

SAINT BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF ANCHORAGE-JUNEAU

**21ST
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME**



August 23 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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OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY- FRIDAY: 7:30AM – 3PM

🌐: www.lumenchristiak.org



THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR



Answer like Saint Peter and live like Saint Benedict

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks a critical question: "Who do you say that I am?" Peter answers boldly: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus names him "Peter," meaning rock. He promises to build His Church upon this rock. This authority establishes the foundation of our Church leadership today. Jesus asks each of us this same question this week. He does not want a rehearsed answer from a textbook. He wants to know who He is to you personally. Is He your Savior, your comfort, and your guide?

Our patron, Saint Benedict, answered this question through a life dedicated entirely to Christ. His famous motto, "Ora et Labora" (Pray and Work), reminds us that every daily task is an opportunity to encounter the Lord. Just as Peter became a rock for the early Church, Saint Benedict became a foundational pillar of faith through his holy rule, keeping Christ at the center of community life. Let us pray for the grace to answer like Peter and live like Benedict. May our lives reflect our belief that Jesus is Lord. God bless you! -- Fr. Tom

Live and teach the Catholic Faith to the next generation!

With parish-wide faith formation ("Super Sunday") beginning on September 27th, we have two great opportunities to learn and grow in your faith" : As a catechist or assistant catechist for our Second Grade Class (preparing for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion) and Fourth Grade class. Texts and formation provided. Please see Fr. Tom or Gabe for more information.

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 08/24	TUESDAY 08/25	Wednesday 08/26	Thursday 08/27	FRIDAY 08/28	Saturday 08/29	Sunday 08/30
Mass: 9am Gregoria Raposa ROS <u>Office Closed</u> Adoration10am-10pm Legion of Mary 6pm	Mass: 9am Josh & Taylor SI Adoration10am-10pm Video & discussion 9:40am	Mass: 9am Nick & Ida Seeberger ROS Adoration10am-10pm Confessions 6p.-7pm Samoan Chior 6:30pm HS youth night 7pm	Mass: 9am Kilian O'Lena SI Adoration10am-10pm Choir Practice 7pm	Mass: 9am Kelsey Damon ROS Adoration10am-10pm Jr. Legion 10am Samoan Chior 6:30pm	Vigil Mass: 5pm Parents of Priests SI Confessions 3:45-4:45 Samoan Chior 6:30pm	Masses: 8am:People of the Parish SI: 10:30am: Stiglich family SI 12:15pm: Patrick & Nerisa Danielson SI

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

SAINT BENEDICT STAFF

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Fr. Tom Lilly
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Administrative Assistant
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Readings:	Sunday 08/23	Sunday 08/30
	Isaiah 22:19-23 Romans 11:33-36 Matthew 16:13-20	Jeremiah 20:7-9 Romans 12:1-2 Matthew 16:21-27

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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

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

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE

Stewardship of Treasure:

	WEEK 7	YTD
Offertory		
Income	\$ 10,696.50	\$ 79,056.24
Other Income	\$ 200.00	\$ 11,594.00
	<u>\$ 10,896.50</u>	<u>\$ 90,650.24</u>

Expenses: (avg. wk. \$17,162.20)
YTD Expenses: \$ 34,351.39

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 1 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 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 Travelling 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

Paul and Diana Pfeiffer Aug 6, 1966

Al and Eileen Hand Aug 12, 1967

Ed and Roberta Wassell Aug 19, 1967

Anthony and Margaret Berdahl Aug 24, 1979

Jeff and Cynthia Cooper Aug 6, 1982

Paul and Kim Mazzolini Aug 7, 1982

William and Jami Jacobson Aug 27, 1983

Geoffrey and Robin Hershberger Aug 11, 1984

Hank and Rena Brinker Aug 23, 1987

William and Marcia Templin Aug 12, 1988

Brian and Marcea Tjaden Aug 14, 1993

James and Michaela Kvidera Aug 30, 1997

Bill and Beth Van Couwenberghe Aug 22, 1998

Greg and Celine Kaplan Aug 14, 1999

Kevin and Shannon Thomas Aug 4, 2001

Todd and Joanna Hansen Aug 25, 2001

Bryan and Kathleen Yackel Aug 14, 2004

Keith and Anna Sobolesky Aug 6, 2005

Timoteo and Uila Ulberg Aug 31, 2005

Brian and Bessie Paraoan Aug 8, 2011

Herson and Maliuat Liwanag Aug 23, 2013

Alex and Hayley Youngmun Aug 6, 2016

Jonathan Ray and Charmaine Diagro Aug 8, 2016

Henry and Vanessa Hershberger Aug 15, 2020

Konrad and Maria Kosciak Aug 12, 2023

Tonga and Daisy Unga Aug 19, 2023

John Watka and Caitlin Gohr Aug 8, 2026

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Lonnie Adkins

Diane Peterson

Christina Del Rosario

Shirley Arnold

Bill Arnold

Bea Freeman

Waetjen Family

Alicia Warren

Fr. Tim Saur

Anthony Mitchell

Rosemary Dunn

Connie Budahl

Danny Lee

Franklin Ellenson

Hien Pham

Terry Tutor

Marty Goblowski

Jim and Sally Seeley

Fr. Rob Evenson

Sam Waetjen

Damon Carey

Gerry Rapp

Alicia Datuin

Mike & Bettye Smith

Pat Scott

Julie Allard

Bernie & Marian Simon

Will Davenport

Nicole Johnson

Jessica Randolph

Geneva Colon

Michele Waetjen

Denise Trefry

Richard Campbell

James Mitchell & sons

Fontaine Wilhelm

Theresa Dolan

Ofelia Domingo

Maipele Burns

Mike Keenan

Kevin Pfeiffer

Steve Taylor

Lara Krill

Joseph Mitchell

Dan Rollins

Ted & Agnes Mayac

Doris Clausen

Ellison Williamson

Jackie & Greg Kern

Paul Larson

Mary Dubois

Glen Allen

Virginia Aberle

Elizabeth Bastiani

Solita Balones

Mark Blumenthal

Deneen B. Bozeman

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

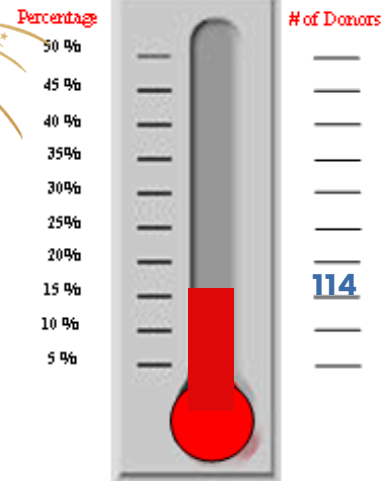
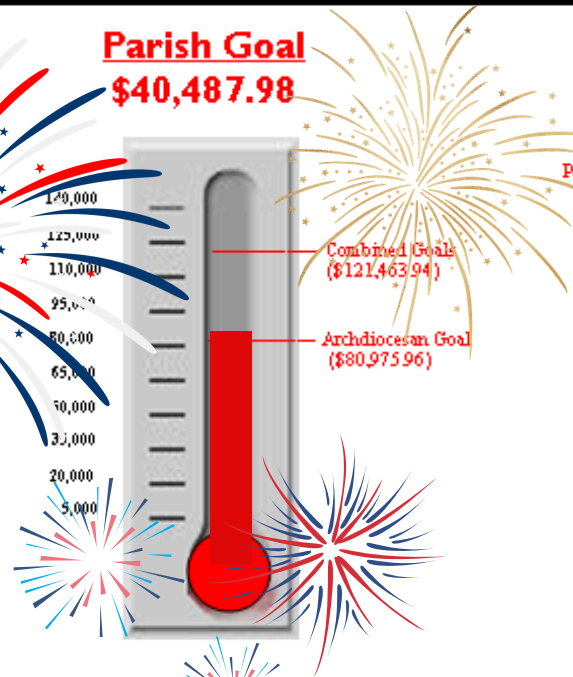
Parish Goal
\$40,487.98

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.



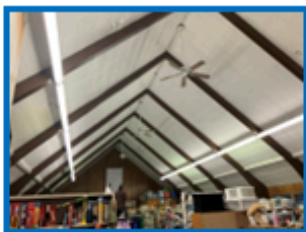
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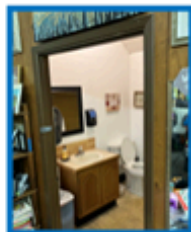
Weatherproof the foundation.



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!**



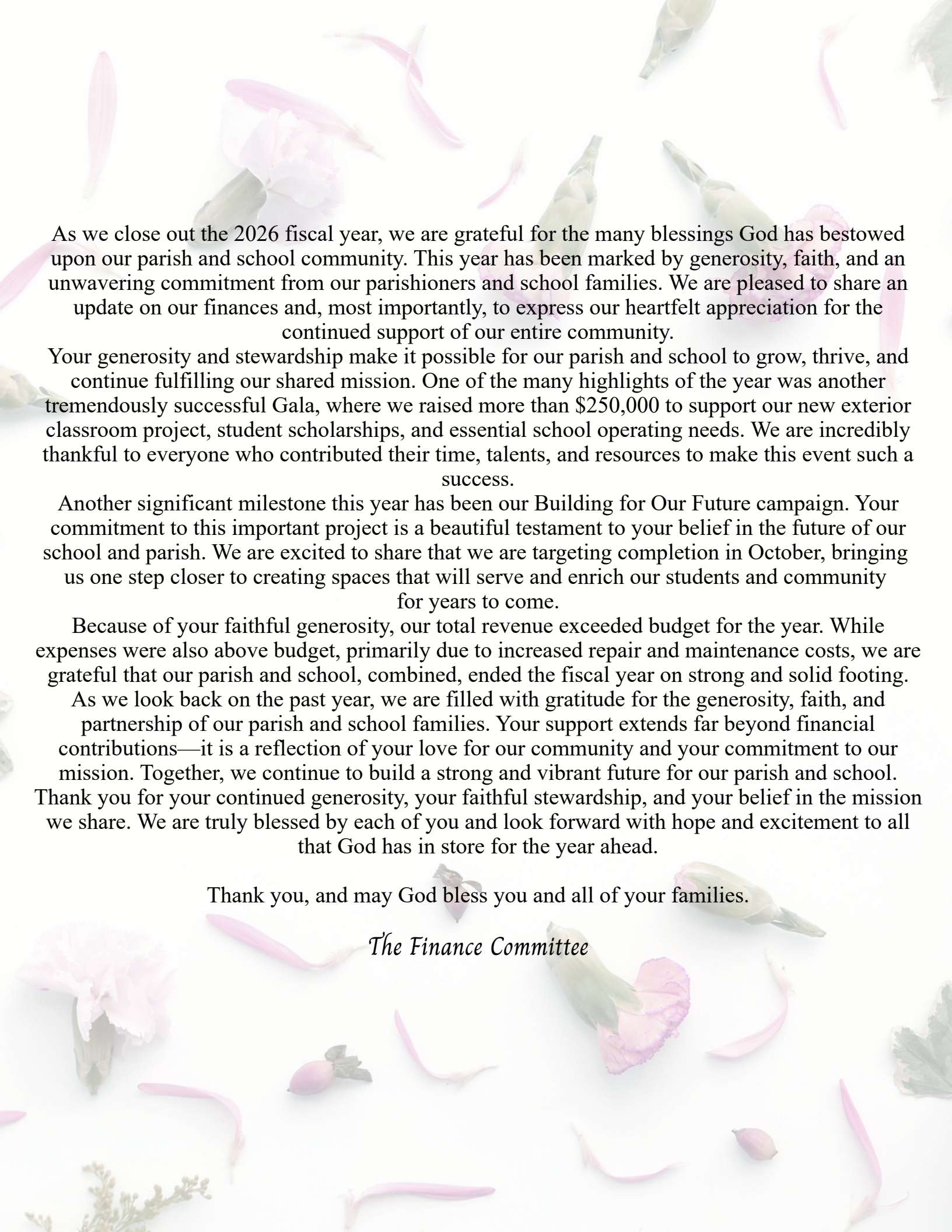
ST. BENEDICT PARISH

FY2026 Quarter 4 Financial Report

June 30, 2026



Income	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Over (Under)
Income-Church			
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
Income Totals:	\$ 809,980.86	\$ 750,450.00	\$ 59,530.86
Income –School			
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
Income Totals:	\$ 2,061,994.62	\$ 1,993,000.00	<u>\$ 68,994.62</u>
Revenue Totals:	\$ 2,871,975.48	\$ 2,743,450.00	\$ 128,525.48
Expense –Church			
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
Expense Totals:	\$ 775,450.46	\$ 736,671.92	\$ 38,778.54
Expense –School			
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)
Expense Totals:	\$ 2,040,861.20	\$ 1,965,215.00	\$ 75,646.20
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 2,816,311.66</u>	<u>\$ 2,701,886.92</u>	<u>\$ 114,424.74</u>
Net Revenue (Loss)	<u>\$ 55,663.82</u>	<u>\$ 41,563.08</u>	<u>\$ 14,100.74</u>



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

"When you hear the name Jesus, what comes to mind - gentle and kind, or triumphant and unconquerable? The Heart of the Gospel reveals both: Jesus as compassionate healer and mighty warrior who battles sin, Satan, and death itself to rescue the one he loves: YOU!"

A retreat for men with conferences focused on engaging the life-changing power of the Gospel through the Heart of Sacred Scripture, the person of Jesus Christ.

The retreat will also include confession, Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and other time for personal prayer, spiritual reading, group conversation and fraternity."



"HEART OF THE GOSPEL"

4TH ANNUAL STATE MEN'S RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 25-27

MASS

PRAYER

FRATERNITY

DYNAMIC SPEAKERS

OPEN TO ALL MEN 18 AND OVER

6:00 PM SEPTEMBER 25 - NOON SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

@ ST. THÉRÈSE'S CAMP, 7180 TWIN LAKES DR., WASILLA

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



SCAN THE QR CODE, REGISTER ONLINE AT
[ALASKAKOFCSTATE.COM/MENS-RETREAT](https://alaskakofcstate.com/mens-retreat)
OR TEXT TOM BANICKI @ (503) 475-7062

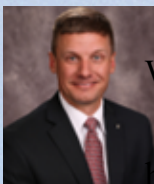


LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

LIVING FAITH, CELEBRATING FAMILY, AND ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE



What an awesome FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL! So many smiles and so much laughter among students, staff, and parents alike. We spent today welcoming our 7th graders, 8th graders, and new high school students. Their heads are spinning, for sure, due to the large amount of information, but at least they have an idea of their daily schedule and where to go, what school Mass expectations we have, and who their classmates are. Tomorrow we welcome all our students and will end the day celebrating Mass at 1pm. Remember, all parents, grandparents, and guardians are invited to attend Mass with us at St. Benedict's and then take your child home for the weekend!

During the last Lumen News, I shared with you the good news that two of our classes here at Lumen Christi were approved over the summer for dual college credit through Saint Francis University (SFU) in Pennsylvania. I'm pleased to report to you that a third class--Father Tom and Mr. Berry's Theology 12--has also been approved for dual credit. All of our seniors are required to take Theology 12, so after paying \$195 to SFU for tuition, each of our seniors will earn three college credits from SFU for the equivalent THEO 201 Introduction to Moral Theology! We anticipate submitting more of our courses to SFU this year for consideration for dual enrollment college credit and I look forward to sharing the news as those courses are approved as well.

As we look into next week, we will use our 7th period times on Mon-Thursday to meet with our students to cover some "housekeeping items." Topics will include: An all school fire drill; altar server and Extraordinary Minister training (a great way to earn Faith in Action hours); and FACTS access (students will access the FACTS system for grades, etc.). We will also have our first Big A/little a team event at which our upperclass Big A's will meet with their underclass little a's for the first time and make tie dye shirts that can be worn throughout the year. After next week, students will settle into the 7th period study hall/House routine.

Thank you again for entrusting us with the whole person development of your son or daughter! We look forward to partnering with you this year!

Blessings,

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-Kome is present at our meetings, helps in the choir, and has been out at events like Young Lives and the recent Lumen Back-to-School BBQ. He is always helpful when it comes to additional cooking duties like support of YoungLives and a brother Knight. He is very active in parish life here.

Family of the month

Patrick, Melodie & Kim Mackey family - Patrick is one of our engaged ushers at the 10:30 mass and is also a Knight of our council. Melodie is also our liturgical ministry coordinator here at St Benedict. They have been supportive of our parish and we would like to recognize the Mackey family this month!

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

Patriotic Rosary- 09/07 and 09/21 at 6:00 pm
K of C Council meeting - 09/02 at 7:00 pm
4th Degree meeting - 09/07 at 7:00 pm
Officer's meeting - 09/27 6pm

WHAT'S UP?



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
Need not be present to win



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 a series interesting videos.

Join us for coffee, pastries,
and discussion after 9AM Mass.

BIBLE STUDY



Meets the 2nd –4th or 5th.

Wednesday's of each month at 7pm

See you in the Fall!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

BLESSED AMONG WOMEN

Our next gathering will be on Tuesday
evening Sept. 8th at 7pm,
in the Rectory.



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

MEN'S MINISTRY

ESTO VIR



Our next Meeting will be on
Thursday, 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?

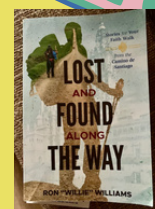


BOOK CLUB

Thursday, Sept. 3rd, 7pm,

@ Lynn Stuhr's
11340 Johns Rd

We will be discussing
the last half of...



St. Benedict Parish Lending Library -

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

BOWLING MINISTRY

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

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

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



ADORATION

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.
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.
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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



Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of
Mercy,
our life, our sweetness, and our
hope!
To you we cry,
poor banished children of Eve;
to you we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this
vale of tears.
Turn, then, most gracious
advocate,
your eyes of mercy toward us;
and after this, our exile,
show to us the blessed fruit of
your womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet
Virgin Mary!



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

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

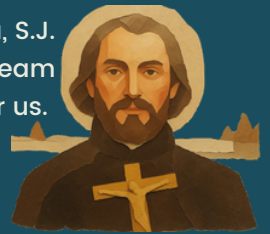


& FOR OUR YOUTH...



YOUTH CORNER

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



UPCOMING *Youth Nights*



Wednesday 7-9 pm

Martyrs

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

Aug
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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

Community

What does a Catholic Community look like? Why do we need one? We will figure out what that looks like here at St. Benedict.

Sept
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08/26 High School Night 7pm!

09/08 Jr. High Night 6pm

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

CHECK OUT OUR PAGES!



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