

15th Sunday of 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

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



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: call **Bob McMorro** 907-273-1552 or email bmmorrow@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 McMorro: 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**

**July 13,
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



Farewell, Bob and Karen and Family!

It is with grateful but heavy hearts that we bid Bob and Karen McMorro and their family well on this, their final weekend in our parish. First arriving at Saint Benedict Parish 27 years ago on the Feast of Saint Benedict, they will set out this coming Friday for Ave Maria, Florida. While every family in a parish is of equal importance, spending more than half of their lives in our community and raising seven wonderful children during that timeframe, Bob and Karen have touched the lives of many families, leaving footprints in all of our hearts! While the McMorro family has taken up new roots in places from Wasilla to Alabama to Peru, we remember fondly the years that Catie, Moira, Ciara, Deirdre, Brigid, Bobby, and Liam ministered in various parts of our parish community. We're not saying goodbye to all of the family, as Bob (Sr.) and Marilyn remain active members in our parish. The McMorro's will return both in December to celebrate Christmas with us and each summer for the foreseeable future when it get a "bit" hot in Florida! Although a simple "thank you" seems inadequate for all of the sacrifices Bob has made in working for the Church, a profound "thank you" (which words don't adequately convey) is the gratitude I feel in my heart and I know you feel in your hearts. **To Bob and Karen and family: from our hearts to yours: may our Lord and Blessed Mother guide you to your new home. Thank you and Farewell! — Fr. Tom and your parish family.**

Welcome to Saint Benedict Parish

Monday 7/14	Tuesday 7/15	Wednesday 7/16	Thursday 7/17	Friday 7/18	Saturday 7/19	Sunday 7/20
Mass 9am: Karen Flores ROS <i>Parish Office Closed</i> Adoration 10am - 10pm Legion of Mary 6-7pm	Mass 9am: Maximo Polintan ROS Adoration 10am-10pm Video Series The Search & Discussion 9:30am	Mass 9am: Tuyen Pham ROS Adoration 10am-10pm Confessions 6pm Samoan Choir 6:30pm High School Night 7pm <i>Bible Study 7pm</i>	Mass 9am: Brendan Kohlbeck SI Adoration 10am-10pm Kid Play 10pm Margaret Egan Sullivan	Mass 9am: Julie DeGuzman SI Adoration 10am-10pm Jr. Legion 10am Samoan Choir 6:30pm <i>Youth Intermural Basketball 8pm</i>	Vigil Mass 5pm: Police & Firefighters SI Confessions 3:45-4:45 Samoan Choir 6:30pm	Masses 8:00am: People of the Parish SI 10:30am: 12:15pm: Check out our page at: https://www.stbenedictsak.com/65 FB: St. Ben's Youth Ministry Insta: @stbensyouthanc

Mass Intentions:

SI= Special Intentions

RTH= Return to Health

ROS= Repose of Soul

Saint Benedict Staff

Pastor

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

Deacon

Deacon Daniel Winters

Pastoral Assistant/ Business Manager

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 273-1554

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 243-2195

Director of Music

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Church Housekeeper

Elaine Potter

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Director

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 273-1552

Youth and Young Adult Minister

Gabe O'Lena
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 273-1541

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John and Shelby Burger
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Lumen Christi School

Principal

Brian Ross
bross@lumenchristiak.com
 907-245-9231

Director of Advancement

Anne Gore
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 907-273-1538

Administrative Assistant

Kimberly Guzman
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 907-245-9231

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!**

⇒ Readings:

Sunday 7/13

Deuteronomy 30:10-14
 Colossians 1:15-20
 Luke 10:25-37

Sunday 7/20

Genesis 18:1-10
 Colossians 1:24-28
 Luke 10:38-42

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:



July Anniversaries

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
Gabriel and Dyan Garcia	07/17/11
Kalolo and Mary Jane Josefo	07/04/15
Adam and Jessica Kincaid	07/25/15
Justin and Megan Spillers	07/03/17
Fono and Linda Solaita	07/13/17
Josh and Olivia Milla	07/27/19
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 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

⇒ Parish Financial Update:

⇒ Stewardship of Treasure:

	Week 01	YTD
Offertory Income	\$ 11,040.35	\$
Other Income	\$ 3,450.00	\$
	\$ 14,490.35	\$

Expenses: (avg. wk. \$17,162.20)
YTD Expenses: **\$13,165.32**

Combined Parish and School

Total Income	\$15,827.60
Total Expense	\$15,204.67
	\$ 622.93

Our new fiscal year began 1 July

*Online Donation Income:

- * There were 50 gifts made online
- * There were 0 families new to online giving
- * There were 1 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 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:

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-Zwetsik

Cindy Cooper
Will Davenport
David Edgren
Nicole Johnson
Rizza Robles
Crescencia Molina
Jessica Randolph
Geneva Colon
Brodie Nikolai
Michele Waetjen
Vanessa Mors
Denise Trefry
Richard Campbell

James Mitchell & sons
Fontaine Wilhelm
Theresa Dolan
Ofelia Domingo
Chuck Sanders
Maipelle 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).



Lumen Christi School

Living Faith, Celebrating Family, and Achieving Excellence

KNIGHTS TABLE

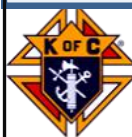
Congratulations: June

Knight of the month

Paul Hafele

Family of the Month

Kay Mitchell Family



Patriotic Rosary– 6/16 and 7/07 at 6:00 pm

K of C Council meeting - 7/07 at 7:00 pm

4th Degree meeting – 7/02 at 7:00 pm

Officer's meeting - 6/26 6pm

The Knight of the Month We chose Paul Hafele for his organizing our council's Bison Hunt fundraising efforts as well as helping as he does with masses here. Paul is always around and often takes care of odd jobs around the parish in his spare time.

Family of the Month The Kay Mitchell family. Kay has been our under-recognized parish secretary and has also quite involved teaching about the sacraments and faith formation classes. She and her husband have mentored many in the RCIA/OCIA programs throughout the years here. Kay's husband has even given years of service leading our St Benedict's council. Please thank the Katherine (and David) Mitchell family for all the time and energy put into our parish).

WHAT IS GOING ON?

Third Annual Baby Bottle Drive!

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners.

We finished the Baby Bottle Fund Drive and gave a check for \$4,863.83 to Catholic Social Services.

The collected money will be used to help support pregnant women and mothers with small children at Clare House.

"The bottle drive is part of a nationwide campaign by Knights of Columbus to restore a culture of Life and raise compassion for pregnant women in need of support."

Catholic Daughters of the Americas



Founded in 1903 in New York by The Knights of Columbus, we are one of the largest Catholic women's organizations.

Court St. Pius X #1866 was chartered in Anchorage in 1961.

Court St. Pius X #1866 of Anchorage invites all Catholic women to join us at our next meeting. We are taking a summer break until Sept.

The next meeting will be held on Monday September 8 2025, at 6:30pm. at the Lunney Center at Our Lady of Guadalupe. For more information contact Cecilia Stanley @ cecistanley2013@icloud.com

Our newest member,
Elenoa Peko!



Principal's Update:

**Have a great Summer,
see you in the Fall!**

Blessings.. Brian

We're Growing! New Teacher Positions Available.

Instill knowledge, strengthen character, and nurture the Spirit through key teaching positions at **Lumen Christi Catholic High School** in Anchorage, Alaska.

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Additionally, we are seeking highly qualified applicants to fill two full time, part year (fall semester only) vacancies in ELA/Social Studies. You can learn more about our school at www.lumenchristiak.org. Please send a cover letter and resume to Brian Ross, Principal bross@lumenchristiak.com.



United in Mission: Radiating



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.

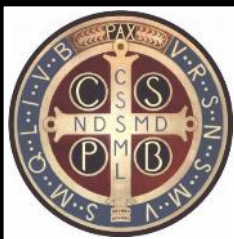
Who are we, as the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau?

- 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

Saint Benedict Parish



Archdiocesan Goal

\$ 79,077.16

Parish Goal

\$39,538.58

Participation Goal

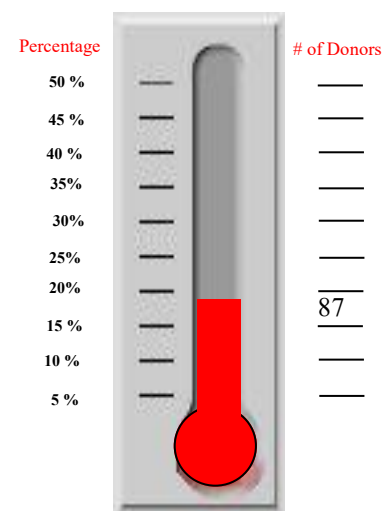
40 Percent *

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



Use the QR code and donate
right now online.

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* Parish census: 670 households

Contributions beyond our Archdiocesan goal help us to:



Prep and paint exterior.



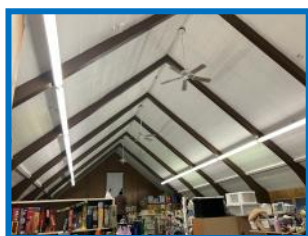
Close off old access.



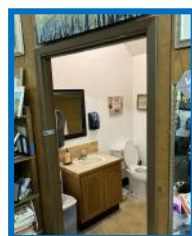
Weatherproof the foundation.



Replace all windows.



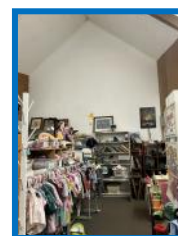
Convert lighting to LED.



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!**



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 "inflamm[e] your hearts and make you joyful witnesses for Christ."

Sincerely in Christ,

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

⇒ **Our Community**

We are all

Called to

Serve



- 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. 20th Avenue) on the 20th 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:

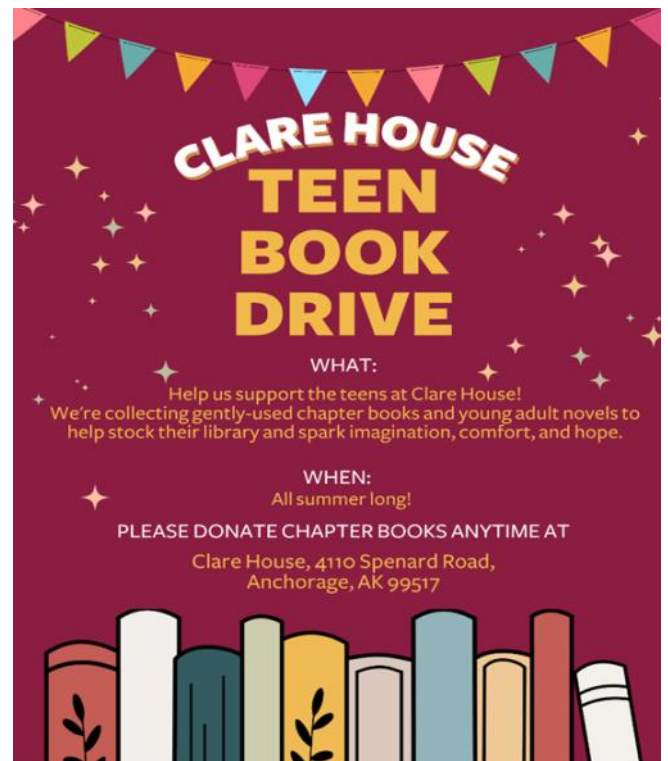
Donations can be dropped off at 303 West Fireweed, 7 days a week from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

- 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 & beanbags), items for BINGO (set of cards, markers for marking the cards, and set of balls), and a karaoke 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.languageelizard.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!

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!



o **Archbishop's Annual Golf Tournament:**

Registration is open now on the AOAJ website! Come join us to support our seminarians and have fun playing golf!

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. John the Baptist in Homer:**

Part-time Secretary Email stjohnbaptisthomer@gmail.com for job description

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✦ **Director of Holy Spirit Center**

The Director is responsible for directing the overall operations of Catholic Retreat House Ministries, Inc. (Holy Spirit Center). This includes ministry, development, maintenance, and operations of the center's facilities for community purposes. This position will initially be full time (flexible) and salaried. It is anticipated the Director will work collaboratively with the Board of Directors for a sustainable lever of operations. The position will report to the Board of Directors If interested in this job, please send your resume and cover letter to LeAndra Childs at lchilds@aoaj.org

✦ **Holy Name Catholic School**

We are looking for enthusiastic and energetic persons who enjoy working with children, who like to mentor and teach little humans! If interested please email schooloffice@holynamektn.org or call our school office at (907)225-2400



Bible Study

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

Our next Bible Study will be
Wednesday July 23rd. We will meet
in the school library at 7 PM.

Book Club

Thursday, August 7th @ 7:00PM

We are reading **Jesus and the Jubilee** by John
Bergsma– pgs 1-60

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

Women's ministry

Blessed Among Women



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 kmcorrow1@aol.com

Men's Ministry

Our next Meeting will be on
Thursday, Aug. 14th @ 6pm

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 in August.
Stay tuned.

Evangelization

With Bob McMorrow leaving the helm of St. Ben's Evangelization, perhaps it is time we each looked at our role in sharing our faith with those around us. God is always calling each of us to share His love with others.

Were you aware St. Benedict's Parish has an Evangelization Team led by Bob McMorrow? This team has been working steadfastly over the last seven years to teach our parishioners how to begin conversations with others who are ready to learn more about Jesus and salvation.

What do you think of when you hear the word, evangelization? The "door-to-door Christian salesmen" who ask if you are saved? Or those who have glossy invitations requesting you to join them during their services? These are perspectives of evangelizing, but certainly not the only ones.

Much of evangelization comes down to listening to others as they talk about their faith journey. Although there is no wrong or right way to evangelize, Catholics strive to share their faith through developing relationships, telling their faith stories, and listening. As in anything we become involved in, sometimes we are ready, other times it is an inconvenience. But often times a small seed is planted.

Relationships! Strengthening our own relationship with God through prayer, mass, and sharing our stories is a great way to start our own evangelization with others. Perhaps you have a friend who is willing to listen to your story. Or you have starting attending the Tuesday morning group, "Blessed Are Women," Esto Vir, or any of the other groups offered at St. Ben's and you realize you have questions.

It is okay to ask the Lord specific questions such as "Is there someone I would be a good fit to share my story? Or to ask to hear theirs?" "Am I ready or should I continue to ask more questions?" You will know when He would like you to share His salvation with others. It will be a burning flame in your heart.

As you share your faith story, remember to listen. Do not be afraid of different perspectives. (The Bible has 365 verses containing "Do not be afraid." God is aware of our emotions.) Different views can widen and deepen our own commitment to God.

We are not asked to judge or condemn; rather we are to become persons of welcome making every effort to avoid critical or judgmental thoughts, attitudes, and words. You do not need all the answers. Referring others to Father Tom or others you feel would be more equipped to help is a strength.

Encouraging an attitude of acceptance will broaden our community. Remember Jesus seemed more interested in how people lived than what they believed. Listening with the heart of Jesus will strengthen our relationships and draw those near to our God of love, mercy, and charity.

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 **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. **TBD***

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:

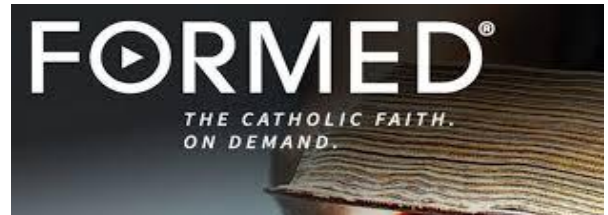
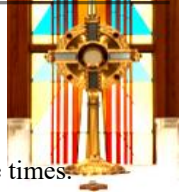
Monday—Friday 10:00AM-10:00PM

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!

FEAST FACTS ABOUT ST KATERI TEKAKWITHA

- 1** SHE WAS A YOUNG MOHAWK
WOMAN WHO BECAME THE
FIRST NATIVE AMERICAN TO BE
RECOGNIZED AS A SAINT
- 2** ST KATERI CONVERTED TO
CATHOLICISM AT AGE 19 AND
TRAVELLED TO A CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY NEAR MONTREAL
TO AVOID PERSECUTION
- 3** SHE WAS CANONISED BY
POPE BENEDICT XVI IN 2012



BEATING AROUND THE BURNING BUSH © 2020

FEAST DAY: 14 JULY



St. Andrew Bobola, S.J.

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

Upcoming Events

07/16 High School Night 7pm
07/17 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

Back to Basics

What is the Mass? Why do we attend?
We will explore these and more.

July
16
2025



Wednesday 7-9 pm

Prayer Pt. 6

What is a Litany? We pray one every
Easter season and every time we have
adoration. But what does it mean?

July
23
2025



Wednesday 7-9 pm

Saint of the Month'

St. Ignace of Loyola. He probably has
the largest impact on Catholicism
around the world. Why is that? Who is
he? We will also be doing strength
games!

July
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2025

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ST. BENEDICT PARISH PRESENTS

SUMMER EVENTS

28 JUNE
10:00 AM

ALASKA HIGHLAND GAMES @ THE
STATE FAIRGROUNDS. MEET AT THE
PARISH BY 10 FOR A RIDE.

12 JULY
12:00 PM

DISC GOLF AT KINCAID. BRING A
FRISBEE AND MEET US THERE AT 12.

18 JULY
6:00 PM

BASEBALL! WATCH THE BUCS PLAY
AT 6 PM. MEET AT MULCAHY
STADIUM. WE WILL BE DOWN THE
FIRST BASE LINE.

2 AUGUST
12:00 PM

HIKE AT BICENTENNIAL PARK. MEET
AT THE NORTH BVOUAC TRAILHEAD
AT NOON.

10 AUGUST
11:00 AM

DAY RETREAT @ OUR LADY OF THE
SNOWS. HIKING, FORMATION, AND
MASS. WE LEAVE THE PARISH AT 11
AM.

15 AUGUST
6:00 PM

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION. JOIN US
AT ST. BENEDICT FOR AN END OF
THE SUMMER CELEBRATION!

SUMMER 2025



Pray for us!

#Youth Corner

07/09 Youth Night
7-9pm

07/17 Jr. High Night!!

We Need Adult Volunteers!! 6-8pm!



Check out our page at:

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

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