

# SAINT BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF ANCHORAGE-JUNEAU

## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



September 6 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

Grades 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

(907) 245-9231

### OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 7:30AM - 3PM  
(Aug. - May)

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



### THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR



#### Building Community

This Sunday's Readings invite us into a profound reflection on what it truly means to live as a Christian community, particularly focusing on our responsibility toward one another. In the Gospel, Jesus provides a clear and compassionate roadmap for resolving conflicts within the Church, outlining steps for fraternal correction, emphasizing that our primary goal should always be reconciliation, healing, and winning our brother or sister back with genuine love. St. Paul reminds us that our only standing debt to one another is the "debt of mutual love." Amidst a nation so torn with dissension, let us pray this week for the grace to foster a parish environment where honest communication is guided by charity, remembering Jesus' beautiful promise: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

#### Super Sunday Religious Education Sign-Ups

Please register your children for Super Sunday as soon as possible! Classes begin on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Please note that the gym will be open each Sunday beginning at Noon, with whole family catechesis starting at 1:45pm and all individual classes (including high school!) at 2:25pm. Please ensure your children are registered early so we can welcome everyone smoothly. Registration forms are available at the back of the church or online through the parish website. Let's get ready for another awesome year of learning and living our Catholic Faith! -- 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>09/07                                                                                                                        | TUESDAY<br>09/08                                                                                                                            | Wednesday<br>09/09                                                                                                             | Thursday<br>09/10                                                                                    | FRIDAY<br>09/11                                                                                                          | Saturday<br>09/12                                                                                                  | Sunday<br>09/13                                                                      |
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| Mass: 9am<br>Michael Owens SI<br><br><u>Office Closed</u><br>Adoration 10am-10pm<br><br>Legion of Mary 6pm<br><br>Patriotic Rosary 6pm | Mass: 9am<br>Kay Mitchell SI<br><br><u>Office Closed</u><br>Adoration 10am-10pm<br><br>Video & discussion 9:40am<br>Blessed Among Women 7pm | Mass: 9am<br>Tuyen Pham ROS<br><br>Adoration 10am-10pm<br>Confessions 6p.-7pm<br>Samoan Chior 6:30pm<br><br>HS youth night 7pm | Mass: 9am<br>Clifford Baker ROS<br><br>Adoration 10am-10pm<br>Choir Practice 7pm<br><br>Esto Vir 6pm | Mass: 9am<br>Diane Owens SI<br><br>Adoration 10am-10pm<br>Jr. Legion 10am<br><br>Kid Play 1pm<br><br>Samoan Chior 6:30pm | Vigil Mass: 5pm<br>Anna Berry SI<br><br>Confessions 3:45-4:45<br>Samoan Chior 6:30pm<br><br>Mary's Joy Tea 11:30am | Masses:<br>8am:<br>10:30am: Erlinda Davo ROS<br><br>12:15pm: People of the Parish SI |

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  
parishsecretary@stbenedictsak.com  
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  
golena@stbenedictsak.com  
907-215-7058

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

### LCHS STAFF

**Principal**  
Brian Ross  
bross@lumenchristiak.com  
907-245-9231

**Director of Advancement**  
Anne Gore  
agore@lumenchristiak.com  
907-245-9231

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

### Readings:

|                                                                             |                                                                               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>Sunday 09/06</u><br>Ezekiel 33:7-9<br>Romans 13:8-10<br>Matthew 18:15-20 | <u>Sunday 09/13</u><br>Sirach 27:30-28:7<br>Romans 14:7-9<br>Matthew 18:21-35 |
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### 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:

|                 | <u>WEEK 9</u>       | <u>Year-to-Date</u>  |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Offertory       |                     |                      |
| Income \$       | 10,129.10           | \$ 98,973.40         |
| Other Income \$ | 650.00              | \$ 15,574.00         |
|                 | <u>\$ 10,779.10</u> | <u>\$ 114,547.40</u> |

Avg. Weekly Expenses: \$14,912.51

Year To Date Expenses: \$67,316.42

\*Avg. wk. expenses based on FY26 financials

## Parish Year-To-Date Net Income

|               |           |                  |
|---------------|-----------|------------------|
| Total Income  | \$        | 114,547.40       |
| Total Expense | \$        | 67,316.42        |
|               | <u>\$</u> | <u>47,230.98</u> |

\*Year To Date is from July 1, 2026 - September 1, 2026

## Online Donation Income:

- There were 40 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 2 Faith Formation donations

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

## 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

## Still thinking about Prison Ministry?

Two requirements by State of Alaska Dept. of Corrections:

1. Fill out application form-download at <https://www.godinprison.com>
2. Attend a Religious Volunteer Training Session

Next Training Session:

Date: September 22, 2026

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

Place: Mountain City Church  
6401 E. Northern Lights Blvd.,  
Anchorage, AK 99504

(corner of E. Northern Lights Blvd. & Baxter)

Please email RSVP to:  
[stephanie.reese@alaska.gov](mailto:stephanie.reese@alaska.gov)

Questions? Contact your fellow St. Benedict parishioners:

Phil Ayer 907-250-2711  
Greg Gallagher 907-917-9003



# CELEBRATIONS

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



# PLEASE PRAY FOR

|                                        |           |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|
| <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  |

- 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
- 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  
Jessica Randolph  
Virginia Aberle  
Elizabeth Bastiani  
Solita Balones  
Mark Blumenthal  
Deneen B. Bozeman  
Nicole Johnson

## 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**

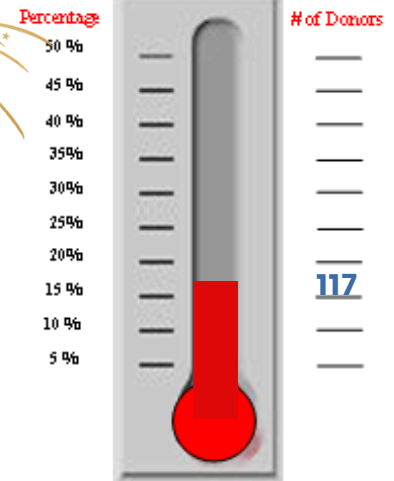
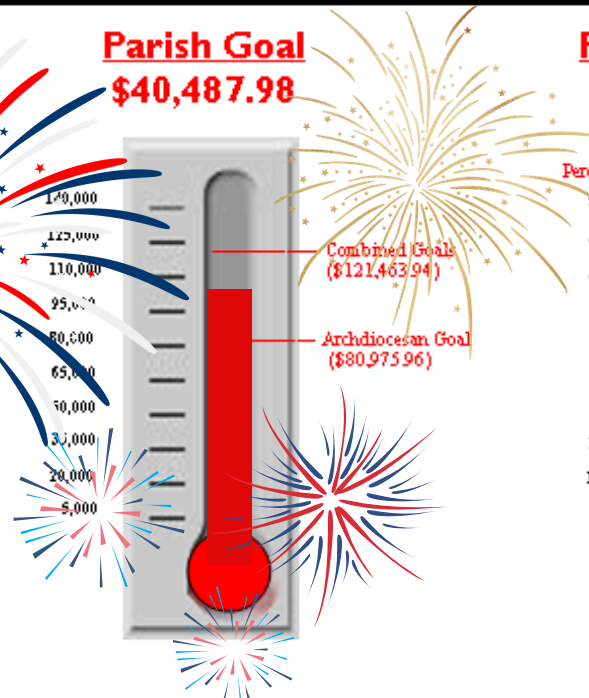
**Parish Goal**  
**\$40,487.98**

**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.



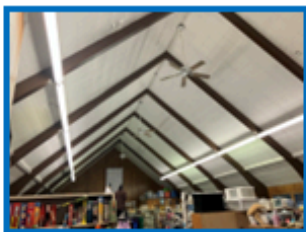
Close off old access.



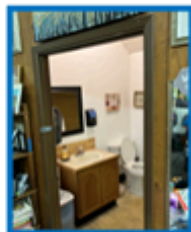
Weatherproof the foundation.



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!**



*"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



Mr. Ross is on retreat with our mighty Class of 2027, so please pray for our seniors.  
Have a blessed and safe Labor Day weekend!

*Brian*

Sept 3-4: Class of 2027 Senior Retreat  
Sept 4: Rosary/Mass of the Holy Spirit/Blessing of the School with Archbishop Bellisario, 7:45am  
Sept 7: Labor Day (No School!)  
Sept 8: College and Career Prep Meeting with Judy Friar (12th grade), 1pm  
Sept 9: School Pictures  
Sept 9: College and Career Prep Meeting with Judy Friar (11th grade), 1pm  
Sept 10-12: Tri-Valley Soccer Tournament in Healy  
Sept 17-18: All School Retreat @ Lumen Christi  
Sept 18: Grandparents Mass, 7:45 am  
Sept 19: Homecoming Dances (JH 5:30-7pm; HS 8-10)  
Sept 23: Soccer vs HRA @ Kincaid (JH 4pm, HS 6pm-SENIOR NIGHT)  
Sept 24: Fall Speaker Series, 7 pm (Shroud of Turin)  
Sept 29: Feast of the Archangels Mass, 1 pm



## 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!

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?

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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**2026**  
**Pot O' Gold**  
*Alaska Raffle*

**GRAND PRIZE:**  
**\$15,000**

Seller of Grand Prize Ticket: \$500

Council/Assembly Selling Grand Prize Ticket: \$1,000

**TEN PRIZES:**  
**\$1,000 EACH**

Top 5 Sellers of Most Tickets:

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | \$500 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | \$400 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | \$300 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | \$200 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | \$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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 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 Sept. 30th!**

## 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: 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

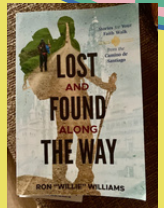
# What's our parish up to?



## 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 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)*



# 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



September  
27th



& FOR OUR YOUTH...

## 6 FACTS

ABOUT

### ST. MOTHER TERESA



She was the **foundress** of  
**Missionaries of Charity.**



A lot of **significant events**  
in her life happened in  
**September.**



She is known as the  
**"Saint of the Gutters".**



She had a **state funeral** in India,  
an honor given to a **highly im-  
portant person** in the country.



An **airport** in **Albania**  
was named after her.

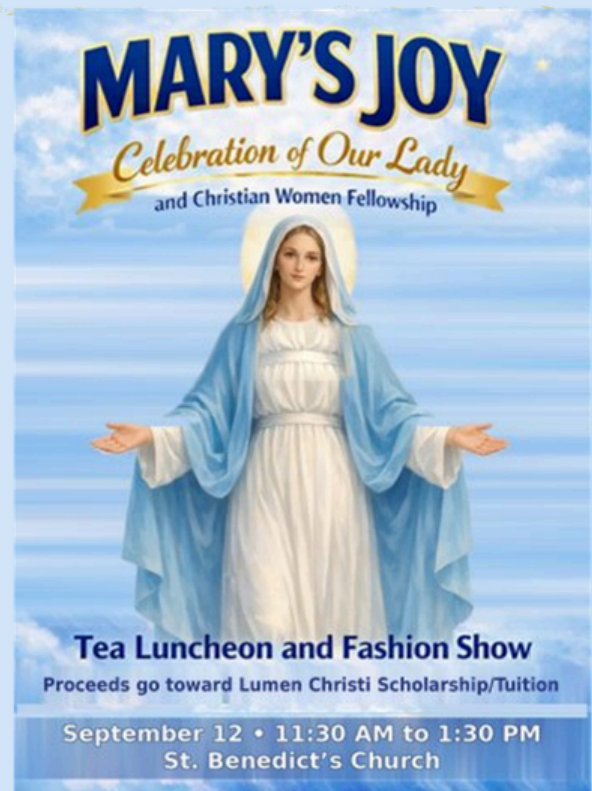


She is an **award-winning  
saint**, and one of the few  
people **privileged to speak**  
at **Vatican** and the **UN.**



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### 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?

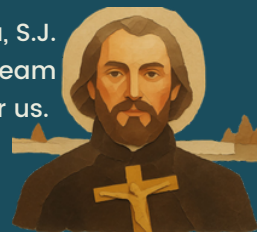
**Phone:** Mary at 907-240-1689.  
**Email:** Venus at  
[maryteafashionshow@gmail.com](mailto:maryteafashionshow@gmail.com)

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



# 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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### *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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### *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!

09/08 Jr. High Night 6pm

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

CHECK OUT OUR PAGES!



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 the St. Francis Group. Volunteers are welcome to 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
- Canned soup
- Oats
- Egg Cartons (12 pack)

### 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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# ST. PATRICK

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

THREE-NIGHT MISSION

# Faith *in the* American Story:

— ★ ★ ★ 250 YEARS ★ ★ ★ —

OF CATHOLIC WITNESS  
IN THE UNITED STATES



*with*

Cheryl H. White, Ph.D.

*Professor Emerita of History,  
Louisiana State University*

TUESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 29

6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 30

6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 1

6:30 p.m.

*Join us for three evenings of inspiring talks  
on faith, history, and the enduring legacy  
of Catholic witness in America.*