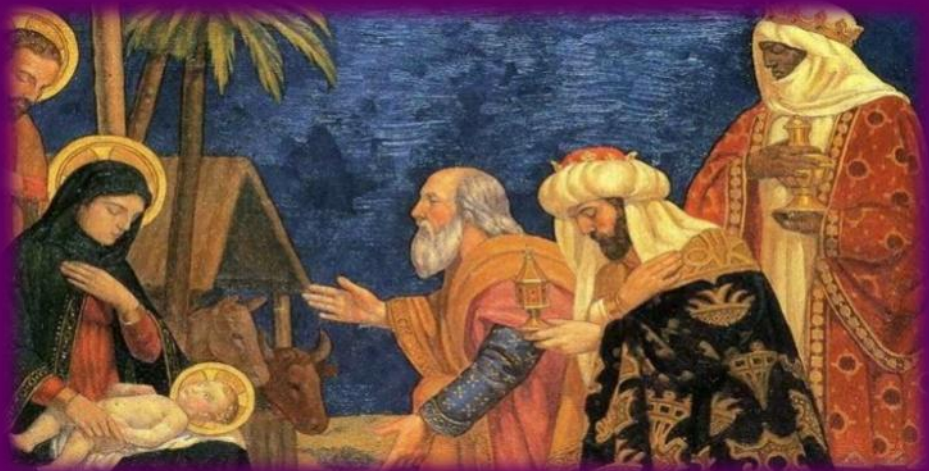


# The Epiphany of the Lord!



## Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00pm  
Sunday 8:00am,  
10:30am, 12:15pm

## Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday 9:00am

## Adoration

Monday-Friday 10am-10pm

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesdays, 6pm-7pm  
Sat. 3:45pm-4:45pm or by appointment



## Parish Office

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Anchorage, AK 99502

Phone: (907) 243-2195

Fax: (907) 243-0088

Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday  
10:00am - 5:00pm

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

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



## Lumen Christi Catholic School

Grades 7-12

8110 Jewel Lake Rd Bldg. D  
Anchorage, AK 99502

Phone: (907) 245-9231

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7:00am-3:00pm

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

## - Our Community at a Glance -

**Prayer Chain:** email Shirley Arnold at [s\\_arnoldak@outlook.com](mailto: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**

**Choir:** See **Steve Ring** after Mass or email [sring1316@outlook.com](mailto: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

**Legion of Mary:** Meets Mon. at **5:30pm**; call **Ursula @ 907-570-2163**

**January 4,  
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!**



## THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR



### May we be guided by the light of the Gospel

The three kings have arrived! The Magi were from the East, from modern day Saudi Arabia and Ethiopia. They brought valuable gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. But, more importantly, they were truly enlightened in their minds and hearts. They knew who the Infant really was. They had each heard God speaking, and responded wholeheartedly. Tragically, King Herod lived in the darkness of his mind and heart. His lust for pleasure darkened his mind. His thirst for power, control, and glory hardened his heart. St. Paul relates that God sent His Son into the world for Gentiles, as well as for the Jews. Unfortunately, the early Christian converts from Judaism believed that Jesus came only for them. St. Paul, himself, believed in this way until the Holy Spirit enlightened him. Furthermore, it was a truly wonderful revelation. No one is excluded from the salvation that Jesus brought to the world! No race, color, or nationality can keep anyone from the Light. The only thing that blocks us from that Light is our own sins – and our failure to repent. On this great solemnity of the Epiphany let us pray that we remain open to the enlightenment that God alone can give us And may we be guided by the Gospel of Jesus – who is, Himself, the Light of the World! Happy New Year! - Fr. Tom

# Welcome to Saint Benedict Parish

Monday 1/05	Tuesday 1/06	Wednesday 1/07	Thursday 1/08	Friday 1/09	Saturday 1/10	Sunday 1/11
<b>Mass</b> <b>9am: Chuck Biernard ROS</b> <i>Parish Office Closed</i> Adoration 10am - 10pm Legion of Mary 6-7pm <b>OCIA 6:30</b> <i>Patriotic Rosary 6pm</i> <i>KofC Meeting 7pm</i>	<b>Mass</b> <b>9am: Robert Tibor ROS</b> Adoration 10am-10pm Video Series The Search & Discussion 9:30am <b>Jr. High Night 6pm</b>	<b>Masses</b> <b>9am: Paul &amp; Julie Vessel SI</b> Adoration 10am-10pm Confessions 6pm Samoan Choir 6:30pm High School night 7pm <i>KofC Meeting 7pm</i>	<b>Masses</b> <b>9am: Doris Carey ROS</b> Adoration 12pm-10pm 10:30 Choir Practice 7pm <i>Catholic Book Club 7pm</i>	<b>Mass</b> <b>9am: Ann Curro SI</b> Adoration 10am-10pm Frozen Chozen 5:30am Jr. Legion 10am Kid Play 1pm Samoan Choir 6:30pm Youth Intermural Basketball 8pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b> <b>5pm: John Yarborough &amp; Jean Burton SI</b> Confessions 3:45-4:45 <i>1st Reconciliation Retreat 11am</i>	<b>Masses</b> <b>8:00am: Kathy Lovell ROS</b> <b>10:30am: Joan Larrivee ROS</b> <b>12:15pm: People of the Parish SI</b> <b>Pancake Breakfast 8:30am</b> <b>Super Sunday Today!</b> Check out our page at: <a href="https://www.stbenedictsak.com/65">https://www.stbenedictsak.com/65</a> FB: St. Ben's Youth Ministry Insta: @stbensyouthanc

**Mass Intentions:** SI= Special Intentions

RTH= Return to Health

ROS= Repose of Soul

## Saint Benedict Staff

### **Pastor**

Fr. Tom Lilly  
[tlilly@stbenedictsak.com](mailto:tlilly@stbenedictsak.com)  
 907-243-2195

### **Deacon**

Deacon Daniel Winters

### **Pastoral Assistant/ Business Manager**

Marcy Adkins  
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 907-243-2195

### **Administrative Assistant**

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 907-243-2195

### **Director of Music**

Steve Ring  
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### **Church Housekeeper**

Elaine Potter

## Evangelization and Catechesis

### **Youth and Young Adult Minister**

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### **Super Sunday Faith Formation**

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## Lumen Christi School

### **Principal**

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### **Director of Advancement**

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### **Administrative Assistant**

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 907-245-9231

## Sacramental Information

### **Parish Office 243-2195**

- OCIA:** contact Marcy Adkins 273-1554
- 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.

Thank to all those who come and put together meals for **Hope Soup Kitchen!**

Next date is Saturday **February 7th!**

Call Andy Flores @ 907-887-4917

Thank you to all who provide meals for **Clare House**

Next dinner date is **January 27th!**

## The Traveling Madonna

The new traveling Mary sign up for January thru December 2024 is now posted.  
 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**

## ⇒ Readings:

### Sunday 01/04

Isaiah 60:1-6  
 Ephesians 3:2, 3, 5, 6  
 Matthew 2:1-12

### Sunday 01/11

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6, 7  
 Acts 10:34-38  
 Matthew 3:13-17

## ⇒ Celebrations:

# January Anniversaries



Andrew and Virginia Hepola	01/26/74
Boj and Elsie Maliwat	01/04/86
Patrick and Noel Daniglon	01/12/93
Wilfred and Pamela Garcia	01/03/98
Daniel and Karen Chasse	01/03/01
John and Mary Marakkamvetttil	01/27/07
Ryan and Rizalyn Juceo	01/25/08
Edgar and Katrina Monteil	01/27/09
Daniel and Colleen Moran	01/02/16
Blija and Excel Panadero	01/23/20
Jake and Shea Miles	01/22/22

“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

May your marriage always bring glory to God, joy to one another and blessings to your family for many generations to come.  
May love and laughter fill your hearts and your home for all at the days of your lives.  
May you face every challenge hand-in-hand and side-by-side knowing that with God's grace, you'll conquer all obstacles together. May the world be forever a better place because the two of you fell in love. In Jesus' name, Amen

## ⇒ Parish Financial Update:

### ⇒ Stewardship of Treasure:

	Week 25	YTD
Offertory Income	\$ 17,713.35	\$ 323,708.32
Other Income	\$ 209.00	\$ 54,017.56
	\$ 18,003.35	\$ 377,725.88

Expenses: (avg. wk. \$17,162.20)  
YTD Expenses: **\$ 362,500.48**

#### Combined Parish and School

**Total Income \$1,181,377.81**  
**Total Expense \$1,199,214.34**  
**- \$ 17,836.53**

Our new fiscal year began 1 July

#### \*Online Donation Income:

- \* There were 45 gifts made online
- \* There were 0 Families new to online giving
- \* There were 0 Maintenance Fund donations
- \* There were 1 Parish Outreach donations
- \* There were 0 Special Collection donations
- \* There were 0 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.

#### Please Pray for:

Diane Peterson  
Christina Del Rosario  
Ann Curro  
Bea Freeman  
Waetjen Family  
Alicia Warren  
Fr. Tim Saur  
Rosemary Dunn  
Connie Budahl  
Danny Lee  
Franklin Ellenson

Terry Tutor  
Marty Goblowski  
Jim Seeley  
Sam Waetjen  
Chloe Hernandez  
Damon Carey  
Gerry Rapp  
Alicia Datuin  
Mike & Bettye Smith  
Pat Scott  
Julie Allard  
Bernie & Marian Simon

Kim Randolph  
Lagi Fi-Zwetsk  
Will Davenport  
Nicole Johnson  
Crescencia Molina  
Jessica Randolph  
Geneva Colon  
Michele Waetjen  
Vannessa Mors  
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  
John Branham  
Jeff Harris Family

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

Al Honeywell  
Wally Johnston

(To add or remove please call 243-2195).





# Lumen Christi School

Living Faith, Celebrating Family, and Achieving Excellence



## ⇒ Principal's Update:

Thank you to all who joined me for our quarterly Principal-Parent Forum last Thursday night. You should have received the slide deck chock full of information for the remainder of this semester as well as a close look into our spring activities. We've updated the Important Upcoming Events above, so that you can populate your own home and family calendars.

This has been a festive spirit week as we walk through Advent with the Jesse Tree celebration each morning and look forward to Christmas and the birth of Christ! Our students are entering the last few days and hours of the semester, so no doubt stress levels are higher than normal. Our Big A/little a program spent lunch on Tuesday together talking about ways to overcome and manage stress with the upperclass sharing their experiences with the underclass. Classmates have been exchanging Secret Santa gifts and Houses have had house Christmas parties/potlucks to share in the Christmas cheer. Our Senior class are giving their end of semester presentations on all sorts of topics related to Catholic moral decision-making and bioethical issues. Evenings are busy with end of season awards dinners and high school basketball practices. This is always a fun time to be around the school—hustle and bustle, to and fro, with much joy and celebration despite the challenging workloads. On Saturday, we will host our Winter Formal dances, so please pray for our students as they take a few hours out of the busy season to dance the night away! Please see the sign ups below to volunteer to chaperone the dances and/OR to help with takedown afterward—**WE NEED YOUR HELP OR ELSE WE CANNOT HOLD THE DANCE!!!!**

Have a blessed and wonderful weekend!

*Blessings... Brian*

## Archangel Attic

The holiday season is passing us up!  
Each week, we are given more and more items to share with you.

Everything is 1/2 OFF!!!

Thank you for shopping with us.

## KNIGHTS TABLE

### *Congratulations: December*

Knight of the month

Mike Moore

Family of the Month

José García Family



Patriotic Rosary— 01/05 and 01/19 at 6:00 pm

K of C Council meeting - 01/07 at 7:00 pm

4th Degree meeting – 01/05 at 7:00 pm

Officer's meeting - 01/22 6pm

**The Knight of the Month** We chose Mike (and his frozen ponytail) is well known in our community - for not only being one of the first to take the plunge (SPAK Polar Plunge -12 thus far!) He continues to be one of those standing tall for his beliefs and demonstrating his faith. Mike can be found making sure things go well at the early mass and keeping pancakes appearing on plates. He'll even spin a few smiles with a top or two.

**Family of the Month** We chose Jose Garcia family. For the ongoing work done for the parish facilities making the exterior look as good as it does. Many in-kind donations for the exterior project these past couple years and a lot of support for our parish. .

## WHAT IS GOING ON?

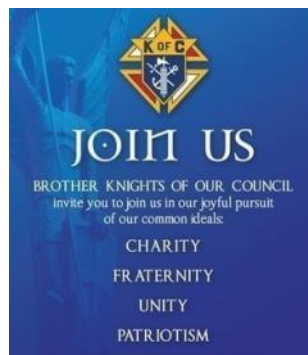
### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THANKSGIVING GLOVE DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all the generous people that made a donation during our 22nd annual Thanksgiving Glove Drive. It was a great drive!!

With your help we were able to collect 61 pair of gloves, 6 scarves, 55 pair of socks, 68 hats and 13 other useful items.

The people that will receive them will be very thankful.  
“When I was naked, you clothed Me”

### Thank You.



As we continue to celebrate Blessed Michael J. McGivney's Beatification, please enter the Promo Code **BLESSEDMCGIVNEY** to join online for free. Ask A Knight for more information or follow the QR code to join online - Please Enter St Benedict's Council #12290.



## 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 **Saturday, January 10, 2026**, beginning **with Mass at 9:00 am** in the chapel at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mass will be celebrated by our chaplain, Fr. Robert Whitney. It will be a memorial Mass for our deceased members followed by brunch in the Lunney Center. Please join us. For more information contact [cecistanley2013@icloud.com](mailto:cecistanley2013@icloud.com)

# News around the Archdiocese of Anchorage!



No matter how many years ago...  
Abortion still hurts. Project Rachel.  
Confidential. Healing.  
Call 907-297-7781  
[projectrachelalaska@gmail.com](mailto:projectrachelalaska@gmail.com)

## WOMEN'S RETREAT

**Ladies – YOU are invited!**

Come join us, the Ladies of St. Andrew Parish (in Eagle River) on January 10, from 10 AM to 1 PM.

We'll gather for a Continental Breakfast, then listen, pray, and share, under the leadership of Elizabeth Loeffler.

**Title:** Voyage to Second Childhood

**Topic:** What we need to change to become a child eager to discover and follow Christ's path for us.

We'd love to have YOU join us! Please call M. Lee at 907-694-4443 or D. Galle at 907-764-7661 for more details & to let us know you're coming!

⇒ **Our Community**



We are all

Called to *Serve*

## In-kind Needs for CSS Programs

### Extra Holiday Gift Drop-off Week at 4600

Debarr is Dec. 15-18 from 9 am to 5:30 pm.

If you missed adopting a family and would like to help, we are in need of the following items, wrapped or unwrapped (if wrapped, please label it with what item it is and what size it is, if applicable):

- Ice cleats
- Thermal underclothing
- Warm gloves
- Hats
- Warm socks
- Winter jackets
- Blankets

### Complex Care Holiday Giving

To help spread a little holiday cheer the staff at Complex Care would like to give the opportunity to clients to select items from a wish list that would be delivered on Christmas Day.

Clients would select one item from the following wish list:

- Sweatshirt
- Sweatpants
- Thermal Mug with lid
- Bus Pass (\$26)
- Slippers

Clients may then select 3 of the following items:

- Ice grippers
- Cane Ice gripper
- Gloves
- Hats
- Socks
- Movie ticket gift card
- Nail clippers and Nail file
- Reading glasses
- Nail polish



### Listening post training 1-4 pm January 31 st .

#### THE POWER OF LISTENING

Can you recall a time when you were truly listened to and not given advice? How did it feel? Having someone just listen to us is healing and clarifying. It is an honor to listen and bear witness to another's story.

The Listening Post is offering a volunteer training on Saturday—January 31, 2026 from 1-4pm.

We listen at several locations in Anchorage. We invite you to visit our website to learn more about us:

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

Collecting Sewing Supplies: cotton thread, fabric, scissors, cutting mats, needles, working sewing machines-- The FIG program has begun a biweekly wellness group with women to come together and sew together during the winter months.

Donations can be dropped at the Welcome Center 4135 San Roberto Ave. between 9am - 4pm.

If you have any questions email [kgordon@cssalaska.org](mailto:kgordon@cssalaska.org) or call (907) 223-6962.

**Winter Gear Needs** -- All our shelters have an ongoing need for winter gloves, hats, hand and foot warmers, winter jackets, socks, and boots. We can never have too many. They can be dropped off at specific shelters, or at Saint Francis House Food Pantry (at times they reach capacity and cannot accept donations temporarily). SFH drop-offs are from donations can be dropped off at 3710 E. 20 th Ave. 1-4 pm Monday through Thursday and 9-4 Friday.

**Pet Food Drive** Many families rely on the comfort and companionship of their pets, and lately our St. Francis House Food Pantry has had a growing need for dog and cat food. If you feel called to give, we welcome donations of unopened or gently used bags of pet food.

Your generosity helps families keep their beloved pets fed, supported, and close — a small act of compassion that brings great joy. Drop off donations at Saint Francis House Food Pantry at 3710 E. 20 th Ave. 1-4 pm Monday through Thursday and 9-4 Friday.

Many **refugee clients** do not have snowpants and have articulated that they would like some. Seeking snowpants and snow boots drive in time for an event which will be the evening of the 24th.

Drop off 9 am to 3 pm at 4135 San Roberto Ave. at the Welcome Center.

**Donations for the 3rd Avenue Resource & Navigation Center** are accepted Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM at the 3RNC, 1131 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.

When dropping off items, please ask for Brian Andrews to ensure your donation is properly received.

- Hats
- Belts
- Gloves
- Hot Hands





## Bible Study

Meets the **2nd –4th or 5th.**  
**Wednesday's** of each month at 7pm

Our next Bible Study will be on  
Wednesday Dec. 17th.

We meet in the school library at 7 PM.

## Book Club

**January 8th @ 7:00PM**  
in the Rectory.

Our next book will be a novel, "Death Comes for the Archbishop" by Willa Cather, which we will discuss in January.

Contact Lynn Stuhr @ [lstuhr18@gmail.com](mailto:lstuhr18@gmail.com) or 907-830-1627.

## Women's ministry

### Blessed Among Women

Our next gathering will be on Thursday evening  
at 6pm, **January 20th** in the Parish Hall.

**See you then!**



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

Our next Meeting will be on  
**Thursday, TBA**

We meet in the Upper Room at the  
school for food, fellowship, and faith.

**Food: ?**  
**Topic: ???**  
**Speaker: ?**



## Parish pilgrimage

News on the next Parish  
Pilgrimage in the South East USA.

Stay tuned.

Check the shelf in the back of Church

## The 13th Day of Christmas

Which verse is your favorite of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" song? Just like Christmas, this song appeals to all ages—the excitement, anticipation, hilarity, the goodwill—and makes it fun to sing. Where do we focus? It is just too much! In the Catholic faith, the twelve days of Christmas begin on December 26 and end on Epiphany.

During the weeks of merriment and hustle and bustle, the true meaning of Christmas is often lost. We try to remember God's Son was born in a manger and wrapped in swaddling clothes; then at a gift exchange, this message becomes tangled in the ripped wrapping paper. We begin to think about angels glorifying His birth until the heavenly smell our favorite cookies overtake our thoughts. We concentrate on the words to "Away in a Manger" until we sing, "Lay down His sweet head," and then "visions of sugar plums danced in their heads" takes over. The traps are everywhere as we try so hard to think of Jesus. That is where the 13 th Day of Christmas comes in.

As Catholics, how do we spend our time from Christmas Day to Epiphany? Do we live the authentic 12 days of Christmas enjoying feasts AFTER Christmas; leaving our decorations up until January 6 commemorating the revealing of Jesus, the Christ to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi (Matt 2:1-2)? Or are we caught up in the commercialization of this holiday; returning gifts not fitting us whether clothing or items and undecorate Christmas, putting it back in the box, or the basement, or even the curb on December 26? What day, this holiday season, becomes THE day we become different?

Do we wake up a different person as God hopes for us? Do we worship the infant for a day, but not the man and His teachings all year long? Do we put Him away with the decorations? Do we capture the flitting moments of the season when we do concentrate of His great love for us and transform our lives? Do we try to be more like Him?

God sent His Son to be born in a manger, to live, to teach, to die, and to be resurrected, for us. May God's immense love for us transform our hurts, our losses, and our woundedness into OUR love for those who have hurt, mocked, and belittled us. Love does not come to us as easily as revenge, meanness, and vengeance. With God as our Captain, we can conquer. Let us live each day with God at its center. (Adapted from The 13 th Day of Christmas by Jason F. Wright)

### Challenge:

Meditate on your love and devotion to our Lord.

### Quote:

"My prayer for you is that when Christ comes to you in Christmas, He may find in you a warm home, warm love like that of a heartful of love, like that of a simple shepherd who was the first one chosen to see Christ."

~St. Teresa of Calcutta

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## OCIA

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### Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

What is Catholicism? Are you curious?  
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?'  
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 at the office 243-2195**

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## Adult Ed

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### TUESDAY MORNINGS

We are watching season 5 of The Chosen.  
Join us for coffee, pastries, an episode,  
and discussion after Mass.

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Ascension Presents has awesome material and  
shorter videos on various Catholic Topics  
through YouTube and Facebook!

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## Evangelization Ministry

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### **Don't miss our next Epic Evangelization event!**

Have ever wanted better formation in how to evangelize in an  
ever-changing world?  
Have you met someone from another Mass time and wondered how  
you did not know them?  
Have you ever found out about an event after it occurred and  
wondered why you did not know about it?  
If you answered yes to any of the above, then I think you will be  
excited to know about our next event.

***All ministry leaders, catechists, staff, and parishioners are  
invited! Please forward to anyone you think might be  
interested. TBA***

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### Men Needed!!

Men wanted for Prison Ministry in Anchorage to visit the im-  
prisoned and bring them the Dismas Ministry Catholic Bible  
Study at the Anchorage Correctional Complex. Wed. eve-  
nings, 7pm, at Cook Inlet Pre Trial, and/or 12pm on Fri. at An-  
chorage Jail. About 1.5 hours per visit on a routine basis. No  
experience needed, just the desire to help these men come to  
Christ. An application and an evening Dept. of Corrections  
Chaplain's Office training would be required. Interested? Con-  
tact Herman Ellemberger at: [hre814@gmail.com](mailto:hre814@gmail.com)

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## Adoration

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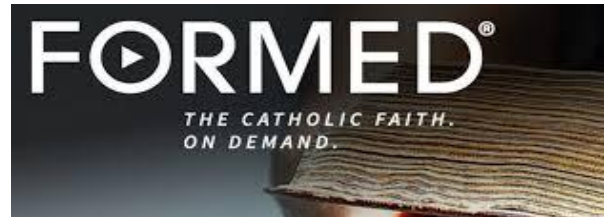
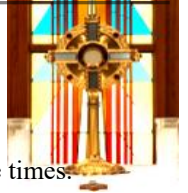
### Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration is offered:  
Monday—Friday 10:00AM-10:00PM

You are welcome to come in to pray during these times.

~ Call the office to get the code to the adoration door.  
*Call the office to sign up\**

*"Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Mt. 6:21; 26:40)*



Visit [Formed.org](http://Formed.org) for great material on  
sacraments, Devotions, saint movies and more!

- 1) go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org).
- 2) click Sign Up
- 3) click I belong to a parish/organization
- 4) type in St. Benedict and look for our address  
(8110 Jewel Lake Rd. Anchorage, AK) and then  
enter your name and email!



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### **Pre-K thru Jr. High**

12:00-1:30 Family free time in the gym & lunch!!  
1:30-2:00 Super Sunday presentation for families  
2:00-3:00 Class time for students and adults

**All families who attend the family formation time  
are eligible for great door prizes!!  
New games, new prizes!!!  
Same great family faith formation!!!**

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### **High School grades 9-11**

**We meet in the room above the  
gym from 4:00-5:45 PM.**



Lower 48

# Pilgrimage

## 2026

JAN. 30-  
Feb. 6

Join Bob and Fr. Robert Whitney on a pilgrimage through the earliest sites of the Catholic Church in the Americas. And lots more...



## DETAILS...

### Highlights of Itinerary:

- Jan. 30- Anchorage to Orlando
- Jan. 31- Tallahassee- Venerable Florida Martyrs and missions
- Feb. 1- Birmingham- Cathedral and EWTN
- Feb. 2- Retreat day at Blessed Sacrament Shrine
- Feb. 3- Atlanta- Shrine and Cistercian monastery
- Feb. 4- Savannah- Cathedral and Flannery O'Connor Museum
- Feb. 5- St Augustine- Oldest Mass, Cathedral, and La Leche Shrine
- Feb. 6- Back to Orlando for flight Home or ???



**Total Cost:**  
**Triple: 1436**  
**Double: 1576**  
**Single: 1996**

Includes:  
Airfare  
Lodging  
Transportation  
2 meals a day

REGISTER BY  
NOV. 15 TO  
LOCK IN PRICE.

Contact Bob McMorrow for more information

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rmmorrow@stbenedictssak.com





# # Upcoming Events

01/07 High School Night 7pm!  
01/06 Jr. High Night 6pm



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



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# Pray for us!

## #Youth Corner

**1/07 Youth Night**

**7-9pm**

**1/06 Jr. High Night!!**

**We Need Adult Volunteers!! 6-8pm**



Check out our page at:

<https://www.stbenedictsak.com/65>

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