

# 16th 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

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](http://www.stbenedictsak.com)

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## Lumen Christi Catholic School

Grades 7-12

8110 Jewel Lake Rd Bldg. D  
Anchorage, AK 99502

Phone: (907)245-9231

Office Hours: Monday-Friday  
7:00am-3:00pm

Web: [www.lumenchristiak.org](http://www.lumenchristiak.org)

E-mail: [lchs@lumenchristiak.com](mailto:lchs@lumenchristiak.com)

## - Our Community at a Glance -

**Prayer Chain:** email Shirley Arnold at [wdacpa@ak.net](mailto:wdacpa@ak.net)

**Outreach:** Emergency food for those in need call **907-273-1596**

**Clare House:** 4th Tuesday each month; contact **Beth Waetjen @ 907-242-2384**

**Archangel Attic:** Open Tues.-Thurs. 12pm-3pm, and Fri. 10am-3pm, Sat. 10am-4pm,  
call **245-0017**. To volunteer call **Colleen: 354-4372** or **Mary: 868-3453**

**Catechesis:** call **Gabe O'Lena 273-1541**

**Choir:** See **Steve Ring** after Mass or email [sring1316@outlook.com](mailto: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 20,  
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



### Creating space for God each day

Our lives are becoming more and more unbalanced. We're busy at every waking moment. Social media has captured almost everyone's attention. Most of our children have become addicted to it or believe they cannot live without it. Consequently, their brains do not develop as they should. Some have not developed good interpersonal skills. Everyone in our frenetic times must learn to make some time for silence and stillness. Somehow, we must create the space for God's voice - His Words. He is constantly trying to break through with His grace in some form. In Luke's Gospel today we see that Martha was like most of us. She was a very hospitable person. She admired and respected Jesus. However, she had taken on too much. She needed help. Mary was listening to Jesus. She was being silent and still. She was letting the voice of God speak to her. After his conversion, Saint Paul always listened for, and heard, the voice of God. Paul had suffered much. Yet, he tells the Colossians that he could rejoice in all that he suffered. Paul realized that his suffering was, somehow, tied to what Jesus suffered. Wonderful things can happen to us if we create time and space for God each day. Like Mary, we will find peace in our heart. --Fr. Tom

# Welcome to Saint Benedict Parish

Monday 7/21	Tuesday 7/22	Wednesday 7/23	Thursday 7/24	Friday 7/25	Saturday 7/26	Sunday 7/27
<b>Mass 9am: John Branham SI</b> <i>Parish Office Closed</i> Adoration 10am - 10pm Legion of Mary 6-7pm <i>Patriotic Rosary 6pm</i> <i>Father/Son 6:30pm</i>	<b>Mass 9am: Archie Chisholm ROS</b> Adoration 10am-10pm Video Series The Search & Discussion 9:30am	<b>Mass 9am: Gary Muller ROS</b> Adoration 10am-10pm Confessions 6pm Samoan Choir 6:30pm <i>High School Night 7pm (Prayer pt.6)</i> <i>Bible Study 7pm</i>	<b>Mass 9am: Active Military &amp; Vets SI</b> Adoration 10am-10pm Kid Play 10pm Airport Hgts. Elementary	<b>Mass 9am: Deacon Ted Greene ROS</b> Adoration 10am-10pm Jr. Legion 10am Samoan Choir 6:30pm <i>Youth Intermural Basketball 8pm</i>	<b>Vigil Mass 5pm: All Grandparents</b> Confessions 3:45-4:45 Samoan Choir 6:30pm	<b>Masses 8:00am: 10:30am: 12:15pm: People of the Parish SI</b>  Check out our page at: <a href="https://www.stbenedictsak.com/65">https://www.stbenedictsak.com/65</a> FB: St. Ben's Youth Ministry Insta: @stbensyouthanc

Parish office closed for moving.

**Mass Intentions:**

SI= Special Intentions

RTH= Return to Health

ROS= Repose of Soul

## Saint Benedict Staff

### **Pastor**

Fr. Tom Lilly  
[tlilly@stbenedictsak.com](mailto:tlilly@stbenedictsak.com)  
 243-2195

### **Deacon**

Deacon Daniel Winters

### **Pastoral Assistant/ Business Manager**

Marcy Adkins  
[madkins@stbenedictsak.com](mailto:madkins@stbenedictsak.com)  
 273-1554

### **Administrative Assistant**

Katherine Mitchell  
[parishsecretary@stbenedictsak.com](mailto:parishsecretary@stbenedictsak.com)  
 243-2195

### **Director of Music**

Steve Ring  
[sring@stbenedictsak.com](mailto:sring@stbenedictsak.com)

### **Church Housekeeper**

Elaine Potter

## Evangelization and Catechesis

### **Youth and Young Adult Minister**

Gabe O'Lena  
[golena@stbenedictsak.com](mailto:golena@stbenedictsak.com)  
 273-1541

### **Super Sunday Faith Formation**

John and Shelby Burger  
[burger@stbenedictsak.com](mailto:burger@stbenedictsak.com)

## Lumen Christi School

### **Principal**

Brian Ross  
[bross@lumenchristiak.com](mailto:bross@lumenchristiak.com)  
 907-245-9231

### **Director of Advancement**

Anne Gore  
[agore@lumenchristiak.com](mailto:agore@lumenchristiak.com)  
 907-273-1538

### **Administrative Assistant**

Kimberly Guzman  
[lchs@lumenchristiak.com](mailto:lchs@lumenchristiak.com)  
 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 7/20

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

### Sunday 7/27

Genesis 18:20-32  
 Colossians 2:12-14  
 Luke 11:1-13

## 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 02	YTD
Offertory Income	\$ 11,720.55	\$ 21,255.35
Other Income	\$ 2,030.00	\$ 7,355.00
	\$ 13,750.55	\$ 28,610.35

Expenses: (avg. wk. \$17,162.20)  
YTD Expenses: \$ 917.62

### Combined Parish and School

**Total Income** \$32,893.85  
**Total Expense** \$ 5,744.81  
**\$ 27,149.04**

Our new fiscal year began 1 July

### \*Online Donation Income:

- \* There were 43 gifts made online
- \* There were 0 families new to online giving
- \* There were 0 Maintenance Fund donations
- \* There were 4 Parish Outreach donations
- \* There were 0 Legacy of Faith-Renovation
- \* There were 1 Special Collection donations
- \* There were 0 WYD 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:

Christina Del Rosario  
Ann Curro  
Kathryn Dunn  
Waetjen Family  
Alicia Warren  
Fr. Tim Saur  
Joy Davidson  
Rosemary Dunn  
Connie Budahl  
Damy 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 Kroll

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

Family of the Month

Pol Masalunga

Rys & Jessica Miranda 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 Pol Masalunga has been organizing our council mass for deceased Knights the past few years; helping with Shrove Tuesday and other social events.

**Family of the Month** The Rys and Jessica Miranda. For helping at our 5pm masses, ushering and filling in when needed. Working as mass coordinator in a pinch. Helping where needed at our parish functions. Thank you, Miranda family.

## WHAT IS GOING ON?

Pot O' Gold  
2025

Grand Prize  
\$15,000



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.

Accredited by Cognia, Lumen Christi has been serving students in grades 7-12 for nearly 30 years. With growing student population, we are seeking highly qualified applicants to fill full-time teacher vacancies in junior high/high school ELA, social studies and theology; and physical education/health for the 2025-2026 school year.

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](http://www.lumenchristiak.org). Please send a cover letter and resume to Brian Ross, Principal [brross@lumenchristiak.com](mailto:brross@lumenchristiak.com).



### 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](mailto:cecistanley2013@icloud.com)

Our newest member,  
*Elenoa Peko!*



# *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.

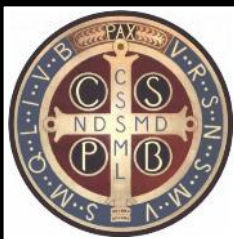
Who are we, as the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau?

- 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

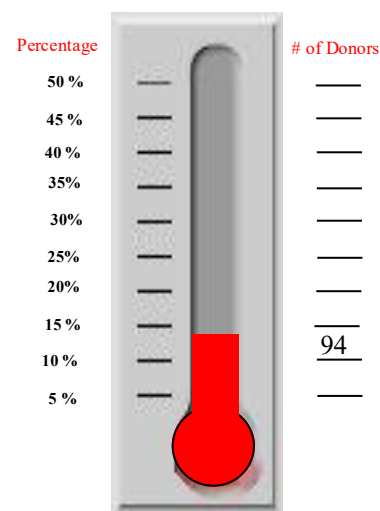
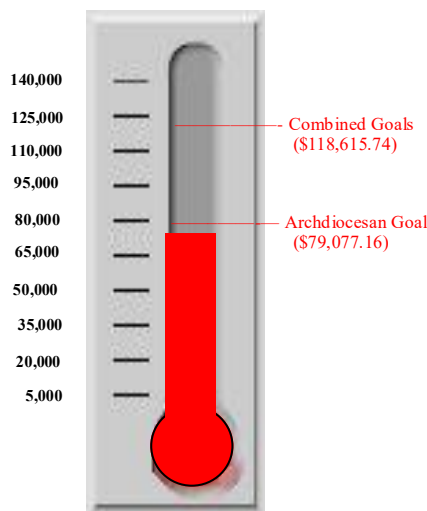
**40 Percent \***

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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ANCHORAGE-JUNEAU



\* Parish census: 670 households

## Contributions beyond our Archdiocesan goal help us to:



Prep and paint exterior.



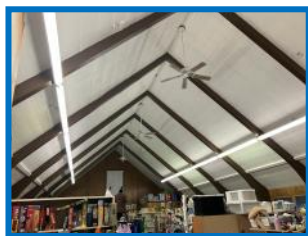
Close off old access.



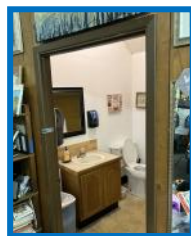
Weatherproof the foundation.



Replace all windows.



Convert lighting to LED.



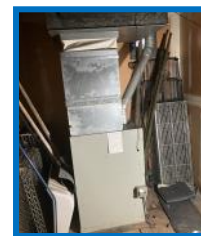
Update bathroom.



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!**



**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. 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue) on the 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

- Underwear, socks, coffee, travel size toiletry items.

**Katya**, a member of the Refugee Congress, is joined by 6 fellow artists to host an art show and auction July 12 - 19th at Akela Space (320 W 6th Ave #123F).

This special event is her service project as a current member of Refugee Congress and all the proceeds will be donated to CSS.

We hope to see you here!



### 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.language lizard.com/> For more information please contact Cecilia, our Farmer's Market Coordinator [ckaroly-lister@cssalaska.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:stjohnbaptisthomer@gmail.com) for job description

### ✦ **Lumen Christi High School: New Teacher position**

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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](mailto: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@holynamекtn.org](mailto:schooloffice@holynamекtn.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](mailto: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 [kmcmmorrow1@aol.com](mailto:kmcmmorrow1@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.

## JOY

Have you noticed how most of our thoughts center around our families? Our thoughts become our actions and the more we imitate our Lord the more we choose to praise Him. Though we may find ourselves occupied with less than optimum views of our lives, focusing on our Lord naturally turns us toward praise of His wonderful world.

However, it is truly a daily exercise to change “the tapes” in our head. We are tired, disappointed how our days are often filled with trivia, upset with the interruptions crowding out what we hope to accomplish. Focusing on God’s glory becomes lost in the frenzied traffic, the road detours, and the outrageous coffee lines. All these disruptions and it isn’t even 8:00 yet! Are we really supposed to be positively praising God?

A simple acronym to help us remember what is important—and worthy of our faithfulness—is JOY. J, first and foremost, stands for JESUS; O is OTHERS; and Y is YOURSELF. Praising and glorifying Jesus, giving thanks for others and yourself will align your thoughts in a positive way delighting God as He guides both you and others throughout each day. Remember always to include yourself. Without you, much is lost in your family, your work, your positive traits, and most importantly, your love for others.

Remember this simple Bible verse: Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God (Ephesians 5:1-2) May God bless you and keep you.





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## RCIA/OCIA

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### 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**

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## Adult Ed

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### TUESDAY MORNINGS

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

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

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## Evangelization Ministry

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### **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***

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### 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](mailto:hre814@gmail.com)

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## Adoration

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### Eucharistic Adoration



Adoration is offered:

Monday—Friday 10:00AM-10:00PM

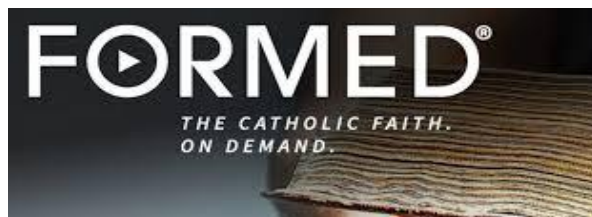
You are welcome to come in to pray during these times.

~ 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)*

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Visit Formed.org for great material on  
sacraments, Devotions, saint movies and more!

- 1) go to [www.formed.org](http://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!

## ST. MARY MAGDALENE QUICK FACTS



She is said to  
have had seven  
"demons" that  
caused her to not  
live a very happy  
life. Then, when  
she met Jesus, he  
cleansed her of  
them!



St. Mary Magdalene  
was there when  
Jesus died on his  
Cross.



A man standing  
quietly behind her  
asked why she was  
crying. Mary  
thought the man  
was just the  
gardener, but he  
then said her name,  
and she realized  
that he was actually  
Jesus!



St. Mary  
Magdalene  
brought jars of  
spices to Jesus'  
tomb to put on  
his body, but  
he wasn't  
there!



Mary was the first  
person to see and  
talk to Jesus after  
His Resurrection.  
She went to the  
disciples with the  
news, telling them  
"I have seen the  
Lord!"

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# # Upcoming Events



**St. Andrew Bobola, S.J.**

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

## ⇒ Evangelization Meetings:

### Evangelization Team:

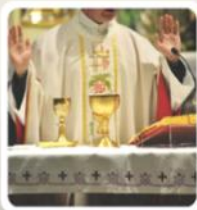
Our next meeting will be TBD at 7PM

### Youth Ministry Team:

Our next meeting is TBD @ 7pm

**07/23 High School Night 7pm**  
**08/07 Jr. High Night 6pm**

## 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. Ignatius 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  
**30**  
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

**07/23 Youth Night**  
**7-9pm**

**08/07 Jr. High Night!!**

**We Need Adult Volunteers!! 6-8pm!**



Check out our page at:

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

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