

Sixth Sunday of Easter

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

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

Grades 7-12

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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 10, 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



Moms and Grads and Confirmandi: Congratulations!

We have lots to celebrate! Best wishes to our mothers as we celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday! From carrying us in her womb, through the countless sacrifices she made (and continues to make!) on our behalf, to the gift of her daily love, THANK YOU, and blessings on your special day! We pray for the souls of our deceased mothers.

Along with all graduating seniors, we especially acknowledge the following 24 young men and women of the Lumen Christi Class of 2026 (the largest in our school's history): Nicholas Boring, Porter Brady, Jules Butcher, Kayla Crigger, Liv Crosby, Vincent Everard, Austin Gunderson, Sarn Haughey, Meredith Kaplan, Claire Kuchar, Malcolm Locke, Rita Medland, Lilly Muller, Henry Pekar, Marvin Quintero, Alexa Romero, Bryce Sanders, Molly Sillers, Kolten Thimsen, XinMei Thomson, Noah Tzvetcoff, Gavin VanDuren, Quinn Webb, and Aurora Williams.

Finally, may God bless all of our 82 Confirmandi, especially the final few to be confirmed this week! It has been a very special year and I wish each beautiful soul God's most abundant blessings! Congratulations, Moms, Grads, and Confirmandi! — Fr. Tom

Welcome to Saint Benedict Parish

Monday 5/11	Tuesday 5/12	Wednesday 5/13	Thursday 5/14	Friday 5/15	Saturday 5/16	Sunday 5/17
Mass 9am: Tim Vessel SI <i>Parish Office Closed</i> Adoration 10am - 10pm Legion of Mary 6-7pm	Mass 9am: Danny Bacher ROS Adoration 10am-10pm Video Series The Search & Discussion 9:30am	Mass 9am: Thomas Owens SI Adoration 10am-10pm Confessions 6pm Samoan Choir 6:30pm High School night 7pm KofC Meeting 7pm Bible Study 7pm	Mass 9am: Jonathan Dalsfoist RPS Adoration 10am-10pm Choir Practice 7pm Esto Vir 6pm	Mass 9am: John Houlihan ROS Adoration 10am-10pm Jr. Legion 10am Samoan Choir 6:30pm	Vigil Mass 5pm: Alexander Mitchell SI Confessions 3:45-4:45 Samoan Choir 6:30pm	Masses 8:00am: People of the Parish SI 10:30am: Kevin Kohlbeck ROS 12:15pm: Romy & Mila Rescober SI Reception for Confirmandi/ 12:30-4pm In the Gym! 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

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!**



⇒ Readings:

Sunday 05/10

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

Sunday 05/17

Acts 1:1-11
 Ephesians 1:17-23
 Matthew 28:16-20

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**



ST. BENEDICT PARISH

FY2026 Quarter 3 Financial Report



March 31, 2025

Income	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Over (Under)
Income-Church			
Sunday Collections	\$ 469,106.88	\$ 487,499.99	\$ (18,393.11)
Other Donations Total	\$ 66,727.00	\$ 41,249.98	\$ 25,477.02
Other Income Total	\$ 60,290.98	\$ 37,685.00	\$ 22,605.98
Income Totals:	\$ 596,124.86	\$ 566,434.97	\$ 29,689.89
Income –School			
Fees/Tuition Income Totals	\$1,248,757.85	\$ 1,237,400.00	\$ 11,357.85
Fundraising Total	\$ 289,781.98	\$ 255,000.00	\$ 34,781.98
Sports Total	\$ 60,594.18	\$ 59,000.00	\$ 1,594.18
Sales Income	\$ 2,307.02	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,307.02
Archangel Attic	\$ 77,349.65	\$ 82,502.00	\$ (5,152.35)
Tuition Discounts	\$ (48,045.54)	\$ (48,000.00)	\$ (45.54)
Other income total	\$ 21,470.47	\$ 41,400.00	\$ (19,929.53)
Income Totals:	\$ 1,652,215.61	\$ 1,628,302.00	\$ 23,913.61
Revenue Totals:	\$ 2,248,340.47	\$ 2,194,736.97	\$ 53,603.50
Expense –Church			
Personnel Expense Totals	\$ 314,079.51	\$ 305,715.45	\$ 8,364.06
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 37,628.27	\$ 16,124.99	\$ 21,503.28
Utilities total	\$ 33,955.24	\$ 31,725.00	\$ 2,230.24
Diocesan Assessments	\$ 83,276.01	\$ 83,275.96	\$ 0.05
Bank Fees	\$ 8,211.97	\$ 3,749.99	\$ 4,461.98
Other Operating Expenses Totals	\$ 132,041.71	\$ 114,999.97	\$ 17,041.74
Expense Totals:	\$ 609,192.71	\$ 555,591.36	\$ 53,601.35
Expense –School			
Personnel Expense Totals	\$ 1,012,318.00	\$ 1,032,076.44	\$ (19,758.44)
Repair & Maint Total	\$ 149,629.28	\$ 125,450.00	\$ 24,179.28
Utilities Total	\$ 68,039.61	\$ 55,125.00	\$ 12,914.61
Sports Total	\$ 61,192.05	\$ 59,600.00	\$ 1,592.05
Other Expense total	\$ 245,565.16	\$ 247,127.02	\$ (1,561.86)
Expense Totals:	\$ 1,536,744.10	\$ 1,519,378.46	\$ 17,365.64
Total Expenses	\$ 2,145,936.81	\$ 2,074,969.82	\$ 70,966.99
Net Revenue (Loss)	\$ 102,403.66	\$ 119,767.15	\$ (17,363.49)

Financial Narrative For The 3rd Quarter of FY2026

As we complete the third-quarter of our fiscal year, we would like to share an update on our parish finances and express our sincere appreciation to our parish community. We are deeply grateful for your commitment and the many ways you give. Your generosity is a true reflection of our shared faith and mission.

Our annual Gala held in February was a great success. We were able to raise over \$250,000 which will be used to support our new exterior classroom project, student scholarships and general school operating needs. Thanks to your charity, our total revenue has exceeded budget. Sunday offertory collections are slightly below budget but other donations and income have offset this. Expenses for the quarter came in over budget. This was driven mainly by repairs and maintenance expenses. We had school gym floor repairs, an ADA upgrade that had to be completed at the school, and high snow and plowing expenses this season. Gas and electric expenses were also high in the 3rd quarter. Overall, parish and school combined, we had a very strong 3rd quarter.

Our Building For Our Future campaign has been very successful. Thank you for your commitment to our school and parish! We are hoping to break ground by June 1st and completing two exterior classrooms by the first half of August.

We continue to be blessed by your generosity and stewardship. Thank you and may God Bless you and all your families,

The Finance Committee

Letter to the People of God in the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau

To the People of God in the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau,

I am writing to share with you that I have made the decision to petition for laicization and will be stepping away from priestly ministry to return to the lay state. It has been a profound privilege to serve you, and I am deeply grateful for the faith, love, and support you have so generously shown me over the years. I kindly ask that you keep me in your prayers during this transition, and please know that you and your families will always remain in mine.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Madison R. H. Hayes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. Madison R. H. Hayes

⇒ Celebrations:

**May
Anniversaries**



Bob and Marilyn McMorrow	05/31/69
Mike 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 Flores 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 44</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Offertory Income	\$ 12,885.85	\$ 521,443.29
Other Income	\$ 382.90	\$ 135,239.88
	\$ 13,268.75	\$ 656,683.17

Expenses: (avg. wk. \$17,162.20)
YTD Expenses: **\$ 638,991.28**

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 50 gifts made online
- * There were 0 Families new to online giving
- * There were 2 Maintenance Fund donations
- * There were 1 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:

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).

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



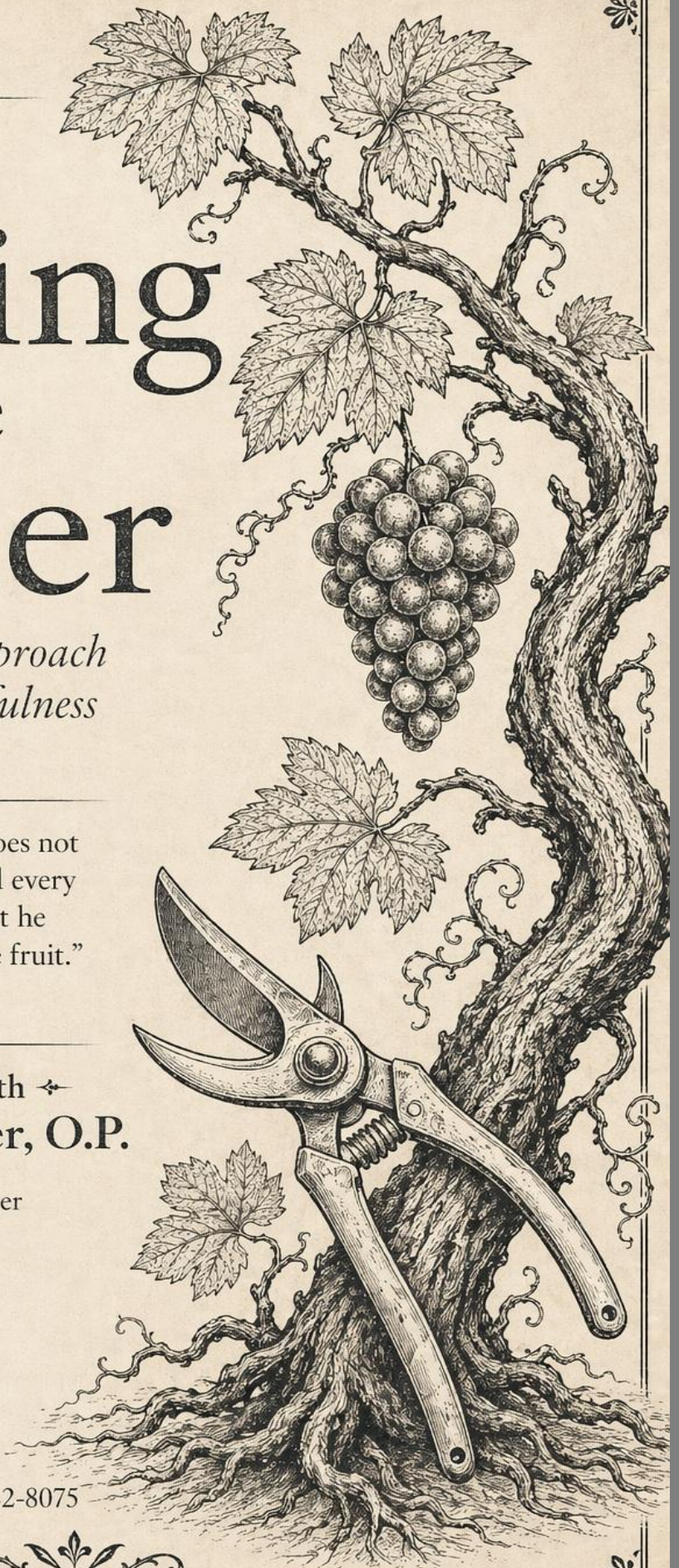
Bring a sack lunch



Registration not required



Info: Legion of Mary 907-782-8075





⇒ Principal's Update:

I always love graduation weeks that extend beyond the actual graduation ceremony. It reminds me of my experiences at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, where "Commissioning Week" was a packed schedule of activities leading up to the commencement event. Dances, garden party socials, Blue Angel flyovers, Baccalaureate Mass, and many other fun events for the entire family.

I feel like we have that here at Lumen Christi as we say farewell to our Class of 2026 graduates. From our Last Mass with our Seniors and Transfer of the Light of Christ ceremony last week to Prom, Senior Celebration Parade, senior photos and lunch with the Principal, Baccalaureate Mass and finally Graduation tonight, we have loved highlighting and recognizing the collective and individual accomplishments of our largest graduating class in the school's history! We send them out knowing they are all imbued with the six Attributes of a Lumen Christi Graduate and ready to face the world. Congratulations Class of 2026!

Blessings, Brian

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

PLEASE JOIN US!

END OF YEAR PICNIC!

HELP US CELEBRATE AN AWESOME YEAR,
OUR GRADUATING SENIORS, AND OF COURSE
MRS. BREWER AS SHE BEGINS HER TRANSITION TO
RETIREMENT AFTER 30 YEARS AT LUMEN CHRISTI.

TUESDAY, MAY 19TH, 11:15AM

BURGERS & HOT DOGS PROVIDED,
PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE!

RSVP TO THE OFFICE: LCHS@LUMENCHRISTIAK.COM
(SO WE KNOW HOW MANY TO COOK FOR)



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

CDA Court St. Pius X of Anchorage is inviting all Catholic women to attend our next meeting on June 8, 2026, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Lunney Center at 6:30 p.m. Our special guests will be children who won scholarships to St. Therese Camp this summer. It will also be the evening of our big raffle. For further information please



The Catholic Daughters will be selling their annual raffle tickets at St. Benedict Church after all Masses on May 16-17, 2026. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Take a chance on winning one of many wonderful prizes. Come meet us and help us to help others.

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.

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>

- **Payroll and Benefits Specialist – Archdiocese of Anchorage Juneau:**

The Office of Finance for the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau is seeking a detail-oriented and highly skilled Payroll and Benefits Specialist. This position is fulltime and is responsible for ensuring accurate payroll processing and effective administration of employee benefits for more than 250 Archdiocesan employees.

This role also supports the Alaska Conference of Catholic Bishops (ACCB) by coordinating benefits processing for Catholic entities across the state. The position requires strong technical proficiency, strict adherence to data confidentiality, and up-to-date knowledge of federal, state, and local labor and tax regulations.

The ideal candidate is organized, adaptable, and capable of managing multiple priorities in a professional office environment while supporting the mission of the Archdiocese.

For more information about the job please visit: <https://aoaj.org/jobs>

⇒ *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

May is here—the month of promise: of sunshine, of cleaning up our yards washing our windows, and a time to promise to cleanse ourselves and begin again. The “outside” does it—trees bud new leaves and flowers, grass pops out from the snow and grows green, even our sidewalks are again without the worry of ice and snow.

Perhaps it's also time to look inwardly and clean up our thoughts, words, and deeds. As Catholics, this is easy. We can recite the Ten Commandments from our days in Catechism classes. The words/ideas arising from God's commandments show us how to order our life to love one another as God loves us.

The first two commandments tell us to love God above all, to not worship idols such as money, power and prestige, to not take His name in vain, for He is kindness and goodness.

The third tells us to keep the Sabbath holy. A needed reminder to take time for God. Listening to His Word, we become renewed and ready to be our best selves toward others.

Honor your father and your mother is number four. Parents love us unconditionally; may we strive to love them and their sacrifices for us.

Number five: Thou shall not kill. This means more than the disastrous act of taking a life, but also of speaking kindly to all, refraining from gossiping, choosing to build others up by word and deed.

Thou shall not commit adultery. Our society today often looks the other way when infidelities are happening. Try to “rise above” encouraging others to see the goodness in choices already made. Those are worth preserving.

Seventh commandment states: Thou shall not steal. This means not only taking things from others, but also others' ideas, dreams, and viewpoints without giving credit.

The eighth is beautifully stated: Thou shall not bear false witness again your neighbor. As we “unpack” this commandment, first we realize “our neighbor” is everyone else. We then grasp the importance of telling the truth, of not listening to lies against those we do not know, of not indulging in falsehoods we hear about others, nor considering rumors without verification.

Nine and ten both deal with coveting others and their belongings. God was well aware of our desire to have what others have. We want bigger and better things, we crave the newest and best of whatever is the rage, and yearn to outdo others with money, devices, crazes, fads, and obsessions.

He knows—and what we finally realize after years of wanting—that love and kindness to others are truly what make our lives worth living.

Questions:

1. What is your go-to commandment?
2. How are you living out God's commandments?
3. Where is your life headed?

Challenge:

This week, be conscious of which commandment(s) is foremost in your daily life.

Quote:

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”
Exodus 20:16

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

Adoration

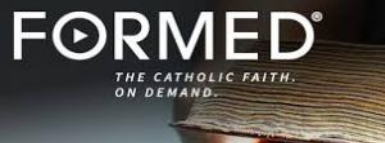
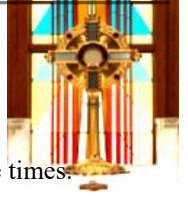
Eucharistic Adoration

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!

SAINTS FUN FACTS

by mario d. macari

SAINST BENEDICT WAS A MERE TEENAGER WHEN HE LEFT THE SINFUL WORLD IN 497 TO LIVE LIFE FASTING AND PRAYING IN THE INACCESSIBLE DESERT MOUNTAINS. HE WAS THEREFORE QUITE SURPRISED ONE DAY TO SEE A PRIEST BEARING FOOD APPEAR IN THE REMOTE REGION. "IT'S EASTER DAY!", THE PRIEST SAID, "SHARE THIS FEAST WITH ME!"

AFTER PRAYING AND EATING TOGETHER, THE YOUNG SAINT WONDERED WHY THE PRIEST HAD FOUND HIM.

AS HE WAS ABOUT TO SIT DOWN TO HIS DINNER THAT DAY, THE PRIEST REPLIED, HE HAD HEARD A GENTLE VOICE SAY: "YOU ARE PREPARING FOR YOURSELF A BANQUET, WHILE MY SERVANT BENEDICT IS DISTRESSED WITH HUNGER." THE PRIEST IMMEDIATELY PACKED UP THE MEAL AND SET OUT LOOKING FOR BENEDICT!



SUMMER

ST BENEDICT PARISH
INVITES YOU!

MISSION

Trip

GO TO VALDEZ AND
SERVE THE
COMMUNITY THERE!



COST:

\$100

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

JULY 30 - AUGUST 2

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

ST. BENEDICT PARISH PRESENTS

SUMMER EVENTS

31 MAY
12:00 PM

KINCAID BEACH! JOIN US FOR A TRIP
DOWN THE HILL TO THE BEACH!
MEET AT THE CHALET.

12 JUNE
6:00 PM

BASEBALL! WATCH THE BUCS PLAY
AT 6 PM. MEET AT MULCHAHY
STADIUM. WE WILL BE DOWN THE
FIRST BASE LINE.

28 JUNE
12:00 PM

ALASKA HIGHLAND GAMES @ THE
STATE FAIRGROUNDS. CONTACT
GABE IF YOU NEED A RIDE.

11 JULY
12:00 PM

PARISH FEAST DAY SOFTBALL GAME!
WE WILL MEET AT DE LA VEGA PARK
AND SELECT TEAMS THERE!

19 JULY
12:00 PM

HIKE AT BICENTENNIAL PARK. MEET
AT THE NORTH BIVOUC TRAILHEAD
AT NOON.

26 JULY
12:00 PM

DISC GOLF AT KINCAID! BRING A
FRISBEE AND MEET US THERE!

30-2 JULY -
AUGUST

YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO VALDEZ.
JOIN US FOR WORK AND OTHER
EVENTS IN VALDEZ!

9 AUGUST
12:00 PM

FLATTOP! JOIN US AND SUMMIT THE
MOUNTAIN!

15 AUGUST
6:00 PM

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION. JOIN US
AT ST. BENEDICT FOR AN END OF
THE SUMMER CELEBRATION!

Upcoming Events

05/13 High School Night 7pm!
06/02 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
6
2026



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
13
2026



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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2026

Pray for us!

#Youth Corner

5/13 Youth Night

7-9pm

6/02 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

