

# 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time



### 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

8110 Jewel Lake Rd  
Anchorage, AK 99502

Phone: (907) 243-2195

Fax: (907) 243-0088

Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday  
10:00am -5:00pm

Web: [www.stbenedictsak.com](http://www.stbenedictsak.com)

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/stbenedictsak>

Email: [parishsecretary@stbenedictsak.com](mailto:parishsecretary@stbenedictsak.com)



### 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](http://www.lumenchristiak.org)

## - Our Community at a Glance -

**Prayer Chain:** email Shirley Arnold at [s\\_arnoldak@outlook.com](mailto:s_arnoldak@outlook.com)

**Outreach:** Emergency food for those in need call **907-273-1596**

**Clare House:** 4th Tuesday each month; contact **Beth Waetjen @ 907-242-2384**

**Archangel Attic:** Open Tues.-Thurs. 12pm-3pm, and Fri. 10am-3pm, Sat. 10am-4pm,  
call **907-215-7079**. To volunteer call **Colleen: 354-4372** or **Mary: 868-3453**

**Youth & Young adult Catechesis:** call **Gabe O'Lena 907-215-7058**

**Choir:** See **Steve Ring** after Mass or email [sring1316@outlook.com](mailto:sring1316@outlook.com)

**Samoan Mass:** 12:15 Mass, 1st Sunday of the Month

**Filipino Mass:** 12:15 Mass, 3rd Sunday of the Month

**Hospitality Sundays:** Coffee /donuts, after **8am-10:30am** Masses

**Pancake Breakfast:** Served **8am to 12:15pm** the 2nd Sunday of the month, **Oct - Apr**

**Knights of Columbus:** Meets 1st Wednesday at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

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



## THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR



### Artificial Intelligence - "The Tower of Babel vs. Jerusalem"

Having lots of time to read while travelling around the US this week by train, I finished an initial read of Pope Leo's first encyclical Magnifica Humanitas ("The Grandeur of Humanity": On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence). It is quite long and a beautiful reminder of the Church's call to respect the inherent dignity of the human person. Although he calls to "disarm AI", Pope Leo does not rail against it in principle but strongly reminds us of how the social doctrine of the Church can guide us, and the responsibilities we each have in our current age. AI should not be allowed to control human judgment, dictate our understanding of what it means to be human, or replace relationships and moral responsibility. He says we all play a role in the grand story of creation. We are each a builder/architect, and our inherent dignity cannot be forgotten. We are grand! And because of that, we are each called to safeguard one another, and it is the Church's teachings that must guide us. Our Holy Father uses biblical imagery to contrast two futures: "Babel", representing the hubris of relying solely on technical ingenuity to transcend human limits, and "Jerusalem", representing technology placed at the service of authentic human flourishing, community, and God. I strongly encourage you to read and pray through his teaching. What kind of architect do we strive to be? - Fr. Tom

## June 7, 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!**

# Welcome to Saint Benedict Parish

Monday 6/15	Tuesday 6/16	Wednesday 6/17	Thursday 6/18	Friday 6/19	Saturday 6/20	Sunday 6/21
<b>Mass 9am:</b> <u>Parish Office Closed</u> Adoration 10am - 10pm Legion of Mary 6-7pm	<b>Mass 9am:</b> <u>Parish Office Closed</u> Adoration 10am-10pm Video Series The Search & Discussion 9:30am	<b>Mass 9am:</b> Adoration 10am-10pm Confessions 6pm Samoan Choir 6:30pm High School night 7pm	<b>Mass 9am:</b> Adoration 10am-10pm Choir Practice 7pm <i>Esto Vir 6pm</i>	<b>Mass 9am:</b> Adoration 10am-10pm Jr. Legion 10am Samoan Choir 6:30pm	<b>Vigil Mass 5pm:</b> Confessions 3:45-4:45 Samoan Choir 6:30pm	<b>Masses 8:00am:</b> <b>10:30am: People of the Parish SI</b> <b>12:15pm:</b>  Check out our page at: <a href="https://www.stbenedictsak.com/65">https://www.stbenedictsak.com/65</a> FB: St. Ben's Youth Ministry Insta: @stbensyouthanc

**Mass Intentions:** SI= Special Intentions

RTH= Return to Health

ROS= Repose of Soul

## Saint Benedict Staff

### Pastor

Fr. Tom Lilly  
[lilly@stbenedictsak.com](mailto:lilly@stbenedictsak.com)  
 907-243-2195

### Deacon

Deacon Daniel Winters

### Business Manager

Jaimie Sultenfuss  
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 907-243-2195

### Administrative Assistant

Katherine Mitchell  
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 907-243-2195

### Director of Music

Steve Ring  
[sring@stbenedictsak.com](mailto:sring@stbenedictsak.com)

### Church Housekeeper

Elaine Potter

## Evangelization and Catechesis

### Youth and Young Adult Minister

Gabe O'Lena  
[golena@stbenedictsak.com](mailto:golena@stbenedictsak.com)  
 907-215-7058

### Super Sunday Faith Formation

John and Shelby Burger  
[burger@stbenedictsak.com](mailto:burger@stbenedictsak.com)

## Lumen Christi School

### Principal

Brian Ross  
[brross@lumenchristiak.com](mailto:brross@lumenchristiak.com)  
 907-245-9231

### Director of Advancement

Anne Gore  
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 907-245-9231

### Administrative Assistant

Laura Whitford  
[lchs@lumenchristiak.com](mailto:lchs@lumenchristiak.com)  
 907-245-9231

## 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 **June 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

## ⇒ Readings:

### Sunday 06/14

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

### Sunday 06/21

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



⇒ Celebrations:



**June Anniversaries**

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|-------------------------------|---------|
| Michael and Colleen Stevens   | 6/15/68 |
| Charles and Dale Ann Hosack   | 6/12/71 |
| Augie and Ruth Paone          | 6/09/74 |
| Phil and Barb Robinson        | 6/15/74 |
| Ronn and Mary H. Rasmussen    | 6/25/77 |
| Warren and Terrie Peterson    | 6/29/79 |
| Phil and Erica Ager           | 6/27/81 |
| Mac and Patricia Caray        | 6/16/90 |
| Mike and Karen Wolski         | 6/29/91 |
| John and Kelly Harrington     | 6/22/01 |
| Mike and Mary Henry           | 6/18/05 |
| Rys and Jessica Miranda       | 6/06/08 |
| Morgan and Dani Wynne         | 6/29/12 |
| Jay and Joviz Garcia          | 6/01/13 |
| Scott and Maryann Norman      | 6/14/13 |
| Ryan and Chio Swartwood       | 6/21/14 |
| Andrew and Jo Mariz Balugut   | 6/28/14 |
| William and Lauren Vetter Jr. | 6/14/15 |
| Ronald and Patricia Hings     | 6/10/18 |
| John and Shelby Burger        | 6/15/19 |
| Leti Manu and Julie Wulf      | 6/22/19 |
| Carlos and Janice Medina      | 6/30/19 |
| Matthew and Kyra Ochavido     | 6/18/22 |



⇒ **Parish Financial Update:**

⇒ Stewardship of Treasure:

	<u>Week 45</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Offertory Income	\$ 8,479.50	\$ 621,826.48
Other Income	\$ 877.50	\$ 146,783.38
	\$ 9,357.00	\$ 768,609.86
Expenses: (avg. wk. \$17,162.20)		
YTD Expenses:	<b>\$ 7000,148.83</b>	

Combined Parish and School

<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,757,087.16</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$2,546,594.92</b>
	<b>\$ 210,492.24</b>

Our new fiscal year began 1 July

**\*Online Donation Income:**

- \* There were 42 gifts made online
- \* There were 0 Families new to online giving
- \* There were 1 Maintenance Fund donations
- \* There were 0 Parish Outreach donations
- \* There were 2 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.*

*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*

**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  
Maipela Burns  
Mike Keenan

Kevin Pfeiffer  
Steve Taylor  
Lara Krill  
Joseph Mitchell  
Dan Rollins  
Ted & Agnes Mayac  
Doris Clausen  
Ellison Williamson  
Jackie & Greg Kern  
Paul Larson  
Mary Dubois

Glen Allen  
Virginia Aberle  
Elizabeth Bastiani  
Solita Balones  
Mark Blumenthal  
Deneen B. Bozeman  
*(To add or remove please call 243-2195).*



⇒ 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: June*

Knight of the month  
Fr. Rob Evenson

Family of the Month  
Rudy Poglitsch Family



Patriotic Rosary– 06/15 and 07/06 at 6:00 pm  
K of C Council meeting - 07/01 at 7:00 pm  
4th Degree meeting – 07/06 at 7:00 pm  
Officer's meeting - 06/25 at 6pm

**The Knight of the Month** We chose Fr Rob had been with us 'filling-in' for the past few weeks and also last year. We enjoy the good spirit and his help at St Benedicts. He may enjoy his visits to Alaska but we also enjoy his toiling out at camp and helping definitely with duties around the parish. Fr Rob has been a Knight of the 4th degree and our St Benedict's council would like to recognize him as Knight of the month for June!

**Family of the Month** We chose Ruth and Rudy look after St Therese's Camp - Retreat and Conference Center in Wasilla. Leading (our) campers to **fun, faith** and **friends** is one thing but the day to day operations of the camp and conference center is another thing. Besides a full summer of camp - our youth retreats, men's and women's retreats, Knights retreat's are all looked after and supported by these two (and their family). We need to recognize the years of dedication to our youth and this facility the Poglitsch's have put in - without them it would not be so successful!

Thank you for your warm welcome, generous hospitality, and the many kindnesses you have extended to me. Your faith, friendship, and joyful spirit have made my time here both meaningful and memorable. I have also been blessed to experience the remarkable beauty of God's creation in your magnificent state, a gift that I will cherish long after I return home.

This assignment has provided not only a privilege of ministry but also a welcome respite from my responsibilities in the Archdiocese of Seattle. For that, I am deeply grateful.

Please know that I will carry fond memories of you in my heart and will continue to keep you and your parish community in my thoughts and prayers. May God abundantly bless each of you and your families with His peace, joy, and grace.

With gratitude and prayers,

Rev. Robert Evenson



**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](mailto: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.



### **Participation is about sharing the responsibility**

Participation is important. Imagine if everyone in a parish assumed someone else would volunteer at the food pantry, teach faith formation, or sing in the choir. Ministries would suffer. Plus, we would miss out on the talents that are alive in our parishes, just waiting to be tapped.

The same principle applies to financial support. Even if the goal is ultimately reached, the question is whether the responsibility is shared fairly. If everyone assumes others will give, the goal may not be reached at all, or a small number of donors may end up carrying most of the responsibility.

We are working toward increased participation in this year's appeal. Every gift is important because each one contributes to strengthening the whole Church in our Archdiocese. The annual appeal is not simply about helping other parishes. It is about sustaining the ministries that serve all Catholics across the Archdiocese, including our own parish.

Every seminarian ordained, every deacon formed, every child educated in the faith, whether in Catholic schools or faith formation programs and every parish helped through the ministry of a traveling priest or parish office support such as bookkeeping are examples of how the annual appeal supports the Church throughout the Archdiocese.

Ultimately, this mission is about all of us sharing responsibility for a Church that spans more than 176,000 square miles. Please consider donating to United in Mission: Many Gifts, One Church and helping us reach our participation goal of 30%.

Over the next few weeks, we will be showing you ways in which your donation to United in Mission: Many Gifts, One Church helps the Archdiocese.



# United In Mission

## "Radiating Christ's Love and Hope"

### 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal

Saint Benedict Parish

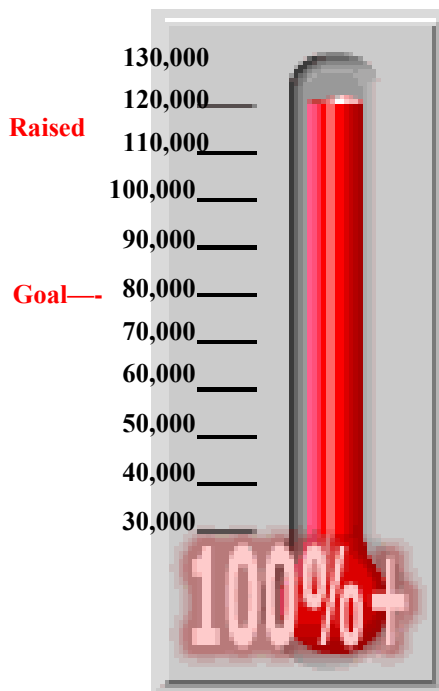
More information at:  
[www.stbenedictsak.com](http://www.stbenedictsak.com)

## "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.



### 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

### WHAT YOU FUNDED:

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

### United in Mission Results

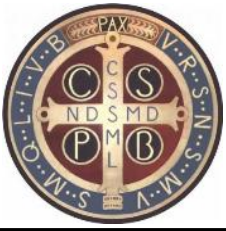
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 GOAL:  
 \$79,077.16

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**

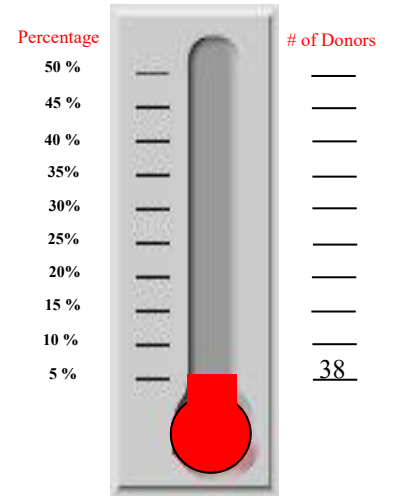
**Parish Goal**  
**\$40,487.98**

**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.



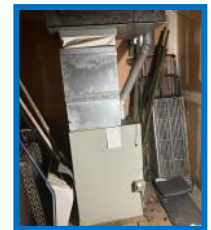
Update bathroom.



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!

- **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](mailto: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>



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# 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](http://www.akseas.com)

Parish: [www.akseas.net](http://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](mailto: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. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

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

## Women's ministry

### Blessed Among Women

Our next gathering will be on Thursday evening at 7pm, **June 18th** 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

Oh, how we like to judge. We sit in our pew and decide how reverent the rest of the parishioners are. "Well, I haven't seen him in a while!" "She must not attend often. Look how unruly her kids are!" "Is that guy dozing over there?"

Even in Jesus' day, not everyone was an apostle, not everyone was a disciple, and not everyone who contributed to Jesus' cause even followed him. Different individuals had their own way of connecting to Jesus.

This has implications as to how we should understand the church, both as it is conceived in the abstract and how it is understood practically within our parish. The similarity to Jesus' time is obvious.

When we look at church life today, especially as we see it lived out concretely within our parish, it is obvious it's made up of much more than only the core, committed congregation. Namely, those who participate regularly in church life and accept (at least for the main part) the dogmatic and moral teachings their churches.

The church also contains a wide variety of the less-engaged: people practicing occasionally, people who accept some of its teachings, guests visiting our churches, people who don't explicitly commit, but are sympathetic to the church and offer it support. And not least, people who link themselves to God in more-privatized ways, those who are spiritual but not religious. Gerhard Lohfink, in his book, Jesus of Nazareth, points out these people were already around Jesus and "they were not unimportant" to his mission.

This does not mean TIERS are present within discipleship, where some are called to a higher holiness and others to a lower one, as if the full gospel applies only to some. The full gospel applies to everyone, as does Jesus' invitation to intimacy with him. Each individual chooses how deep he/she will go. Some go deeper than others, though ideally everyone is meant to go its full depth.

Each of us has his/her own history of being graced and wounded, formed and deformed, coming to adulthood with very different capacities to see, understand, love, accept love, and give ourselves over to someone/something beyond us. None of us is whole; neither are any of us fully mature. All of us are limited in what we can do. We are all around Jesus in our different ways and we must be careful not to judge each other. (Adapted from Ron Rolheiser, OMI; "Disciples with Many Faces"; July 7, 2014)

### Questions

1. Do you often feel you are on a higher tier than other parishioners because of your church commitment?
2. How do you respond when a parishioner judges another church member?
3. Is your character reflected more in your faith or more in your secular living?

### Challenge:

Reflect on your discernment (judgment) of other parishioners. Pray to truly see Jesus in all people, regardless of how they serve Him.

### Quote:

Your true character is most accurately measured by how you treat those who can do 'Nothing' for you. ~Mother Teresa

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## OCIA

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### 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

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## Evangelization Ministry

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### 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!

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#### **Men Needed!!**

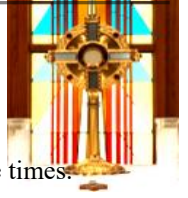
Men wanted for Prison Ministry in Anchorage to visit the imprisoned and bring them the Dismas Ministry Catholic Bible Study at the Anchorage Correctional Complex. Wed. evenings, 7pm, at Cook Inlet Pre Trial, and/or 12pm on Fri. at Anchorage Jail. About 1.5 hours per visit on a routine basis. No experience needed, just the desire to help these men come to Christ. An application and an evening Dept. of Corrections Chaplain's Office training would be required. Interested? Contact Herman ElleMBERGER at: [hre814@gmail.com](mailto:hre814@gmail.com)

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## Adoration

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### Eucharistic Adoration



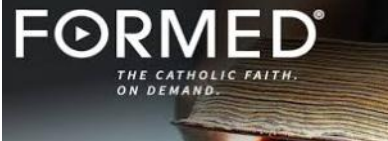
Adoration is offered:  
Monday—Friday 10:00AM-10:00PM

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)*

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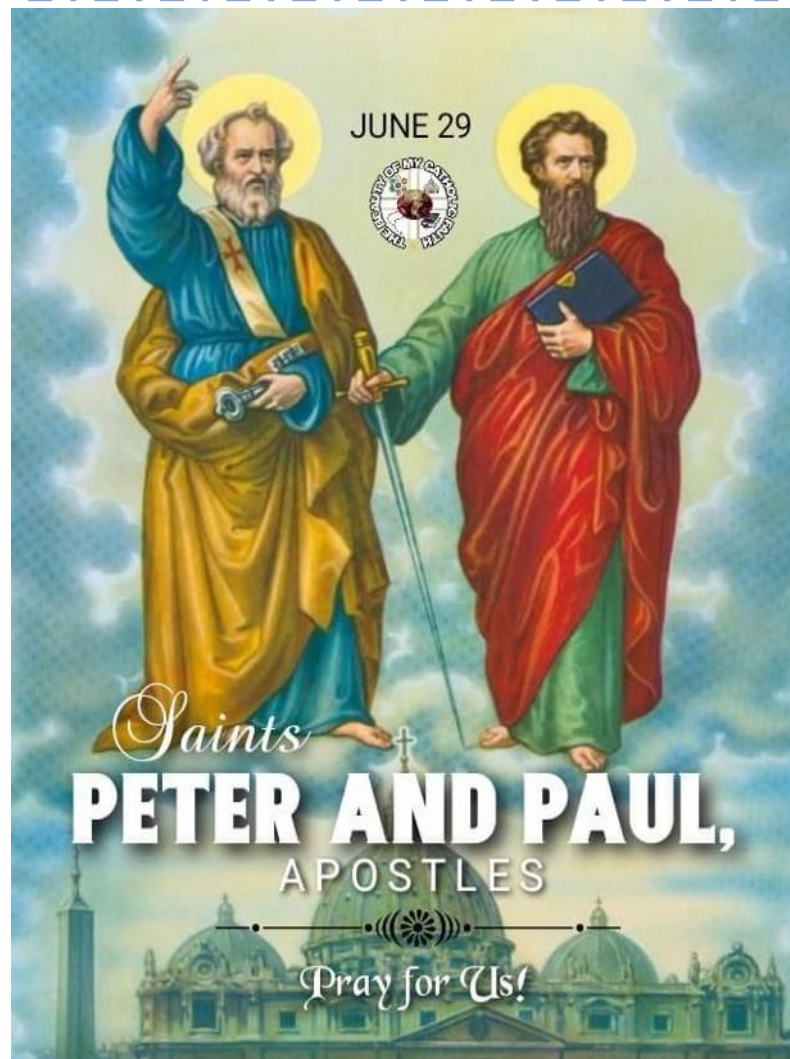
Visit Formed.org for great material on sacraments,

Devotions, saint movies and more!

- 1) go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org),
  - 2) click Sign Up
  - 3) click I belong to a parish/organization
  - 4) type in St. Benedict and look for our address (8110 Jewel Lake Rd. Anchorage, AK) and then enter your name and email!
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Ascension Presents has awesome material and shorter videos on various Catholic Topics through YouTube and Facebook!

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**SUMMER**

ST BENEDICT PARISH  
INVITES YOU!

**MISSION**

*Trip*

GO TO VALDEZ AND  
SERVE THE  
COMMUNITY THERE!



**COST:**

**\$100**

JULY 30 - AUGUST 2

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

For more information contact Gabe at [golenaestbenedictsak.com](http://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 BIVOUAC 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

06/17 High School Night 7pm!  
07/07 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

### *All and the Pope*

We will watch a video clip and discuss how AI functions in our daily lives. Special guest coming!

June  
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2026



Wednesday 7-9 pm

### *Corpus Christi*

Why does the Church have a feast called Corpus Christi? Latin prevails, only sometimes. Spend time in the outdoors with God!

June  
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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  
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@stbensyouthanc

# Pray for us!

## #Youth Corner

**6/17 Youth Night**

**7-9pm**

**7/07 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

