

SAINT BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF ANCHORAGE-JUNEAU

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 2 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

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

8110 Jewel Lake Road, Bldg. D
Anchorage, AK 99502

Grades 7th -12th

(907) 245-9231

OFFICE HOURS: (Aug. - May)

MONDAY- FRIDAY: 7:30AM - 3PM

 www.lumenchristiak.org



THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR



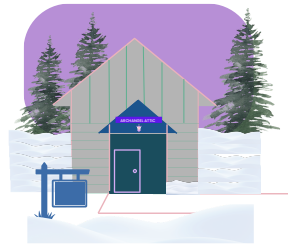
Let Him multiply your gifts!

In this Sunday's Gospel, the disciples face a crowd of over 5,000 hungry people in a deserted place. The disciples ask Jesus to send the crowds away to buy food for themselves. Jesus responds, "Give them some food yourselves". They bring forward what little they have. He takes their offering, looks up to heaven, says the blessing, breaks the loaves, and gives them. Not only is everyone fully satisfied, but they collect twelve baskets of leftovers. In the First Reading God invites the broken: "All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat". God operates on infinite grace and abundance. For us as Catholics, the language in this Gospel is familiar. Jesus takes, blesses, breaks, and gives. These are the exact actions of the Last Supper, and the exact actions we witness at every single Mass. The multiplication of the loaves reminds us that Jesus is the Bread of Life. He alone satisfies the core hungers of the human heart—our hunger for love, purpose, forgiveness, and eternal life. It is easy to ignore the needs around us and assume someone else will fix them. Jesus asks us to look at the lonely, the poor, and the suffering with His eyes of pity and compassion. Never let the smallness of your time, talent, or treasure stop you from giving. God does not demand that you have enough to solve the problem on your own; He only asks that you place what you do have into his hands so he can multiply it. -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 08/03	TUESDAY 08/04	Wednesday 08/05	Thursday 08/06	FRIDAY 08/07	Saturday 08/08	Sunday 08/09
Mass: 9am Tracy Kohlbeck SI <i>Office Closed</i> Adoration 10am-10pm Legion of Mary 6pm Patriotic Rosary 6pm KofC Meeting 7pm	Mass: 9am Sakelia Fale ROS Adoration 10am-10pm Video & discussion 9:40am Hallow Herald Hour 7pm After Hour 8pm	Mass: 9am James Mitchell SI Adoration 10am-10pm Confessions 6p.-7pm Samoan Chior 6:30pm HS youth night 7pm KofC Meeting 7pm	Mass: 9am Arden Quezon ROS Adoration 10am-10pm Choir Practice 7pm	Mass: 9am Logan Smith SI Adoration 10am-10pm Jr. Legion 10am Samoan Chior 6:30pm	Vigil Mass: 5pm Sebastian Mitchell SI Confessions 3:45-4:45 Samoan Chior 6:30pm	Masses: 8am: People of the Parish SI 10:30am: Philomena Kinder SI 12:15pm: Magdalena Mappala ROS

Mass Intentions: SI= Special Intentions

RTH= Return to Health

ROS= Repose of Soul

SAINT BENEDICT STAFF

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Readings:

Sunday 08/02

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

Sunday 08/09

1Kings 19:11-13
 Romans 9:1-5
 Matthew 14:22-33

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

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Paul and Diana Pfeiffer</i>	Aug 6, 1966
<i>Al and Eileen Hand</i>	Aug 12, 1967
<i>Ed and Roberta Wassell</i>	Aug 19, 1967
<i>Anthony and Margaret Berdahl</i>	Aug 24, 1979
<i>Jeff and Cynthia Cooper</i>	Aug 6, 1982
<i>Paul and Kim Mazzolini</i>	Aug 7, 1982
<i>William and Jami Jacobson</i>	Aug 27, 1983
<i>Geoffrey and Robin Hershberger</i>	Aug 11, 1984
<i>Hank and Rena Brinker</i>	Aug 23, 1987
<i>William and Marcia Templin</i>	Aug 12, 1988
<i>Brian and Marcea Tjaden</i>	Aug 14, 1993
<i>James and Michaela Kvidera</i>	Aug 30, 1997
<i>Bill and Beth Van Couwenberghe</i>	Aug 22, 1998
<i>Greg and Celine Kaplan</i>	Aug 14, 1999
<i>Kevin and Shannon Thomas</i>	Aug 4, 2001
<i>Todd and Joanna Hansen</i>	Aug 25, 2001
<i>Bryan and Kathleen Yackel</i>	Aug 14, 2004
<i>Keith and Anna Sobolesky</i>	Aug 6, 2005
<i>Timoteo and Uila Ulberg</i>	Aug 31, 2005
<i>Brian and Bessie Paraoan</i>	Aug 8, 2011
<i>Herson and Maliuat Liwanag</i>	Aug 23, 2013
<i>Alex and Hayley Youngmun</i>	Aug 6, 2016
<i>Jonathan Ray and Charmaine Diagro</i>	Aug 8, 2016
<i>Henry and Vanessa Hershberger</i>	Aug 15, 2020
<i>Konrad and Maria Kosciak</i>	Aug 12, 2023
<i>Tonga and Daisy Unga</i>	Aug 19, 2023
<i>John Watka and Caitlin Gohr</i>	Aug 8, 2026

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

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

TO ADD OR REMOVE
 please call (907) 243-2195

“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



United In Mission

"Many Gifts, One Church"

2026 Annual Catholic Appeal

Saint Benedict Parish



Archdiocesan Goal

\$ 80,975.96

Parish Goal

\$40,487.98

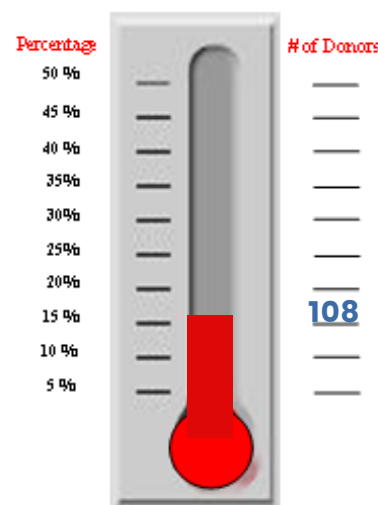
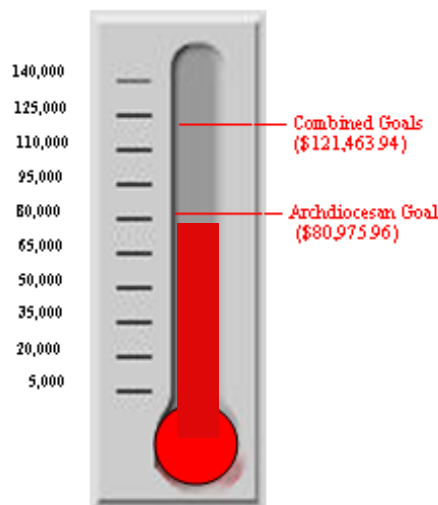
Participation Goal

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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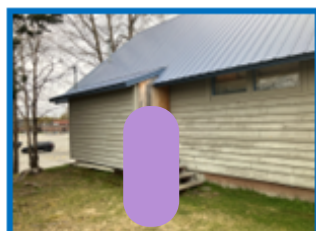


* Parish census: 670 households

Contributions beyond our Archdiocesan goal help us to:



Prep and paint exterior.



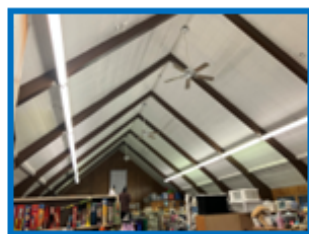
Close off old access.



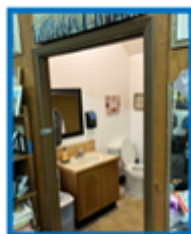
Weatherproof the foundation.



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!**

LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

LIVING FAITH, CELEBRATING FAMILY, AND ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE

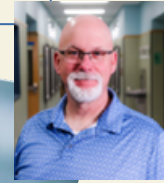


PRINCIPAL UPDATE



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: Daniel Johnston
Family of the Month: 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:

1 st	\$500
2 nd	\$400
3 rd	\$300
4 th	\$200
5 th	\$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



All tickets purchased prior to Monday, September 7, 2026 will also qualify for an
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- 08/03 and 08/17 at 6:00 pm
K of C Council meeting - 08/03 at 7:00 pm
4th Degree meeting - 08/05 at 7:00 pm
Officer's meeting - 08/27 6pm

WHAT'S UP?



"HEART OF THE GOSPEL"

4TH ANNUAL STATE MEN'S RETREAT

MASS SEPTEMBER 25-27
PRAYER
FRATERNITY
DYNAMIC SPEAKERS
OPEN TO ALL MEN 18 AND OVER

6:00 PM SEPTEMBER 25 - NOON SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
@ ST. THERÈSE'S CAMP, 7180 TWIN LAKES DR., WASILLA

COST OF ATTENDANCE IS \$125
AND INCLUDES TWO NIGHTS'
LODGING AND FIVE MEALS



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SCAN THE QR CODE, REGISTER ONLINE AT
ALASKAKOFCSTATE.COM/MENS-RETREAT
OR TEXT TOM BANICKI @ (503) 475-7062



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.

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 Dooley,
3201 W 80th Ave.



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, 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?



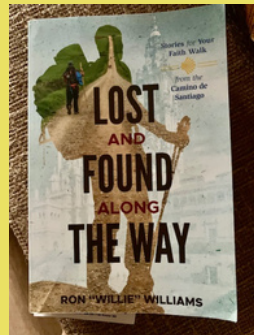
BOOK CLUB



Thursday August 6th,

at Donna Dooley's,
3201 W 80th Ave.

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. 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)

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 don't 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

- Knights of Columbus 4th Annual State Men's Retreat: Join the Knights of Columbus for their 4th Annual Men's Retreat. The retreat is at St. Therese's Camp and starts at 6pm September 25th and ends noon September 27. Cost of attendance is \$125 and includes two nights of lodging and five meals.
- Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary Tea & Fashion Show: You are invited! Celebrate with tea, fellowship, and style. Enjoy elegant refreshments, prize basket drawings, surprises, door prizes, and special fashion show featuring looks from Archangel Attic. Tickets are \$30 per person or 250 for a table of 8.
- Project Rachel Retreat: Join a free and confidential retreat hosted by Project Rachel Ministry. Retreat will be September 12th from 9:30am-4:30pm on the Kenai Peninsula. Register by September 9th by calling Project Rachel's confidential number at (907)297-7781 or email projectrachelalaska@gmail.com.



Teams consist of four players.

The registration fee is \$150 per person or \$600 for a full team.

You can register online.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. I've included the website link below for additional information.

<https://aoaj.org/archbishops-golf-tournament>

JOBS WITHIN THE ARCHDIOCESE!

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



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!
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

The Feast of Saints Anne & Joachim
+ JULY 26 +

Saint Anne
"The Lord has seen our tears and heard our prayers. Even in our waiting, He has never left us."

Saint Joachim
"Your faith and patience give me strength, Anne. Together we trust in God's perfect timing."

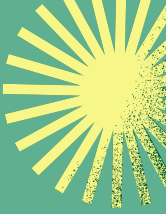
Mary (as a child)
Dear parents, thank you for your love and faith. I will always honor you and follow God's will with a heart full of gratitude.

The Angel
"Do not be afraid, Anne and Joachim. God has heard your prayer. You will have a daughter, and you shall name her Mary."

Prayer
Saints Anne and Joachim, faithful parents of Mary and holy grandparents of Jesus, pray for all parents and grandparents. Intercede for our families, that we may grow in love, faith, and unity. Guide us to raise our children in God's ways and keep our homes rooted in His love. Amen.

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.

July
29
2026



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!

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5
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07/29 High School Night 7pm!

09/08 Jr. High Night 6pm

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

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