

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

*All that is hidden
will be
made clear*

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

Web: www.stbenedictsak.com

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**Lumen Christi
Catholic School**

Grades 7-12

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Anchorage, AK 99502

Phone: (907) 245-9231

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

Web: www.lumenchristiak.org

- Our Community at a Glance -

Prayer Chain: email Shirley Arnold at s_arnoldak@outlook.com

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

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

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

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

Choir: See **Steve Ring** after Mass or email sring1316@outlook.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

**June 21,
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



Honoring our Fathers!

This Father's Day, we honor the fathers, grandfathers, and father figures in our parish family. Christian fatherhood is a sacred vocation. By modeling daily sacrifice, silent prayer, and unconditional love, good fathers reflect the heart of God the Father. We look to St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, as the ultimate model of a faithful, tender, and courageous protector. May God bless all men who lead their families with faith and grace. *"God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless the men in our parish family and beyond, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers and mirror your unconditional love. Grant that we, their children, may honor them with profound respect. We also remember fathers who have gone before us; may they rest in eternal peace in the arms of our Heavenly Father. Amen"* Congratulations, fathers!

Work Party next Saturday! Adults and older teens cordially invited to show up at the Archangel Attic at 8:00a.m. on Saturday, June 27th to paint the exterior of the building. All materials (and lunch!) provided. Put on your grubbies and grab a brush and roller. We'll do a second coat the next day, beginning at 2:00pm. Volunteer labor helps keep our expenses down as we put last year's Annual Appeal funds to work. -- *Fr. Tom*

Welcome to Saint Benedict Parish

Monday 6/22	Tuesday 6/23	Wednesday 6/24	Thursday 6/25	Friday 6/26	Saturday 6/27	Sunday 6/28
Mass 9am: Tuyen Pham ROS <i>Parish Office Closed</i> Adoration 10am - 10pm Legion of Mary 6-7pm	Mass 9am: Katherine Mitchell RTH Adoration 10am-10pm Video Series The Search & Discussion 9:30am	Mass 9am: Bob Wolf ROS Adoration 10am-10pm Confessions 6pm Samoan Choir 6:30pm High School night 7pm	Mass 9am: Galeo Tolentino ROS Adoration 10am-10pm Choir Practice 7pm KofC Officers Meeting 6pm	Mass 9am: Aurelio Polintan ROS Adoration 10am-10pm Jr. Legion 10am Samoan Choir 6:30pm	Vigil Mass 5pm: Donna Wolfe ROS Confessions 3:45-4:45 Samoan Choir 6:30pm	Masses 8:00am: John Branham SI 10:30am: People of the Parish SI 12:15pm: Rafael & Marijes Apostol SI 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

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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 **July 4th!**

Call Andy Flores @ 907-887-4917

Thank you to all who provide meals for

Clare House

Next dinner date is **June 23!**

⇒ **Readings:**

Sunday 06/21

Jeremiah 20:10-13
 Romans 5:12-15
 Matthew 10:26-33

Sunday 06/28

2Kings 4:8-11, 14-16
 Romans 6:3, 4, 8-11
 Matthew 10:37-42

The Traveling Madonna

Please say a rosary each day she is in your home.
 Thank you for welcoming the Lord's mother.
 Questions call **the office 907-243-2195**

⇒ Celebrations:



June Anniversaries

Michael and Collgen 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 Ayer	6/27/81
Mac and Patricia Carey	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 50</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Offertory Income	\$ 12,238.50	\$ 636,696.98
Other Income	\$ 725.00	\$ 149,725.88
	<u>\$ 12,963.50</u>	<u>\$ 786,422.86</u>

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

YTD Expenses: **\$ 740,615.65**

Combined Parish and School

Total Income \$2,777,487.24

Total Expense \$2,593,123.93

\$ 184,363.31

Our new fiscal year began 1 July

***Online Donation Income:**

- * There were 51 gifts made online
- * There were 0 Families new to online giving
- * There were 1 Maintenance Fund donations
- * There were 5 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.

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:

Bernadette Boring (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
Jerome & Eunice Gardipee
Dave Hicks
Anthony Mitchell
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
Will Davenport
Nicole Johnson

Geneva Colon
Michele Waetjen
Denise Trefry
Richard Campbell
James Mitchell & sons
Fontaine Wilhelm
Theresa Dolan
Ofelia Domingo
Maipelle Burns
Mike Keenan
Kevin Pfeiffer

Steve Taylor
Lara Krill
Joseph Mitchell
Dan Rollins
Ted & Agnes Maycar
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– 07/06 and 07/20 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 September 14, 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. For more information contact cecistanley2013@icloud.com.



“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

The *United in Mission: Many Gifts, One Church* annual appeal, invites everyone across our Archdiocese to come together and participate.

In his annual appeal letter Archbishop Bellisario, C.M. said, *“By sharing our time, talent and treasure, we ensure that the services provided by the Archdiocese are available to all throughout Southern Alaska. Everyone’s participation is important to reach our goals. When we all participate by giving, it shows commitment and shared responsibility for the Church’s mission by helping parishes throughout the Archdiocese.”*

United in Mission: Many Gifts, One Church annual appeal provides significant support to the Church’s mission through the Office of Safe Environment in its protection and prevention efforts to ensure the dignity, respect, and care of our most vulnerable, both children and adults.

- Its support makes possible the purchase of catechetical materials, as well as pastoral information and formation to provide to ministers of all parishes, schools and missions for use in their faith formation programs and for parents and families. These catechetical materials emphasize the dignity of our most vulnerable and how to model Jesus’ love and concern towards the protection of children, youth, and adults who need our protection.
- It makes possible the support and guidance provided to every one of our Archdiocese when faced with concerns and questions of harm towards children, youth, families and vulnerable adults.
- Its support makes possible the Office of Safe Environment’s mission to accompany anyone who has been harmed or abused, especially those who have been hurt by someone representing the church.
- It supports the costs and efforts needed to ensure policies and procedures are followed to promote accountability and integrity in the Safe Environment Ministry, our church and archdiocese.
- Its support makes possible the implementation of initiatives promoting healthy relationships, safety with social media and educating on recognizing and intervening when faced with exploitation in its many forms.

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.

Please prayerfully consider giving to the *United in Mission: Many Gifts, One Church* annual appeal and help us reach both our financial goal and our participation goal.





United In Mission

"Many Gifts, One Church"

2026 Annual Catholic Appeal

Saint Benedict Parish



Archdiocesan Goal
\$ 80,975.96

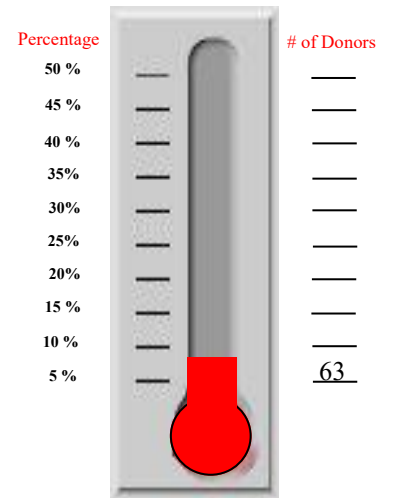
Parish Goal
\$40,487.98

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

Saint Francis House Food Pantry is seeking donations of any and all food.

Drop off at 3710 E. 20th Ave. from 1-4 pm Monday through Thursday and 9-4 on Fridays. Donations for specific CSS programs (clothing, hygiene items, etc.) should be taken to each program location.

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.

- Towels
- Socks
- Blankets
- Packaged, new undergarments for men and women size M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

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

JUMP (Jesus Uses Motivated People)

Youth Group from Northeast Montana visited Anchorage last week and helped the RAIS Farm team move supplies and get Grow North Farm set up for the season.



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)

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).

NEW donation opportunity!! Donate cars to a program and CSS will receive the funds from the sale of the car. The company we work with will pick the vehicle up. Find out more at our website: [Donate a Vehicle - Catholic Social Services - Alaska](#)



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, July 8th @ 7:00PM

At Tibor's house

We will discuss the book "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, **July 16th** in the Rectory.

This is a monthly gathering to seek a more profound understanding of what it means to be a woman of God through quarterly presentations by local speakers and spiritual teachings from Pope St John Paul II and female Saints (while sharing food and fellowship with other women).

Men's Ministry

Our next Meeting will be on

Thursday, September 10th

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



Food: TBD See you in the Fall!

Topic: TBD

Speaker: TBD

Happy Father's Day to fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, nephews, and special men in our lives. May today's celebrations make many memories.

The first "Father's Day" service was held on July 5, 1908, in West Virginia. Grace Golden Clayton was mourning her father's death. In December 1907, the Monongah Mining Disaster killed 361 men, 250 of them fathers, leaving a thousand fatherless children. Clayton suggested to her pastor that he honor those fathers. As the town was overwhelmed by the loss of so many men, the special day was not promoted outside their town.

Father's Day was actually founded in 1910 by Sonora Smart Dodd. Its first celebration was in the Spokane YMCA on June 19, 1910. Her father, the Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart, was a widower who raised his six children. After hearing a sermon about Anna Jarvis's Mother's Day in 1909, she told her pastor, fathers should also have a holiday honoring them. Initially, she suggested June 5 which was her father's birthday. However, the pastors didn't have time to properly prepare their sermons, deferring the celebration to the third Sunday of June.

Father's Day didn't have much success initially. In the 1930s, Dodd returned to Spokane and started promoting the celebration again, raising awareness at a national level. She had help from trade groups which benefited most from the holiday, like the manufacturers of traditional male presents. She also had the help of the New York Associated Men's Wear Retailers to consolidate and systematize the commercial promotion. Americans first resisted the holiday, perceiving it as an attempt by merchants to replicate the commercial success of Mother's Day. Newspapers frequently featured cynical and sarcastic jokes. But the trade groups didn't give up: they kept promoting it; even incorporating the jokes into their adverts, eventually succeeding. By the mid-1980s the Father's Council wrote: "Father's Day has become a Second Christmas for all the men's gift-oriented industries."

(Wikipedia.org/wiki/Father)

Hopefully, as Catholic Christians, we honor our fathers and mothers as the commandment states. Additionally, we daily thank our Heavenly Father for the many blessings He bestows on us. Even though we face trials and tribulations, our faith in our Savior buoys us to stay steadfastly in His love. Knowing we are not alone gives us the fortitude.

We often forget God's positivity. We know the news likes to sensationalize and point out the negative ways of our lives. However, we know God is an abundant God. He never skimps on His love for us, nor refuses us what we need. If we ask with a sincere heart, listen to His Word, we become hopeful. Our many saints, though their lives may be hard, were surrounded by God's love, goodness, and strength. He is there for each of us always.

Questions:

1. How did you celebrate Father's Day?
2. What memories do you have of your father?
3. What traits do you emulate of God the Father?

Challenge:

When with those younger than yourself, set an example of goodness and love.

Quote:

"Every family needs a father—a father who shares in his family's joy and pain, hands down wisdom to his children and offers them firm guidance and love."

~Pope Francis

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:

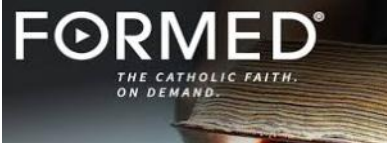
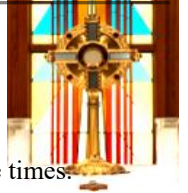
Monday—Friday 10:00AM-10:00PM

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!

10 FUN FACTS ABOUT ST. JOSEPH

Carpenter by Trade

St. Joseph worked as a carpenter, teaching Jesus the value of hard work and craftsmanship.

Husband of Mary

Joseph was chosen by God to be the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Protector of the Holy Family

He kept Mary and Jesus safe, especially during the flight into Egypt.

Universal Patron of the Church

In 1870, Pope Plus IX declared St. Joseph the Patron of the Universal Church.

Beloved Around the World

In Italy, St. Joseph's Day (March 19) is celebrated with special foods and traditions, especially in Sicily.

Foster Father of Jesus

He lovingly cared for Jesus as his earthly father, guiding Him with wisdom and love.

Saint Who Sleeps

St. Joseph often received God's messages in dreams! Pope Francis even has a statue of the "Sleeping St. Joseph" on his desk.

Feast of Workers

May 1 is celebrated as the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, honoring his role as a humble laborer.

Silent but Strong

St. Joseph never speaks a word in the Bible—yet his actions show great faith,



SUMMER

ST BENEDICT PARISH
INVITES YOU!

MISSION

Trip

GO TO VALDEZ AND
SERVE THE
COMMUNITY THERE!



COST:

\$100

JULY 30 - AUGUST 2

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

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

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 BIVOUCAC 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

06/24 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
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
17
2026



Wednesday 7-9 pm
Grief

Why do we experience grief for things? What does that mean for our lives?

June
24
2026



Wednesday 7-9 pm
Patriotism

Patriotism. Virtue or Vice? What does the Catholic Church have to say about it? Join us for what should be a good discussion!

July
1
2026

Pray for us!

#Youth Corner

6/24 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

