I pledge allegiance to the Flag Zof the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands one Nation under God, indivisible, liberty and justice for all.

Weekend Masses Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am, 10:30am, 12:15pm

Weekday Masses Monday-Friday 9:00am

Adoration Monday-Friday 10am-10pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation Wednesdays, 6pm-7pm Sat.3:45pm-4:45pm or by appointment



Parish Office 8110 Jewel Lake Rd Anchorage, AK 99502

Phone: (907)243-2195 Fax: (907)243-0088

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

Web: www.stbenedictsak.com FB: https://www.facebook.com/stbenedictsak Email: parishsecretary@stbenedictsak.com E-mail: lchs@lumenchristiak.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

July 6, 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**!

Prayer Chain: call Bob McMorrow 907-273-1552 or email bmcmorrow@stbenedictsak.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 245-0017. To volunteer call Colleen: 354-4372 or Mary: 868-3453 Catechesis: Bob McMorrow: 273-1552 and Gabe O'Lena 273-1541 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

- Our Community at a Glance -



Trusting in times of spiritual desolation

All of us experience suffering in the course of our life. One of the terrible pains we can feel is that no one seems to understand us. To feel alone, without comfort or support. Another great suffering is spiritual suffering. We can suffer the awareness of our sins. We can feel beyond forgiveness. We can even feel abandoned by God. Biographers tell us that Mother Theresa of Calcutta experienced the seeming absence of God for the last 40 years of her life. Yet, she never wavered in her faith and trust. She never gave up. So many, today, try to escape their pain and suffering by turning to escapes: drugs, alcohol, pornography, the internet, video games, entertainment, etc. In the Gospel Jesus gives his 12 disciples wise advice. Stay away from anyone or any place that doesn't accept Gospel values. If something or someone is godless, it or they cannot benefit us in any way. Yet, breaking from someone or something that is ungodly can be hard. Sometimes, it means the end of longtime relationships. Jesus also teaches that God will protect us from any spiritual evil. What so many today don't realize is that our suffering always brings us closer to Jesus. St. Paul was separated from the world by embracing the cross of Jesus. Let us be grateful for the example of the suffering saints who have gone before us. -7. Tom

Happy 4th of July Weekend! May we give thanks for our freedoms!

Welcome to Saint Benedict Parish

Monday 7/07	Tuesday 7/08	Wednesday 7/09	Thursday 7/10	Friday 7/11	Saturday 7/12	Sunday 7/13
Mass 9am: Christina Del Rosario RTH	Mass 9am: The Mitchell Family SI	Mass 9am: Marielle Corotan SI Adoration	Mass 9am: Tom Adkins SI Adoration	Mass 9am: The People of the Parish SI	Vigil Mass 5pm: Jim & Jane Branham ROS	Masses 8:00am:Rosemary Chan ROS 10:30am: Alan & Sharon King SI 12:15pm: People of the Parish SI
Parish Office Closed Adoration 10am - 10pm Legion of Mary 6-7pm Patriotic Rosary 6pm	Adoration 10am-10pm Video Series The Search & Discussion 9:30am	10am-10pm Confessions 6pm Samoan Choir 6:30pm High School Night 7pm Bible Study7pm	10am-10pm Kid Play 10pm Sand Lake School Esto Vir 6pm	Adoration 10am-10pm Jr. Legion 10am Parish Picnic 6pm Samoan Choir 6:30pm	<i>Confessions</i> 3:45-4:45 Samoan Choir 6:30pm	
KofC Meet 7pm Father/Sons 6:30pm Vacco Mass Intenti		Bib ial Intentions		Youth Intermural Basketball 8pm Phool eturn to Health		Check out our page at: https://www.stbenedictsak.com/65 FB: St. Ben's Youth Ministry Insta: (astbensyouthanc Repose of Soul

Saint Benedict Staff

Pastor Fr. Tom Lilly tlilly@stbenedictsak.com 243-2195

Deacon **Deacon Daniel Winters**

Pastoral Assistant/ Business Manager Marcy Adkins madkins@stbenedictsak.com 273-1554

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Director of Music Steve Ring sring@stbenedictsak.com

Church Housekeeper Elaine Potter

Readings:

Sunday 7/06 Isaiah 66:10-11 Galatians 6:14-18 Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Evangelization and Catechesis

Director **Bob McMorrow** rmcmorrow@stbenedictsak.com 273-1552

Youth and Young Adult Minister Gabe O'Lena golena@stbenedictsak.com 273-1541

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Lumen Christi School

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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 August 2nd!

Call Andy Flores @ 907-887-4917

Thank you to all who provide meals for **Clare House** Next dinner date is **July 22nd!**

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

Sunday 7/13 Deuteronomy 30:10-14 Colossians 1:15-20 Luke 10:25-37





July Ralph and Cheryl Feriani 07/24/71 Edison and Nancy Garcia 07/14/73 Bob and Carrie Haskell 07/26/76 Jerry and Pat Scott 07/17/78 Paul and Katherine Hendrickson 07/24/81 William and Georgia Polley 07/26/86 Gregory and Julie Pepe-Phelps 07/29/89 Michael and Misty Cain 07/15/00 Chris and Regan Hamey 07/28/00 Tai Wei and Wendy Sturdivant 07/10/04 Rodney and Sarah Madril 07/21/05 Jeffrey and Lea Bouton 07/15/06 Anthony and Sara Kriz 07/07/07 Gabrigl and Dyan Garcia 07/17/11 Kalolo and Mary Jane losefo 07/04/15 Adam and Jessica Kincaid 07/25/15 Justin and Megan Spillers 07/03/17 Fono and Linda Solaita 07/13/17 07/27/19 Josh and Olivia Milla Mike and Pauline Moevao-Ulberg 07/25/20

May your marriage always bring glory to God, joy to one another and blessings to your family f or many generations to come. May love and laughter fill your hearts and your home for all at the days of your lives. May you face every challenge hand-in-hand and side-by-side knowing that with God's grace, you'll conquer all obstacles together. May the world be forever a better place because the two of you fell in love. In Jesus' name, Amen

Please Pray for: 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 & Bettye Smith Pat Scott Julie Allard Bernie &Marian Simon Kim Randolph Lagi Fi-Zwetsk Cindy Cooper Will Davenport David Edgren Nicole Johnson Rizza Robles Crescencia Molina Jessica Randolph Geneva Colon Brodie Nikolia Michele Waetjen Vannessa Mors Denise Trefry Richard Campbell

⇒ <u>Parish Financial Update:</u>

⇒ <u>Stewardship of Treasure:</u>

	Week 52		YTD
Offertory Income	\$ 10,571.05	\$	612,960.90
Other Income	\$ 380.00	\$	413,702.28
	\$ 10,951.05	\$1	,026,663,18

Expenses: (avg. wk. \$17,162.20) YTD Expenses: **\$959.423.29**

Combined Parish and School

 Total Income
 \$2,887,731.26

 Total Expense
 \$2,630,840.85

 \$ 256,890.41

Our new fiscal year begans 1 July

***Online Donation Income:**

*	There were 47 gifts made online
*	There were 1 families new to online giving
*	There were 2 Maintenance Fund donations
*	There were 1 Parish Outreach donations
*	There were 0 Legacy of Faith-Renovation
*	There were 2 Special Collection donations
*	There were 0 WYD donations
*	There were 0 Faith Formation donations
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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 Maipele Burns Monica Mendoza Mike Keenan Natalie Carey Kevin Pfeiffer Kevin Mitchell 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).







Christ's Love and Hope Annual Catholic Appeal

By now, you should have received your letter from Archbishop Bellisario asking you to be partners for the gospel and to support Archdiocesan ministries for all of parishioners in our faith communities. When you pledge your support for the *United in Mission: Radiating Christ's Love and Hope Annual Catholic Appeal*, you help make possible diocesan-wide ministries that offer opportunities for ongoing conversation and lifelong faith formation.

Who are we, as the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau?

- There are 32 parishes, 14 missions, 1 Retreat Center and 1 National Shrine in the Archdiocese of Anchorage- Juneau. 21 of our 32 parishes serve remote or rural communities.
- The Archdiocese of Anchorage- Juneau covers over 176,000 square miles. That's more square mileage than these eleven states: Rhode Island, Delaware, Connecticut, New Jersey, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maryland, West Virginia, South Carolina, and Maine combined!
- There are over 10,000 registered parishioner households in the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau.

Please prayerfully consider making a gift to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal.

Your participation as an active steward of these vital ministries matters more than the amount of your gift. We are united in this effort – join the mission.





United In Mission "Radiating Christ's Love and Hope" 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal

Parish Goal

ANCHORAGE-JUNEAU

Archdiocesan Goal \$79,077.16

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



Participation Goal 40 Percent *



* Parish census: 670 households

Contributions beyond our Archdiocesan goal help us to:



Prep and paint exterior.



Convert lighting to LED.



Close off old access.





Weatherproof the foundation.









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 energyefficient 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!



ARCHDIOCESE OF ANCHORAGE-JUNEAU OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

June 28, 2025

Change of age and grade level for the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

The grace and strength received from the sacraments of the Church are essential for every Catholic to lead a good Christian life, joyfully witnessing to the Gospel and defending the Catholic faith we hold dear.

The sacraments of Christian initiation - Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist - lay the foundations of every Christian life. "The sharing in the divine nature given to men through the grace of Christ bears a certain likeness to the origin, development, and nourishing of natural life. The faithful are born anew by Baptism, strengthened by the sacrament of Confirmation, and receive in the Eucharist the food of eternal life. By means of these sacraments of Christian initiation, they thus receive in increasing measure the treasures of the divine life and advance toward the perfection of charity." (Catechism of the Catholic Church – CCC - No. 1212)

Today's youth encounter numerous secular and anti-Christian influences at an earlier age than ever before. After consulting with the priests of the archdiocese and receiving their unanimous support, I am adjusting the age and grade for the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation in the archdiocese to 11 years of age and 5th grade. At this age and grade level, our youth are receptive to catechesis and parental guidance, and more will receive the sacrament.

This change begins today. The goal is for every parish to implement fully the change by the 2028 Easter season. The Easter season is fifty days, starting on Easter and concluding on Pentecost.

The pastors will determine how to ensure that individuals aged 11 and older who have not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation may do so after receiving catechesis and formation.

On October 30, 2024, while greeting a group of newly confirmed, Pope Francis prayed that the Holy Spirit would "inflame your hearts and make you joyful witnesses for Christ."

Sincerely in Christ,

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Most Reverend Andrew E. Bellisario, C.M. Archbishop of Anchorage-Juneau



• To continue to keep clients and staff healthy, we can no longer accept used items. Currently, CSS is only accepting new, unopened items.

o Donations can be dropped off at the back of the warehouse at CSS Main Center (3710 E. 20^{th} Avenue) on the 20^{th} avenue side Monday – Friday 9am – 4:00p

In-kind Needs for CSS Programs

Clare House:

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

- Clothing & shoes for teenage boys. Basics needed.
- Size: 14-17 years old.
- School supplies.
- Books for older youth; various genres.

Complex Care:

Donations can be dropped off at 303 West Fireweed, 7 days a week from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

- Towels
- Hygiene items- such as shampoo, lotion, and body wash.

3rd Ave. Resource & Navigation Center (3RNC): Donations are accepted Monday-Thursday, 1PM to 4PM and Fridays, 9AM to 4PM at Saint Francis House Food Pantry.

- Shampoo and conditioner
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Shower shoes
- Dental hygiene items
- Hats, gloves, socks, and underwear (new).



Brother Francis Shelter Requests

The staff at Brother Francis Shelter would like to offer activities for clients in the evenings after dinner. They are seeking the following items: cornhole (board & amp; beanbags), items for BINGO (set of cards, markers for marking the cards, and set of balls), and a karoke machine or microphone. If you're able to donate any of these items, please reach out to Mercy at 907-764-3827 (cell)

Grow North Farm

This summer, the Book Mobile has agreed to come to the Grow North Farmers' Market for three dates, July 10th, August 7th, and September 3rd. We are looking to stock the book mobile with the following types of publications:

1. Instructional books about climate specific, sustainable, urban, and/or small-scale farming and gardening practices

- **2.** Children's books that deal with plants or gardening (for example: & "Let go! A harvest story; by Hannah Lindoff,
- "Tops and Bottoms" by Janet Stevens,
- "Green, A Community Gardening Story" by Marie Lamba,

"Blueberries for Sal"

anything off this list https://www.rabbitroom.com/post/15-gardening-books-for-children, and many more!).

3. Children's books that are not in English, in particular those that will serve Mountain View families (Spanish, Hmong, Samoan, Filipino, and Yup'ik), and those that will serve our farmers and their families (Ukrainian, Swahili, Haitian Creole, Kinyarwanda, French, Pashto, and Dari) - find one good resource here: https://www.languagelizard.com/ For more information please contact Cecilia, our Farmer's Market Coordinator ckaroly-lister@cssalaska.org.

Youth Refugee Summer Program:

- · Bicycles all sizes
- · Guitars and keyboards
- · Soccer pinnies for summer pick up games
- · Art supplies (canvas, paper, paintbrushes)
- Laptops (wiped clean and good condition) for clients to access GED and college classes

For questions please email Katie at kgordon@cssalaska.org for more information on how to get involved!

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Bible Study



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

Our next Bible Study will be Wednesday July 9th. We will meet in the school library at 7 PM.

Book Club



We are reading Mark Twain's, Joan of Arc, Page 305 to end

Contact Lynn Stuhr @ lstuhr18@gmail.com or 907-830-1627

Women's ministry



Our next gathering will be in the Fall. 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). Contact Karen at kmcmorrow1@aol.com

Men's Ministry

Our next Meeting will be on Thursday, July 10th @ 6pm We meet in the Upper Room at the school for food, fellowship, and faith.



Food: steak and shrimp, pasta, cheese bread **Topic:** ???

Speaker: Fr. Tom

Parish pilgrimage



We are back. Come ask us about our experience. Bruges, Germany, and Austria 2025

CATECHESIS



10 July Activities for Catholic Families

1. Have a special prayer time to ask for God's guidance or your country and its people, especially for those in countries like the United States, Canada, and France that celebrate special holidays for their country this month.

2. Do a craft to remember that the month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus.

3. Pick a service project to do as a family this month. It could be something small or something large – it's just important to do it with a giving heart.

4. Grab out blocks or LEGO bricks and create unique buildings and other creations for Saint Thomas the Apostle's feast day on July 2nd. He is the patron saint of architects.

5. Visit Eucharistic Adoration (even if only briefly with young children) in honor of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, who had a great devotion to the Eucharist. Her feast day is July 14th.

6. Prepare your favorite apple recipe on or around July 15th, since apples (and raindrops) are symbols of Saint Swithun.

7. Make empty tomb rolls as a reminder of Saint Mary Magdalene being present to see both the empty tomb and Christ resurrected. Her feast day is July 22nd. http:// bit.ly/emptyrolls

8. Go fishing (or just play a round of the card game Go Fish!) in honor of Saint James the Apostle who was a fisherman. His feast day is July 25th.

9. Plan a visit (or video chat, if distance is an issue) with grandparents to celebrate the feast day of Saints Anne and Joachim, grandparents of Jesus. Their feast day is July 26th.

10. Saint Martha used hospitality as a way to serve Jesus and others. Prepare a meal or treat for someone special. Her feast day is July 29th.

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 meet on Monday evenings <u>at 6:30pm</u> 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. TBD

Men Needed!!

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

Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration

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



~ 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 <u>www.formed.org</u>,
- 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!



If you want to pray well, detach yourself from things of the world, first detach yourself from your passions, purify yourself for your trust in God, which deprive yourself for prayer through





