

# SAINT BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF ANCHORAGE-JUNEAU

20<sup>TH</sup>  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY  
TIME



August 16 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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### Lumen Christi Catholic High School

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### OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 7:30AM - 3PM

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## THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR



### God's Mercy is Universal

In the Gospel we encounter the famous story of the Canaanite woman. She is an outsider, a foreigner, and a pagan. Yet, driven by fierce love for her suffering daughter, she approaches Jesus and cries out for mercy. At first, Jesus seems silent, and the disciples want to send her away. However, her persistence, humility, and sharp wit break through. Jesus ultimately declares, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

This powerful encounter teaches us three powerful lessons: First, God's Mercy is Universal: Our first reading from Isaiah reminds us that God's house is a "house of prayer for all peoples." God does not have favorites; His salvation is offered to everyone who seeks Him with a sincere heart. Second, persistence in prayer. Like the Canaanite woman, many of us face times where God seems silent. This Gospel reminds us not to give up. True faith persists through silence, trusting completely in God's goodness. Finally, breaking down walls. We must ask ourselves who we treat as "outsiders" in our daily lives. Christ calls our parish community to stretch our hearts, welcoming the stranger and those who feel forgotten or rejected. Let us pray this week for a faith as bold and enduring as the woman in the Gospel. May we never be discouraged by silence, but continue to knock, seek, and ask with absolute confidence in the Lord's mercy. Blessings for the week ahead.  
- Fr. Tom

### Solemnity of the Assumption

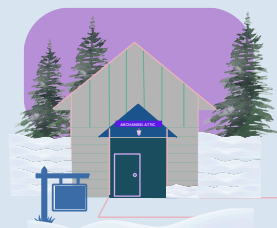
Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> is not a holy day of obligation this year. We will celebrate one Mass on Saturday at 9:00 am. There will be no evening Mass for the solemnity, as the Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass is the Vigil Mass for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Please come and give thanks to God through Mary!



# 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<br>08/17                                                                                                                       | TUESDAY<br>08/18                                                        | Wednesday<br>08/19                                                                                                       | Thursday<br>08/20                                                | FRIDAY<br>08/21                                                                                          | Saturday<br>08/22                                                                          | Sunday<br>08/23                                                                                                   |
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| <b>Mass: 9am</b><br>Rosemarie O'Lena ROS<br><u>Office Closed</u><br>Adoration 10am-10pm<br>Legion of Mary 6pm<br>Patriotic Rosary 6pm | <b>No Mass: 9am</b><br>Adoration 10am-10pm<br>Video & discussion 9:40am | <b>No Mass: 9am</b><br>Adoration 10am-10pm<br><del>Confessions 6p-7pm</del><br>Samoan Chior 6:30pm<br>HS youth night 7pm | <b>No Mass: 9am</b><br>Adoration 10am-10pm<br>Choir Practice 7pm | <b>Mass: 9am</b><br>George Kohlbeck ROS<br>Adoration 10am-10pm<br>Jr. Legion 10am<br>Samoan Chior 6:30pm | <b>Vigil Mass: 5pm</b><br>Lonnie Adkins SI<br>Confessions 3:45-4:45<br>Samoan Chior 6:30pm | <b>Masses:</b><br>8am: People of the Parish SI<br>10:30am: Bernadette Quartero SI<br>12:15pm: Giuliana Bolido ROS |

**SCHOOL STARTS!!**

**Priest Retreat all week**

Mass Intentions:

SI= Special Intentions

RTH= Return to Health

ROS= Repose of Soul

### SAINT BENEDICT STAFF

**Pastor**  
 Fr. Tom Lilly  
 tlilly@stbenedictsak.com  
 907-243-2195

**Deacon**  
 Deacon Daniel Winters

**Administrative Assistant**  
 Katherine Mitchell  
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 907-243-2195

**Business Manager**  
 Jaimie Sultenfuss  
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 907-243-2195

**Director of Music**  
 Steve Ring  
 sring@stbenedictsak.com

**Church Housekeeper**  
 Elaine Potter

### Evangelization and Catechesis

**Youth and Young Adult Minister**  
 Gabe O'Lena  
 golenastbenedictsak.com  
 907-215-7058

**Super Sunday Faith Formation**  
 Fr. Tom Lilly

### LCHS STAFF

**Principal**  
 Brian Ross  
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 907-245-9231

**Director of Advancement**  
 Anne Gore  
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 907-245-9231

**Administrative Assistant**  
 Laura Whitford  
 lchs@lumenchristiak.com  
 907-245-9231

### Readings:

Sunday 08/16

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

Sunday 08/23

Isaiah 22:19-23  
 Romans 11:33-36  
 Matthew 16:13-20

### 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 6              | YTD                 |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Income\$       | 11,458.90           | \$ 69,289.24        |
| Other Income\$ | 841.00              | \$ 10,784.00        |
|                | <u>\$ 12,272.90</u> | <u>\$ 80,073.24</u> |

Expenses: (avg. wk. \$17,162.20)  
YTD Expenses: \$ 25,604.93

## 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 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 5<sup>th</sup>!

Call Andy Flores @ 907-887-4917

## Clare House

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

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

# 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  
 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

“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**

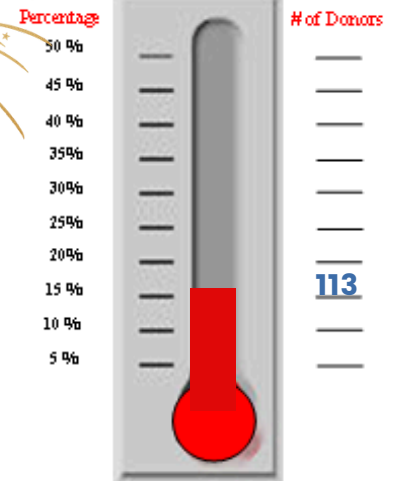
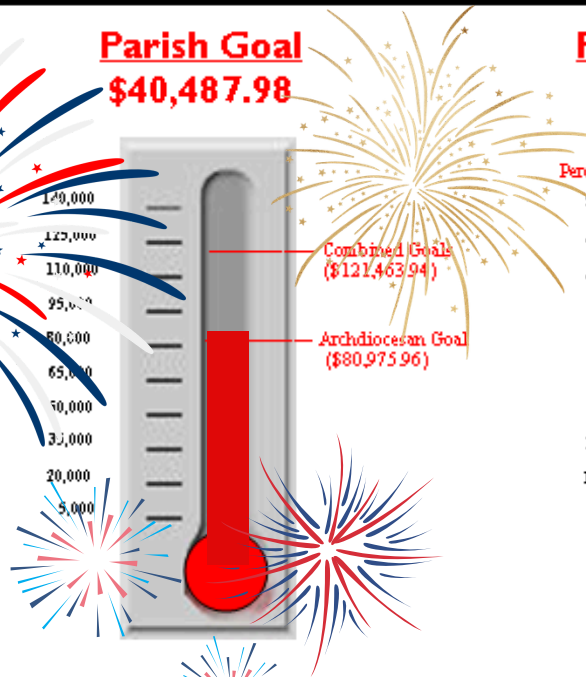
**Parish Goal**  
**\$40,487.98**

**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.



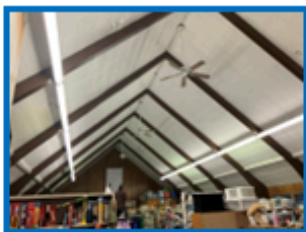
Close off old access.



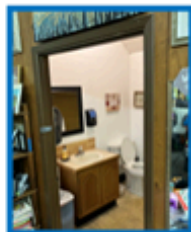
Weatherproof the foundation.



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!**





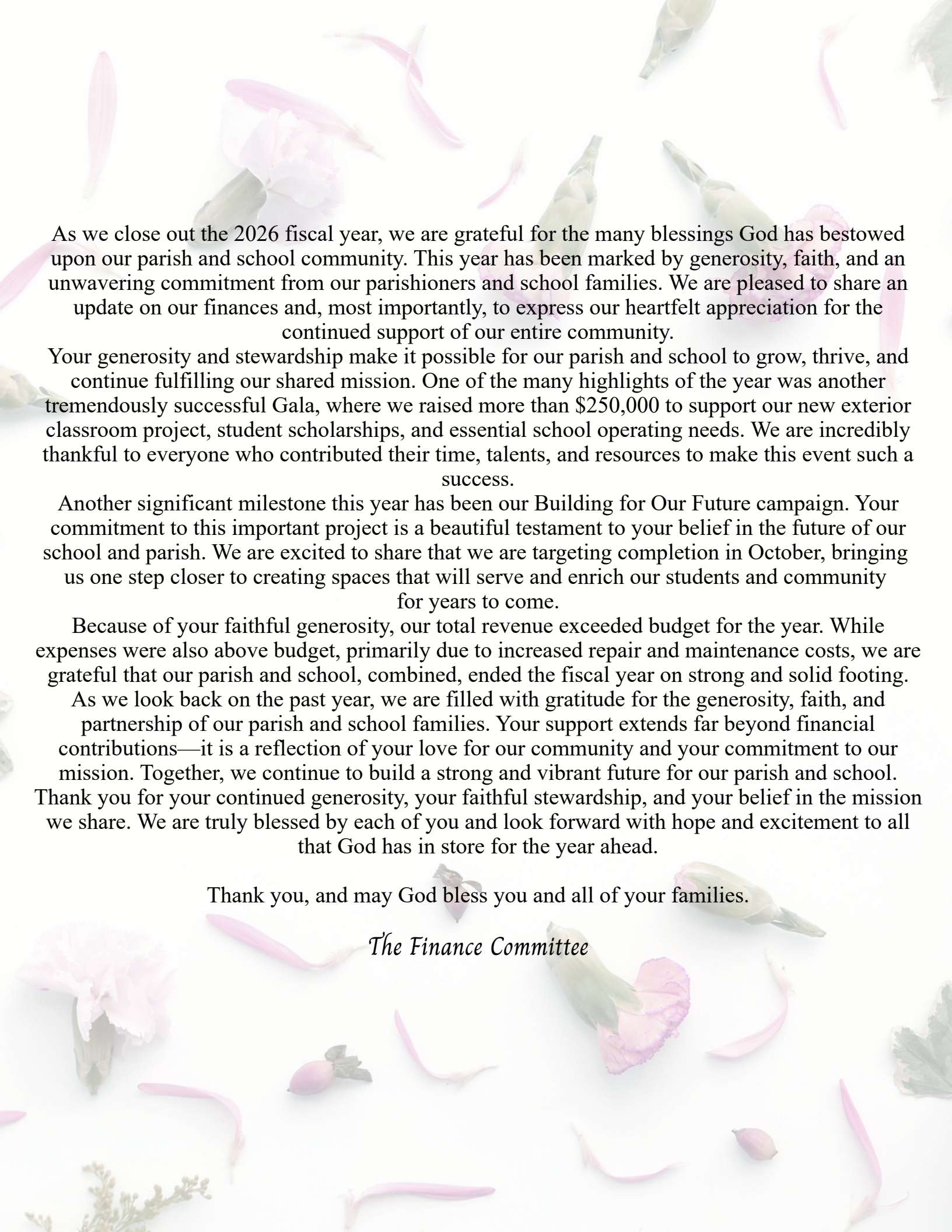
# ST. BENEDICT PARISH

## FY2026 Quarter 4 Financial Report

June 30, 2026



| Income                           | YTD Actual                    | YTD Budget                    | Over (Under)                |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Income-Church</b>             |                               |                               |                             |
| Sunday Collections               | \$ 655,744.98                 | \$ 650,000.00                 | \$ 5,744.98                 |
| Other Donations Total            | \$ 86,718.00                  | \$ 54,250.00                  | \$ 32,468.00                |
| Other Income Total               | \$ 67,517.88                  | \$ 46,200.00                  | \$ 21,317.88                |
| <b>Income Totals:</b>            | <b>\$ 809,980.86</b>          | <b>\$ 750,450.00</b>          | <b>\$ 59,530.86</b>         |
| <b>Income –School</b>            |                               |                               |                             |
| Fees/Tuition Income Totals       | \$ 1,567,855.48               | \$ 1,555,000.00               | \$ 12,855.48                |
| Fundraising Total                | \$ 291,696.00                 | \$ 265,000.00                 | \$ 26,696.00                |
| Sports Total                     | \$ 68,250.49                  | \$ 66,000.00                  | \$ 2,250.49                 |
| Sales Income                     | \$ 14,036.07                  | \$ 5,000.00                   | \$ 9,036.07                 |
| Archangel Attic                  | \$ 102,414.00                 | \$ 110,000.00                 | \$ (7,586.00)               |
| Tuition Discounts                | \$ (60,050.00)                | \$ (60,000.00)                | \$ (50.00)                  |
| Other income total               | \$ 77,792.58                  | \$ 52,000.00                  | \$ 25,792.58                |
| <b>Income Totals:</b>            | <b>\$ 2,061,994.62</b>        | <b>\$ 1,993,000.00</b>        | <b><u>\$ 68,994.62</u></b>  |
| <b>Revenue Totals:</b>           | <b>\$ 2,871,975.48</b>        | <b>\$ 2,743,450.00</b>        | <b>\$ 128,525.48</b>        |
| <b>Expense –Church</b>           |                               |                               |                             |
| Personnel Expense Totals:        | \$ 394,039.97                 | \$ 407,487.29                 | \$ (13,447.32)              |
| Repairs & Maintenance            | \$ 48,704.71                  | \$ 21,500.00                  | \$ 27,204.71                |
| Utilities total                  | \$ 38,038.21                  | \$ 37,300.00                  | \$ 738.21                   |
| Diocesan Assessments             | \$ 111,034.68                 | \$ 111,034.63                 | \$ 0.05                     |
| Bank Fees                        | \$ 10,603.91                  | \$ 5,000.00                   | \$ 5,603.91                 |
| Other Operating Expenses Totals: | \$ 173,028.98                 | \$ 154,350.00                 | \$ 18,678.98                |
| <b>Expense Totals:</b>           | <b>\$ 775,450.46</b>          | <b>\$ 736,671.92</b>          | <b>\$ 38,778.54</b>         |
| <b>Expense –School</b>           |                               |                               |                             |
| Personnel Expense Totals         | \$ 1,347,793.31               | \$ 1,370,295.00               | \$ (22,501.69)              |
| Repair & Maint Total             | \$ 232,812.74                 | \$ 165,700.00                 | \$ 67,112.74                |
| Utilities Total                  | \$ 89,653.88                  | \$ 73,500.00                  | \$ 16,153.88                |
| Sports Total                     | \$ 80,338.37                  | \$ 64,000.00                  | \$ 16,338.37                |
| Other Expense total              | \$ 290,262.90                 | \$ 291,720.00                 | \$ (1,457.10)               |
| <b>Expense Totals:</b>           | <b>\$ 2,040,861.20</b>        | <b>\$ 1,965,215.00</b>        | <b>\$ 75,646.20</b>         |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>            | <b><u>\$ 2,816,311.66</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 2,701,886.92</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 114,424.74</u></b> |
| <b>Net Revenue (Loss)</b>        | <b><u>\$ 55,663.82</u></b>    | <b><u>\$ 41,563.08</u></b>    | <b><u>\$ 14,100.74</u></b>  |



As we close out the 2026 fiscal year, we are grateful for the many blessings God has bestowed upon our parish and school community. This year has been marked by generosity, faith, and an unwavering commitment from our parishioners and school families. We are pleased to share an update on our finances and, most importantly, to express our heartfelt appreciation for the continued support of our entire community.

Your generosity and stewardship make it possible for our parish and school to grow, thrive, and continue fulfilling our shared mission. One of the many highlights of the year was another tremendously successful Gala, where we raised more than \$250,000 to support our new exterior classroom project, student scholarships, and essential school operating needs. We are incredibly thankful to everyone who contributed their time, talents, and resources to make this event such a success.

Another significant milestone this year has been our Building for Our Future campaign. Your commitment to this important project is a beautiful testament to your belief in the future of our school and parish. We are excited to share that we are targeting completion in October, bringing us one step closer to creating spaces that will serve and enrich our students and community for years to come.

Because of your faithful generosity, our total revenue exceeded budget for the year. While expenses were also above budget, primarily due to increased repair and maintenance costs, we are grateful that our parish and school, combined, ended the fiscal year on strong and solid footing.

As we look back on the past year, we are filled with gratitude for the generosity, faith, and partnership of our parish and school families. Your support extends far beyond financial contributions—it is a reflection of your love for our community and your commitment to our mission. Together, we continue to build a strong and vibrant future for our parish and school. Thank you for your continued generosity, your faithful stewardship, and your belief in the mission we share. We are truly blessed by each of you and look forward with hope and excitement to all that God has in store for the year ahead.

Thank you, and may God bless you and all of your families.

*The Finance Committee*



# 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)

And, some really great news! In spring 2026, we signed a Partnership for Excellence in the Advancement of Catholic Education (PEACE) agreement with Saint Francis University (SFU) in Loretto, Pennsylvania. This partnership immediately provides Lumen Christi students with many benefits including:

- 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:**  
**Kome Peko Patrick & Melodie Mackey**

The Knight of the month

Kome Peko

Family of the month

Patrick & Melodie Mackey family - Patrick has



### "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. THERESA'S CAMP, 7180 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

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## 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

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

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](http://alaskakofcstate.com) Need not be present to win

LIMIT 5,500 TICKETS ★ \$20 PER TICKET ★ PERMIT #188300



### 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](mailto: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 20<sup>th</sup> 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

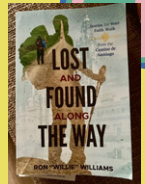
Thursday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>

@ 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.



## 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

### 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](http://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](http://www.listeningpostanchorage.com). If you are interested in the training, please email [listeningpostak@gmail.com](mailto:listeningpostak@gmail.com) for details.

### *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).

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> Annual State Men's Retreat: Join the Knights of Columbus for their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's Retreat. The retreat is at St. Therese's Camp and starts at 6pm September 25<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am-4:30pm on the Kenai Peninsula. Register by September 9<sup>th</sup> by calling Project Rachel's confidential number at (907)297-7781 or email [projectrachelalaska@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.  
[mbragiel@hfocak.org](mailto:mbragiel@hfocak.org)  
(907)646-3003

• **YOUTH MINISTER - HOLY FAMILY:** POSITION IS 10 HOURS A WEEK AVERAGE (MAY BE MORE INITIALLY FOR TRAINING)  
Contact Mary Beth Bragiel for job description or to apply.  
[mbragiel@hfocak.org](mailto:mbragiel@hfocak.org)  
(907)646-3003



# 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?

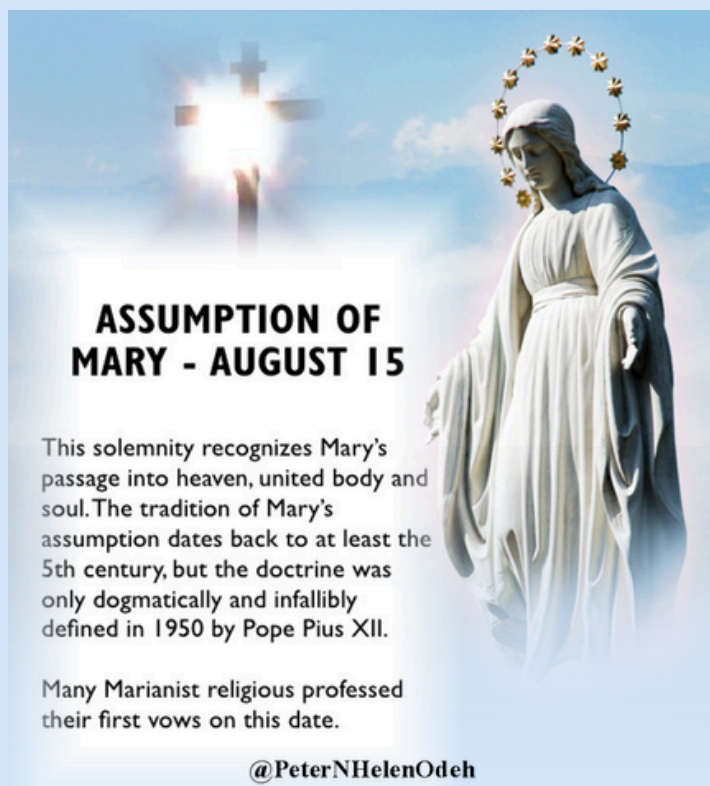
Maybe you were raised  
Catholic and have strayed?

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

Contact the office 243-2195



## ASSUMPTION OF MARY - AUGUST 15

This solemnity recognizes Mary's passage into heaven, united body and soul. The tradition of Mary's assumption dates back to at least the 5th century, but the doctrine was only dogmatically and infallibly defined in 1950 by Pope Pius XII.

Many Marianist religious professed their first vows on this date.

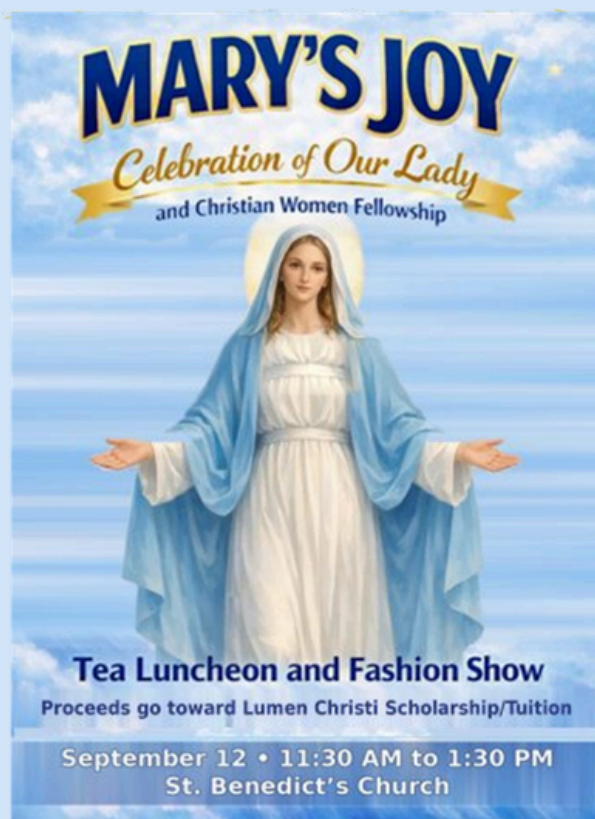
@PeterNHelenOdeh



## SUPER SUNDAYS

FAITH-FAMILY-FUN

September  
27th



## MARY'S JOY

*Celebration of Our Lady*  
and Christian Women Fellowship

### Tea Luncheon and Fashion Show

Proceeds go toward Lumen Christi Scholarship/Tuition

September 12 • 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM  
St. Benedict's Church

Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary  
Tea & Fashion Show: "Mary's Joy"

- **When:** Saturday, September 12, 2026  
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
- **Where:** St. Benedict's Parish

**You are invited!** Celebrate with tea, fellowship, and style. Enjoy elegant refreshments, prize basket drawings, surprises, door prizes, and a special fashion show featuring looks from *The Archangel Attic*.

- **Tickets:** \$30 each or \$250 for a table of 8.
- **RSVP:** Seating is limited! Purchase your tickets by **Tuesday, September 8.**

Questions?

Phone: Mary at 907-240-1689.  
Email: Venus at  
[maryteafashionshow@gmail.com](mailto:maryteafashionshow@gmail.com)

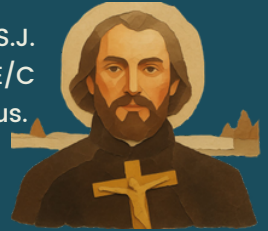
**With Us in Spirit:** Unable to attend? You can still show your support with a donation.  
\$1,000 | \$500 | \$250 | \$100 | Other: \_\_\_\_\_



& FOR OUR YOUTH... ↪

# 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!

Aug  
12  
2026



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!

Aug  
19  
2026



Wednesday 7-9 pm

### *Martyrs*

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

Aug  
26  
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08/12 High School Night 7pm!

09/08 Jr. High Night 6pm

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

CHECK OUT OUR PAGES!



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