

# Third Sunday of Easter



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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7:00am-3:00pm

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**- 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 in the Parish Hall.

**Legion of Mary:** Meets Mon. at **5:30pm**; call **Ed Wassell**

**April 19,  
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**



**Do our hearts burn within us?**

Do we hunger for every word that comes from the mouth of our Lord? Our hearts are slow. Our soil is hardened, rocky or thorny. Jesus wants to change it, every Liturgy of the Word, but sometimes we need a traumatic event, like His crucifixion, to give His word the hearing it always deserves. Moreover, the more our hearts burn out of love for God who reveals Himself to us, the easier it is to recognize Jesus in the Eucharist, just as the disciples in Emmaus finally saw him with faith across the table in the breaking of the Bread. The more attentively we hang on what Jesus is telling us in the Gospel and through the other readings that point to Him, the easier it is to hear His voice and trust in Him as he says to us in the Mass, "This is my body, given for you," "This is the chalice of my blood... poured out for you and for many." The more we read about Jesus' miracles the easier it is for us to accept the mind-blowing reality of the continuous miracle of the Eucharist. And the more we truly become aware that the Risen Jesus is speaking to us at Mass as He interprets for us the Scriptures and stays not just with us but within us in the Eucharist, then we will be bursting with the desire to share him with others.

**[Alaska March for Life: Saturday, April 25th](https://marchforlife.org/alaska-march-for-life/)**

**See page 5 inside or click on <https://marchforlife.org/alaska-march-for-life/>**

# Welcome to Saint Benedict Parish

Monday 4/20	Tuesday 4/21	Wednesday 4/22	Thursday 4/23	Friday 4/24	Saturday 4/25	Sunday 4/26
<b>Mass</b> <b>9am: Anthony Mitchell SI</b>  <i>Parish Office Closed</i>  Adoration 10am - 10pm Legion of Mary 6-7pm <b>OCIA 6:30</b>  <i>Patriotic Rosary 6pm</i>	<b>Mass</b> <b>9am: Danny Bacher ROS</b>  Adoration 10am-10pm  Video Series The Search & Discussion 9:30am	<b>Mass</b> <b>9am:Aquilino Soriano ROS</b>  Adoration 10am-10pm Confessions 6pm Samoan Choir 6:30pm High School night 7pm <i>Bible Study 7pm</i>	<b>Mass</b> <b>9am: John Branham SI</b>  Adoration 10am-10pm  Choir Practice 7pm  <i>KofC Meet 6pm</i>	<b>Mass</b> <b>9am: Katherine Mitchell SI</b>  Adoration 10am-10pm  <i>Jr. Legion 10am</i> <i>Kid Play 1pm</i> Samoan Choir 6:30pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b> <b>5pm: Barbara O'Lena ROS</b>  <i>First Communion Mass 11am</i>  Confessions 3:45-4:45  Samoan Choir 6:30pm	<b>Masses</b> <b>8:00am:Richard &amp; Caroline Zitzow ROS</b> <b>10:30am: Dorothy Bell ROS</b> <b>12:15pm: People of the Parish SI</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  
[tilly@stbenedictsak.com](mailto:tilly@stbenedictsak.com)  
 907-243-2195

### **Deacon**

Deacon Daniel Winters

### **Business Manager**

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### **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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## 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 **May 2nd!**

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

Thank you to all who provide meals for

**Clare House**

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

## ⇒ Readings:

### Sunday 04/19

Acts 2:14, 22-33  
 1Peter 1:7-21  
 Luke 24:13-35

### Sunday 04/26

Acts 2:14, 36-41  
 1Peter 2:20-25  
 John 10:1-10

## 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:



**April Anniversaries**

Bruce and Kathy Carr	04/08/72
Rolando and Marina Macato	04/29/72
Paul and Collgen Larson	04/27/73
Harold and Lisa Henry	04/05/80
Joseph and Cindy Tabios	04/22/00
Alejandro and Hazel Paraoan	04/16/13
David and Lila Dickhaus	04/24/14
Wallen and Judy Pamintuan	04/23/15
Chanelle and John Garcia	04/02/17
David Field and Natasha Sanders	04/14/18
Iloilo and Nita Iloilo	04/14/19

“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 40</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Offertory Income	\$ 12,638.89	\$ 497,512.42
Other Income	\$ 625.00	\$ 130,542.98
	<u>\$ 13,263.89</u>	<u>\$ 628,055.40</u>

Expenses: (avg. wk. \$17,162.20)  
YTD Expenses: **\$ 633,924.51**

**Combined Parish and School**

<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,290,823.76</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b><u>\$2,194,756.63</u></b>
	<b>\$ 96,067.13</b>

Our new fiscal year began 1 July

**\*Online Donation Income:**

- \* There were 43 gifts made online
- \* There were 0 Families new to online giving
- \* There were 3 Maintenance Fund donations
- \* There were 4 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:**

Wayne Anthony Ross  
Diane Peterson  
Christina Del Rosario  
Shirley Arnold  
Bea Freeman  
Waetjen Family  
Alicia Warren  
Fr. Tim Saur  
Rosemary Dunn  
Connie Budahl

Damny Lee  
Franklin Ellenson  
Rosemary Finn  
Jerome & Eunice Gardipee  
Dave Hicks  
Hien Pham  
Jessica Randolph  
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  
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:

I look forward to seeing everyone tonight at 7pm either virtually or in person for my last Principal Parent Forum of the school year! I plan to update our community on enrollment, finances, exterior classrooms, FACTs transition, important events, and much more! I hope you can join us and then stick around to listen to our amazing Band as they put on a Spring Concert immediately afterward (around 7:45pm)! See you soon!

*Blessings, Prayers*

**Baccalaureate Mass**  
**CLASS OF 2026**  
 Lumen Christi Catholic High School  
 and Saint Benedict Parish  
 WED. MAY 6TH, 2026  
 7:00 PM



## ⇒ Campus Minister:

Seniors. They are starting to really see the light at the end of the tunnel. In Theology they were all tasked to speak on the topic of how they can relate the attributes of a Lumen Graduate to the Faith In Action hours they have completed across the expanse of time here at Lumen. It is wonderful to see them come to realize that serving others really has brought them out of "themselves" in order to assist others. They are all so different in how they assisted over the years. What passions they followed. What service they embraced.

The vast majority say that in the beginning they really did not like being what they perceived as "forced" to complete service for others, but they now realize and appreciate the fruit it has borne.

The news recently has been that something is happening and this generation is coming back to the faith. I agree.

Well done seniors, well done.

In God's Love,

*Doug Berry*

## KNIGHTS TABLE

### *Congratulations: April*

Knight of the month

Family of the Month

Joseph Felise Jr.

Doug & Rebecca Berry Family



Patriotic Rosary- 04/20 and 5/04 at 6:00 pm

K of C Council meeting - 05/06 at 7:00 pm

4th Degree meeting - 05/04 at 7:00 pm

Officer's meeting - 04/23 at 6pm

**The Knight of the Month** We chose **Joseph Felise Jr** - Joseph is one of our newest members of our council. He also jumped in and helped provide the bread for the last Friday in Lent - St Martha's Guild Grilled Cheese social. We would like to recognize Joseph for stepping up, becoming a Knight and helping out right away in this regard. Also we would like to congratulate Joseph and Ngatu who recently celebrated their marriage- Congrats!

**Family of the Month** We chose **Doug and Rebecca Berry** - Doug and Rebecca have returned to St Benedicts after a few years outside. They continue to serve the parish at liturgies and also Doug is campus minister at Lumen Christi High School. They keep the focus on the youth, guiding and encouraging faith filled lives.

## WHAT IS GOING ON?

*Alaska*  
**MARCH for LIFE!**



**FRIDAY, APRIL 24**  
**TRAINING & WORSHIP**



# 40 Cans in 40 days!

## 1150# of food!



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

Thank you St. Benedict!!

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



## Catholic Daughters of the Americas

All women of the parish are invited to come and celebrate the **65th Anniversary of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas** here in Anchorage. Our next meeting will be our new members and officers Installation Mass. It will take place on Saturday, May 9, 2026, at Holy Cross Church on Lore Road at 10:00 a.m. with Fr. Dan Hebert celebrating with us. A reception and short meeting will follow in the parish center.

Please join us.  
Cecilia

For more information contact [cecistanley2013@icloud.com](mailto:cecistanley2013@icloud.com).

# Alaska MARCH for LIFE!

**FRIDAY, APRIL 24**

**TRAINING & WORSHIP**

**2:00 - 5:00 PM**

**PROLIFE TRAINING**  
at the Petroleum Club  
Light snack provided  
\$15



**6:00 PM**

**CATHOLIC MASS**

Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
3900 Wisconsin St

**7:00 PM**

**WORSHIP & PRAYER**

Unite Church  
2626 Abbott Rd

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25**

**MARCH & RALLY FOR LIFE**

**12:00 noon**

**MARCH begins**  
at Anchorage Lutheran Church

**1:30 pm**

**RALLY begins**  
on the Delaney Park Strip

**FREE SHUTTLES  
FROM THE VALLEY  
& ANCHORAGE!**



**LEARN MORE  
AND REGISTER**



# 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!

**Dominican Forum "Mary: Co-redemptrix and Mediatrix?"** Join Fr. Matthew Heynen, OP Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Dominican Hall at Holy Family Parish.

#### **Adoration and reception for vocations:**

Join Fr. Joseph McGilloway for Adoration at St. Patrick parish in Anchorage from 3–4 PM on Good Shepherd Sunday, April 26. A reception will follow where you are encouraged to talk with him and any other priests present about vocations.

#### **Maryland State Boys Choir at Holy Family in Anchorage:**

Holy Family parish in Anchorage will welcome the Maryland State Boys Choir on Saturday, August 1. They will present a 20-minute concert of sacred music as a prelude to the 5:30 Mass, during which they will also sing at the Offertory and Communion

**Anchorage Bowl Confirmation Mass Pictures:** Please let your parish communities know that they can find Anchorage Bowl Confirmation Mass pictures on the AOAJ Faith Formation page at this link: <https://aoaj.org/confirmation-mass-pictures-2026>. This page can also be accessed by clicking a button on the main Office of Faith Formation page. As Confirmation Masses happen, photos will be processed and uploaded. They will be available for download until June.

**Vocations and Good Shepherd Sunday:** On Good Shepherd Sunday (April 24), all parishes have been asked to pray for priestly vocations in our archdiocese. Director of Vocations, Fr. Joseph McGilloway, has prepared a prayer for our archdiocese, which can be found at <https://aoaj.org/office-of-vocations>. From 3–4 PM on Good Shepherd Sunday, Fr. Joseph will have Adoration at St. Patrick parish in Anchorage, followed by a reception where people are encouraged to speak with him or any other priests present about vocations.

• **New training from the Tribunal Office:** The office of the Tribunal has a memo to share with parish employees about their new training. Please read their memo attached to this email for important information.

**Message from Finance Office on United in Mission 2025 Appeal:** Parishes, please remember that 3/31/26 was the last day for the 2025 United in Mission Annual Appeal. Please have all checks dated before 3/31 into the Archdiocese next week. All monies and checks received after April 17<sup>th</sup> will go toward the 2026 United in Mission.

## 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](http://www.lumenchristiak.org). For additional information or to apply, please send your resume and cover letter to **Principal Brian Ross** at [bross@lumenchristiak.com](mailto:bross@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](mailto:formation@holycrossalaska.net). For more information, visit the Holy Cross website: <https://www.holycrossalaska.net/apply>

## ⇒ Our Community

We are all

Called to

*Serve*

### In-kind Needs for CSS Programs

#### Brother Francis Shelter Greatest Needs

Drop off at Brother Francis Shelter  
1021 E. 3rd Avenue 10 am to 6 pm, or Saint Francis  
House Food Pantry 3710 E. 20 th Ave. 1-4  
pm Monday through Thursday or 9-4 pm Friday.

- Socks
- sweat-pants/or any pants (small sizes especially)
- hair-ties
- deodorant
- feminine pads

#### Complex Care Needs

Drop off at Complex Care, 303 W. Fireweed Lane 10 am  
to 6 pm or have shipped directly to the shelter.

- Totes with lids (for guest storage)
- Twin long fitted sheets
- Pillowcases
- Blankets
- Bath towels

### Current Volunteer Opportunities

See our updated current volunteer opportunity page and fill out a fresh application if you don't have a current one on file. Background checks are required for all individuals volunteering with CSS. Group volunteers are welcomed. See the group volunteer page on our website and someone will contact you about current group opportunities (not all are listed on the website).

## 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

**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 snow-pants 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
- Hot Hands
- Belts
- Reading Glasses
- Gloves



## Adult Ed

### TUESDAY MORNINGS

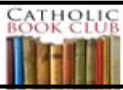
We are watching season 5 of The Chosen. Join us for coffee, pastries, an episode, and discussion after Mass.

## 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

**Tuesday, May 7th @ 7:00PM**  
TBD

*We will discuss the first half of the book "On Fire" by John O'Leary*

**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](mailto:lstuhr18@gmail.com) or 907-830-1627.

## Women's ministry

# Blessed Among Women



Our next gathering will be on Thursday evening at 7pm, **April 16th** 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, May 14th!**

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



**Food: TBD**

**Topic: TBD**

**Speaker: TBD**

## Measuring Our Riches

Most of us worry about money. Sometimes it's the stage of life we are in why we think we need more. Sometimes, we are burdened with real dilemmas. Sometimes, we may just want—**not really even need—more!** Perhaps the following may give you a new perspective of this perpetual concern.

An environmental scientist once said, "Anyone who can live on welfare should be courted by Wall Street. They are a financial genius." Makes one think—perhaps we feel we have an actual need for more money when we really want more money. In truth, we have a home, enough food, clothing for the various seasons, and even a vehicle we know will start each morning. It doesn't hurt to have more than we need. It only hurts to want more than we need.

It is one thing to be careful with money. It is another thing entirely to be frugal—to refuse to spend anything on fun or beauty or what it takes to live a life with a sense of joy. There is a thin line between frugality and stinginess. People in poor countries teach us: There is no such thing as having too little to be able to share something. The purpose of money is to use it so we don't make our own stress. It's hard enough to deal with stress coming from just being alive.

When having less is our greatest concern, how can we be happy with what we already possess? By truly assessing what makes us get up each morning and we decide it is the love of family, peace, beauty, learning, and a job well done, we realize the true quality of our lives is not governed by "the most," "the biggest," or "the best."

When we recognize it doesn't hurt to have more than we need, it only hurts to want more than we need, we are ready to lose the bonds of wanting.

It's not difficult to get rich; it's difficult to learn to have enough. It is not necessary to look poor to live a simple life. However, it is necessary to love simplicity, to gather only what is needed. The ability to be happy with "enough" and not to demand the best, the most, the latest, or the most expensive, is the sign of a well-developed person. (Adapted from Joan Chittister/The Monastic Way/April 2026)

### Questions:

1. What are your feelings on money and your need to have more?
2. What do you sacrifice by trying to gain more wealth, affluence, and/or power?
3. How do you treat your feelings of wanting wealth?

### Quote:

"Not to share our own wealth with the poor is theft from the poor and deprivation of their means of life; we do not possess our own wealth, but theirs."

~ Saint John Chrysostom

## 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 will meet again in the Fall on Monday  
evenings in the parish rectory!*

*We would love to have you join us. Everyone is welcome!*  
Contact the office @ 907-243-2195

## 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](mailto:hre814@gmail.com)

## Adoration

### Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration is offered:

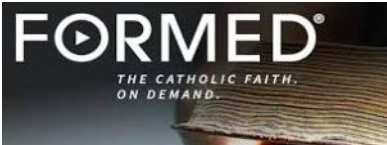
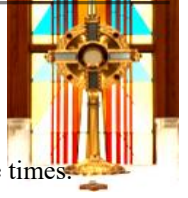
Monday—Friday 10:00AM-10:00PM

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](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!

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

04/15 High School Night 7pm!  
05/03 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  
*Evangelization!*  
What is this? How do we do it? We will learn about evangelization then do relays!

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Wednesday 7-9 pm  
*St. Carlo Movie*  
Come and watch a movie about St. Carlo with us! We will have some time for discussion following.

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Wednesday 7-9 pm  
*Confirmation for all!*  
Why do we have Confirmation in 5<sup>th</sup> grade now? What are the benefits from Confirmation? Come and let us know your thoughts!

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# Pray for us!

## #Youth Corner

**4/15 Youth Night**

**7-9pm**

**5/03 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

