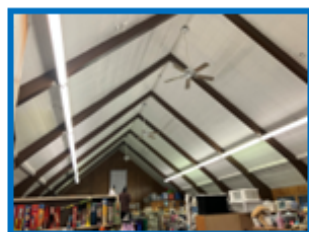
Close off old access.



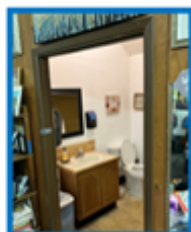
Weatherproof the foundation.



Replace all windows.



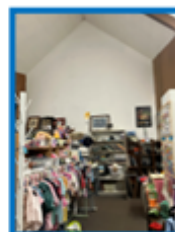
Convert lighting to LED.



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!**

ADULT ED.

TUESDAY MORNINGS

We are watching season 5 of The Chosen.
Join us for coffee, pastries, an episode,
and discussion after 9AM Mass.

BIBLE STUDY



Meets the 2nd –4th or 5th.
Wednesday's of each month at 7pm

See you in the Fall!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

BLESSED AMONG WOMEN

Our next gathering will be on Thursday
evening at 7pm, August 20th at the
home of Donna Dooly.



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

ESTRO VIR

Our next Meeting will be on
Thursday, September 10th.
We meet in the Parish Hall, for
food, fellowship, and faith.



Food: TBD

Topic: TBD

Speaker: TBD

WHAT'S OUR PARISH UP TO?



BOOK CLUB

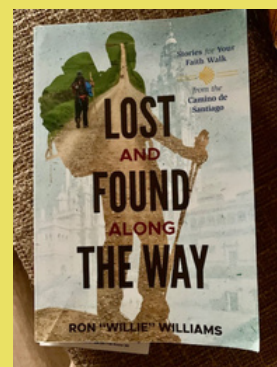


Thursday August

6th,

TBD

We will be
discussing...



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.

ADORATION

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration is offered:

Monday–Friday
10:00AM–10:00PM

You are welcome to come in to pray
during these times.

Call the office to get the code to
the adoration door.



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

WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY...



WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE

Farmer's Market at Grow North Farm: (Every Thursday 4-7 pm at 3601 MountainView Drive.)

- It looks like there are still a few CSA subscriptions for sale! CSAs are a great way to provide a reliable source of income for our farmers and a reliable source of vegetables for your pantry. Learn more at www.grownorthfarm.com
- As an important reminder, this year we are slightly changing our CSA pick-up time, please pick up your CSA between 4:30 - 6:30pm.
- Children's story hour and activity from 5-6 pm every week at the market! Parental supervision is required and all are welcome to join!

High Need!

Brother Francis Shelter and Complex Care NEED Fresh blankets and Towels!



Current Volunteer Opportunities

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

NEW donation opportunity!! Donate cars to a program and CSS will receive the funds from the sale of the car. The company we work with will pick the vehicle up. Find out more at our website: Donate a Vehicle - Catholic Social Services - Alaska

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
- Beans
- Oats
- Noodles

Clare House Current Needs:

(Clare House needs some snack food items for their peer support groups aimed at youth and adults, along with general activity items. Drop off from 10 am - 6 pm, Monday-Friday, 4110 Spenard Rd.)

- Paper cups
- Prepackaged snacks:
 - Healthy chips (Sun Chips, etc.)
 - Cheese crackers
 - Dried fruit/trail mix
 - Any other shelf-stable snack items
- Coffee creamer
- Half & half
- Cups
- Polymer clays (esp. black, translucent, and white)
- Seed beads
- Beading needles
- Nail files
- Bottled water
- A portable Brita water dispenser

3rd Avenue Resource & Navigation Center:

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

- Towels
- Socks
- Snacks
- Beanies/ Gloves

WITHIN OUR 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

Maryland State Boys Choir at Holy Family in Anchorage:

Holy Family parish in Anchorage will welcome the Maryland State Boys Choir on Saturday, August 1. They will present a 20-minute concert of sacred music as a prelude to the 5:30 Mass, during which they will also sing at the Offertory and Communion.

· MEMORIAL SERVICE

There will be a memorial service for Fr. Thomas Gallagher, S.J. at St. Anthony's in Anchorage on July 18th at 10:30am.

· We are looking for pictures....

For the Feast of the Assumption, the North Star Catholic would like to do a spread for Marian devotion areas around the archdiocese. If you have an area at your parish dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, be it a Mary Garden, a statue, or an icon, please take a picture of it featuring parishioners and send it to livengood@aoaj.org by July 22nd.

· PROJECT RACHEL ALASKA

Please post this Project Rachel promo ad for our fall retreat in your printed and eletter bulletins beginning this week, if possible and to continue weekly through the weekend of Sept 5-6. That would be the last weekend that it would need to be posted.

JOBS WITHIN THE ARCHDIOCESE!

Payroll and Benefits Specialist – Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau:

The Office of Finance for the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau is seeking a detail-oriented and highly skilled Payroll and Benefits Specialist. This position is fulltime and is responsible for ensuring accurate payroll processing and effective administration of employee benefits for more than 250 Archdiocesan employees.

This role also supports the Alaska Conference of Catholic Bishops (ACCB) by coordinating benefits processing for Catholic entities across the state. The position requires strong technical proficiency, strict adherence to data confidentiality, and up-to-date knowledge of federal, state, and local labor and tax regulations.

The ideal candidate is organized, adaptable, and capable of managing multiple priorities in a professional office environment while supporting the mission of the Archdiocese.

For more information about the job please visit: <https://aoaj.org/jobs>

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School Principal: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish is seeking a dynamic, Christ-centered leader to serve as Principal of our wonderful parochial elementary school. The successful candidate will be one who understands the principles of Catholic Education, has an unwavering commitment to student achievement, staff advancement, school advancement, and who exercises these qualities within the traditions and teachings of the Catholic Church.



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

Contact the office 243-2195

St. Teresa of Calcutta's Missionaries of Charity

As we navigate our days among so many uncertainties, we may seek answers in a variety of ways. Some are probably not working as well as we hoped. We might be sleeping too much, drinking too much, even exercising too much. These are things that may drown out our worries and make us numb to our problems.

The Missionaries of Charity, the community of sisters founded by Mother Teresa (1910–1987) in Calcutta, India, have found an answer to help us during this unsettling time. These sisters are not rigid; rather, they simply are devoted women. They do not need security, answers, and order. In fact, they are willing to live without security, with very few answers to their questions of mind and heart, and amid almost total disorder. Disorder! Yikes, can we?

This is all in union—hour by hour—with God. They live that amazing and rare combination of being grounded yet accepting risk-taking which always characterizes the true gospel. The sisters don't waste time fixing, controlling, or even needing to understand what was wrong with other people. Instead, they put all of their time and energy into letting GOD change them. From that transformed place, they serve and carry the pain of the world, which they are convinced is the pain of God. This is the synthesis on a communal level that we are always seeking.

Of course, the lifestyle of the Missionaries of Charity won't answer all questions or are they holier than many other Christians. Yet there is a radical and utterly clear gift of God that is revealed through them. One of the leaders was asked about one of the most common criticisms of Mother Teresa: "Why did Mother not speak out against social injustice? Why did she not point out the evil systems and evil people that are chewing up the poor?"

The answer was calm, immediate, and firsthand. Mother Teresa felt if she took sides, or played the Trouble-maker, she could not be what Jesus had told her to be—love to and for all. She said if she started correcting and pointing out "sinners" she could no longer be an instrument of love and reconciliation for them. Like her patron Thérèse of Lisieux, "her vocation in the church was to be love." She knew her primary message had to be her life itself.

Adapted from (meditations@cacjuly202026)

Questions:

1. What uncertainty is the one most bothering you?
2. Which of 'security, answers, and order' keep you up at night?
3. How can you step away from fixing, controlling or understanding to allow God to enter?

Challenge:

Try to follow the Missionaries of Charity to live with Disorder throughout the week.

Quote:

"It is not how much you do, but how much love you put into what you do that counts."

~St. Teresa of Calcutta

Saint of the Day

Saint James
Apostle

25th of July



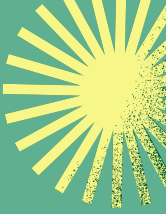
- One of the twelve apostles of Jesus Brother of John the Evangelist. Nicknamed by Jesus as "Sons of Thunder" (recorded in the Gospel of Mark) due to their fiery and zealous personalities.
- Part of Jesus' inner circle, present at the Transfiguration and Gethsemane
- Believed to have preached in Spain before returning to Jerusalem
- Martyred by beheading under King Herod Agrippa I, around 44 AD (Acts 12:2)
- First apostle to die for the faith His remains are venerated in Santiago de Compostela, Spain
- Patron Saint Of:
 - Pilgrims
 - Spain
 - Laborers and equestrians



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF FALLAC
SAN SEBASTIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

WITH OUR YOUTH

WHATS IS GOING ON
THIS SUMMER?



SUMMER EVENTS

31 MAY
12:00 PM

KINCAID BEACH! JOIN US FOR A TRIP
DOWN THE HILL TO THE BEACH!
MEET AT THE CHALET.

12 JUNE
6:00 PM

BASEBALL! WATCH THE BUCS PLAY
AT 6 PM. MEET AT MULCAHY
STADIUM. WE WILL BE DOWN THE
FIRST BASE LINE.

28 JUNE
12:00 PM

ALASKA HIGHLAND GAMES @ THE
STATE FAIRGROUNDS. CONTACT
GABE IF YOU NEED A RIDE.

11 JULY
12:00 PM

PARISH FEAST DAY SOFTBALL GAME!
WE WILL MEET AT DE LA VEGA PARK
AND SELECT TEAMS THERE!

19 JULY
12:00 PM

HIKE AT BICENTENNIAL PARK. MEET
AT THE NORTH DIVISAC TRAILHEAD
AT NOON.

26 JULY
12:00 PM

DISC GOLF AT KINCAID! BRING A
FRISBEE AND MEET US THERE!

30-2 JULY -
AUGUST

YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO VALDEZ.
JOIN US FOR WORK AND OTHER
EVENTS IN VALDEZ!

9 AUGUST
12:00 PM

FLATTOP! JOIN US AND SUMMIT THE
MOUNTAIN!

15 AUGUST
6:00 PM

EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION. JOIN US
AT ST. BENEDICT FOR AN END OF
THE SUMMER CELEBRATION!

SUMMER MISSION

ST BENEDICT PARISH
INVITES YOU!

Trip

GO TO VALDEZ AND
SERVE THE
COMMUNITY THERE!



COST:

\$100

JULY 30 - AUGUST 2

THERE WILL BE WORK AND
FUN. WE WILL GO ON HIKES
AND DO SEVERAL PROJECTS
FOR THE PARISH THERE.

For more information contact Gabe at golenaestbenedictsak.com
or at 907-215-7058



YOUTH CORNER

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



UPCOMING *Youth Nights*



Wednesday 7-9 pm

The Eucharist

Macklen will give us a trip with the Eucharist. What does that mean for us? What does that look like?

July
22
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FEAST DAY

Wednesday 7-9 pm

Feast Days

What is your feast day? How do we celebrate it? Why do we celebrate it?! Many questions, few answers. Lets talk.

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29
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Wednesday 7-9 pm

Topics for all!

We will choose from a mystery bag what the topic of the night is. What is in the bag? You will have to come to find out!

Aug
5
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07/29 High School Night 7pm!

09/08 Jr. High Night 6pm

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

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