

# SAINT BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF ANCHORAGE-JUNEAU

22nd Sunday  
in Ordinary  
Time



August 30 2026

## Mission and Core Values

Saint Benedict Parish is a community of Catholic, Christian stewards, working to live and preach the Word of God in thought, word and deed. As a ministry of Saint Benedict Parish, Lumen Christi High School provides a rigorous Catholic education in a Christ-like environment. We are called to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to build community, and to serve our brothers and sisters. We are united in our core values of living Faith, Celebrating Family and Achieving Excellence!

### Mass Times:

Monday - Friday: 9:00am

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:30am, 12:15pm

### Adoration:

Monday - Friday: 10am - 10pm



### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 6pm - 7pm

Saturday: 3:45pm - 4:45pm OR by appointment

### Parish Office

8110 Jewel Lake Road  
Anchorage, AK 99502

(907) 243-2195

FAX: (907) 243-0088

### OFFICE HOURS:

TUESDAY - FRIDAY: 10AM - 5PM



 [www.stbenedictsak.com](http://www.stbenedictsak.com)

 <https://www.facebook.com/stbenedictsak>

 [parishsecretary@stbenedictsak.com](mailto:parishsecretary@stbenedictsak.com)

### Lumen Christi Catholic High School

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

(907) 245-9231

### OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 7:30AM - 3PM

[www.lumenchristiak.org](http://www.lumenchristiak.org)



## THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR



In this Sunday's Gospel, we encounter a stark shift in the relationship between Jesus and Simon Peter. Just after Peter correctly identifies Jesus as the Christ, Jesus begins to reveal what being the Messiah actually means: suffering, rejection, death, and resurrection. Peter, out of love and fear, pulls Jesus aside to object. The response he receives is sharp: "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Peter was looking at the situation through a purely human lens. He wanted a Messiah who would bring immediate victory and glory, without the cross. Jesus reminds Peter, and all of us, that God's plan operating through human history requires a deeper, more sacrificial kind of love. The world tells us to avoid discomfort. Christ challenges this mentality directly. He tells us that if we wish to come after Him, we must deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Him.

Taking up our cross does not mean seeking out suffering for its own sake. It means remaining faithful to God's truth and love, even when it is difficult, unpopular, or requires personal sacrifice. It means forgiving when we want to hold a grudge, choosing generosity when we want to hoard, and standing up for the vulnerable when it is inconvenient.

This week, let us pray for the grace to renew our minds. May we stop trying to negotiate the terms of our discipleship, and instead find the courage to follow Jesus wherever He leads, trusting that the path of the cross always ends in the joy of the Resurrection. *-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<br>08/31                                                                                             | TUESDAY<br>09/01                                                                                                             | Wednesday<br>09/02                                                                                                                                 | Thursday<br>09/03                                                                                     | FRIDAY<br>09/04                                                                                                                    | Saturday<br>09/05                                                                                                    | Sunday<br>09/06                                                                                                 |
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| Mass: 9am<br>Robert Wright RTH<br><br><u>Office Closed</u><br>Adoration 10am-10pm<br><br>Legion of Mary 6pm | Mass: 9am<br><br>Adoration 10am-10pm<br>Video & discussion 9:40am<br><br>Holy Hallow's Prayer 7pm<br>Hallow's After Hour 8pm | Mass: 9am<br>Al Fleener ROS<br><br>Adoration 10am-10pm<br>Confessions 6p.-7pm<br><br>Samoan Chior 6:30pm<br>HS youth night 7pm<br>KofC Meeting 7pm | Mass: 9am<br>Susan Bantigue ROS<br><br>Adoration 10am-10pm<br>Choir Practice 7pm<br><br>Book Club 7pm | Mass: 9am<br>Richard Howe Sr. ROS<br><br>Adoration 10am-10pm<br><br>Jr. Legion 10am<br><br>Kid Play 1pm<br><br>Samoan Chior 6:30pm | Vigil Mass: 5pm<br>Mason Stiglich ROS<br><br>Confessions 3:45-4:45<br><br>Samoan Chior 6:30pm<br><br>Pinochle 6:30pm | Masses:<br>8am: Jim & Jane Branham ROS<br><br>10:30am: People of the Parish SI<br><br>12:15pm: Erlinda Davo ROS |

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

### SAINT BENEDICT STAFF

**Pastor**  
Fr. Tom Lilly  
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**Deacon**  
Deacon Daniel Winters

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907-243-2195

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Steve Ring  
sring@stbenedictsak.com

**Church Housekeeper**  
Elaine Potter

### Evangelization and Catechesis

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

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

### LCHS STAFF

**Principal**  
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907-245-9231

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

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

### Readings:

Sunday 08/30  
Jeremiah 20:7-9  
Romans 12:1-2  
Matthew 16:21-27

Sunday 09/06  
Ezekiel 33:7-9  
Romans 13:8-10  
Matthew 18:15-20

### 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:

|              | WEEK 8              | YTD                  |
|--------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Offertory    |                     |                      |
| Income       | \$ 9,834.35         | \$ 89,912.24         |
| Other Income | \$ 1,220.00         | \$ 14,214.00         |
|              | <u>\$ 11,157.35</u> | <u>\$ 104,126.24</u> |

Expenses: (avg. wk. \$17,162.20)  
YTD Expenses: \$ 48,589.82

## 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 41 gifts made online
- There were 0 Families new to online giving
- There were 1 Maintenance Fund donations
- There were 1 Parish Outreach donations
- There were 0 Special Collection donations
- There were 3 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 September 22<sup>nd</sup>!

## 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

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

|                                        |           |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|
| <i>James and Gereldene Deagen</i>      | 9/3/1960  |
| <i>Gary and Robin Dayley</i>           | 9/25/1965 |
| <i>Larry and Cheryl Clement</i>        | 9/18/1971 |
| <i>Daniel and Margie Kernen</i>        | 9/16/1978 |
| <i>Bernard and Marion Simon</i>        | 9/22/1979 |
| <i>John and Donna Martin</i>           | 9/15/1984 |
| <i>Daniel and Roxanne Winters</i>      | 9/14/1985 |
| <i>Robert and Gina Leyba</i>           | 9/26/1987 |
| <i>Kurt and Kristen Martens</i>        | 9/3/1988  |
| <i>Patrick and Grace O'Brien</i>       | 9/26/1997 |
| <i>Melanie and Jim O'Rourke</i>        | 9/13/2003 |
| <i>Steven and Jennifer Boylan</i>      | 9/7/2013  |
| <i>Tyson and Marianne Price</i>        | 9/3/2017  |
| <i>Brian and Christina Del Rosario</i> | 9/4/2018  |

# 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  
 Maipelle 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**

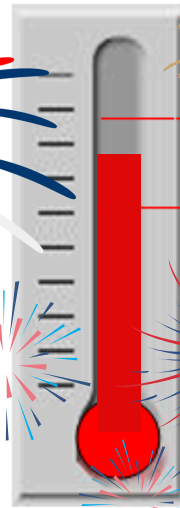
**Parish Goal**  
**\$40,487.98**

**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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Percentage

50 %  
45 %  
40 %  
35 %  
30 %  
25 %  
20 %  
15 %  
10 %  
5 %

# of Donors

116

\* Parish census: 670 households

## Contributions beyond our Archdiocesan goal help us to:



Prep and paint exterior.



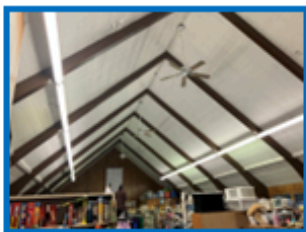
Close off old access.



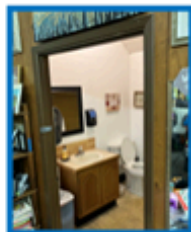
Weatherproof the foundation.



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!**



*"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



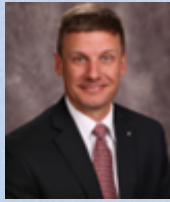
SCAN THE QR CODE, REGISTER ONLINE AT  
[ALASKAKOFCSTATE.COM/MENS-RETREAT](https://alaskakofcstate.com/mens-retreat)  
OR TEXT TOM BANICKI @ (503) 475-7062







## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE



The first full week of the school year found our students training to be altar servers and Extraordinary ministers, learning more about the Catholic Mass, tie-dying T-shirts with Big A/little a, and logging into FACTS. We deeply appreciate the grace and flexibility shown as we navigate through the IT "glitches" and nuances of this new Student Information, Tuition Management, and Financial Aid System. If you, or your student, continues to have problems with FACTS, please contact the Front Office or your student's grade or House level advisor.

Over the weekend, your School Board met in a day long retreat along with our sister school, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, to discuss, reflect, and plan for the upcoming school year. We hope you will take the time to attend the Fall Speaker Series on Thursday, Sept 24 at 7pm where Shroud of Turin expert Dr. Cheryl White will detail the history, science, and mystery of the world's most studied artifact! You won't want to miss this!

As we look into next week, all are invited to come out and support our junior high and high school soccer teams as their season continues with games on Monday and Thursday against Birchwood Christian and Anchor Lutheran, respectively. Our hard-working, fast-run cross-country team also competes at the Kincaid Invitational on Saturday the 5th.

We welcome Archbishop Bellisario on Friday, Sept 4th at 7:45am as he celebrates our annual Mass of the Holy Spirit and Blessing of the School. We will start with the Rosary, celebrate Mass, and then process down to the school to bring the Light of Christ into our hallways and bless our school and classrooms. All parents, grandparents, and families are invited to attend and participate in this time-honored Lumen Christi tradition!

Finally, please keep our Class of 2027 seniors in your prayers next Thursday and Friday as they spend time on retreat together. Our focus is on what it means to be a servant leader (one of six Attributes of a Lumen Christi graduate). We will pray together, do service projects together, and reflect on how they can be servant leaders to our school in their final year with us, and beyond after graduation!

Have a wonderful and blessed 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-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 - 10/05 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 [alaskakofestate.com](http://alaskakofestate.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](mailto:cecistanley2013@icloud.com).



## ADULT ED.

### TUESDAY MORNINGS:

We watch interesting videos, and share discussion, after the 9AM Mass.  
Join us for coffee, pastries and fellowship.

## BIBLE STUDY



Meets the 2nd -4th or 5th.  
Wednesday's of each month at 7pm  
**See you September 9th!**

## 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  
6pm on Thursday,  
**September 10th.**



We meet in the Parish Hall, for food, fellowship, and faith.

Food: Sloppy Joe's, FF's, and desserts.

Topic: Chapter of the Catholic Gentleman: The Code.  
Plus, the Pledge of the Knights Templar

Speaker: Andy Flores

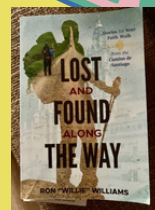
# What's our parish up to?



## BOOK CLUB

Thursday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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)





## 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](mailto:maryteafashionshow@gmail.com)

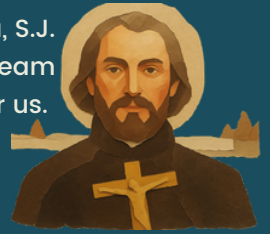
**With Us in Spirit:** Unable to attend? You can still show your support with a donation.  
\$1,000 | \$500 | \$250 | \$100 | Other: \_\_\_\_\_



& 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

### *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.

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Wednesday 7-9 pm

### *Memento Mori*

Death. It comes for all of us. How do we take that and use it in our lives? Why are there these depictions in churches around the world?

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**08/26 High School Night 7pm!**

TBD Jr. High Night 6pm

**CHECK OUT OUR PAGES!**

**ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!**



ST. BEN'S YOUTH MINISTRY



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# 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!



September is Hunger Action Month! Keep an eye on our social media for the latest stats on hunger in Alaska and the impact we are having together, or visit [cssalaska.org/HAM](http://cssalaska.org/HAM) for more details. And a massive thank you to all of our stellar volunteers and donors to St. Francis House—we could never do it without you!

### 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 St. Francis House. 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)  
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6:30 p.m.

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