

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Jesus said to him,
"I am the way,
the truth,
and the life.
No one comes
to the Father,
except through me."

—John 14:6, World English Bible

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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10:00am -5:00pm

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Lumen Christi Catholic School

Grades 7-12
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Anchorage, AK 99502

Phone: (907) 245-9231

Office Hours: Monday-Friday
7:00am-3:00pm

Web: www.lumenchristiak.org

- 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**

May 3, 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



“Master...how can we know the way?”

This is the question Thomas asks of Jesus. But, isn't this the question we all ask? How do I know what to do? And Jesus doesn't give a plan. He gives Himself: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." Not "Here's how everything will work out," but "Stay with Me." If our peace depends on everything going smoothly, we're always going to be unsettled. But if our peace comes from Him, then even when things are unclear, even when things are difficult, there is something steady—something that holds. This becomes very real in the Eucharist. Jesus didn't just say these words; He made a way to remain with us. He is truly present. So when He says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled," He is not speaking from a distance. He is speaking as the One who gives Himself to us. It's easy, even for good and faithful people, for this moment to become routine. We stand, we come forward, we receive, and before we know it, we're already thinking about what's next. But what is happening here is not routine. This is not just something we do. This is Someone we receive. The One who said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled" is the One we receive. The One who said, "I am the way" is the One placed into our hands. So maybe the invitation is simple. As you come forward, slow down interiorly. Bring whatever is troubling your heart, and receive Him there. The answer is not a "solution", but a person! Jesus is the "way, the truth, and the life"! -- Fr. Tom

Welcome to Saint Benedict Parish

Monday 5/04	Tuesday 5/05	Wednesday 5/06	Thursday 5/07	Friday 5/08	Saturday 5/09	Sunday 5/10 <i>Mother's Day!</i>
Mass 9am: David & Kay Mitchell SI <i>Parish Office Closed</i> Adoration 10am - 10pm Legion of Mary 6-7pm Patriotic Rosary 6pm 4th Degree Meeting 7pm	Mass 9am: Tuyen Pham ROS Adoration 10am-10pm Video Series The Search & Discussion 9:30am	Mass 9am:Elke Darling SI Adoration 10am-10pm Confessions 6pm Samoan Choir 6:30pm High School night 7pm Baccalaureate Mass 7pm	Mass 9am: Rich Owens SI Adoration 10am-10pm Choir Practice 7pm Lumen Christi Graduation 7pm	Mass 9am: Anthony Mitchell SI Adoration 10am-10pm <i>Jr. Legion 10am</i> Samoan Choir 6:30pm	Vigil Mass 5pm: Jim & Jane Branham ROS Confessions 3:45-4:45 Samoan Choir 6:30pm	Masses 8:00am: Rosemary Finn ROS 10:30am: For All Mothers SI 12:15pm: People of the Parish SI NO Super Sunday! See you in the Fall! 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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Church Housekeeper

Elaine Potter



⇒ *Readings:*

Sunday 05/03

Acts 6:1-7
 1Peter 2:4-9
 John 14:1-12

Sunday 05/10

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
 1Peter 3:15-18
 John 14:15-21

Evangelization and Catechesis

Youth and Young Adult Minister

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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 **June 6th!**

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

Thank you to all who provide meals for

Clare House

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

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:

May Anniversaries



Bob and Marilyn McMorro	05/31/69
Mikz and Jeanette Hagland	05/02/70
Charles and Irma Peter	05/20/72
Ernesto Fernandez	05/24/72
Pat and Cecilia Stanley	05/12/73
Ivan and Teresa Harwell	05/26/79
Ron and Cheryl Chan	05/22/82
Dennis and Mary Ellen Murphy	05/21/88
David and Katherine Mitchell	05/04/90
Gregory and Michelle Grubba	05/25/91
Kevin and Jill Doniger	05/27/00
Geoff and Jean Boyda	05/11/02
Aaron and Kelly Sperbeck	05/30/03
Shzen and Pamela Bjelland	05/11/13
Robert and Ella Wiktorowicz	05/17/14
Andy Florz and Sandie Yonker	05/13/17
Michael and Kimberly Whitehead	05/05/18
Ryan and Abigail Andrews	05/04/19
Albert and Jenny Sarogan	05/31/19
Jim Egan and Vivian Burk	05/12/22
Hunter and Winnie Daniel	05/06/23

“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	\$ 8,718.08	\$ 511,198.42
Other Income	\$ 210.00	\$ 132,748.98
	<u>\$ 8,928.08</u>	<u>\$ 643,947.40</u>

Expenses: (avg. wk. \$17,162.20)
YTD Expenses: **\$ 637,421.90**

Combined Parish and School

Total Income \$2,298,368.27
Total Expense \$2,202,389.52
\$ 95,678.75

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 1 Parish Outreach donations
- * There were 0 Special Collection donations
- * There were 0 Faith Formation donations

Dear Lord,

Thank you for teaching me to be generous as you have been generous with me.

Thank you for showing me that all I am and have are gifts from you.

And that these gifts from you, Lord, are meant to be shared. Show me the joys of generosity.

Help me to understand others, perhaps unknown to me, depend on me for help.

Remind me that my world, my parish, needs "Good Samaritans" to heal the wounds of our times.

Make me a gift to others in your name.

Amen.

Please Pray for:

Wayne Anthony Ross (RIP)

Diane Peterson

Christina Del Rosario

Shirley Arnold

Bea Freeman

Waetjen Family

Alicia Warren

Fr. Tim Saur

Rosemary Dunn

Connie Budahl

Danny Lee

Franklin Ellenson

Rosemary Finn (RIP)

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

Maipete 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).

May 7, 2026

5-7 pm at 3309 Spenard Road in Anchorage

Refuge Coffee

COLLABORATION

Presents

LIVE MUSIC

by

SOLAR jazz quintet

ALL COFFEE DRINKS FREE

Sandy Ford drums, Bruce Moore guitar

Steve Lacatena sax, Quentin Schenk bass

Monica Jenicek Lyall keys



The Pruning of the Father

*A Contemplative Approach
to Cultivating Fruitfulness
in the Spirit*

“Every branch in me that does not
bear fruit he takes away, and every
branch that does bear fruit he
prunes, that it may bear more fruit.”

— John 15:2

✦ Day of Recollection with ✦
Fr. Matthew Wanner, O.P.



Holy Family Ministry Center



Saturday, May 16, 2026



9 AM to 3 PM



Open to all



Suggested donation: \$30



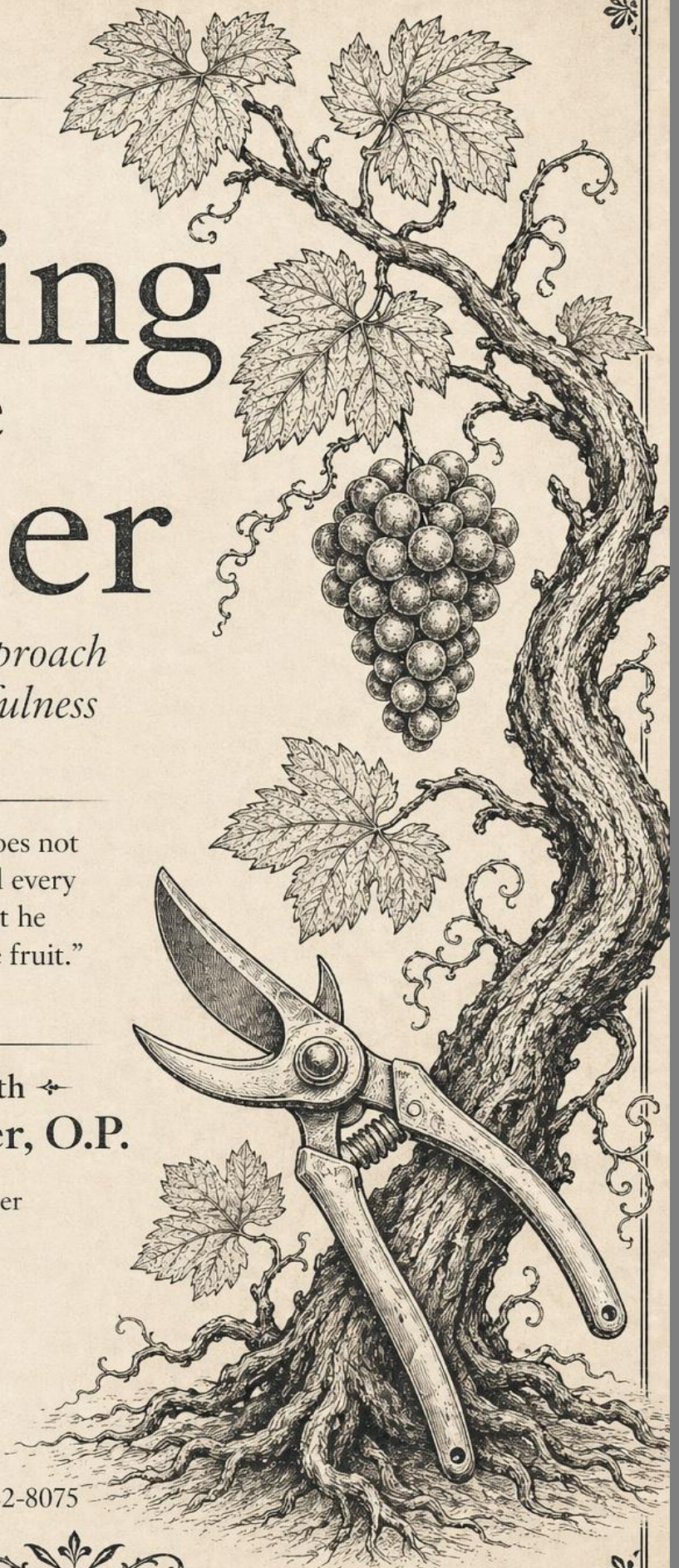
Bring a sack lunch



Registration not required



Info: Legion of Mary 907-782-8075





Lumen Christi School

Living Faith, Celebrating Family, and Achieving Excellence



⇒ Campus Minister:

- “For my Grandma”
- “For my Brother”
- “For the homeless”
- “For those in areas of conflict”
- “For my Mother”
- “For the students who are out sick today”

Every day that I start a class, I ask who we are praying for, and the students ALWAYS have people in mind to pray for. Every time.

I am humbled they are so willing to stand up for their faith and offer prayers for family, for friends, for strangers and for any in need. They know they must bring those petitions to Christ. They offer them up, knowing they will be answered in accordance to his will.

Each week and Mass, the students craft then offer the Prayers of the Faithful.

Your students pray for you. They pray for your parents. They pray for siblings.

They pray.

Do you?

Go, spend time talking to God.

In God’s Love

Doug Berry

JOIN US FOR THE
2026 SENIOR CELEBRATION PARADE
Monday, May 4th
📍 Lumen parking lot at 5:20pm

Final route TBD. Watch for coming details.

Baccalaureate Mass

CLASS OF 2026

Lumen Christi Catholic High School and Saint Benedict Parish



WED. MAY 6TH, 2026
7:00 PM



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?

Lumen Christi Catholic High School

Class of 2026

Graduation Ceremony
May 7th, 2026 at 7pm
8110 Jewel Lake Road



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.

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!

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.

- **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 17th 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. For additional information or to apply, please send your resume and cover letter to **Principal Brian Ross** at 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. 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
- tea

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

Joy Lutheran Church in Eagle River put together meals for Brother Francis Shelter last weekend!



Third Ave. Resource Navigation Center (3RNC) Current Needs

Drop off at 1101 E. 3rd Ave. (in the BFS parking lot, it is the building on the right), 9 am – 2 pm Mon. through Fri.
Warm socks
10 oz. paper coffee cups
Snacks (granola bars of any sort are great)



Adult Ed

TUESDAY MORNINGS

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

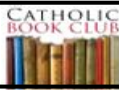
Bible Study



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 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: Pizza

Topic: Urban Hearts of Anchorage

Speaker: Josef Rutz

George Washington Carver states: "Reading about nature is fine, but if a person walks in the woods and listens carefully, he can learn more than what is in books, for they speak with the voice of God."

Unfortunately, many of us have lost touch with the natural world. Perhaps not purposely. We are busy—work, family, household duties, the list is long. However, in order to access our full intelligence and wisdom, we need connection to nature.

In this day and age, a walk in the woods isn't readily available. But opportunities are nearby. Think about a beautiful sunrise or a spectacular sunset. The sight of the first robin in the spring, or watching a tree in your own yard sprout its first leaf of the season. Each of these interactions move us closer to nature. Awareness! Do we pay attention to the surroundings around us? Simply allowing ourselves to be present to experience God's beautiful handiwork is a great start. This natural spirituality mainly depends on each of us; of simply being present in the moment.

Being present in the moment. Keeping this idea foremost in our thoughts can improve many conflicts in our lives. Listening (not giving the impression of listening) to people, including, of course, our families. Then stretch yourself; being mindful of those who serve us every day. The barista in the coffee shop, the clerk at the grocery store, or the mechanic at the auto repair are worthy in their own way. Offering a simple greeting, thank you, nod or smile can enhance the interaction. Soon you may even consider yourself acquaintances exchanging pleasantries or ideas. These small steps may even begin to close the "us vs them" mentality so prevalent today.

Remembering God has created everyone and everything, and loves each of us equally, makes these connections significant. Of course, our egotistical self wants God to favor how we think, respond, and communicate with others. That's when we need to look around at nature's scenery. The trees, sky, foliage and floral, though all unique alone fit together beautifully to create a sense of calmness, splendor, and possibility. May this be our hope for us all!

"The earth was entrusted to us in order that it be mother for us, capable of giving to each one what is necessary to live. . .the earth is generous and holds nothing back from those who safeguard it. The earth, which is mother of all, asks for respect, not violence."

~ Pope Francis

Questions:

1. How have you interacted with nature lately?
2. How have you interacted with others?
3. How will you surround yourself with nature and others this spring?

Challenge:

Take time this week to connect with those outside of your family in a pleasant way.

Quote:

"The beauty of creation reflects the infinite beauty of the Creator and ought to inspire the respect and submission of man's intellect and will."

~St John of the Cross

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 Ellemerger at: hre814@gmail.com

Adoration

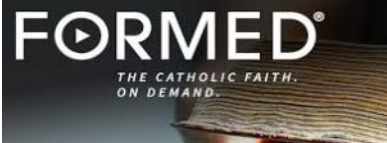
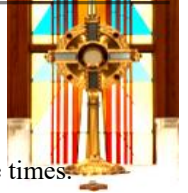
Eucharistic Adoration

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!

Super Sunday is over
for the Summer!
2 Peter 3

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 raffle prizes...
No purchase necessary... prizes!!!
...for the great family faith formation!!!

High School grades 9-11

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

Jr. High Youth Night

St. Joseph the Worker
and
Guess that Famous Person!

May 5th from 6-8 pm.

Questions? Contact Gabe

SUMMER

ST BENEDICT PARISH
INVITES YOU!

MISSION

★ *Trip*

**GO TO VALDEZ AND
SERVE THE
COMMUNITY THERE!**



COST:

\$100

JULY 30 - AUGUST 2

THERE WILL BE WORK AND
FUN. WE WILL GO ON HIKES
AND DO SEVERAL PROJECTS
FOR THE PARISH THERE.

For more information contact Gabe at golenaestbenedictsak.com
or at 907-215-7058

Upcoming Events

05/06 High School Night 7pm!
05/05 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

Baccalaureate Mass!

Support our Seniors! We will meet in the Church for Mass, then following, we will head to the gym for free time and games!

May
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Wednesday 7-9 pm

Confirmation for all!

Why do we have Confirmation in 5th grade now? What are the benefits from Confirmation? Come and let us know your thoughts!

May
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Wednesday 7-9 pm

Bishops?

How do we get new bishops? We learn about St. Matthias and discuss the process to get new bishops.

May
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Pray for us!

#Youth Corner

5/06 Youth Night

7-9pm

5/05 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

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