

Second Sunday Of Lent



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



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**Lumen Christi
Catholic School**

Grades 7-12

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- 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**

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**

**March 1,
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



Remaining faithful in a culture of unbelief

Jesus took Peter, James, and John up the Mountain of Transfiguration, where He was revealed as the beloved Son of God. The disciples were overwhelmed! Real fear and awe forced them to the ground. But Jesus touched them and restored their composure He then asked them to be silent. Why? They probably didn't understand His mission. Nothing would fall into place until after He had risen from the dead. The disciples would have to remain patient with the gradual unfolding of God's plan. That plan included Jesus, but it also included them. They would have to learn faith and trust, as they would suffer greatly. Saint Paul notes the work of Jesus was effective beyond any single moment in human history. It reaches back to our first parents. It includes us in the present moment. It extends to everyone in a future that is yet to come. Our world does not value patience. We want things now! We might even be tempted to give up on prayer or on God Himself. Remaining faithful to our Catholic beliefs in a culture of unbelief is truly bearing the hardships of the Gospel. There will be real suffering throughout our life here. But Jesus has guaranteed us eternal, divine life with Him. -- *Fr. Tom*

Welcome to Saint Benedict Parish

Monday 3/02	Tuesday 3/03	Wednesday 3/04	Thursday 3/05	Friday 3/06	Saturday 3/07	Sunday 3/08
Mass 9am: Monica Owens SI <i>Parish Office Closed</i> Adoration 10am - 10pm Legion of Mary 6-7pm OCIA 6:30 Patriotic Rosary 6pm 4th Degree Meeting 7pm	Mass 9am: Dan Fleener ROS Adoration 10am-10pm Video Series The Search & Discussion 9:30am Jr. High Night 6pm	Masses 9am: Daniel Kmet ROS Adoration 10am-10pm Confessions 6pm Samoan Choir 6:30pm High School night 7pm KofC Meeting 7pm	Masses 9am: Ida Vessel SI Adoration 12pm-10pm 10:30 Choir Practice 7pm Catholic Book Club 7pm	Mass 9am: Norberto Polintan ROS Adoration 10am-10pm Jr. Legion 10am Kid Play 1pm Samoan Choir 7:45pm 5:30pm Children's Stations 6pm Soup Supper 7pm Stations of the Cross	Vigil Mass 5pm: Jim & Jane Branham ROS Confessions 3:45-4:45 Samoan Choir 6:30pm Pinochle 6:30pm	Masses 8:00am: People of the Parish SI 10:30am: 12:15pm: Lucia Soriano ROS NO Super Sunday Today! Spring Break Check out our page at: https://www.stbenedictsak.com/68 FB: St. Ben's Youth Ministry Insta: @stbensyouthanc

Mass Intentions:

SI= Special Intentions

RTH= Return to Health

ROS= Repose of Soul

Saint Benedict Staff

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Sacramental Information

Parish Office 243-2195

- 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.

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

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

Call Andy Flores @ 907-887-4917

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

Next dinner date is **March 24th!**

⇒ Readings:

Sunday 03/01

Genesis 12:1-4
 2Timothy 1:8-10
 Matthew 17:1-9

Sunday 03/08

Exodus 17:3-7
 Romans 5:1, 2, 5-8
 John 4:5-42

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

⇒ Celebrations:



**March
Anniversaries**

- Gary and DeLana Krztechik 03/28/18
- Gary and Roxanne Buey 03/28/92
- John and Loretta Tibor 03/20/76
- Paul and Morgan Marinucci 03/30/19
- Petelo and Francis Afia 03/03/24
- PJ and China Larson 03/04/17
- Robert and Susan Oravce 03/12/69
- Rolando and Maria Repuga 03/22/97
- Ron and Kristen Beard 03/28/92
- Terry and JudyAnn Tutor 03/04/88
- Tom and Susan Corkran 03/30/85

“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:

	<u>Week 33</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Offertory Income	\$ 9,038.55	\$ 419,719.28
Other Income	\$ 418.00	\$ 117,273.16
	\$ 9,456.55	\$ 536,992.44

Expenses: (avg. wk. \$17,162.20)
YTD Expenses: **\$ 518,370.60**

Combined Parish and School

Total Income \$1,646,456.09
Total Expense \$1,524,411.07
\$ 122,045.02

Our new fiscal year began 1 July

***Online Donation Income:**

- * There were 39 gifts made online
- * There were 0 Families new to online giving
- * There were 0 Maintenance Fund donations
- * There were 3 Parish Outreach donations
- * There were 2 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 (RIP)
Shirley Arnold
Bea Freeman
Waetjen Family
Alicia Warren
Fr. Tim Saur
Rosemary Dunn
Connie Budahl
Danny Lee

Franklin Ellenson
Son Pham
Hien Pham
Terry Tutor
Marty Goblowski
Jim and Sally Seeley
Fr. Rob Evenson
Sam Waetjen
Chloe Hernandez
Damon Carey
Gerry Rapp
Alicia Datuin

Mike & Bettye Smith
Pat Scott
Julie Allard
Bernie & Marian Simon
Kim Randolph
Will Davenport
Nicole Johnson
Jessica Randolph
Geneva Colon
Michele Waetjen
Denise Trefry
Richard Campbell

James Mitchell & sons
Fontaine Wilhelm
Theresa Dolan
Ofelia Domingo
Maipela Burns
Mike Keenan
Kevin Pfeiffer
Steve Taylor
Lara Krill
Joseph Mitchell
Dan Rollins
Ted & Agnes Mayac

Doris Clausen
Ellison Williamson
Jackie & Greg Kern
Paul Larson
Mary Dubois
Glen Allen
Virginia Aberle
Elizabeth Bastiani
Solita Balones
Mark Blumenthal
Deneen B. Bozeman

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



Lumen Christi School

Living Faith, Celebrating Family, and Achieving Excellence



⇒ Principal's Update:

It was great to see so many parents at conferences last week! We appreciate the opportunity to sit down with you to discuss your child's performance to date and to address any concerns or questions you might have. I know that some school districts have done away with parent-teacher conferences, but I think they are a key aspect of our partnership between school and home.

Our basketball teams are ramping up for their final games of the season. The teams travel to Ninilchik today and Glenallen over the weekend, so please pray for their safe travel and, of course, victory! Congratulations to our 8th grade junior high volleyball team who earned first place honors in the middle school championship tournament last Friday. Our 7th grade team played hard and finished third! Well done Archangels!

Did you know that Lumen Christi has a debate team? YES, we do! Our students meet three times a week after school and compete in tournaments with Anchorage School District and State of Alaska public and private school. This weekend, junior Mia S. and freshmen Annie B. and Wally W. will compete against hundreds of other high school students in the 2026 ASAA/First National Bank Alaska DDF State Championships at East High School. Each of them have worked very hard in their chosen event(s) and this weekend is the culmination of all of that! Let's pray for our debate competitors and wish them the very best of luck!

Finally, did you know that each of our six Houses celebrates a Feast Week to recognize and honor their chosen Saint? YES, we do! This week we celebrated Saint John Bosco, an Italian priest who worked to better the lives of and provide an education to street children and disadvantaged youth. During the Feast Week, students from that House are allowed to wear Spirit or Casual Wear or House colors (in this case purple). The House often has a potluck party during lunch or 7th period, gets head of the line privileges for hot lunch, hosts our weekly school Mass, and sponsors a spirited competition between the other Houses. This week, the House of Saint John Bosco lived out the Corporal Work of Mercy of "feeding the hungry" by making birthday boxes that will be delivered to the Food Bank of Alaska AND they hosted a cookie decorating contest between the Houses (won by the House of Saint Paul the Apostle)! Many thanks to parents and families who send in food and other goodies so that our Houses can build camaraderie and a sense of family among the members of the House! Our active and vibrant House system is a key component of our emphasis on Faith, Family, and Excellence and connects students of all grade levels each and every day!

I hope you have a blessed and safe (and warm) 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.

Thank you for shopping with us.

KNIGHTS TABLE

Congratulations: February

Knight of the month: **Mark Roy**
Family of the Month: **Patrick Danielson Family**



Patriotic Rosary– 03/02 and 03/16 at 6:00 pm
K of C Council meeting - 03/04 at 7:00 pm
4th Degree meeting – 03/02 at 7:00 pm
Officer's meeting - 03/26 6pm

The Knight of the Month We chose **Mark Roy** - Mark has re-joined the Knights of Columbus here at St Benedicts after not being very active. Since then he has jumped right in and has been helping out at events like Young Lives dinners - preparing the Christmas Children's mass lights as well as just lending a helping hand

Family of the Month We chose the **Patrick Danielson Family** - Patrick and Noel have been very vibrant members of our parish family and also the Samoan community - From singing in our church choir and helping in a number of our programs from parish socials to Young Lives dinners as well as prayerful in the rosary. We are glad to count this strong family in our parish.

WHAT IS GOING ON?



40 DAYS OF LENT

40 DAYS FOR LIFE!

prayer • fasting • public vigil
February 18 – March 29

St. Benedict will pray on Tuesdays.
Please sign up in the back of Church!!



40 Cans in 40 days!



Mother Teresa once said, "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."

Many of our neighbors are experiencing hunger and food insecurity – **1 in 6** Alaskans and **1 in 4** Alaskan children.

During this Lenten Season we only ask for a donation of **40 cans** to help Catholic Social Services help our neighbors!

Please bring them to the table in the Parish Hall!



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, March 9th, 2026**, beginning **6:30pm** in the Church at **St. Benedict's** for Station of the Cross. Please join us. For more information contact cecistanley2013@icloud.com.



ARCHDIOCESE OF ANCHORAGE-JUNEAU
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

First Sunday of Lent
February 22, 2026

Invitation to Pray for Vocations during Lent

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we begin this Lenten season, I invite you to join me in praying for vocations. We need more priests to serve our 50 parishes, missions, and ministries. While this challenge remains our reality, the positive news is that we have good priests serving us.

As we pray for vocations this Lenten season, let us take a moment to reflect on the great gifts our Lord has given us with our priests, deacons, and sisters.

Last May, I ordained Father Ed Burke to the priesthood from Our Lady of the Angels Parish in Kenai. We have 2 seminarians at Mount Angel Seminary in Oregon. Our seminarians, Daniel Kemper and Samuel Snively, are from Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Anchorage and Sacred Heart Parish in Wasilla, respectively. There are 7 permanent deacon candidates halfway through their five-year education and formation program.

We have 13 archdiocesan priests ministering full-time; 5 are of retirement age but remain in full-time ministry by their choice. There are 8 priests from the Dominican, Vincentian, and Oblates of Mary Immaculate provinces in the USA serving in the archdiocese. And God has gifted us with 12 international priests from dioceses and religious communities in Korea, India, and the Philippines, representing one-third of our full-time priests.

In total, there are 37 priests in full-time ministry, including 1 chaplain serving in the U.S. Air Force, and 9 retired priests, some ministering part-time, residing in and outside of Alaska. There are 29 deacons, of whom 5 are retired; 21 sisters from 5 religious communities; 2 seminarians; and 7 permanent deacon candidates.

The archdiocese is redoubling its efforts to recruit vocation candidates. More information is forthcoming on how we will do that. As we begin this Lenten season, I invite all of us to pray, fast, give alms, and make sacrifices, praying for vocations.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Andrew E. Bellisario, C.M.
Archbishop of Anchorage-Juneau



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Prayer warriors needed

7am to 8pm

Mondays through Saturdays

Learn more &
sign up for hours



<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/anchorage>

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

Mark Your Calendars! We've got some great events coming up and hope you'll be there. Share the invite with others—it's always better together!

- **Holy Wounds, Healing Wounds (A Lenten Mission)**– St. Andrew's is hosting a Lenten Mission on March 3-5, 2026 beginning with potluck at 5:30, talk at 6:30, adoration at 7:30. Come join award-winning author and retreat director, Liz Kelly Stanchina, as she leads us on a three-evening parish mission. Our conferences will focus on healing, forgiveness, and how the Lord answers the desires of our heart even in woundedness. Each evening will begin with potluck and each talk will be followed by adoration and the opportunity for confession. Deepen your Lenten prayer and join us March 3-5, 2026.
- **Study Group on the Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te:** The Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau is offering a study group for the Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te. This book study will be offered during Lent for 5 sessions on Sundays or Wednesdays. You can pick the day of the week that works for you, all sessions will be on Zoom from 7:00-8:30 p.m. If you are interested please email jmichaelson@aoaj.org
- **Free Movie Night:** Join the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe for Movie night at the Lunney Center on March 21st at 7pm. Bring a blanket, pillow, comfortable chair and snacks to share while we watch the movie "David" a Family Friendly action movie for all ages.
- **Fish Fry Fundraiser:** Join the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe Friday March 6th from 6-8 p.m. for a fish fry fundraiser.
- **Project Rachel Retreat:** Join this free and confidential retreat hosted by Project Rachel Ministry on Saturday March, 21st from 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- **"Love like a Saint" 1-Day Women's retreat:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help is hosting a women's retreat in Soldotna March 7th from 8:00a.m. - 3:30p.m. Pre-registration is required.
- **Chrism Mass -** Chrism Mass will be at 7:00 p.m. on March 12th at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Jobs within the Archdiocese!

- **TEACH WITH PURPOSE!** For 30 years, Lumen Christi Catholic High School has been Anchorage's home for academic excellence and spiritual growth. Accredited by Cognia and serving grades 7–12, we empower students to think critically, act compassionately, and lead ethically. Our teachers are the heart of this mission—setting high standards and fostering personal responsibility in a supportive, orderly environment.
 - We are currently seeking highly qualified, full-time educators for the **2026–2027 school year** in the following departments:
 - ✦ **Language Arts / Social Studies and Theology**
 - ✦ **Math and Science**
 - ✦ As a core member of our faculty, candidates will lead five classes with one dedicated preparation period. They will take on the full role of instruction, grading, and preparation for classes which may span both Junior High (7–8) and High School (9–12) levels. Candidates will be expected to attend faculty meetings, professional development, and school in-service days.Candidates who are practicing Catholics and who possess a state teaching certificate or ability to apply for one are preferred. To learn more about our school, visit www.lumenchristiak.org. For additional information or to apply, please send your resume and cover letter to **Principal Brian Ross** at ross@lumenchristiak.com.
- **Director of Faith Formation – Holy Cross:** Holy Cross parish is looking to hire a Director of Faith Formation responsible for the development, supervision, and coordination of all evangelization programs in the parish, ensuring that the mission and vision of missionary discipleship is fulfilled, with a particular focus on the parish's children, youth, and young adults. The director is responsible also for coordinating the recruitment, training, support, and appreciation of ministry catechists.

This is a full-time paid position that reports directly to the Pastor. A successful candidate must be an active, practicing Catholic in full communion with the Church, have experience in education and training, as well as train-the-teacher methodologies, and have experience in recruitment, motivation, and recognition of others. An advanced degree in Catholic Religious Education/Administration, Evangelization, Religious Studies, Pastoral Theology, or related field is preferred; career experience in related field may be substituted. Three years ministry experience in a Catholic parochial or diocesan environment preferred. [Click here](#) to read the full job description. To apply, contact formation@holycrossalaska.net. For more information, visit the Holy Cross website: <https://www.holycrossalaska.net/apply>

We are all

Called to *Serve*



In-kind Needs for CSS Programs

Refugee Assistance & Immigration Services

Refugee Assistance & Immigration Services (RAIS) provides a bridge for refugees (individuals who have had to flee their countries of origin due to the tragedies of persecution and war) and other new arrivals from their former life experiences to the new skills required for success in the United States. Through a focus on economic self-sufficiency, community integration, and a respect for unique cultures, history and traditions, RAIS creates an environment of compassion and encouragement for refugees to flourish.

- English Conversation Practice
- Family Mentor
- Health & Wellness Workshop Volunteer
- Older Refugees Mentor
- RAIS Meal Team Delivery Driver & Driver Assistants
- Volunteer Driver—RAIS Health Team
- Youth Mentor

2026 Lenten Food Drive



In 2025, St. Francis House Food Pantry provided essential food to **4,775 households.**

Made Possible by Volunteers

The pantry relies on volunteers who contributed over **4,145 hours** in 2025! Volunteers work at the pantry, and several have served for nearly 2 decades.



767,978 lbs. of food was distributed in 2025! That's equivalent to the weight of approximately **12 humpback whales!**



Who We Serve

SFH is open to anyone facing food insecurity and is often the first point of contact to connect to additional services at CSS. In addition to distributing food, the pantry also:

- Connects individuals to resources
- Distributes diapers and furniture
- Offers emergency cold weather gear
- Supplies household items

SFH Food Sources

The food distributed through St. Francis House Food Pantry comes from:

- The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
- Food Bank of Alaska
- Generous individuals
- Local grocery stores
- Schools
- Parishes
- Organizations

Prioritizing Fresh Produce

Fresh produce provides much-needed nutrition! In 2025, St. Francis House received almost **7,000 pounds** of produce through Grow Local, Give Local - our donor-funded campaign that purchases produces from local refugee or immigrant farmers to distribute at the pantry.

What We Need!

When shelves are fully stocked, a box includes...

- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Frozen protein
- Boxes of rice/pasta
- Canned proteins
- Ready to eat meals
- Shelf stable milk
- Fresh produce
- Loaves of bread
- Pastries



Drop Off Info:



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. 20th 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

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. 3rd Ave. When dropping off items, please ask for Brian Andrews to ensure your donation is properly received.

- Hats Hot Hands
- Belts Reading Glasses
- Gloves



Adult Ed

TUESDAY MORNINGS

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

Bible Study



Meets the **2nd –4th or 5th. Wednesday's** of each month at 7pm
Our next Bible Study will be on Wednesday Mar 11th.
We meet in the school library at 7 PM.

Book Club

March 5th @ 7:00PM

In the Rectory/

We will be discussing the first half of, 'No Greater Love...', by Edward Sri, with further opportunity for video reflections/ presentations during Wednesday Bible Study over the next several weeks. This will be a wonderful opportunity during Lent to collaborate w/both groups and dive deeper into Christ's Passion.

Contact Lynn Stuhr @ lstuhr18@gmail.com or 907-830-1627.

Women's ministry

Blessed Among Women



Our next gathering will be on Thursday evening at 7pm, **March 19th** 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

Our next Meeting will be on **Thursday, March 12th**

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



Food: TBD

Topic: TBD

Speaker: TBD

As we trudge through our latest snowfall, many emotions erupt. How many more days will I need to shovel? Will the fender-benders on the road make me late to work? Snow mixed with the dark days add to our drab moodiness. But we can stop—and though there are no roses to smell—find beauty in our winter days.

Beauty is the most provocative promise we have of the Beautiful. Beauty is an expression God. It lures and calls us leading us to seek the glory of the face of God. Souls thirst for and thrive on beauty and it nourishes hope.

We must learn to look for beauty because beauty give us insight into the real purpose of our lives. Neither can be found without serious and sensitive searching, open and attentive pursuit.

So, make it a goal this Lenten season to appreciate beauty— alerting your senses, arousing your artistic capacity. See the sun's reflection in the glistening treetops and the majestic snow-covered mountains, feel the crispness of the day, smell the smooth coolness, touch the wetness of the falling snowflakes, and hear the crunch beneath our feet. These heighten our awareness of the winter's beauty.

We are born to take the beauty of the earth, adding to it the beauty of our own souls. Art, any kind of art—painting, literature, music, photography—is nothing more than a rendering of the way the world looks to the artist. It is meant to stretch our souls to see—what is more beautiful than God's creation of nature?

Beauty gives us insight into the real purpose of life. Think of it as a window into the possibilities of living. When we pursue the beautiful, we bring fresh air to our spirit, hope to our hearts. Take time this Lent to view yourself as an artist starting with a clean "canvas" in your home. Clear out the clutter—remove old papers, magazines, and junk mail. Dust and vacuum as you see fit. Then find items with bright colors you have stashed in your drawers and closets to welcome the upcoming warmer days of Spring bringing the hues and tints into your home.

We become aware the snow does melt and then the excess objects left in the yard last fall appear. Find a "home" for them whether in the shed, the garbage, or as newly recycled items. Soon your yard will be a place to enjoy the warm rays of sun and reflect on your true personality. Reflection is the seedbed of artistry and a capacity for contemplative leisure. Adapted from *(Joan Chittister the Monastic Way Feb 2026)*

Questions

- 1, How do you view beauty?
2. What are ways you find beauty in nature?
3. How does your home reflect beauty?

Challenge:

Take time to reflect on how you can show beauty in your life.

Quote:

"If by a diligent life of virtue you wash away the film of dirt that covers your heart, then the divine beauty will shine forth in you."

~St. Gregory of Nyssa

OCIA

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 243-2195

Evangelization Ministry

What is Hallow?

Through prayer and meditation rooted in the Catholic faith, Hallow helps people find peace and grow in faith, every day. As the #1 prayer app in the world, Hallow provides a wide variety of audio-guided meditation, prayer challenges, mental health content, sleep stories, and sacred music. Users pray with Fr. Mike, Sr. Miriam, Jonathan Roumie, Mark Wahlberg, Immaculee Ilibagiza, Bishop Barron, + many others.

How do I access Hallow?

Everyone is invited to be a part of our parish community page. There, you can create a profile, add friends, share/respond to prayer intentions, and take part in prayer challenges with the parish.

The steps are simple:

- ◆ Download or open the Hallow app on your phone
- ◆ Join the parish page;
- ◆ Tap "Community" on the menu at the bottom of your screen > Select "Join a Church" > Search for your parish by name or zip code > Join the parish page.
- ◆ Start praying with your community!

Customer Support

If you have any issues getting someone set up on the app, please reach out to parishsupport@hallow.app. We have an incredibly talented support team that responds to parish partners with super high priority. We look forward to praying with you!

Men Needed!!

Men wanted for Prison Ministry in Anchorage to visit the imprisoned and bring them the Dismas Ministry Catholic Bible Study at the Anchorage Correctional Complex. Wed. evenings, 7pm, at Cook Inlet Pre Trial, and/or 12pm on Fri. at Anchorage 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? Contact Herman ElleMBERGER at: hre814@gmail.com

Adoration

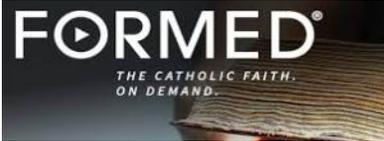
Eucharistic Adoration

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 for great material on sacraments,

Devotions, saint movies and more!

- 1) go to 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!

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



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!!!**

High School grades 9-11

We meet in the Upper Room, above the gym from 4:00-5:45

Upcoming Events

03/04 High School Night 7pm!
03/03 Jr. High Night 6pm



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

UPCOMING *Youth Nights*



Wednesday 7-9 pm

Macklen Bell

Macklen is in charge! Come and enjoy games and have snacks with him!

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Wednesday 7-9 pm

Relics

What is a relic? Why do we use them in veneration? We also have more space to play today! Come and join us!

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Wednesday 7-9 pm

Taizé Prayer

What is this method? Founded by monks, this style of prayer is sweeping the heart of people all over the world!

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Pray for us!

#Youth Corner

03/04 Youth Night

7-9pm

3/03 Jr. High Night!!

We Need Adult Volunteers!! 6-8pm



Check out our page at:

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

FB: St. Ben's Youth Ministry

Insta: @stbensyouthanc

