

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica



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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10:00am -5:00pm

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Lumen Christi Catholic School

Grades 7-12
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Phone: (907) 245-9231

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7:00am-3:00pm

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- 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**

November 9, 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



The Mother of all churches

Today we celebrate the feast of the most important Church liturgically in the whole world, the Pope's Cathedral, which proudly proclaims in ancient plaques at the entrance, *Sacrosancta Lateranensis ecclesia omnium urbis et orbis ecclesiarum mater et caput*, "The most holy Church of the Lateran, the mother and head of all the churches of the city (Rome) and the world." The Lateran is the mother of every church edifice because it was the first Christian basilica in history; it is the head, because Rome, the see of St. Peter, is the principal local Church in the world, and the Lateran is the principal Church of the Diocese of Rome. The Lateran, not St. Peter's, is the Pope's Cathedral, where his cathedra, the chair symbolic of his teaching authority, rests. The Lateran, not the Vatican, is where the Popes resided for the first millennium of legalized Christianity. It's where they celebrated Mass. It's where they gave their special blessings. This is the reason why on November 9 all the members of the daughter Churches throughout the world celebrate the feast of the dedication of their Head and Mother. St. John Lateran is, we can loosely say, the Cathedral of the world. Enjoy the celebration! — Fr. Tom

Welcome to Saint Benedict Parish

Monday 11/10	Tuesday 11/11 Veterans Day!	Wednesday 11/12	Thursday 11/13	Friday 11/14	Saturday 11/15	Sunday 11/16
Mass 9am: Avalene Mitchell SI <i>Parish Office Closed</i> Adoration 10am - 10pm Legion of Mary 6-7pm OCIA 6:30	Mass 9am: Military Veterans SI Adoration 10am-10pm Video Series The Search & Discussion 9:30am	Mass 9am: Solidar Perez ROS Adoration 10am-10pm Confessions 6pm Samoan Choir 6:30pm High School Night 7pm Bible Study 7pm Lector Training 7pm	Mass 9am: Bea Ishler ROS Adoration 10am-10pm 10:30 Choir Practice 7pm	Mass 9am: Olin Collicott 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: Jim & Jane Branham ROS Confessions 3:45-4:45 Lector Training 9am Baptism Class 10am	Masses 8:00am: 10:30am: People of the Parish SI 12:15pm: Angie Sipin SI Super Sunday Today!! 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: @stbensyouthanc

Mass Intentions: SI= Special Intentions

RTH= Return to Health

ROS= Repose of Soul

Saint Benedict Staff

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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 **December 6th!**

Call Andy Flores @ 907-887-4917

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

Next dinner date is **November 25th!**

⇒ Readings:

Sunday 11/09

Ezekiel 47:1, 2, 8, 9, 12
 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16, 17
 John 2:13-22

Sunday 11/16

Malachi 3:19-20
 2Thessalonians 3:7-12
 John Luke 21:5-19

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:



November Anniversaries

Roy and Terry Stoddard	11/12/66
Bernie and Beatrice Freeman	11/29/69
Lee and Kathy Lewis	11/30/74
Ryan and Justin Kersten	11/10/76
Lonnie and Marcy Adkins	11/27/82
Doug and Rebecca Berry	11/28/92
Scott and Maria Estonilo	11/10/04
Richard and Letti Wulf	11/22/08
Ken and Linda Miller	11/11/12
James and Ciera Aloysius	11/12/13
Joab and Krisine Mendoza	11/27/14
Nick and Oriole Kinder	11/07/15
Anthony Jayson and Diane Ong	11/03/18
Nick and Kristen Moran	11/27/20

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 17	YTD
Offertory Income	\$ 11,679.49	\$ 222,000.54
Other Income	\$ 896.26	\$ 40,870.51
	\$ 12,575.75	\$ 262,871.05

Expenses: (avg. wk. \$17,162.20)
YTD Expenses: **\$ 244,825.23**

Combined Parish and School

Total Income \$533,340.28
Total Expense \$753,843.68
\$222,530.40

Our new fiscal year began 1 July

*Online Donation Income:

- * There were 54 gifts made online
- * There were 0 families new to online giving
- * There were 4 Maintenance Fund donations
- * There were 2 Parish Outreach donations
- * There were 0 Special Collection donations
- * There were 1 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
Bea Freeman
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
Gerry Rapp
Alicia Datuin
Mike & Bettye Smith
Pat Scott
Julie Allard

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

James Mitchell & sons
Fontaine Wilhelm
Theresa Dolan
Ofelia Domingo
Maipela Burns
Mike Keenan
Kevin Pfeiffer
Steve Taylor
Lara Krill
Joseph Mitchell
Dan Rollins
John Branham

Jeff Harris Family
Ted & Agnes Mayac
Doris Clausen
Ellison Williamson
Jackie & Greg Kern
Paul Larson
Mary Dubois
Glen Allen
Virginia Aberle
Elizabeth Bastiani
Solita Balones
Mark Blumenthal

Deneen B. Bozeman
Al Honeywell
Wally Johnston

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



Lumen Christi School

Living Faith, Celebrating Family, and Achieving Excellence

NOV. 14: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Gala
 NOV 15: Lumen Lock In, 3-10pm
 NOV. 17: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 6th Grader "Jump Up Day"
 NOV. 20-22: Girls VB Regions @ Lumen
 NOV. 24-28: Thanksgiving Break
 DEC. 4-6: Girls VB State @ Dimond



⇒ Principal's Update:

What a wonderful 9th grade retreat last weekend! Our Class of 20299 is such an amazing group of young people. Many thanks to Mr. Berry, Father Tom, and the staff members and parents who attended, participated, and chaperoned. We look forward to the Class of 2028 10th grade retreat from February 14-16!

Our girls volleyball teams, junior high basketball teams, and our rifle team continue to work hard and compete in their respective seasons. I hope you'll come out to support and cheer on our Lady Archangel volleyball team at Regions, hosted here at Lumen Christi from Nov 20-22 and our junior high basketball teams from Dec 5-6! Some additional events have been added to our Important Upcoming Dates so please mark your home calendars! I hope everyone has a wonderful and blessed weekend! Please pray for our varsity girls volleyball team as they head to Soldotna and for our junior high basketball teams competing in a tournament at Birchwood Christian School.

May God bless you 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 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 - 11/20 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?

Pot O' Gold 2025

Grand Prize \$15,000



What a beautiful ending Mass Sat. morning at 7am with Fr. Ed, Fr. Moore, and Fr. Shields. We believe at least one life was saved! Thank you for all you do!!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

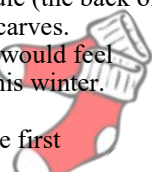
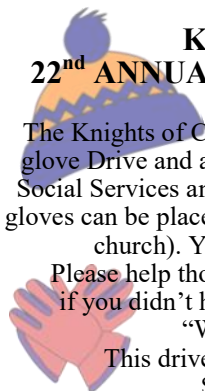
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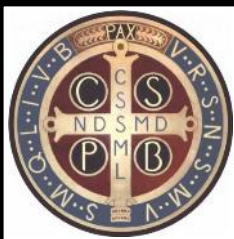
The Knights of Columbus is holding our 22nd annual Thanksgiving glove Drive and all the gloves collected will be brought to Catholic Social Services and then given to those in need. All new or like new gloves can be placed in the basket located in the vestibule (the back of church). You may also bring 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
\$39,938.48

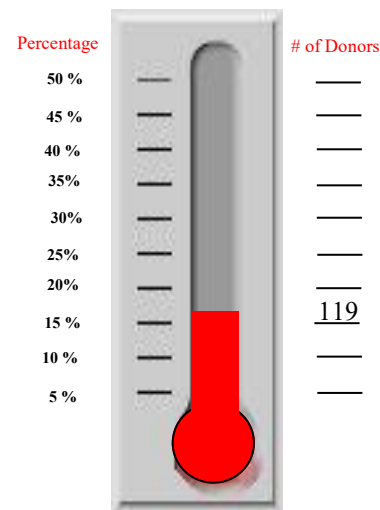
Participation Goal
40 Percent *

Donating to United in Mission:
Radiating Christ's Love & Hope
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.



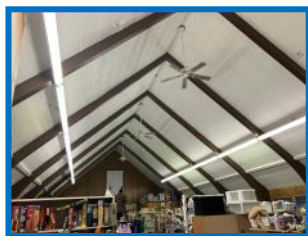
Close off old access.



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? 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.

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.

Brother Francis Shelter Warm Gear Donations for As temperatures drop, warm clothing is needed for those in the shelters. BFS is requesting the following donations. Any can help!

- * Men's sweatpants M-L, XL, especially 32-34 sizes. Sweatpants with drawstrings are suggested . * Coats, Men's L, XL
- * Women's sweatpants S-L (3-16) * Coats, Women M-XL
- * NEW ONLY Underwear, Men L-XL
- * NEW ONLY Underwear, Women, All Sizes
- * NEW ONLY Bras (A-DD) and all sizes
- * Men's Boots, 8-13 * Women's Boots 7-8-9
- * Winter gloves, All Sizes * Winter hats
- * Men's hoodies and Sweatshirts M-XL
- * Women's Hoodies and Sweatshirts M-XL
- * Request for Ice Cleats and reflective tape
- * Any hygienic items, including women's hygiene donations would help bolster supplies.
- * Bed pads to help folks who are sometimes incontinent.

Through Helping Holidays, you can help ensure those in need have a Christmas gift this year by sponsoring a client family. You can sign up as an individual, family, or group. We suggest a gift of \$50 for an individual, \$150 for a family and \$200 for a family of five or more.

To help us have time to deliver gifts to families, items will need to be dropped off at our office between Monday, Dec. 8 to Thursday, Dec. 11 from 9 am to 5:30 pm.

Note: Many of our refugee families live across the state. To reduce shipping costs for families in the RAIS program, we can only accept gift cards and one small gift per family.

[Helping Holidays link](#)



Snow Pants & Boots Drive

JOIN US IN SPREADING WARMTH!

We're collecting snow pants and boots for families in need! All sizes are welcome - especially adult medium and large.

PLEASE DROP OFF BEFORE OCTOBER 24th

between 9 AM - 3 PM at the CSS Welcome Center!
4135 San Roberto Ave., Anchorage, AK 99508



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>

- **Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau's Christmas Card Submission for Youth:** The Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau is doing their first ever Christmas card Art Submission for youth. We would like to have our talented and creative youth of the archdiocese come up with a Christmas card to submit.



- **Dominican Forum with Fr. Matthew Wanner, OP:** Join Holy Family for the Dominican Forum on Wednesday, November 12th at 7 p.m. in the Dominican Hall.



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.

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



Reminders and Additional Information!



Please remember to share parish photos with us ! We love to feature what is happening in your parish in the North Star Catholic.

Please send photos with a brief description and who is in the photo(s) to llivengood@aoaj.org
We're currently exploring the idea of offering additional copies of the North Star Catholic to parishes and schools each month.

At this stage, we're simply gauging interest—if your parish or school might be interested in receiving extra issues, please email me and let me know.



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

As we continue to celebrate Blessed Michael J. McGivney's Beatification, please enter the Promo Code **BLESSEDMCGIVNEY** to join online for free. Ask A Knight for more information or follow the QR code to join online - Please Enter St Benedict's Council #12290.



Men - Do you miss
Esto Vir?
Want to try leading a
men's ministry?
We want to talk to you

JOIN US
BROTHER KNIGHTS OF OUR COUNCIL
invite you to join us in our joyful pursuit
of our common ideals:
CHARITY
FRATERNITY
UNITY
PATRIOTISM

Parish pilgrimage

News on the next Parish
Pilgrimage in the South East USA.
Stay tuned.
Check the Bulletin Boards

The Apostolic Exhortation

The Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi te* "I have loved you"; (Rev 3:9), focused on love for the poor, was signed by Pope Leo XIV on October 4, 2025, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, and published on October 9. "I am happy to make this document my own. . .and to issue it at the beginning of my own pontificate, since I share the desire of my predecessor that all Christians come to appreciate the close connection between Christ's love and his summons to care for the poor. I too consider it essential to insist on this path to holiness, for "in this call to recognize him in the poor and the suffering, we see revealed the very heart of Christ, his deepest feelings and choices, which every saint seeks to imitate," (DT 3)

In the *Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi te*, the Holy Father affirms: "I am convinced the preferential choice for the poor is a source of extraordinary renewal both for the Church and for society, if we can only set ourselves free of our self-centeredness and open our ears to their cry" (DT 7) "this 'preference' never indicates exclusivity or discrimination towards other groups, which would be impossible for God. It is meant to emphasize God's actions, which are moved by compassion toward the poverty and weakness of all humanity. Wanting to inaugurate a kingdom of justice, fraternity and solidarity, God has a special place in his heart for those who are discriminated against and oppressed, and he asks us, his Church, to make a decisive and radical choice in favor of the weakest" (DT 16).

Dilexi te also highlights the importance of being "a Church for the poor" and emphasizes that "this is not a matter of mere human kindness but a revelation" (DT 5). It is in this perspective that "we can understand the numerous pages of the Old Testament in which God is presented as the friend and liberator of the poor... « God's heart has a special place for the poor [...] The entire history of our redemption is marked by the presence of the poor »"(DT 17).

The Holy Father highlights that "no Christian can regard the poor simply as a societal problem; they are part of our 'family.'" He recalls the teaching on work of Saint John Paul II to reflect on "the active role that the poor ought to play in the renewal of the Church and society. . .not limiting itself to satisfying only the immediate needs of the poor" (DT 87).

Furthermore, *Dilexi te* explains: "the poorest are not only objects of our compassion, but teachers of the Gospel. It is not a question of "bringing" God to them, but of encountering him among them" (DT 79) because "while it is true that the rich care for the poor, the opposite is no less true. This is a remarkable fact confirmed by the entire Christian tradition. Lives can actually be turned around by the realization that the poor have much to teach us about the Gospel and its demands" (DT 109).

Question:

1. What is your feeling of being a friend of the poor in all aspects-not just giving food/clothing?

Challenge:

Give of your time to the poor.

Quotes:

"No act of devotion on the part of the faithful gives God more pleasure than that which is lavished on his poor." ~St. Leo the Great

"If you consider the poor in light of faith, then you will observe that they are taking the place of the Son of God who chose to be poor." ~ St. Vincent de Paul

*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

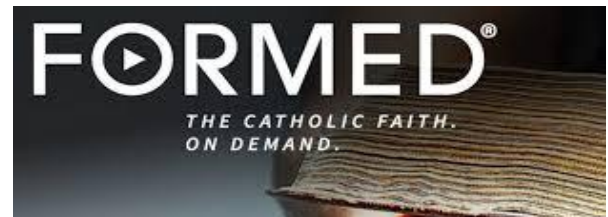


Adoration is offered:
Monday—Friday 10:00AM-10:00PM

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.**

Lower 48

Pilgrimage

2026

JAN. 30-
Feb. 6

Join Bob and Fr. Robert Whitney on a pilgrimage through the earliest sites of the Catholic Church in the Americas. And lots more...



DETAILS...

Highlights of Itinerary:

Jan. 30- Anchorage to Orlando
Jan. 31- Tallahassee- Venerable Florida Martyrs and missions
Feb. 1- Birmingham- Cathedral and EWTN
Feb. 2- Retreat day at Blessed Sacrament Shrine
Feb. 3- Atlanta- Shrine and Cistercian monastery
Feb. 4- Savannah- Cathedral and Flannery O'Connor Museum
Feb. 5- St Augustine- Oldest Mass, Cathedral, and La Leche Shrine
Feb. 6- Back to Orlando for flight Home or ???



Total Cost:
Triple: 1436
Double: 1576
Single: 1996

Includes:
Airfare
Lodging
Transportation
2 meals a day

REGISTER BY
NOV. 15 TO
LOCK IN PRICE.

Contact Bob McMorrow for more information

907-308-9382
rmmorrow@stbenedictssak.com



Upcoming Events

11/12 High School Night 7pm
12/04 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

Spiritual Gifts

We are all given spiritual gifts. Which ones do you have? How do we utilize them? Come and find out!

Nov

12

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Wednesday 7-9 pm

Adoration & Ice Cream

Join us for Adoration! We will then head back and have some Ice Cream before heading into the gym for games!

Nov

19

2025



Wednesday 7-9 pm

Lord of the Rings!

Tonight is an extended Youth Night. We will be watching the extended version of one of the Lord of the Rings movies. Popcorn will be provided. We will end at 11 pm this night.

Nov

26

2025

Pray for us!

#Youth Corner

11/12 Youth Night

7-9pm

12/04 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

