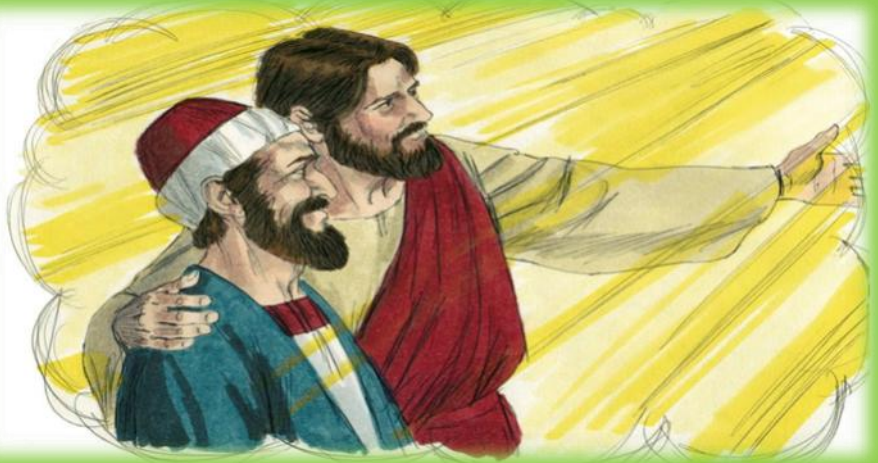


30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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Phone: (907) 243-2195

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10:00am -5:00pm

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Email: 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

E-mail: lcbs@lumenchristiak.com

- 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

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

**October 26,
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



Walking humbly with our God

We have each been made holy before God. This comes with God's grace and forgiveness. It means that we have been accepted into God's embrace. It means that we have begun a new life centered on His love. The tax collector in the Gospel, although despised by his fellow Jews, was still a member of God's family. He stood together with all those who put God first in their deepest selves. In the passage from Sirach, we are told that God does not play favorites. He hears everyone's prayer. He certainly, hears the prayer of those who are disadvantaged in any way. This is what it means to be poor. We know we are poor when we recognize our sins, moral failures, and mistakes. This is especially so when we have brought pain into the lives and hearts of others. We serve God willingly when we do so out of love. When we love someone on the human level we never count the cost. The same is true when we love and serve the Lord. It doesn't matter if others don't understand us or reject us or look down upon us. What does matter is that we do our best to serve God humbly in all that we do. This means living our lives according to the Gospel of Jesus. It means always listening for the inner voice of the Holy Spirit. May we listen and walk humbly with our God! -- Fr. Tom

Welcome to Saint Benedict Parish

Monday 10/27	Tuesday 10/28	Wednesday 10/29	Thursday 10/30	Friday 10/31 All Hallows Eve	Saturday 11/01 All Saints Day	Sunday 11/02 All Souls Day
Mass 9am: Catherine Birch ROS <u>Parish Office Closed</u> Adoration 10am - 10pm Legion of Mary 6-7pm OCIA 6:30	Mass 9am: Francis O'Lena SI Adoration 10am-10pm Video Series The Search & Discussion 9:30am Clare House	Mass 9am: Rachel Duke ROS Adoration 10am-10pm Confessions 6pm Samoa Choir 6:30pm High School Night 7pm Bible Study 7pm	Mass 9am: Natalie Madrigal SI Adoration 10am-10pm 10:30 Choir Practice 7pm	Mass 9am: John Branham SI Adoration 10am-10pm Frozen Chosen 5:30am Jr. Legion 10am Kid Play 1pm Samoa Choir 6:30pm Youth Intermural Basketball 8pm	Mass 10am: All Souls SI 5pm: People of the Parish SI 40 Days Concluding Mass 7am Confessions 3:45-4:45 Pinochle 6:30pm	Masses 8:00am: 10:30am: Fernando Londono ROS 12:15pm: Aquilino & Lucia Soriano ROS It's Super Sunday! See you at 1:30 in the Gym!! Check out our page at: https://www.stbenedictsak.com/65 FB: St. Ben's Youth Ministry Insta: @stbensyouthane

Mass Intentions: SI= Special Intentions

RTH= Return to Health

ROS= Repose of Soul

Saint Benedict Staff

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 243-2195

Deacon

Deacon Daniel Winters

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Marcy Adkins
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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 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 **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 10/26

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
 Luke 18:9-14

Sunday 11/02

Wisdom 3:1-9
 Romans 6:3-9
 John 6:37-40

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**

Please welcome Rev. Robert Suit who will be with us to celebrate the Masses and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 17 developing countries.

To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit Unbound online at www.unbound.org.



help a child

When you sponsor through Unbound, you help a child and family achieve their God-given potential. You walk with them on their path out of poverty.



encourage a youth

Getting an education can be especially hard for young people faced with poverty. Your support provides financial resources and encouragement. It says, "I believe in you."



befriend an elder

Elders often experience challenges related to nutrition, health and social isolation. Your support helps an elder with needs like food, health care, home visits and group activities.



sponsor today

We're all part of one human family created in God's image. As a sponsor, you'll get the satisfaction of knowing you're living your faith as part of a caring, inclusive global community. You'll learn about your new friend from letters and photos, and you can write and send photos, too!

I want to sponsor:

- ☐ Any child ☐ Girl ☐ Boy ☐ Youth ☐ Elder
- ☐ I would like to contribute through my bank account or credit card (see reverse).
- ☐ Enclosed is my first monthly contribution of \$40.
(Please do not send cash. Make checks payable to Unbound.)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime phone (_____) _____ Email _____

Parish _____

MAIL TO:

Unbound
P.O. Box 219114
Kansas City, MO 64121-9114



You can also sponsor online
at **unbound.org**
or call (800) 875-6564.



"Unbound has given me a way to put my faith in action. As an Unbound sponsor, I have had the opportunity to be part of a reliable community which gives hope and helps others to achieve their dreams."

— Lillian Acevedo, Unbound sponsor



To select someone to sponsor, visit the information table after Mass, scan the QR code or call (800) 875-6564.



WHO WE ARE

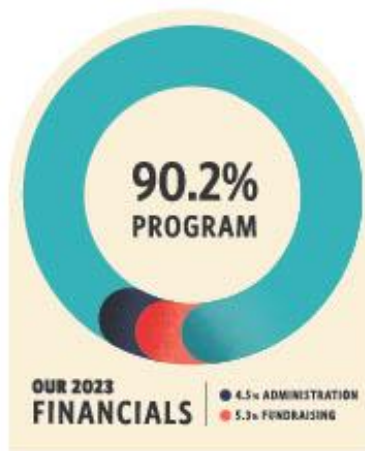
Unbound is an international development organization founded by lay Catholics and grounded in the Gospel call to put the needs of the marginalized and vulnerable first. We build relationships of mutual respect that bridge cultural, economic and religious divides. We work side by side with people of diverse faith traditions in Latin America, Asia and Africa.

HOW WE WORK

We believe the surest path out of poverty is a self-directed one. Sponsored individuals and families use your support to work toward goals like education, dignified housing, better nutrition and developing livelihoods. Mothers lead the way in our programs through active participation in small groups. From accessing microloans to starting small businesses and forming their own credit cooperatives, mothers are creating paths to self-sufficiency for their families.

HIGHLY RATED STEWARDSHIP

Our commitment to excellent financial stewardship of the funds you entrust to us earns Unbound top ratings from independent charity evaluators like the BBB Wise Giving Alliance and others.



AUTOMATIC BANK WITHDRAWAL

I hereby authorize a direct debit from my checking account each month for payment to Unbound. (Please attach voided check.)

Routing #

Account #

Amount \$.00

Authorized Signature Date

You may cancel this agreement anytime by contacting Unbound at (800) 875-6564. Please allow 2 business days to cancel.

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION

I authorize Unbound to charge my credit card in the amount of:

☐ \$40 Monthly ☐ \$120 Quarterly ☐ \$240 Semi-annually ☐ \$480 Annually

Card #

Expiration date /

Cardholder name

Signature Date

So that we may process and provide a receipt for your contribution, please complete the contact information section on the front of this form.

Please print clearly.



⇒ Celebrations:



October Anniversaries

Loren and Dianna Jensen	10/25/1975
David and Colleen Marinucci	10/7/1978
Michael and Sarah Dinger	10/18/1980
Bill and Chris Evans	10/15/1983
Reginaldo and Lilgbeth Liwanag	10/1/1984
Roberto and Patricia Alfaro	10/6/1985
Robert and Katherine Lopetrono	10/22/1988
Tom and Danna Hoellering	10/28/1989
Mark and Cathy Walatka	10/1/1993
Mike and Jackie Graeber	10/14/2000
Rob and Susan Holta	10/19/2002
David and Mouse Pieper	10/4/2010
Shea 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

⇒ Parish Financial Update:

⇒ Stewardship of Treasure:

	Week 16	YTD
Offertory Income	\$ 36,052.74	\$ 201,010.90
Other Income	\$ 266.79	\$ 39,183.25
	\$ 36,319.53	\$ 240,194.15

Expenses: (avg. wk. \$17,162.20)
YTD Expenses: **\$ 236,090.06**

Combined Parish and School

Total Income \$513,859.05
Total Expense \$739,841.26
- \$225,982.21

Our new fiscal year began 1 July

*Online Donation Income:

- * There were 44 gifts made online
- * There were 0 families new to online giving
- * There were 0 Maintenance Fund donations
- * There were 2 Parish Outreach donations
- * There were 5 Special Collection donations
- * There were 0 Faith Formation donations

Dear Lord,

Thank you for teaching me to be generous as you have been generous with me.

Thank you for showing me that all I am and have are gifts from you.

And that these gifts from you, Lord, are meant to be shared. Show me the joys of generosity.

Help me to understand others, perhaps unknown to me, depend on me for help.

Remind me that my world, my parish, needs "Good Samaritans" to heal the wounds of our times.

Make me a gift to others in your name.

Amen.

Please Pray for:

Diane Peterson
Brian O'Quinn
Christina Del Rosario
Ann Curro
Kathryn Dunn
Waetjen Family
Alicia Warren
Fr. Tim Saur
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 & Bettye Smith
Pat Scott
Julie Allard

Bernie & Marian Simon
Kim Randolph
Lagi Fi-Zwetsk
Will Davenport
Nicole Johnson
Rizza Robles
Crescencia Molina
Jessica Randolph
Geneva Colon
Michele Waetjen
Vannessa Mors
Denise Trefry

Richard Campbell
James Mitchell & sons
Fontaine Wilhelm
Theresa Dolan
Ofelia Domingo
Chuck Sanders
Maipelle Burns
Mike Keenan
Kevin Pfeiffer
Steve Taylor
Lara Krill
Joseph Mitchell

Dan Rollins
John Branham
Jeff Harris Family
Ted & Agnes Mayac
Doris Clausen
Ellison Williamson
Danielle Corrigan
Jackie & Greg Kern
Paul Larson
Mary Dubois
Glen Allen
Virginia Aberle

Elizabeth Bastiani
Solita Balones
Mark Blumenthal
Deneen B. Bozeman
Al Honeywell
Wally Johnston

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



Lumen Christi School

Living Faith, Celebrating Family, and Achieving Excellence

OCT. 31-NOV 1: 9th Grade Retreat @ St. Therese's Camp in Wasilla
NOV. 3: 11th Grade College Advising w/ Judy Friar @ 1pm
NOV. 4: 12th Grade College Advising w/ Judy Friar @ 1pm
NOV. 14: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Gala
NOV 15: Lumen Lock In
NOV. 17: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 6th Grader "Jump Up Day"



⇒ Principal's Update:

This was a bit of a disjointed week, with PSATs on Wednesday for our 9-11th graders and an Inservice/No School day on Friday to mark the end of the 1st quarter marking period. We will get back into the swing of things next week, for sure! A couple of notes:

- Our Band Directors, Neal and Patty, are away next week, so **NO BAND PRACTICE!**
- Our middle school basketball practices will get underway starting on Monday the 20th, with a large number of 7th and 8th grade boys and girls participating
- Our high school girls volleyball teams will be on the road to Ninilchik next Friday and Saturday to compete in a Kenai Peninsula tournament
- We look forward to hosting parent teacher conferences tonight. In the midst of your conversations, please take a moment to thank your child's teacher(s). Our staff works very hard every day—for far less pay than their public school counterparts—to provide a rigorous Catholic education in a Christ-like environment for our students. We are all on this journey together and take pride in partnering with our parents for the moral, spiritual, mental, and physical development of our children!

I hope our students enjoy their three day weekend. Please pray for our teachers and staff as they participate in an Archdiocesan retreat with our fellow Catholic school educators on Friday focused on Divine Dialogue!

Have a blessed and wonderful fall 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 Nov 10th, 2025, 6:30pm.** in the Lunney Center at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish. Please join us for prayer, planning, and food and fellowship. Visitors are always welcomed.

For more information contact cecistanley2013@icloud.com

KNIGHTS TABLE

Congratulations: October

Knight of the month

Family of the Month

Jim McCormack

Pol & Celia Masalunga



Patriotic Rosary— 11/03 and 11/17 at 6:00 pm
 K of C Council meeting - 11/05 at 7:00 pm
 4th Degree meeting – 11/03 at 7:00 pm
 Officer's meeting - 11/27 6pm

The Knight of the Month We chose Jim McCormack—Jim is present at our meetings, organizes parish socials (*like Oktoberfest*) He is always helpful when it comes to additional cooking duties like support of YoungLives and has been a faithful liturgical minister and book club member. He is very active in parish life here

Family of the Month We chose Celia and Pol Masalunga. Pol is our council's faith director - helping organize the Knights memorial mass and eucharistic processions. They have been supportive of our school and parish and are a vibrant part of our Filipino culture here.

WHAT IS GOING ON?

A huge thank you to all those that made the October 18th altar server training and luncheon a huge success! Over two dozen servers participated in the training and luncheon. Benjamin and Thomas Bouton, and Margaret Henry did a fabulous job leading the event!

We enjoyed a delicious luncheon generously sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Thank you servers and thank you Knights for your dedication to this ministry!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

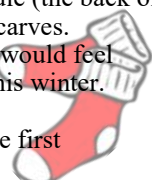
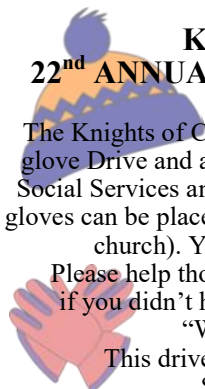
22nd ANNUAL THANKSGIVING GLOVE DRIVE

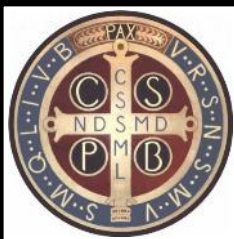
The Knights of Columbus is holding our 22nd annual Thanksgiving glove drive and all the gloves collected will be brought to Catholic Social Services and then given to those in need. All new or like new gloves can be placed in the basket located in the vestibule (the back of church). You may also bring socks, hats, and scarves.

Please help those less fortunate. Think of how you would feel if you didn't have these items to keep you warm this winter.

"When I was naked you clothed Me"

This drive will run through November until the first Sunday in December. Thank you





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

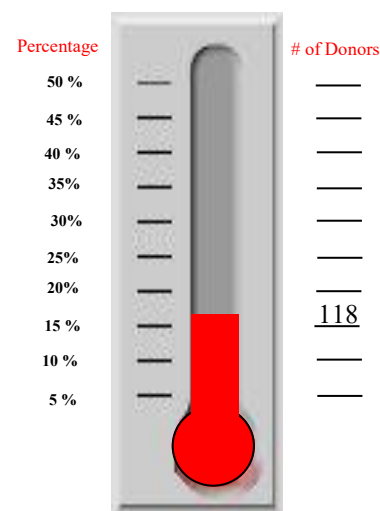
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Donating to United in Mission:
Radiating Christ's Love & Hope
has never been easier!



Use the QR code and donate
right now online.

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Contributions beyond our Archdiocesan goal help us to:



Prep and paint exterior.



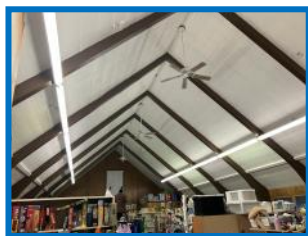
Close off old access.



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!**



Thanksgiving Baskets



The *Outreach Ministry* is preparing for the annual
Thanksgiving Basket Program

If you can donate food, it will be greatly appreciated.

Below is a list of suggested food items according to the first letter of your last name.

- ✓ *The food will be packaged on Friday, November 21st.*
- ✓ *Pick ups will be on Saturday, November 22nd between 9:30am-10:30am.*

You may begin dropping off food in the church basement, Parish Hall, as soon as possible.

- ❖ Food can be dropped off until Wednesday, November 19th.
- ❖ Turkeys can be dropped off at Taste Freez at any time before Wednesday, November 19th, *(let them know you are from St. Benedict Parish)*
- ❖ Below is a list of suggested food items, according to the first initial of your last name.

Food Needed:

A-E coffee, tea, powdered milk, brown sugar, sugar, flour, Jell-O, canned pumpkin.

F-J foil, oatmeal, instant potatoes, canned fruit, canned vegetables, toilet paper, dish soap.

K-N canned sweet potatoes, canned fried onions, pie filling, cranberry sauce, bath soap, Jam or jelly, powdered milk.

O-S Jell-O, gravy, marshmallows, canned fried onions, foil pans, stuffing, jam or jelly, sugar.

T-Z rolls, black olives, pie crust, paper towels, flour, foil pans, canned pumpkin, canned fruit.

If you need a basket, please call Outreach at 273-1596:

1. Leave your name, address, phone number
2. Number of people in your household
3. Whether you can pick up your basket Saturday, November 22nd between 9:30am and 10:30am.

⇒ **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 has a great need for

- deodorants,
- combs,
- hair brushes,
- and hair ties right now.

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

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

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.

GCI employees did a deep clean of St. Francis House.



This week CIRI employees helped wrap things up at Grow North Farms!



Many **refugee clients** do not have snowpants and have articulated that they would like some. Seeking snowpants and snow boots drive in time for an event which will be the evening of the 24th.

Drop off 9 am to 3 pm at 4135 San Roberto Ave. at the Welcome Center.

Donations for the 3rd Avenue Resource & Navigation Center are accepted Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM at the 3RNC, 1131 E. 3rd Ave.

When dropping off items, please ask for Brian Andrews to ensure your donation is properly received.

Hats
Belts
Gloves
Hot Hands
Reading Glasses

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!**

Help the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta coast

In Alaska there are collection points for supplies that several cargo carriers are shipping out to the region. Here is the link to the page with the collection points and what donations they are asking for:

<https://info.lynden.com/blog/air-cargo-carriers-unite-for-western-alaska-disaster-relief>

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.

- **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.
- **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 fulfilment of duties. [Read the full job description here](#). Send all resumes to Danna Hoellering at dhoellering@aoaj.org



Bible Study

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

Our next Bible Study will be
Wednesday October 22nd.

We meet in the school library at 7 PM.

Book Club

November 6, 7:00PM

@ Lynn Stuhr's home

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

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, **November 20th** in the Parish Hall .

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 in the South East USA.
Stay tuned.
Check the Bulletin Boards**

Prodigal

Dictionaries define "prodigal" as "*wastefully extravagant and lavishly abundant.*" That certainly describes the God that Jesus incarnates and reveals.

God, as we see in both nature and in scripture (and know from experience), is over-generous, over-lavish, over-extravagant, over-prodigious, over-rich, and over-patient. If nature, scripture, and experience are believed, God is the absolute antithesis of everything stingy, miserly, frugal, narrowly calculating, or sparing in what it doles out. God is prodigal.

God, the sower, goes out to sow, scattering his seed generously, almost wastefully, everywhere – on the road, among the rocks, among the thorns, on bad soil, and on rich soil. No farmer would do this. Who would waste seed on soil that never produces a harvest? God doesn't ask that question but simply keeps scattering his seed everywhere, over-generously, without calculating whether it is a good investment or not. And, it seems, God has an infinite number of seeds to scatter, perpetually, everywhere. God is prodigious beyond imagination.

This speaks of God's infinite riches, love, and patience. For us, there is both a huge challenge and a huge consolation. The challenge is to respond to the infinite number of invitations God scatters on our path endlessly. The consolation is, no matter how many of God's invitations we ignore, there will always be an infinite number of others. No matter how many we ignore or turn down, new ones await us each minute. When we've gone through 39 days of lent without praying or changing our lives, there's still a 40th day to respond. When we ignore a thousand invitations, another one still waits. God is prodigal, so are God's chances.

Sr. Margaret Halaska once captured this wonderfully in a poem she entitled, Covenant:

The Father knocks at my door, seeking a home for his son:

Rent is cheap, I say

I don't want to rent. I want to buy, says God.

I'm not sure I want to sell, but you might come in to look around.

I think I will, says God.

I might let you have a room or two.

I like it, says God. I'll take the two. You might decide to give me more someday. I can wait, says God.

I'd like to give you more, but it's a bit difficult. I need some space for me.

I know, says God, but I'll wait. I like what I see.

Hm, maybe I can let you have another room. I really don't need that much.

Thanks, says God, I'll take it. I like what I see.

I'd like to give you the whole house, but I'm not sure –

Think on it, says God. I wouldn't put you out. Your house would be mine and my son would live in it. You'd have more space than you'd ever had before.

I don't understand at all.

I know, says God, but I can't tell you about that. You'll have to discover it for yourself. That can only happen if you let him have the whole house.

A bit risky, I say.

Yes, says God, but try me.

I'm not sure –I'll let you know.

I can wait, says God. I like what I see.

Adapted from (<https://ronrolheiser.com/a-prodigal-god>)

Question:

When you think of a Prodigal God, what do you imagine?

Challenge:

Imagine yourself as prodigal—how do you show that image to others?

*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**

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 meet, Monday evenings at 6:30pm
in the parish rectory!**

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

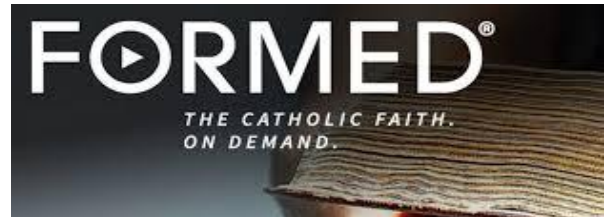
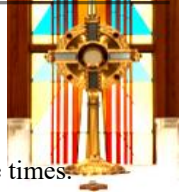
Eucharistic Adoration

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.**

Upcoming Events



St. Andrew Bobola, S.J.

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

10/29 High School Night 7pm
TBA Jr. High Night 6pm

⇒ *Evangelization Meetings:*

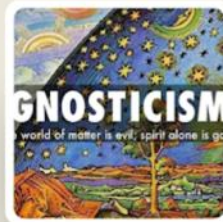
Evangelization Team:

Our next meeting will be TBD at 7PM

Youth Ministry Team:

Our next meeting is TBD @ 7pm

UPCOMING *Youth Nights*



Wednesday 7-9 pm

Hersey: Gnosticism

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

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Wednesday 7-9 pm

Halloween: Catholic?

Let's talk about the origins of
Halloween. Candy will be eaten, fun
will be had!

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Wednesday 7-9 pm

Guest Leader

Join Macklen as he talks about
something interesting! Updates
incoming!

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Pray for us!



Check out our page at:

<https://www.stbenedictsak.com/65>

FB: St. Ben's Youth Ministry

Insta: @stbensyouthanc



#Youth Corner

10/29 Youth Night

7-9pm

11/06 Jr. High Night!!

We Need Adult Volunteers!! 6-8pm