

Pentecost Sunday



Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 8:00am,
10:30am, 12:15pm

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday 9:00am

Adoration

Monday-Friday 10am-10pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesdays, 6pm-7pm
Sat. 3:45pm-4:45pm or by appointment



Parish Office

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Anchorage, AK 99502

Phone: (907) 243-2195
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Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday
10:00am -5:00pm

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Lumen Christi Catholic School

Grades 7-12
8110 Jewel Lake Rd Bldg. D
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 24,
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



“Come, Holy Spirit, and kindle in us the fire of your love”!

Throughout these next six weeks our archdiocese celebrates the United in Mission Annual Appeal under the theme, “**Many Gifts, One Church.**” This isn’t just a slogan; it is the modern-day reality of Pentecost. Just like those first-century disciples, we are called to pool our unique talents, resources, and charisms. No matter the size of the gift, every contribution breathes life into the Body of Christ. No single person can do everything, but we can do amazing things together!

When we give our time, talents or treasure to the appeal, we aren't just paying for institutional upkeep. We are funding vibrant, localized ministries: faith formation for our youth and young adults; education of our seminarians and candidates for the Diaconate; coordination of abuse-prevention efforts to help keep our children and vulnerable adults safe; and outreach to our Hispanic and Native Alaskan Catholic communities.

Saint Paul makes it clear: the Spirit is manifested for *some benefit*. When you donate to the appeal—whether through a one-time gift or a monthly pledge—your gift collaborates with others to do something beautiful that no single parish or person could accomplish alone. You can easily make your pledge today by using the QR code posted in the pews or by dropping your donation envelope into the collection basket. Thank you, in advance, for your thoughtfulness! -- *Fr. Tom*

Welcome to Saint Benedict Parish

Monday 5/25	Tuesday 5/26	Wednesday 5/27	Thursday 5/28	Friday 5/29	Saturday 5/30	Sunday 5/31 <i>Most Holy Trinity!</i>
Mass 9am: John Branham SI <i>Parish Office Closed</i> Adoration 10am - 10pm Legion of Mary 6-7pm	Mass 9am: Charlie & Dori Camp ROS <i>Parish Office Closed</i> Adoration 10am-10pm Video Series The Search & Discussion 9:30am <i>Clare House</i>	Mass 9am: Chuck Biernard ROS Adoration 10am-10pm Confessions 6pm Samoan Choir 6:30pm High School night 7pm	Mass 9am: Gail Flotre ROS Adoration 10am-10pm Choir Practice 7pm KofC Officers 6pm	Mass 9am: Becky Gonzalez ROS Adoration 10am-10pm Jr. Legion 10am Samoan Choir 6:30pm	Vigil Mass 5pm: Ann Curro ROS Confessions 3:45-4:45 Samoan Choir 6:30pm KofC Italian Social Dinner 6pm	Masses 8:00am: 10:30am: People of the Parish SI 12:15pm: Check out our page at: https://www.stbenedictsak.com/65 FB: St. Ben's Youth Ministry Insta: @stbensyouthanc

Garage Sale!

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

Business Manager

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Elaine Potter

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Lumen Christi School

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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 26th!**

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



⇒ Readings:

Sunday 05/24

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

Sunday 05/31

Exodus 34:4-6, 8, 9
 2Corinthians 13:11-13
 John 3:16-18



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 McMorro	05/31/69
Mike and Jeanette Hageland	05/02/70
Charles and Irma Peter	05/20/72
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
Sharon 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	\$ 13,306.41	\$ 541,384.94
Other Income	\$ 628.50	\$ 138,729.88
	\$ 13,934.91	\$ 680,114.82

Expenses: (avg. wk. \$17,162.20)
YTD Expenses: **\$ 688,388.70**

Combined Parish and School

Total Income \$2,519,962.09
Total Expense \$2,394,522.85
\$ 125,439.24

Our new fiscal year began 1 July

***Online Donation Income:**

- * There were 48 gifts made online
- * There were 0 Families new to online giving
- * There were 1 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).



⇒ Principal's Update:

Have a blessed summer!
Continue to check your email for important details during the summer!

Blessings, Brian

⇒ Campus Minister:

Summer is here!!!!

Go forth..... And relax!

In God's Love,
Doug Berry



Doug Berry



KNIGHTS TABLE

Congratulations: May

Knight of the month

Family of the Month

Jim Seeberger

Gio & Andrea Mocerì-Guillen Family



Patriotic Rosary– 06/01 and 06/15 at 6:00 pm
K of C Council meeting - 06/03 at 7:00 pm
4th Degree meeting – 06/01 at 7:00 pm
Officer's meeting - 06/25 at 6pm

The Knight of the Month We chose Jim has been helping with many different areas around at St Benedicts and Lumen Christi school. Often taking many daily duties at the early morning masses, as well as assisting on projects at St Therese's Camp and leads lumber sales for our council in support of Habitat for Humanity. He has supported teaching of the youth and confirmation classes for many years. He is also leading Knights in the 4th degree.

Family of the Month We chose Giovanni Mocerì-Guillen family - Gio became a Knight shortly after turning 18 - but still he and his family have been active around the parish for over a decade. Leading as an altar server and all the work his mom Andrea has done supporting the younger kids catechesis for years, maybe even a Christmas pageant or two. Also, we need to recognize Gio for leading from the front with local pro-life & March for Life activities - He was also instrumental in bringing the Students for Life chapter to Alaska. He is a recent graduate of Holy Rosary Academy and we wish him success moving into the next chapter.

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.



As members of the Body of Christ, each of us has been given unique gifts by God. Some are called to teach, others to serve, to comfort, to lead, or to give. In the Church, the size of the gift is not as important as the participation. This year we are striving to have a 30% participation rate for *United in Mission: Many Gifts, Once Church* Annual Appeal throughout the Archdiocese.

Through our participation, we support ministries and services that no single parish could accomplish alone. It enables us to form seminarians and deacons, educate our children in the faith, serve those in need, support parish ministries, and bring the Gospel and sacraments to every corner of our archdiocese.

Participation matters because the appeal is not only about dollars raised; it is about hearts united in mission. Every gift, regardless of size, is a sign of faith, gratitude, and commitment to the Church's work. Everyone is encouraged to participate and give according to their ability. When each person shares what they can, our collective gifts become a powerful witness of faith and generosity.

As St. Paul reminds us:

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;
there are different forms of service but the same Lord;
there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.”

1 Corinthians 12:4–6

Your participation strengthens our parish and our archdiocesan family. Together, with many gifts but one church, we can continue Christ's work of hope, mercy, and love.

Thank you for prayerfully considering your participation in this year's annual appeal **United in Mission: Many Gifts, One Church**



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?"

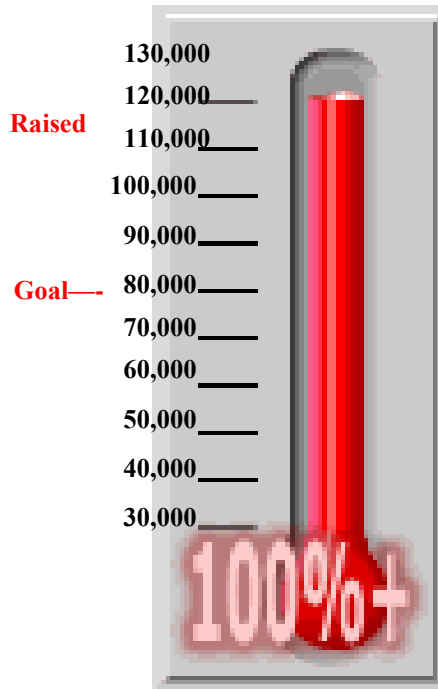
We exceeded our Archdiocesan goal by 46%! From a total of paid pledges of \$115,345 our parish received back \$36,267.84 This is good news!

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

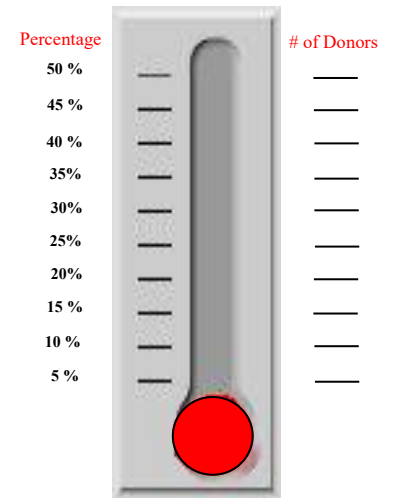
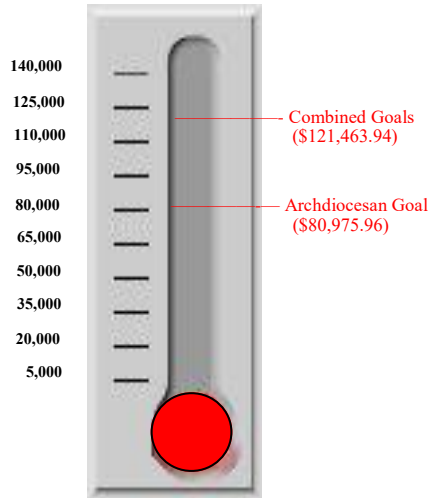
Parish Goal
\$40,487.98

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.
ARCHDIOCESE OF
ANCHORAGE-JUNEAU



* 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.



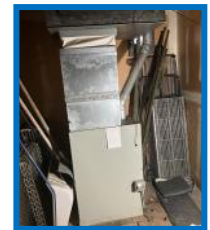
Update bathroom.



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!

- **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>

- **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>

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School Principal: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish is seeking a dynamic, Christ-centered leader to serve as Principal of our wonderful parochial elementary school. The successful candidate will be one who understands the principles of Catholic Education, has an unwavering commitment to student achievement, staff advancement, school advancement, and who exercises these qualities within the traditions and teachings of the Catholic Church.

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



FAITH • FAMILY • EXCELLENCE

Position Opening

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Required Qualifications:

- ✔ Practicing Catholic in good standing.
- ✔ Master's degree or higher in a related field.
- ✔ Three years elementary education administration experience, preferably in a Catholic school environment.
- ✔ Teaching or classroom experience at the elementary grade level.
- ✔ School administrative certification or equivalent demonstrated leadership experience.

Desired Qualifications:

- ✔ Strong communication and decision-making skills
- ✔ Ability to manage competing priorities and responsibilities.
- ✔ Possesses a strong understanding of child development.
- ✔ Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with a variety of key stakeholders, including the Pastor, faculty, school, and parish staff, school families, and school advisory board to ensure the mission of the parish and school are fulfilled.

Visit our websites:



School: www.akseas.com

Parish: www.akseas.net

A ministry of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School serves to impart and promote our Catholic faith to future generations. By integrating the faith, knowledge, and values they gain, St. Elizabeth's students will think critically, discover a love of learning, live the Gospel message, reach out to others in service, engage society, and deepen their relationship with God. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School is accredited by Cognia and serves grades PreK-6 with a current enrollment of 189 students.

Deadline date for applications:
June 17, 2026
(or open until filled).

Salary and benefits commensurate with experience and education.

Please send letter of interest and resume to: frleo@akseas.net or

Rev. Leo A. Walsh, J.C.L., S.T.D., Pastor
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
2901 Huffman Rd.
Anchorage, AK 99516

For more information contact Fr. Leo Walsh, Pastor, 907-345-4466

⇒ 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.

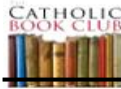
Bible Study



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 11!

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



Food: TBD

Topic: TBD

Speaker: TBD

The 12 Fruits of the Holy Spirit

This weekend we celebrate Memorial Day; a day commemorating the men and women who died while in the military service of our country. We remember those who lost their lives in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle and did not come home. May we reflect on their service and are mindful of the freedom we enjoy today. May we also pray for those at battle now in Iran; praying for a peace agreement soon.

Many of us share this day with family and friends gathering together at one of the first picnics of the year. A colorful array of food grace the overloaded food tables. As we sample the many fruit salads, may we remember the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Bringing to mind those who gave their lives in service to our country and then reflecting on our lives, do we feel we are living an intentional life with God? What could we name which gives tangible evidence we are living in the power and presence of Jesus?

The twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit are:

Love Joy Peace Patience Kindness Goodness

Tolerance Gentleness Faith Modesty Self-Control Chastity

(franciscanmedia.org; Pause and Pray; May 15, 2021)

How are we doing in the “Patience” category when those around us are on the “other side”? Do we show “Kindness” and “Self-Control” when an elder slowly moves ahead while we need to move quickly?

And what about “Chastity”? Chastity is, first and foremost, not even primarily a sexual concept. Rather it has to do with experiencing. To be chaste is to experience people, things, places, sexuality, entertainment, phases of life, and all the opportunities life offers in a way that does NOT violate others nor ourselves. Chastity means to experience things reverently, in such a way the experience leaves both others and ourselves more, not less, integrated. It is about the appropriateness of any experience.

Chastity is reverence; the key to everything. Joy, community, patience, and love depend upon chastity. When a society is chaste, community will happen; when a family is chaste it will find joy in its everyday life; when a church is chaste, it will experience the Holy Spirit.” (Ron Rolheiser, OMI; July 12, 1995)

Questions:

1. How will you celebrate Memorial Day?
2. What fruit(s) of the Spirit will you pray for so you may live more fully in the presence of Jesus?
3. Start small. Take one fruit to include in your life this week. What steps will make this fruit more prevalent in your life?

Challenge:

Choose one fruit of the Spirit and be conscious of it all week. Document your experience on paper or orally.

Quote:

“O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there thy cheerful beams.”

~St. Augustine

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

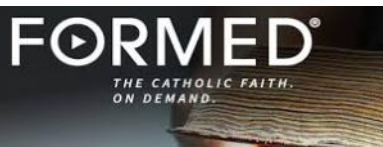
Eucharistic Adoration

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!

SAINTS FUN FACTS



Saint Rita was forced into an arranged marriage with a terrible man. She was mistreated for years. After 12 years of marriage, her husband was killed and her 2 sons died shortly after.

She entered the convent and followed a life of charity. After praying to Our Lord to let her suffer like you, she was struck in the forehead with a thorn from the crucifix. The wound never healed and caused her pain until the day she died.

St. Rita is the patron saint of impossible cases.



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Trip

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COST:

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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

05/27 High School Night 7pm!
06/02 Jr. High Night 6pm



St. Andrew Bobola, S.J.
Patron of our E/C Team,

UPCOMING *Youth Nights*



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



Wednesday 7-9 pm

Sacred Heart

Today we are praying a prayer to the Sacred Heart. We will also be doing cleanup in the Upper Room for summer. Then head outside for games in the yard!

June
3
2026

Pray for us!

#Youth Corner

5/27 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

