

The Ascension of the Lord



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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- 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 17,
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



Go out and be His witnesses!

In today's Gospel: *"When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted."* His Apostles spent three years with Jesus, saw Him risen from the dead, and still experienced hesitation and weakness. If you feel inadequate, unprepared, or full of doubts about your faith, you are in good company. Jesus did not wait for the Apostles to become flawless before sending them out. He chose broken vessels so that the glory would belong to God, not to human talent. Jesus addresses their doubt with the ultimate anchor of hope: *"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."* We do not go out in our own strength. We go out in the power of the One who conquered sin and death. As we receive the Eucharist today, let us shake off any spiritual paralysis. Let us stop staring blankly at the sky, waiting for a better time or an easier world to live our faith. The Mass always ends with a dismissal: *"Go forth, the Mass is ended."* That is literal. It is the continuation of the Ascension command. Christ has filled us; now He sends us. Go out into the world this week and be His witnesses!

"Many Gifts, One Church"

This weekend we kick off "United in Mission: Many Gifts, One Church"! Please see the results from last year's appeal and our ongoing project for this year's appeal on pages 7 and 8. Next weekend we will begin our in-pew pledges. Thank you for your thoughtful support! -- Fr. Tom

Welcome to Saint Benedict Parish

Monday 5/18	Tuesday 5/19	Wednesday 5/20	Thursday 5/21	Friday 5/22	Saturday 5/23	<i>Sunday 5/24 Pentecost Sunday</i>
Mass 9am: Jordan Sanders & Family SI <i>Parish Office Closed</i> Adoration 10am - 10pm Legion of Mary 6-7pm <i>Patriotic Rosary 6pm</i>	Mass 9am: Maurice Ford ROS Adoration 10am-10pm Video Series The Search & Discussion 9:30am	Mass 9am: Susan Bantigue ROS Adoration 10am-10pm Confessions 6pm Samoan Choir 6:30pm High School night 7pm Bible Study 7pm Movie in Library	Mass 9am: Jude Ofa Unga-Kola ROS Adoration 10am-10pm Choir Practice 7pm Blessed Among Women 7pm	Mass 9am: All Souls Adoration 10am-10pm Jr. Legion 10am Samoan Choir 6:30pm	Vigil Mass 5pm: Police & Firefighters SI Confessions 3:45-4:45 Samoan Choir 6:30pm	Masses 8:00am: People of the Parish SI 10:30am: Fr. Tom Lilly SI 12:15pm: 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

Pastor

Fr. Tom Lilly
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 907-243-2195

Deacon

Deacon Daniel Winters

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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 05/17

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

Sunday 05/24

Acts 2:1-11
 1Corinthians 12:3-7, 12, 13
 John 20:19-23

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

⇒ 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 45</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Offertory Income	\$ 11,180.45	\$ 536,559.94
Other Income	\$ 250.00	\$ 138,269.88
	<u>\$ 11,430.45</u>	<u>\$ 674,829.82</u>

Expenses: (avg. wk. \$17,162.20)

YTD Expenses: **\$ 683,169.35**

Combined Parish and School

Total Income	\$2,519,962.09
Total Expense	<u>\$2,394,522.85</u>
	\$ 125,439.24

Our new fiscal year began 1 July

***Online Donation Income:**

- * There were 45 gifts made online
- * There were 0 Families new to online giving
- * There were 3 Maintenance Fund donations
- * There were 3 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

Maipele 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).



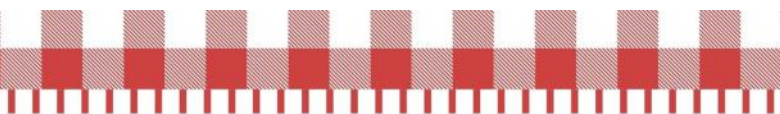
⇒ Principal's Update:

Well our last full week of school is finally here! It is nice to end on a high note with a school Mass hosted by our illustrious and amazing school staff. We wish our junior high track and field team good luck at their championship meet at Goldenview on Saturday and good luck to our high school team as they compete at Regions in Su-Valley Friday and Saturday. Both of these teams have grown in recent years and as individuals and teams, they have made a big impact this season!

We look forward to final exams next week. Please take note of the 11am dismissal time each day—thank you for your flexibility. This early departure time allows our students to space out their exams (think college finals) and allows our staff time to grade and assess properly. I hope to see you at Ms. Brewer's retirement party on Tuesday at 11:15am. We want to thank our St. Benedict's Knights of Columbus chapter for grilling hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone—be sure to get your RSVP in so we can plan accordingly!

Enjoy the spring weather and have a wonderful weekend!

Blessings, Brian



PLEASE JOIN US!

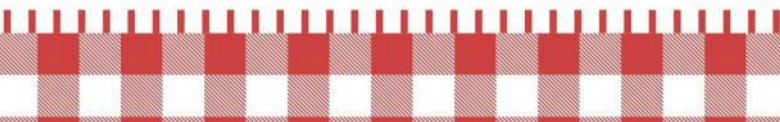
END OF YEAR PICNIC!

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)



KNIGHTS TABLE

Congratulations: April

Knight of the month

Family of the Month

Joseph Felise Jr.

Doug & Rebecca Berry Family



Patriotic Rosary— 05/04 and 5/18 at 6:00 pm

K of C Council meeting - 05/13 at 7:00 pm

4th Degree meeting – 05/04 at 7:00 pm

Officer's meeting - 05/28 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?

Knights of Columbus Italian Dinner Social!

Everyone Welcome!



May 30th @ 6pm



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

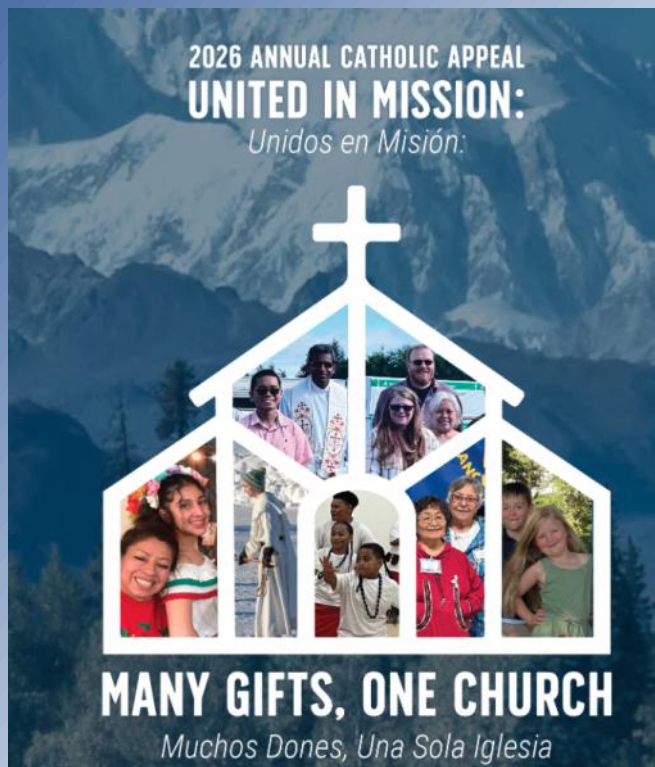
CDA Court St. Pius X of Anchorage is inviting all Catholic women to attend our next meeting on June 8, 2026, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Lunney Center at 6:30 p.m. Our special guests will be children who won scholarships to St. Therese Camp this summer.

It will also be the evening of our big raffle.

For more information contact cecistanley2013@icloud.com.



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.



By now, you should have received your letter from Archbishop Bellisario asking you to be partners for the gospel and to support Archdiocesan ministries for all of parishioners in our faith communities. When you pledge your support for the United in Mission: Many Gifts, One Church Annual Catholic Appeal, you help make possible diocesan-wide ministries that offer opportunities for ongoing conversation and lifelong faith formation.

Who are we, as the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau?

- There are 32 parishes, 14 missions, 1 Retreat Center and 1 National Shrine in the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau. 21 of our parishes serve remote or rural communities.
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- The Archdiocese of Anchorage- Juneau covers over 176,000 square miles. That's more square mileage than these eleven states: Rhode Island, Delaware, Connecticut, New Jersey, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maryland, West Virginia, South Carolina, and Maine combined!
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- There are over 10,000 registered parishioner households in the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau.
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Please prayerfully consider making a gift to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal.

Your participation as an active steward of these vital ministries matters more than the amount of your gift. We are united in this effort – join the mission.



United In Mission

"Radiating Christ's Love and Hope"

2025 Annual Catholic Appeal

Saint Benedict Parish

More information at:
www.stbenedictsak.com

"How Did We Do Last Year?"

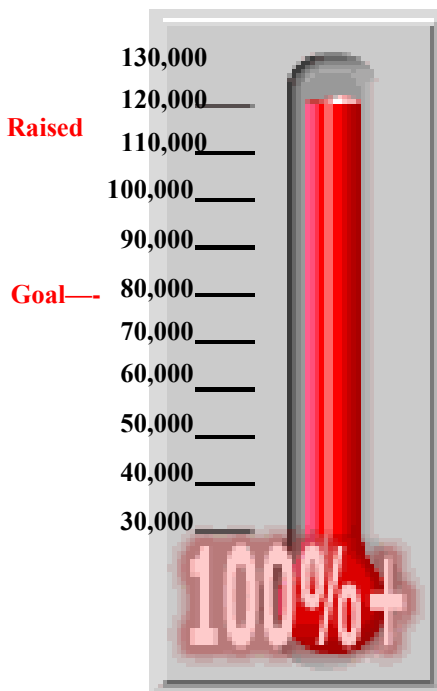
We exceeded our Archdiocesan goal by 46%! From a total of paid pledges of \$115,345 our parish received back \$36,267.84 This is good news!

Your generosity will allow us to complete "Phase I" of the renovation of the Archangel Attic this summer. This first phase will allow us to replace all windows with energy-efficient windows, re-do the front entrance area with a new (secure) door and windows, and paint the exterior of the building.

"United in Mission" (formerly "One Bread, One Body") has been a boon to our parish, allowing us to raise much needed capital assessment-free. Past maintenance projects have included new entrance doors to the church, exterior rock work, the Cross, exterior lighting over the entry ways, and a new campus-wide security system.

WHAT YOU FUNDED:

- Family life ministries
- Campus ministries
- Programs of Catholic Social Services
- Holy Spirit Retreat Center



United in Mission Goals:

Our Annual Appeal, *United in Mission*, is an opportunity for each of us to answer the call of Christian stewardship and nourish our local Church. By uniting to support the ministries that improve the lives of people throughout our archdiocese, we further our goals to:

- Deepen our Catholic spiritual life
- Celebrate our faith as a Eucharistic People
- Engage youth and young adults in the life of the Church
- Live as good stewards of all God's creation
- Form and support collaborative leaders
- Engage in ecumenical and interfaith witness
- Strengthen lifelong faith formation
- Live a deeper relationship with our Lord

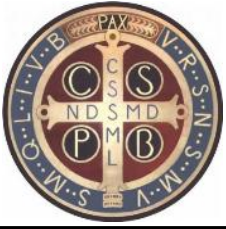
United in Mission Results

ARCHDIOCESAN
 GOAL:
 \$79,077.16

TOTAL AMOUNT
 COLLECTED:
 \$115,345.00

TOTAL
 COLLECTED
 OVER GOAL:
 \$36,267.84
 (46%)

TOTAL
 RETURNED TO
 OUR PARISH :
 \$36,267.84



United In Mission

"Many Gifts, One Church"

2026 Annual Catholic Appeal

Saint Benedict Parish



Archdiocesan Goal
\$ 80,975.96

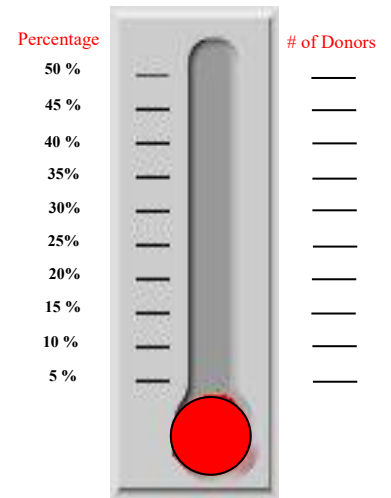
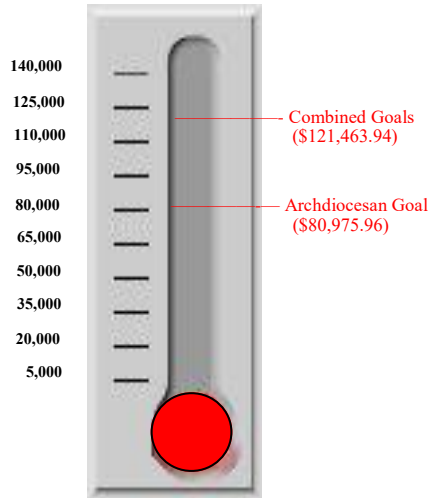
Parish Goal
\$40,487.98

Participation Goal
40 Percent *

Donating to United in Mission:
"Many Gifts, One Church"
has never been easier!



Use the QR code and donate
right now online.
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* Parish census: 670 households

Contributions beyond our Archdiocesan goal help us to:



Prep and paint exterior.



Close off old access.



Weatherproof the foundation.



Replace all windows.



Convert lighting to LED.



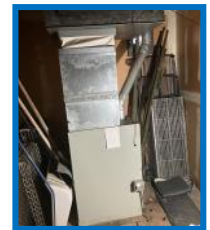
Update bathroom.



Install secure door.



Paint the interior.



Install a new furnace.

Renovate the "Archangel Attic"

Why? Didn't we already do this project last year? Answer: We completed phase I. We raised approximately \$36,000 and that amount will allow us to install new windows, a new secure entry door and paint the exterior of the building this summer. Proceeds from this year's appeal will allow us to complete this two-year renovation project. In the summer of 2027 we will install a new furnace, renovate the bathroom, and replace all lighting with LED fixtures. Once completed, the Archangel Attic will be ready for the next decade! The Attic serves as an outreach to the needy in our community, as well as a revenue source for scholarships to Lumen Christi Catholic High School (generating more than \$1.4 million since 2011!). All staff, including managers Mary and Colleen, are volunteers. **Thank you!**

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.

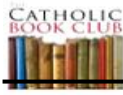
Bible Study



Meets the **2nd –4th or 5th Wednesdays** of each month at 7pm! We will see you in the Fall!

Wednesday May 20th 7PM in the Lumen library a showing of “Triumph of the Heart”, a story about St. Maximilian Kolbe and his companions’ passion in Auschwitz, will be showing. This is a film that was unavailable in Anchorage. Please contact Jim McCormack with any questions - 907-360-2453.

Book Club



Thursday, June 4th @ 7:00PM

At Donna Dooley’s

We will discuss the last half of the book “On Fire” by John O’Leary

The next book is “The Forgotten Way” by Matthew Kelly.

St. Benedict Parish Lending Library –

Pick up a book to enjoy, leave a book to share.

The bookcase is near the Adoration door entrance, where we will share books, publications, etc. and enrich our Catholic faith.

There are books there and 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, **May 21st** in the Rectory.

As a service project, we will be assembling goodie bags for the Urban Hearts missionaries to pass along to their friends on the street. Please feel free to bring donations of travel size toiletries, granola bars, fruit snacks, unused socks, chap stick, and the like. For more information about Urban Hearts check out <https://urbanhearts.org/>.

For questions regarding this gathering, please call Lynn Stuhr at 907-830-1627. We look forward to seeing you

Men’s Ministry

Our next Meeting will be on

Thursday, June !

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



Food: Pizza

Topic: Urban Hearts of Anchorage

Speaker: Josef Rutz

Success vs Significance

As we journey through our lives, we often do not have a real path for our reason for living. We may set a goal or two, some may be too limiting or not quite right, others may “decide” for us

or we find ourselves “going with the flow.”

John O’Leary in his book, On Fire, suggests we look at Success vs Significance. What does that mean, you ask. First, he gives us a quote from Winston Churchill to consider. “We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.”

Our lives are busy, but are they reaching our potential? Regardless of our age, we have responsibilities, tasks, and chores; and we all have our breaking point. We think we can’t do another thing. O’Leary suggests that is when we open up our hearts, reach out with our hands, and ask “What more can “I” do?

Not hole away in despair, not fret in fear of being bogged down for the rest of our lives. Instead, how can we achieve the opportunities in front of us! Do we need to take better care of our health, take more time for God in prayer, thanksgiving, and celebrations of our blessings? Is it time to reach out to those less fortunate? Pay more attention to those hurting around us? Everything we do each day of our lives matters profoundly. When we chase success, our spark burns out quickly. When we do something of significance, that spark jumps to life, spreads to others, and burns brightly long after we are gone.

The work we do quietly for others may not make headlines, but it will inspire others and give our lives significance. Think about something another did for you that still today touches your heart making you smile and feel warm inside. Maybe a special compliment, a hand up during a rough time in your life, or even a second chance at something important to you.

That could be YOU giving to another, maybe quietly, maybe a continual encouragement, something to inspire another while giving your life significance. Decide today to make that one person, your family, your community, your organization, your world, a better place. Ask, “What more can I do?” You will see that spark catch a flame and create a powerful inferno of change. Choose significance. Adapted from (On Fire by John O’Leary p. 196)

Questions:

1. What helps you out of feeling burdened?
2. How do you handle that overwhelming feeling?
3. What have you been thinking of doing for others?

Challenge:

Make a list of ways you are already reaching out to others. Do one this week.

Quote:

“You will find the glory of charity more than a match for the parade of power.”

~St. Ambrose, bishop

“No act of devotion on the part of the faithful gives God more pleasure than that which is lavished on his poor.”

~St. Leo the Great, pope

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

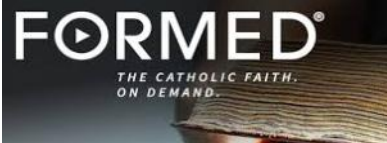
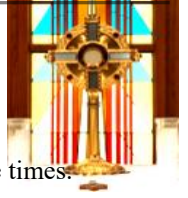
Eucharistic Adoration

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

05/20 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

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
20
2026



Wednesday 7-9 pm

Memory

What is Memorial Day about? How does memory effect our thoughts? Let's discuss. We will then play a memory game! No prep needed.

May
27
2026

Pray for us!

#Youth Corner

5/20 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

