

27th Sunday in 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

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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
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

E-mail: lchs@lumenchristiak.com

- Our Community at a Glance -

Prayer Chain: email Shirley Arnold at wdacpa@ak.net

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 **245-0017**. 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: Coffee /donuts, after **8am-10:30am** Masses

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

Knights of Columbus: Meets 1st Wednesday at 7pm

Legion of Mary: Meets Mon. at **5:30pm**; call **Ursula @ 907-570-2163**

**October 5,
2025**

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



Living passionately as good stewards

We celebrate "Commitment Sunday" next weekend— an annual commitment to faithful stewardship...giving back to God for the many ways He has blessed us, Stewardship is the best way to passionately express and live out our call to be a disciple of Christ. How passionate are we about being faithful stewards using the gifts given to us by God, and using our time, talents, and treasure for the greater glory of God? How do we move from merely thinking that stewardship is something others do, to being passionate about it enough to live our lives as a committed disciple of Christ? It isn't possible to be truly passionate about something unless we are genuinely convinced it is God's will, and we know it and feel it in our hearts! Genuine passion begins in the heart. Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, our hearts are ignited to believe that the Word of God is calling each of us to express our love and devotion to Him. We can do this by living out the stewardship life. I pray and hope that we all become better and more passionate about being disciples of the Lord. I believe there is great potential for all of us. If we trust God enough to do what it takes to be passionate about the stewardship way of life, our lives will become the truest expression of discipleship. While the world tries to convince us there are other things to be passionate about, our hearts should be telling us loud and clear that the stewardship way of life is the most important. It always has been, and it always will be. **Please bring your annual stewardship commit forms with you next weekend.** — Fr. Tom

Welcome to Saint Benedict Parish

Monday 10/06	Tuesday 10/07	Wednesday 10/08	Thursday 10/09	Friday 10/10	Saturday 10/11	Sunday 10/12
Mass 9am: Mark, Yolanda & Graber Family SI <u>Parish Office Closed</u> Adoration 10am - 10pm Legion of Mary 6-7pm OCIA 6:30 <i>Patriotic Rosary 6pm</i> <i>KofC Meeting 7pm</i>	Mass 9am: Eileen Riley ROS Adoration 10am-10pm Video Series The Search & Discussion 9:30am <i>Speaker Series @ 7pm Parenting / Love & Logic</i>	Mass 9am: Eileen Keegan ROS Adoration 10am-10pm Confessions 6pm <i>Samoan Choir 6:30pm</i> <i>High School Night 7pm</i> <i>Bible Study 7pm</i>	Mass 9am: Joseph Pineda ROS Adoration 10am-10pm 10:30 Choir Practice 7pm	Mass 9am: Wilfredo & Solidad Umali ROS Adoration 10am-10pm Frozen Chozen 5:30am Jr. Legion 10am Kid Play 1pm Samoan Choir 6:30pm Youth Intermural Basketball 8pm	Vigil Mass 5pm: Confessions 3:45-4:45 <i>Oktoberfest Dinner 6pm</i>	Masses 8:00am: Rosemary Chan ROS 10:30am: 12:15pm: People of the Parish SI <i>It's Pancake Breakfast!! 8:30am-12:15pm</i> <i>It's Super Sunday! See you at 1:30 in the Gym!!</i>

Mass Intentions: SI= Special Intentions

RTH= Return to Health

ROS= Repose of Soul

Saint Benedict Staff

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Elaine Potter

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Sacramental Information

Parish Office 243-2195

- OCIA:** contact Marcy Adkins 273-1554
- Baptism of infants:** celebrated either during Mass, after the 12:15 Mass 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 **November 1st!**

Call Andy Flores @ 907-887-4917

Thank you to all who provide meals for **Clare House**

Next dinner date is **October 28th!**

⇒ Readings:

Sunday 10/05

Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4
 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13, 14
 Luke 17:5-10

Sunday 10/12

1 Kings 5:14-17
 2 Timothy 2:8-13
 Luke 17:11-19

The Traveling Madonna

The new traveling Mary sign up for January thru December 2024 is now posted.
 Please say a rosary each day she is in your home.
 Thank you for welcoming the Lord's mother.
 Questions call **Ann Curro 907-349-3772**

⇒ Celebrations:



October Anniversaries

Loren and Dianna Jensen	10/25/1975
David and Collgen Marinucci	10/7/1978
Michael and Sarah Dinger	10/18/1980
Bill and Chris Evans	10/15/1983
Reginaldo and Lilybeth Liwanag	10/1/1984
Roberto and Patricia Alfaro	10/6/1985
Robert and Katherine Lopetrone	10/22/1988
Tom and Danna Hoellering	10/28/1989
Mark and Cathy Walatka	10/1/1993
Mike and Jackie Graber	10/14/2000
Rob and Susan Holta	10/19/2002
David and Mouse Pieper	10/4/2010
Shza and Kate Dodson	10/6/2010
Kolbe and Carmel Zipay	10/9/2016
Vaki Kolo and Leva Unga-Kolo	10/29/2016

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

"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

Please Pray for:

Brian O'Quinn
Christina Del Rosario
Ann Curro
Kathryn Dunn
Waetjen Family
Alicia Warren
Fr. Tim Saur
Joy Davidson
Rosemary Dunn
Connie Budahl
Danny Lee
Franklin Ellenson

Terry Tutor
Marty Goblowski
Jim Seeley
Sam Waetjen
Chloe Hernandez
Damon Carey
Fr. Rob Evenson
Alicia Datuin
Mike & Betty Smith
Pat Scott
Julie Allard
Bernie & Marian Simon
Kim Randolph

Lagi Fi-Zwetsck
Will Davenport
David Edgren
Nicole Johnson
Rizza Robles
Crescencia Molina
Jessica Randolph
Geneva Colon
Brodie Nikolai
Michele Waetjen
Vannessa Mors
Denise Trefry
Richard Campbell

⇒ Parish Financial Update:

⇒ Stewardship of Treasure:

	Week 12	YTD
Offertory Income	\$ 10,429.35	\$ 140,317.11
Other Income	\$ 936.00	\$ 33,637.70
	\$ 11,365.35	\$ 173,954.81

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

YTD Expenses: **\$ 189,612.64**

Combined Parish and School

Total Income \$380,629.63

Total Expense \$540,413.11

- \$159,783.48

Our new fiscal year began 1 July

*Online Donation Income:

- * There were 41 gifts made online
- * There were 1 families new to online giving
- * There were 0 Maintenance Fund donations
- * There were 3 Parish Outreach donations
- * There were 0 Special Collection donations
- * There were 2 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.

James Mitchell & sons
Fontaine Wilhelm
Theresa Dolan
Ofelia Domingo
Chuck Sanders
Maipelle Burns
Monica Mendoza
Mike Keenan
Natalie Carey
Kevin Pfeiffer
Steve Taylor
Lara Krill
Joseph Mitchell

Dan Rollins
Jan Heier
John Branham
Jeff Harris Family
Ted & Agnes Mayac
Doris Clausen
Bill Kuper
Ellison Williamson
Ia Corrigan
Danielle Corrigan
Jackie & Greg Kern
Paul Larson
Mary Dubois

Glen Allen
Virginia Aberle
Elizabeth Bastiani
Solita Balones
Mark Blumenthal
Deneen B. Bozeman
Mary Heinz
Al Honeywell
Wally Johnston

(To add or remove please call 243-2195).



Lumen Christi School

Living Faith, Celebrating Family, and Achieving Excellence

OCT. 7 - Fall School Board Speaker Series, 7pm
 OCT. 9-11 - Spiketacular Tournament
 OCT. 15 - PSAT, Grades 9-11
 OCT 16 - Parent Teacher Conferences, 3-8pm
 OCT. 17 - Inservice Day (No School)
 NOV 7 - Veteran's Day Observance School Mass @ 7:45am
 NOV 14 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Gala



⇒ Principal's Update:

Our week started with an end of the day school Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Archangels. It has also been a week of Spirit Days as we look to cheer on our junior high and high school soccer teams who are participating in the State championships up in Palmer starting today! We also have several male and female runners who are competing in the Cross Country State Championships on Saturday! Run, Archangels, Run! Our rifle team competes virtually against a team from Las Vegas, Nevada as well today.

In other words, a lot going on! I hope you will join us in our gym at 7pm next Tuesday evening, the 7th, for our biannual Lumen Christi School Board Speaker Series. You have seen the flyer posted on Facebook, in bulletins, and here in Lumen News. Come here more about "Parenting with Love and Logic." Think you have this parenting thing figured out? We can all use some more best practices on how to guide, mentor, and love our children. I look forward to seeing you! Many thanks to our illustrious School Board for organizing this informative event!

Please keep all our student athletes and families traveling to and from this weekend!

Blessings.. Brian



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Have you been wondering who The Catholic Daughters of the Americas are? Would you like to know more about us?

CDA is one of the largest Catholic women's organizations established in 1903 by the Knights of Columbus. Our local court was chartered in at Holy Family parish in 1961. We are a spiritual, charitable, social and service group. We invite all Catholic women to join us as we plan this year's events. **Our meeting is Monday October 13, 2025**, at the Lunney Center at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish **at 6:30 pm**.

Please join us for prayer, planning, and food and fellowship. Visitors are always welcomed.

For more information contact cecistanley2013@icloud.com

KNIGHTS TABLE

Congratulations: September

Knight of the month

Family of the Month

Bruce Carr

John & Mary Marakkamveetil



Patriotic Rosary- 10/06 and 10/20 at 6:00 pm
 K of C Council meeting - 11/05 at 7:00 pm
 4th Degree meeting - 10/06 at 7:00 pm
 Officer's meeting - 10/23 6pm

The Knight of the Month We chose Bruce Carr - When he is not traveling he is present at our meetings, always helpful when it comes to cooking hotdogs and hamburgers for events ranging from Special Olympics to Young Lives to Coats for Kids. He even is pretty darn cheerful while doing these things.

Family of the Month We chose the John & Mary Marakkamveetil and children Simone and Rayden. The children are altar servers and the family loyal at the morning masses. They have been supportive of our school and parish. school and parish.

WHAT IS GOING ON?

Pot O' Gold
 2025



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 FOR LIFE

Join in public witness and peaceful prayer
 for the end of abortion -
 on the sidewalks outside
 Planned Parenthood
 4001 Lake Otis Parkway

Fall 40 Days for Life
 September 24 to November 2

We need you on the sidewalks!
 Monday -Saturday, 7am to 8pm

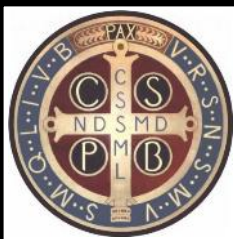
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 September 24 at 7 pm

Closing Mass and Prayer
 November 2 at 7 am

Visit our website
 to join the email list,
 find a prayer partner, and
 sign up for vigil hours!



www.40daysforlife/anchorage
 40DaysForLife-Anchorage@protonmail.com



United In Mission

"Radiating Christ's Love and Hope"

2025 Annual Catholic Appeal

Saint Benedict Parish



Archdiocesan Goal

\$ 79,077.16

Parish Goal

\$39,538.58

Participation Goal

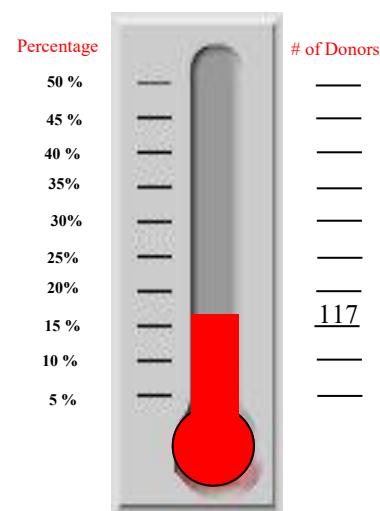
40 Percent *

Donating to United in Mission:
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has never been easier!



Use the QR code and donate
right now online.

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ANCHORAGE-JUNEAU



* Parish census: 670 households

Contributions beyond our Archdiocesan goal help us to:



Prep and paint exterior.



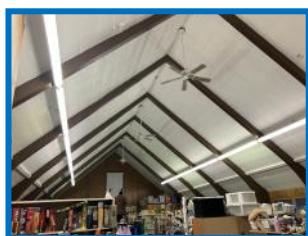
Close off old access.



Weatherproof the foundation.



Replace all windows.



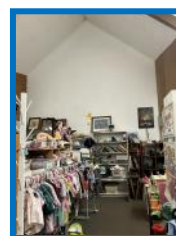
Convert lighting to LED.



Update bathroom.



Install secure door.



Paint the interior.



Install a new furnace.

Renovate the "Archangel Attic"

Why? The "old church" or "the rummage room" has quite a history, serving also as a youth center and a preschool before the "Archangel Attic" opened its doors in 2011, following an extensive renovation by the Knights of Columbus. 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. In order to "keep the rain on the outside and the heat on the inside," this renovation will include exterior and interior painting, new energy-efficient windows, a secure entry door, new bathroom, LED lighting, and a new furnace. With a properly maintained building this ministry will continue to thrive! **Thank you!**

St. Benedict's prays Tues. 12-7pm



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⇒ **Our Community**

We are all

Called to

Serve



In-kind Needs for CSS Programs

Complex Care is in desperate need of hygiene items: shampoo, conditioner and body wash. Travel size are ideal but will take any. Drop them off at Complex Care, 303 W. Fireweed Lane from 9 am to 6 pm, 7 days a week.

Clare House: Donations can be dropped off at 4110 Spenard Rd, Anchorage 7 days a week from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

- Especially needed: brand new, in-the-box car seats or booster seats for field trip transportation.
- School supplies
- Books for teens; various genres

FIG Fresh International Garden

- Toys for outdoor use (NO stuffed animals)
- Needed: lots of LARGE cardboard boxes with NO labels or staples (think appliance boxes) for a project.
- On your radar as leaves begin to fall: Large quantities of bagged leaves are greatly appreciated for mulching and composting! As we get into that season, keep FIG in mind for your leaves! They can be dropped off at the garden gate, across the street from 4502 McPhee St. 9:30 am – 3 pm

Hunger Action Month may be over, but it is never too late to donate to the Saint Francis House Food Pantry to help your neighbors in need.



St. Benedict Catholic Church collected and donated 2872 pounds of food this weekend as part of Hunger Action Month and included a check as well. Many thanks to all the individuals and groups who dropped off donations and headed up donation drives to stock the shelves at Saint Francis House!

Food donations can be dropped off at 3710 E. 20 th Ave. 1-4 pm Monday through Thursday and 9-4 Friday.

LEAVES! LEAVES! We need LEAVES!

Large quantities of bagged leaves are greatly appreciated for mulching and composting at FIG, Fresh International Garden. As you rake your yard, bag up your leaves and drop them off at the garden gate, across the street from 4502 McPhee St. 9:30 am – 3 pm.

Complex Care is in need of these items to fill their “Welcome Bags” for new guests.

They can be dropped off at Complex Care, 303 W. Fireweed Lane from 9 am to 6 pm, 7 days a week.

- Small or Med size Bags
- Sleeping Masks
- Ear Plugs
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Body wash or soap
- Lotion
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- They are also in need of men’s & women’s new or lightly used undergarments
- Bras/sport bras
- Panties
- Boxers/Underwear
- Socks

Upcoming events around the Archdiocese

**Mark Your Calendar! We've got some great events coming up and hope you'll be there.
Share the invite with others—it's always better together!**

Day of Recollection with Fr. Matthew Heynen, O.P., at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe (church building) on Saturday, October 4, 2025, from 9 AM to 3 PM. Open to all; suggested donation \$30. Bring sack lunch. Registration not required. Info: Legion of Mary 907-782-8075.

o **Fall Speaker Series with Elaine Border, M Ed., LPC, LPC-S**

Please join Lumen Christi for their Fall Speaker Series with a presentation by Elaine Borde on Parenting with Love and Logic. The presentation will be Tuesday, October 7th from 7-8p.m. at Lumen Christi High School. It is Free and open to the public!

We are highlighting the Archdiocesan ministry “Project Rachel”, this ministry is dedicated to helping those who have been affected by abortion. It is for those who are suffering as a result of experiencing abortion, or by being part of a family affected by abortion. Carrying the sorrow of this experience alone is unimaginable, but this ministry is here to accompany those affected. Offering individual and group healing, Project Rachel helps those who need the mercy of our Lord most tenderly, for there is nothing that cannot be redeemed for His purpose.

If you'd like to participate, either as a path for healing, or in support of the ministry, please call (907) 297-7781, or email projectrachelalaska@gmail.com.

Employment Opportunities with the Archdiocese

We are pleased to share that there are current job openings within the Archdiocese. These roles offer a chance to contribute meaningfully to our mission and serve the community.

o **St. Andrew Church in Eagle River: Coordinator of Evangelization (Part-Time)**

✦ seeks a passionate Coordinator of Evangelization to foster opportunities for encountering Jesus Christ and growing as disciples. This 20–30 hour week role involves developing lay formation programs, coordinating evangelization events (staff retreats, parish missions, Revival Sundays, Evening Adoration, Theology on Tap), and enhancing parish communication. The ideal candidate has a theology degree (preferred), experience in faith formation, youth ministry, or evangelization, and strong interpersonal and leadership skills. Pay is based on experience. Join us in animating our community's faith journey! Resumes should be submitted to Fr. Arthur Roraff at St. Andrew in Eagle River by September 19.

o **Chancery Financial Department: Full-Time Exempt**

Assists Chief Financial Officer and Comptroller with quality of accounting and financial reporting of all the archdiocesan Financial Department's general ledgers. Maintains successful and positive relationships with parishes, grantors, and the financial community through satisfactory fulfillment of duties. [Read the full job description here](#). Send all resumes to Danna Hoellering at dhoellering@aoaj.org

o **Fulltime Business Manager – Saint Benedict Parish and Lumen Christi Catholic High School**

Purpose of the Position: The Business Manager is the primary steward of financial accountability at St. Benedict Parish and Lumen Christi Jr./ Sr. Catholic High School. Duties include managing, controlling, and coordinating accounting and budgeting for the parish/ school. Other duties will include coordination of personnel and operational matters to a lesser extent. The goal of the position is to responsibly maintain the parish/ school's financial operations including accounts receivable, and deposits/banking. In addition, the Business Manager provides financial data and reports to the parish/school administration and assists and supports with all required financial and personnel reports and manages all functions of accounts payable. The Business Manager is a member of the St. Benedict Parish staff, reports directly to the Pastor and serves as staff support to the Finance Council of the parish. This is a full-time paid position. Interviews to begin Sep. 15th.

Please send cover letter and resume to Fr. Tom Lilly, tlilly@stbenedictsak.com. (907) 317-9042.



"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

-Matthew 11:28

A Day of Prayer and Healing For Women Experiencing Abortion Loss

Free & Confidential - Hosted by Project Rachel Ministry

Saturday, October 4, 2025
9:30a - 4:30p

Registration is needed and further information is given at that time. Register by calling our confidential number at 907-297-7781 or email projectrachelalaska@gmail.com



Project Rachel is a healing ministry of the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau. This ministry provides compassionate, confidential, and free support to women and men who have experienced the loss of children to abortion. Long distance ministry and local referrals are available. God's healing love and mercy are always possible.

Find more information at www.projectrachelalaska.com
and on Facebook at Project Rachel Alaska





Bible Study

Meets the **2nd –4th or 5th.**
Wednesday's of each month at 7pm

Our next Bible Study will be
Wednesday August 20th. We will meet
in the school library at 7 PM.

Book Club

October 2nd, 7:00PM
@ Jim McCormack's home

We are reading **A song for Nagasaki**
by Paul Glynn, S.M – pgs. 1-133

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, **October 16th** in the Rectory . **See you then!**

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, TBA

We meet in the Upper Room at the
school for food, fellowship, and faith.



Food: ?
Topic: ???
Speaker: ?

Parish pilgrimage

**News on the next Parish
Pilgrimage will be out Soon.
Stay tuned.**

Playing Loose with the Truth

It can be quite disheartening to watch the daily news. Our world is full of hatred, bigotry, racism, and over-stimulated greed and ego. The gap between the rich and poor is widening; random, senseless violence is an everyday occurrence. We live with hope, but without much optimism.

Perhaps most distressing is the erosion of our capacity to recognize/ acknowledge the truth. From government offices, to the media outlets, to local newspapers, we are becoming irresponsible, manipulative, and outright dishonest with the truth, denying it where it's inconvenient, bending it to suit our own purposes. Studies from major scientific institutes are dismissed as just another opinion allowing us to create an entire society where it's becoming difficult for any of us to trust what is actually a fact. That's dangerous, especially spiritually. Scripture tells us Satan is the Prince of Lies. Jesus makes it clear, failure to acknowledge the truth is the **MOST** dangerous sin. We see this particularly in the text warning us we can commit a sin that's unforgiveable because it's a blasphemy against the Holy Spirit.

Why is this unforgiveable? What has it got to do with telling lies? The unforgiveable sin of lying becomes unforgiveable because what lying can do to us. Here's how the biblical text unfolds: Jesus has just cast out a demon. Part of the Jewish faith then was the belief only someone who came from God had power to cast out a demon. Jesus did that, but the Scribes and Pharisees witnessing this found it to be an inconvenient truth since they denied Jesus' goodness.

In the face of truth, they either acknowledged something they did not want to or they manipulated the truth to give it a different meaning. They chose the latter, aware they were manipulating the truth, accusing Jesus of performing the miracle through the power of Satan. They knew they were lying, but the actual truth was too difficult to accept.

Jesus tries to argue with them, pointing out there's no logic in Satan casting out demons. They persist; then Jesus utters his warning: "In truth I tell you, all human sins will be forgiven, and all the blasphemies ever uttered, but anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven but is guilty of an eternal sin." (*Mark 3:28-29 parallel text in Matthew 12: 31-32*). What is this warning?

Jesus says to be careful about putting a false spin on something because it is too awkward to accept as true. The danger is in doing this you may come to believe your own lie. That will be unforgiveable, given you no longer want to be forgiven because you see truth as a lie and vice versa. The sin cannot be forgiven, not because God doesn't want to forgive but because we no longer want to be forgiven.

We don't blaspheme when we use foul language when we're frustrated; nor do we blaspheme when we shake our fists at God in anger or turn away from him in bitterness. The one thing God cannot handle is lying, where we lie to the point of believing our own lies (the **REAL** danger in lying) as eventually it warps our consciences and we can no longer tell truth from falsehood or falsehood from truth. (info@ronrolheiser.com)

Challenge:

Be aware all week of your truth and lies. Ask forgiveness for your lies.

Quote:

God has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth; so that, by knowing and loving God, men and women may also come to the fullness of truth about themselves.

~Saint John Paul the Great

*Saint Therese's
Camp*

*Annual Winter
Retreat*

*Grades 6-8
Dec. 28-30*

\$155

*Grades 9-12
Dec. 30-Jan. 1*

\$165

*Glory
Bound
2025!*



*Fun!
Faith!
Friends!*



SCAN ME

Scan QR code to register & for info!

**Register at www.stcak.com
or contact 907 232 2066 for
more info**

Fun, faith, food and friends!

St. Therese's Camp

CHILI COOK-OFF

Join us for an evening of fellowship, fun, and flavor as we celebrate another successful camp season with our 4th annual chili cook-off! Bring your best pot of chili (spicy, sweet, classic, or creative—we want it all!) or a side dish to share. The winner of the cook-off will win a campership for the 2026 camp season!

October 5, 2025

3PM

7180 E Twin Lakes Dr., Wasilla, AK 99654



The annual Chili Cook-off is back! Bring your best chili to enter in the competition or a tasty side dish and celebrate another successful summer of Catholic youth camp in Alaska.

No registration needed; just come!

A special announcement will also be made at the event from the Make-A-Wish Foundation, a nonprofit that grants wishes to children with critical illnesses to provide hope, strengthen families, and offer a positive turning point in their treatment journey.

Winner of the cook-off will receive a free camper ship to be used on any week of 2026 summer camp!

God bless you,
St. Therese's Camp

RCIA/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 are meeting, Monday evenings at 6:30pm
in the parish rectory begins September 22nd!***

We would love to have you join us. Everyone is welcome!
Contact Marcy Adkins at the office 243-2195

Adult Ed

TUESDAY MORNINGS

We are watching season 5 of The Chosen.
Join us for coffee, pastries, an episode,
and discussion after Mass.

Ascension Presents has awesome material and
shorter videos on various Catholic Topics
through YouTube and Facebook!

Evangelization Ministry

Don't miss our next Epic Evangelization event!

Have ever wanted better formation in how to evangelize in an
ever-changing world?
Have you met someone from another Mass time and wondered how
you did not know them?
Have you ever found out about an event after it occurred and
wondered why you did not know about it?
If you answered yes to any of the above, then I think you will be
excited to know about our next event.

***All ministry leaders, catechists, staff, and parishioners are
invited! Please forward to anyone you think might be
interested. TBA***

Men Needed!!

Men wanted for Prison Ministry in Anchorage to visit the im-
prisoned and bring them the Dismas Ministry Catholic Bible
Study at the Anchorage Correctional Complex. Wed. eve-
nings, 7pm, at Cook Inlet Pre Trial, and/or 12pm on Fri. at An-
chorage 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? Con-
tact Herman Ellemberger at: hre814@gmail.com

Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration

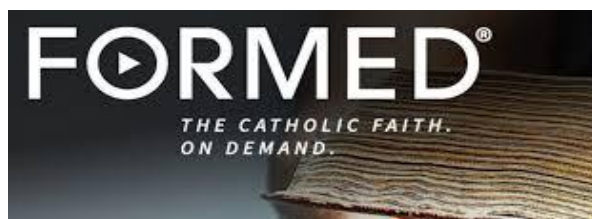


Adoration is offered:
Monday—Friday 10:00AM-10:00PM

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!



Pre-K thru Jr. High

12:00-1:30 Family free time in the gym & lunch!!
1:30-2:00 Super Sunday presentation for families
2:00-3:00 Class time for students and adults

**All families who attend the family formation time
are eligible for great door prizes!!
New games, new prizes!!!
Same great family faith formation!!!**

High School grades 9-11

**We meet in the room above the
gym from 4:00-5:45 PM.**



St. Andrew Bobola, S.J.

Patron of our E/C Team,
Pray for us.

Upcoming Events

10/08 High School Night 7pm
TBA Jr. High Night 6pm

⇒ *Evangelization Meetings:*

Evangelization Team:

Our next meeting will be TBD at 7PM

Youth Ministry Team:

Our next meeting is TBD @ 7pm

UPCOMING *Youth Nights*



Wednesday 7-9 pm

Prayer Pt. 9

Tonight we are talking about prayer for the dead. Why do we pray for the dead? How do we pray for the dead? Afterwards we are going to play live action Mafia!

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8
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Wednesday 7-9 pm

Support for Religious

come and say prayers for the religious. We will then write them notes of support and send them off! Come and enjoy learning about different orders!

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Wednesday 7-9 pm

Hersey: Gnosticism

Learn about the heresy of Gnosticism. What does this look like? How do we combat it?

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Pray for us!

@stbensyouth

#Youth Corner

10/08 Youth Night

7-9pm

10/02 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

