

SAINT BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF ANCHORAGE-JUNEAU

19TH

SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME



August 9 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



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Lumen Christi Catholic High School

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Anchorage, AK 99502

(907) 245-9231

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY – FRIDAY: 7:30AM – 3PM

www.lumenchristiak.org



THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR



Bringing Calm to Your Storm

This Sunday the Readings invites us into a profound reflection on faith, fear, and the unexpected ways God reveals His presence. In the first reading, we find the Prophet Elijah seeking God on the mountain. He does not find Him in the crushing wind, the earthquake, or the blazing fire, but rather in a tiny whispering sound. How often do we look for God only in major, dramatic events, missing the quiet ways He speaks to our hearts in moments of silent prayer? In the Gospel, Jesus sends His disciples ahead in a boat, where they find themselves tossed about by waves and struggling against a fierce headwind. When Jesus approaches them walking on the water, they cry out in terror, mistaking Him for a ghost. His immediate response is a powerful source of comfort for us today “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.” Peter’s bold request to walk out on the water reveals the dynamic of our own spiritual journeys. As long as Peter keeps his eyes fixed firmly on Christ, he does the impossible and walks across the waves. The moment he diverts his gaze to focus on the strength of the wind, fear paralyzes him, and he begins to sink. Yet, even in his failing faith, Peter gives us the perfect prayer: “Lord, save me!”. Instantly, Jesus stretches out His hand and catches him. Life can frequently feel like that storm-tossed boat. Financial worries, health crises, family conflicts, or personal doubts can feel like waves crashing over us. This week, let us challenge ourselves to look past the wind and waves. When you feel overwhelmed, do not let fear sink your heart. Cry out to the Lord, trust in His saving grasp, and allow Him to bring calm to your storm. – 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 08/10	TUESDAY 08/11	Wednesday 08/12	Thursday 08/13	FRIDAY 08/14	Saturday 08/15	Sunday 08/16
Mass: 9am Bernie Simon SI <u>Office Closed</u> Adoration 10am-10pm Legion of Mary 6pm	Mass: 9am Victoria Adkins ROS Adoration 10am-10pm Video & discussion 9:40am	Mass: 9am Sanders Family SI Adoration 10am-10pm Confessions 6p.-7pm Samoan Chior 6:30pm HS youth night 7pm	Mass: 9am John Owens SI Adoration 10am-10pm Choir Practice 7pm	Mass: 9am Ben Benton ROS Adoration 10am-10pm Jr. Legion 10am Samoan Chior 6:30pm	Masses: 9am: Barbara O'Lena ROS Vigil Mass: 5pm Jim & Jane Branham ROS Confessions 3:45-4:45 Samoan Chior 6:30pm	Masses: 8am: People of the Parish SI 10:30am: Sharon Frost ROS 12:15pm: Nelson Ola ROS

Mass Intentions: SI= Special Intentions

RTH= Return to Health

ROS= Repose of Soul

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Readings:

Sunday 08/09
 1Kings 19:11-13
 Romans 9:1-5
 Matthew 14:22-33

Sunday 08/16
 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 5	YTD
Income\$	11,067.10	\$ 60,550.24
Other Income\$	625.00	\$ 7,845.00
\$	11,772.10	\$ 68,395.24

Expenses: (avg. wk. \$17,162.20)
YTD Expenses: \$ 23,016.34

COMBINED PARISH & SCHOOL

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

Our new fiscal year just began 1 July 2026

Online Donation Income:

- There were 46 gifts made online
- There were 0 Families new to online giving
- There were 2 Maintenance Fund donations
- There were 0 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 September 5th!

Call Andy Flores @
907-887-4917

Clare House

Thank you to all who provide meals for Clare House! Next dinner date is August 25th!

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 Koscik</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

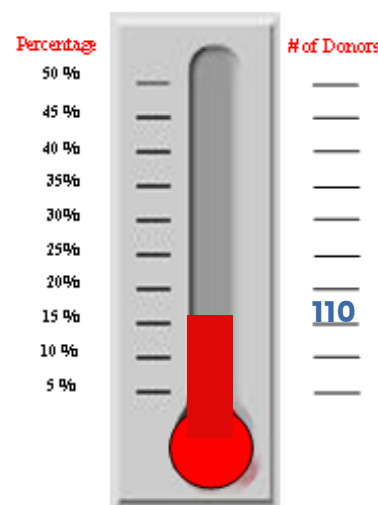
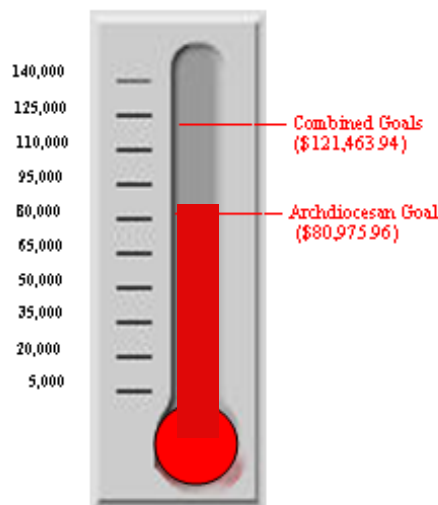
Participation Goal

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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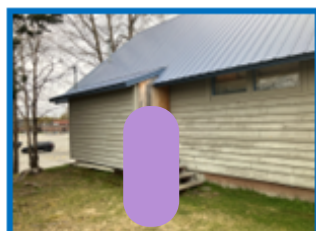


* Parish census: 670 households

Contributions beyond our Archdiocesan goal help us to:



Prep and paint exterior.



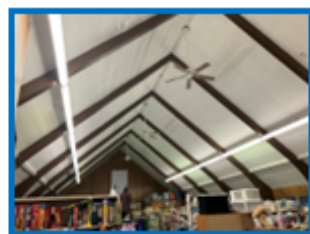
Close off old access.



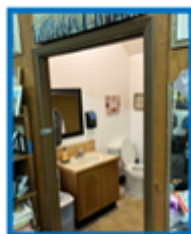
Weatherproof the foundation.



Replace all windows.



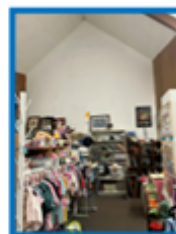
Convert lighting to LED.



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'S UPDATE

Wonderful Lumen Christi Families,

Well, here we are! Just a few days away from starting our school year! The school staff and I are looking forward to welcoming our students back into our classrooms and hallway!

Please be sure to read this Lumen News carefully as it is full of back to school information and good news! In particular, please note the following:

- Back to School Blast and Registration on Aug 11 from 12-7pm. Be sure to come later in the day, grab a hot dog (thank you St. Benedict's Knights of Columbus!), and mix and mingle with other Lumen Christi families. We encourage you to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Then, at 7pm, join us for a Fall Sports Rosary Rally at St. Benedict's church and pray for our cross country, soccer, rifle, and volleyball players!
- The infographics showing the Aug 20 and Aug 21 daily schedules. These are the first two days of the school year and we have a lot of activities planned to welcome our students back to school. All parents are invited to attend our first school Mass at 1pm on the 21st and then take your student home for the weekend!
- The updated school year calendar, complete with key dates, including important school Masses, sports tournaments, and other events.
- The newly published Course Catalog highlighting our course offerings, middle school and high school program of studies, and overview of course curricular materials. I think students and parents alike will find this an informative document for future academic planning.

Additionally, while work on our exterior classrooms continues, we will unfortunately not be able to start the school year using them. We do have a plan to use rooms inside the school (like we did last year) to start our year off right, and we anticipate being able to occupy and begin to use the exterior classrooms (now named Saint Raphael and Saint Gabriel!) by October 1. I will keep you posted on the progress of construction and occupancy as things develop. Many thanks again to all those who donated to and supported our efforts for the construction of these buildings.

And, some really great news! In spring 2026, we signed a Partnership for Excellence in the Advancement of Catholic Education (PEACE)

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- Guaranteed admission to all SFU general certificates, associates, or bachelor's degree programs (3.0 GPA minimum)!
- Guaranteed minimum scholarship range of \$92,000-\$134,000 over four years (\$23,000-\$34,000 annually) for traditional on-campus enrollment at SFU!
- Weighted consideration or preferential selection for a wide variety of SFU academic programs!

Isn't this amazing! **GUARANTEED ADMISSION TO COLLEGE AND VERY, VERY GENEROUS FINANCIAL SUPPORT EACH YEAR!** Just for Lumen Christi graduates!

At the same time, over the summer, we submitted several of our classes for dual credit consideration through SFU's College in High School program. I'm pleased to report that two of our classes—International Affairs and British Literature—have been approved for this program. This means that students taking those classes here at Lumen Christi can earn three college credits through SFU after successful completion of the course. These SFU credits are also fully transferrable, giving other colleges and universities the option to accept the SFU transcript towards a student's application.

These classes are taught by Lumen Christi teachers—Mrs. Baldessari and I—and meet the high standards of the appropriate academic department at SFU. More details can be found in the Course Catalog, but I wanted to share this great news with you directly. We have several other Lumen Christi classes being considered by SFU and I look forward to sharing with you when those classes are also approved for dual credit.

Again, on behalf of the entire school staff, we are excited for this school year to begin! I look forward to seeing students and parents alike next week on the 11th! Until then, have a blessed and safe weekend!

Brian

KNIGHT'S TABLE



CONGRATULATIONS AUGUST..

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
Selling 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

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 #168320

"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. THERESE'S CAMP, 7100 TWIN LAKES DR., WASILLA

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

SPONSORED BY ALASKA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE COUNCIL

SCAN THE QR CODE, REGISTER ONLINE AT ALASKAKOFCSTATE.COM/MENS-RETREAT
OR TEXT TOM BANICKI @ (907) 475-7062

WHAT'S UP?

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



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?

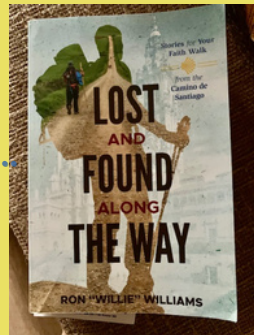


BOOK CLUB



Thursday, Sept. 3rd
@ 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. 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!



Listening Post Training

The Listening Post needs some new volunteers! They are offering a new volunteer training on Saturday-September 12, 2026 from 1-4pm. The Listening Post is active all over Anchorage, including at CSS shelters! Learn more at www.listeningpostanchorage.com. If you are interested in the training, please email listeningpostak@gmail.com for details.

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).

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 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

- 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.

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

• **OFFICE MANAGER - HOLY FAMILY:** POSITION IS 25 HOURS A WEEK (MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:30-1:30).
Contact Mary Beth Bragiel for job description or to apply.
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• **YOUTH MINISTER - HOLY FAMILY:** POSITION IS 10 HOURS A WEEK AVERAGE (MAY BE MORE INITIALLY FOR TRAINING)
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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. Dominic

*"Arm yourself prayer rather than a sword;
wear humility rather than fine clothes"*

@fathersoc

The Bible instructs us to "encourage one another and build one another up" (Thes 5:11). Sounds easy enough. But then we are bogged down with: How do we encourage? Is it compliments? Is it giving into whims? Is it agreeing with what is being said? Actually it is a positive action. Work for peace by raising about the pettiness of life and never taking offense. Be kind to those who are miserable. Show appreciation to those who do good work. Respect the dignity of each person. Heal wounds wherever you find hurt. Do whatever you can to comfort those who are troubled. Replace anger and suspicion with understanding. Show love and engagement. Working, listening, respecting, healing, understanding, appreciating, comforting, engaging, loving.

We know our God is a God of love who never promotes violence. Even when we are not in agreement with our friends and family, we can listen to their words/ideas and share ours. We can strive for solidarity knowing as humans we do not have all the answers. God formed us with tender love, and He loves and cares for us. He wants us to have the same love and care for others. Our work on earth is to share the gifts God gave us and fill up in the lives of others those things they lack. There we will find our happiness.

God is always love and concern. Only He has all the answers. We need each other to live in solidarity.

Questions:

1. What positive action have you taken recently?
2. Do you listen to different views with respect and work to rise above your disagreement with respect?
3. What does solidarity mean to you?

Challenge:

This week encourage one another and build one another up.

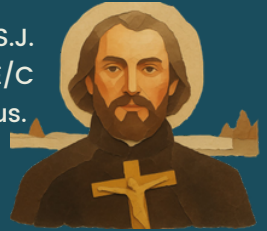
Quote:

"Don't spend your energies on things that generate worry, anxiety and anguish. Only one thing is necessary: Lift up your spirit and love God."

-Saint Padre Pio

YOUTH CORNER

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



UPCOMING *Youth Nights*



Wednesday 7-9 pm

Prayer

Back to Basics. We will go over the basics of prayer and start new with the main prayers of our faith!

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Wednesday 7-9 pm

Marian Dogmas

What is a dogma? Why do we have them regarding Mary? What does it take to make one? This and more!

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Wednesday 7-9 pm

Martyrs

What is a martyr? Are there any recent ones? Bl. Stanley Rother is considered the first American one. Why?

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08/12 High School Night 7pm!

09/08 Jr. High Night 6pm

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

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