

Palm Sunday



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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Lumen Christi Catholic School

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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 29,
 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



The Journey of Holy Week

Holy Week is an encounter with Christ's redeeming love. We join the events of this most blessed week as we welcome Jesus with palms and shouts of "Hosanna" but later call for His crucifixion on Good Friday as we reject His presence in our lives. This should invite us to examine our own commitment: do we only praise Christ when things are easy, or do we stand by Him in suffering? Do we unite our personal "small crosses", our daily trials and sufferings, to the Cross of Christ? By doing so, our suffering is transformed and leads us toward the hope of Resurrection. The reading of the Passion this on this palm Sunday allows us to liturgically participate in the events of Jesus' death. Tragically, while our Nation remains at war, Holy Week is a time of "spiritual warfare," where Christ confronts sin and death. The focus should be is on conversion over comfort, following Jesus even through frightening or confusing futures. Perhaps we can even be like the donkey, faithfully "carrying Christ" to a world that doesn't know Him through acts of mercy, justice, and sacrificial service. Finally, this week as a final opportunity in Lent to return to God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, preparing our soul to fully experience the joy of Easter. We join now in this most blessed journey! -- Fr. Tom

Welcome to Saint Benedict Parish

Monday 3/30	Tuesday 3/31	Wednesday 4/01	Thursday 4/02 <i>Holy Thursday</i>	Friday 4/03 <i>Good Friday</i>	Saturday 4/04 <i>Easter Vigil</i>	Sunday 4/05 <i>Easter Sunday!</i>
Mass 9am: Robert DeGuzman ROS <i>Parish Office Closed</i> Adoration 10am - 10pm Legion of Mary 6-7pm OCIA 6:30	Mass 9am: Chuck Biernard ROS Adoration 10am-10pm Video Series The Search & Discussion 9:30am	Mass 9am:Tuyen Pham ROS Adoration 10am-10pm Confessions 6pm Samoan Choir 6:30pm High School night 7pm Bible Study 7pm	Mass 7pm: John Mitchell ROS Server Practice 5pm-6pm Youth Retreat 8:30pm -7:30am	Service/No Intention Good Friday Faith Walk Leave the school at 7:30am Meet @ 10th & M 10am Server Practice 5pm-6pm	Vigil Mass 8pm: OCIA and OCIC SI Server Practice 5pm-7pm Easter Vigil 8pm	Masses 8:00am: Konopa Family SI 10:30am: Laura Lopetrone ROS 1:00pm: People of the Parish SI No Super Sunday Today! Check out our page at: https://www.stbenedictsak.com/65 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

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•**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 **April 4th!**

Call **Andy Flores @ 907-887-4917**

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

Next dinner date is **April 28th!**

⇒ Readings:

Sunday 03/29

Isaiah 50:4-7
 Philippians 2:6-11
 Matthew 26:14-27:66

Sunday 04/05

Acts 10:34, 37-43
 Colossians 3:1-4
 John 20:1-9

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 Krzechik 03/28/18
- Gary and Roxanne Bucy 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 Oravec 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:

	Week 37	YTD
Offertory Income	\$ 9,078.25	\$ 457,085.28
Other Income	\$ 200.00	\$ 125,126.26
	\$ 9,278.25	\$ 582,211.54

Expenses: (avg. wk. \$17,162.20)
 YTD Expenses: **\$ 579,670.10**

Combined Parish and School

Total Income	\$2,176,370.13
Total Expense	\$1,795,438.43
	\$ 380,931.70

Our new fiscal year began 1 July

***Online Donation Income:**

- * There were 40 gifts made online
- * There were 0 Families new to online giving
- * There were 2 Maintenance Fund donations
- * There were 2 Parish Outreach donations
- * There were 1 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
 Shirley Arnold
 Bea Freeman
 Waetjen Family
 Alicia Warren
 Fr. Tim Saur
 Rosemary Dunn
 Connie Budahl
 Danny Lee
 Franklin Ellenson

Son Pham (RIP)
 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
 John Mitchell (RIP)
 Deneen B. Bozeman

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



Lumen Christi School

Living Faith, Celebrating Family, and Achieving Excellence



⇒ Principal's Update:

We received news this week of the passing of John Mitchell, a long-time member of the Saint Benedicts and Lumen Christi community. John's grandchild attended Lumen Christi several years ago, and John continued to stay active in our community. Over the past couple of years, our students regularly saw him on Wednesdays during hot lunch as he was a proud member of our "Lunch Bunch" crew. Regardless of temperature or weather, John could also be seen on Friday mornings "in the gloom" working out with the Fitness, Fellowship, and Faith (F3) men's group. AND HE DID SO AT 81 YEARS OLD! Wow! A life well lived, John impacted many of us and served our staff, students, and families with a joyful heart. In addition to being a loving family man and servant leader, John was a veteran of the US Air Force. His funeral will take place on Tuesday, March 31 at Saint Benedict's. Full military honors at 3pm, followed by the Funeral Mass. May John rest in eternal peace.

Finally, please mark our upcoming events on your home calendar, especially the Good Friday Faith Walk (Apr 3rd) and the School Board Spring Speaker Series (Apr 7)! We hope to see you and your child!

Blessings... Prinn

GOOD FRIDAY FAITH WALK
APRIL 3, 2026

Departing From Lumen Parking Lot at 7:30 AM
 Meeting with additional St. Benedict members at 10am at the Delaney Park Strip (10th and M St.)

The walk concludes with other parishes meeting at the Town Square/Alaska Center for Performing Arts to pray the last 3 Stations of the Cross together.

Lumen Christi Catholic High School
St. Benedict Catholic Church

* It is encouraged that students bring an adult with them, as this is not meant to be a chaperoned event. The staff will be with their families and focusing on the prayer time offered.

KNIGHTS TABLE

Congratulations: February

Knight of the month	Family of the Month
Ron Beard	Deacon Dan Winters Family



Patriotic Rosary– 04/06 and 04/20 at 6:00 pm
 K of C Council meeting - 04/08 at 7:00 pm
 4th Degree meeting – 04/06 at 7:00 pm
 Officer's meeting - 03/26 6pm

The Knight of the Month We chose **Ron Beard** - Ron has served as council recorder and has been very active with many of our council activities. He is taking the lead for the Lenten Fish Fry and has also helped with Young Lives, Special Olympics and many of the other parish activities, even ones that require 'coupons'.

Family of the Month We chose **Deacon Dan & Roxanna Winters** - Deacon Dan and Roxanna have been chosen as our family of the month and we are lucky to have them. We recognize the steadfastness of this couple and moving from years of service in Unalaska now to Anchorage to continue to do the good work of the church. We wish continued health and happiness to Deacon Dan and Roxanna and hope to hear more from them both.

WHAT IS GOING ON?

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CLOSING MASS

CELEBRATED BY FR. JAMES MOORE, O.P.

PEOPLE OF ALL FAITHS WELCOME!
 COFFEE & DONUTS AFTER

SATURDAY MARCH 28 @ 7AM
 AT HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC 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.

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!

- **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.
- **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.

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.

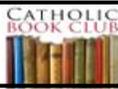
Bible Study



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

Our next Bible Study will be on Wednesday Mar 18th.

We meet in the school library at 7 PM.



Book Club

April 9th @ 7:00PM

Alicia Jones house

We will be discussing the last half of, 'No Greater Love...', by Edward Sri.

Coming Soon! St. Benedict Parish Lending Library –
Pick up a book to enjoy, leave a book to share.

Soon there will be a bookcase near the Adoration door entrance, where we plan to share books, publications, etc. that may be of interest to our Parish community and enrich our Catholic faith. Be on the lookout - more to come!

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, April 9**

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



Food: TBD

Topic: TBD

Speaker: TBD

Today, Palm Sunday, Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey symbolizing his triumphant entry in peace, suffering, and humility, rather than as a war-waging king on a steed. A crowd had assembled, put their cloaks or branches on the ground, and waved palm branches, acclaiming Christ as the King of Israel, the Son of David. Palm branches placed in his path symbolize the victory of the faithful over enemies of the soul.

Our joy is quickly subdued. We are jolted to reality seeing the real purpose of Christ coming to Jerusalem according to the Passion of the Gospel reading. By the end of the week, the crowd has condemned Jesus to death. He is not the King.

Holy Thursday is the day Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with His disciples. This is the last time Mass is celebrated in church until the Easter Vigil. Today the Church "cleanses" itself by stripping and washing the altar, and washing parishioners' feet.

"When he had washed their feet and put on his clothes again, he went back to the table. 'Do you understand,' he asked, 'what I have done to you? You call me Master and Lord, and rightly; so, I am. If I, then, the Lord and master have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet.'" (John 13:12-14)

The first Good Friday is anything but good. The disciples had fallen asleep after Jesus asked them to stay awake and pray as he went into the Garden of Gethsemane and prayed that this hour might pass by him. Three times, Jesus returned to his disciples and three times, he found them asleep. Then they watched horrified as Judas kissed Jesus giving Him up to the crowd with swords and clubs who had come from the chief priest, the scribes, and the elders, and led him away to the high priest, who condemned him to death by crucifixion.

Good Friday is a communion service with the veneration of the Cross. It is one of the most unusual days in the Church as it is a period of mourning. The bare altar allows us to focus simply on the cross. While there is no Mass, a service called "Mass of the Pre-Sanctified" is held because the Communion bread was consecrated on Holy Thursday.

During this time of sorrow and mourning, we hold on to hope. Jesus promises us hope—the desire of something difficult to obtain; asking us to have complete trust in God and His Divine Providence.

The Easter Vigil begins Saturday after sunset outside a darkened church. A fire ignites to light a paschal candle, which is blessed and led inside to symbolize the Light of Christ. The service includes readings and the introduction of new members of the Church through baptism. As the Church proclaims the resurrection of Christ, all its normal functions such as Mass, Communion, and music resume. Easter Sunday, we proclaim, "HE IS RISEN" For YOU.

Throughout Holy Week, may we ask Jesus to be our constant companion. He knows our pain, unease, and worry. After asking Jesus for our needs, we can remain hopeful of His Love, Grace, and Mercy for all.

Challenge:

Participate in Holy Week as you are able.

Quote:

"Do not despair. We are an Easter people. Hallelujah is our song."
~St. John Paul II

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

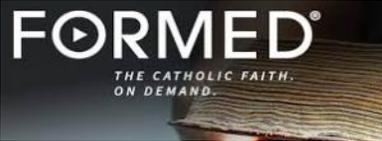
Eucharistic Adoration

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)



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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

03/25 High School Night 7pm!
04/06 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

Palms

We get palms every year. Why? What does that mean? What should we be doing with them?!

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Wednesday 7-9 pm

Holy Week

Why do we prepare in this way for a week? How should we be preparing? This and more!

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Wednesday 7-9 pm

Resurrection Party!

Everyone bring what you gave up for Lent! I will provide treats and drinks! Then we will break into games!

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Pray for us!

#Youth Corner

03/25 Youth Night

7-9pm

4/07 Jr. High Night!!

6-8pm

We Need Adult Volunteers!!



Check out our page at:

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

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