

# 19th 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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Email: [parishsecretary@stbenedictsak.com](mailto: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](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**

**Youth & Young adult Catechesis:** call **Gabe O'Lena 907-215-7058**

**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**

**August 10,  
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



## Be Pilgrims of Hope

We are called to be pilgrims of hope, more so as we are reminded this year being a Jubilee Year with this theme. Thus, our every action and existence on this earth becomes more urgent when we do not lose sight of the fact that God may call us to account at any moment. Every moment, every deed, every decision ceases to be trivial when our lives are lived and shaped directly in and toward the light of eternity. The Gospel tells us that the Son of Man will come when we do not expect. He will break into history not when it seems to be finished, nor indeed when all seems hopeless, but at a time that makes sense to Him. The sun will shine brightly once more with no fear of night. But when He does come, He expects to find us working for that Kingdom which He alone can bring to completion. So, with our lamps lit, let's get working; let's be dressed for action, so that we can indeed face the future, and the present, with courage and joy. Today is the day and now is the perfect hour! -- *Fr. Tom*

# Welcome to Saint Benedict Parish

Monday 8/11	Tuesday 8/12	Wednesday 8/13	Thursday 8/14	Friday 8/15	Saturday 8/16	Sunday 8/17
<b>Mass 9am: Jim &amp; Jane Branham ROS</b> <u>Parish Office Closed</u> Adoration 10am - 10pm Legion of Mary 6-7pm	<b>Mass 9am: Tom Petrunic ROS</b> Adoration 10am-10pm Video Series The Search & Discussion 9:30am	<b>Mass 9am: John Owens SI</b> Adoration 10am-10pm Confessions 6pm Samoan Choir 6:30pm <i>High School Night 7pm</i> Bible Study 7pm	<b>Mass 9am: Tuyen Pham ROS</b> Adoration 10am-10pm Kid Play 10pm Polar Bear Book Club 7pm	<b>Mass 9am: José Hilario ROS</b> <b>1pm: School</b> <b>7pm: Nelson Ola ROS</b> Adoration 10am-10pm Frozen Chosen 7:30am Jr. Legion 10am Eucharistic Procession 6pm Samoan Choir 6:30pm <i>Youth Intermural Basketball 8pm</i>	<b>Vigil Mass 5pm: Ann Jaskier ROS</b> Confessions 3:45-4:45 Samoan Choir 6:30pm	<b>Masses 8:00am: All Souls SI</b> <b>10:30am: People of the Parish SI</b> <b>12:15pm: Patricia Gaoiran ROS</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

**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 **September 6th!**

Call Andy Flores @ 907-887-4917

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

Next dinner date is **August 26th!**

## 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**

## ⇒ Readings:

### Sunday 8/10

Wisdom 18:6-9  
 Hebrews 11:1, 2, 8-19  
 Luke 12:32-48

### Sunday 8/17

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10  
 Hebrews 12:1-4  
 Luke 12:49-53

## ⇒ Celebrations:



## August Anniversaries

Paul and Diana Pfeiffer	08/06/66
Al and Eileen Hand	08/12/67
Ed and Roberta Wassell	08/19/67
Anthony and Margaret Berdahl	08/24/79
Jeff and Cynthia Cooper	08/06/82
Paul and Kim Mazzolini	08/07/82
William and Jami Jacobson	08/27/83
Geoffrey and Robin Hershberger	08/11/84
Hank and Rena Brinker	08/23/87
William and Marcia Templin	08/12/88
James and Michaela Kvidera	08/30/97
Bill and Beth Van Couwenberghe	08/22/98
Greg and Celine Kaplan	08/14/99
Kevin and Shannon Thomas	08/04/01
Todd and Joanna Hansen	08/25/01
Joshua and Melinda Deal	08/02/03
Bryan and Kathleen Yackel	08/14/04
Keith and Anna Sobolesky	08/06/05
Brian and Bessie Paroan	08/08/11
Herson and Maluat Liwanag	08/23/13
Alex and Hayley Youngman	08/06/16
Henry and Vanessa Hershberger	08/15/20
Ronrad and Maria Roscik	08/12/23
Tonga and Daisy Unga	08/19/23

"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 04	YTD
Offertory Income	\$ 9,967.05	\$ 42,114.10
Other Income	\$ 360.00	\$ 8,746.00
	\$ 10,327.05	\$ 50,860.10

Expenses: (avg. wk. \$17,162.20)  
YTD Expenses: \$ 21,883.91

### Combined Parish and School

**Total Income** \$ 59,203.60  
**Total Expense** \$ 40,178.14  
**\$ 19,025.46**

Our new fiscal year began 1 July

### \*Online Donation Income:

- \* There were 42 gifts made online
- \* There were 0 families new to online giving
- \* There were 1 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:

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-Zwets

Will Davenport  
David Edgren  
Nicole Johnson  
Rizza Robles  
Crescencia Molina  
Jessica Randolph  
Geneva Colon  
Brodie Nikolia  
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  
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

Pol Masalunga

Family of the Month

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?

### Habitat for Humanity

**Thank you, thank you, thank you!!**

Habitat for Humanity was so overjoyed with the money we turned in and the wood. We raised over **\$3,200.** to help build a new home for someone who is less fortunate than us!!



## Pot O' Gold 2025



**Grand Prize  
\$15,000**



## St. Ben's Mixed Bowling League!

St. Benedict's Mixed Bowling League is looking for bowlers. We are a fun, social and handicap (which means it doesn't matter how good you are) league. We bowl Sundays at 4:30 at Jewel Lake Bowl September 7-March 1. Must commit to the entire season. Knights of Columbus Trios is Wednesdays at Jewel Lake September 3- April. Both are adults only. Call Beth at 907-230-2810 for more information.



## 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)

### Principal's Update:



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

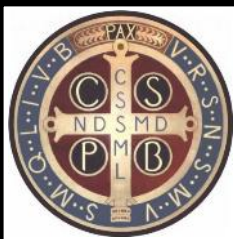
*Blessings.. Brian*

### 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.

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).



# United In Mission

## "Radiating Christ's Love and Hope"

### 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal

Saint Benedict Parish



#### Archdiocesan Goal

**\$ 79,077.16**

#### Parish Goal

**\$39,538.58**

#### Participation Goal

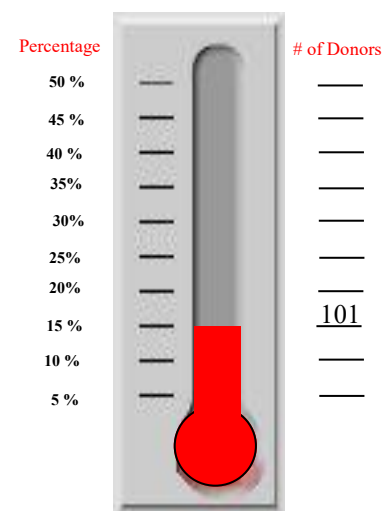
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Radiating Christ's Love & Hope  
has never been easier!



Use the QR code and donate  
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\* Parish census: 670 households

## Contributions beyond our Archdiocesan goal help us to:



Prep and paint exterior.



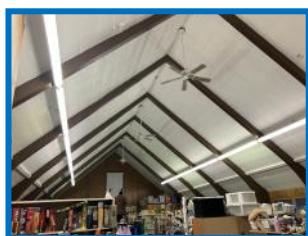
Close off old access.



Weatherproof the foundation.



Replace all windows.



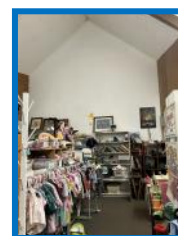
Convert lighting to LED.



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!**



## ⇒ Our Community

We are all

Called to

*Serve*



## In-kind Needs for CSS Programs

### 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.

**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

## Volunteer Program Update

Our general volunteer program has been on a brief pause while we were in the process of transitioning the program to a new community engagement manager, Michelle Waclawski. We're happy to announce that volunteering will resume in August!

In the meantime, we are continuing to welcome volunteers specifically for our Refugee Assistance & Immigration Services (RAIS) program.

If you're interested in volunteering with RAIS, please contact:

**Anna Wnuk**

RAIS Volunteer Coordinator

awnuk@cssalaska.org

For all other volunteer-related questions or general inquiries, please reach out to:

**Michelle Waclawski**

Community Engagement Manager

mwaclawski@cssalaska.org

Thank you for your continued support and patience. We look forward to expanding volunteer opportunities across CSS soon!

## 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.

## 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!

*We are highlighting the Archdiocesan ministry “Project Rachel”,* this ministry is dedicated to helping those who have been affected by abortion. It is for those who are suffering as a result of experiencing abortion, or by being part of a family affected by abortion. Carrying the sorrow of this experience alone is unimaginable, but this ministry is here to accompany those affected. Offering individual and group healing, Project Rachel helps those who need the mercy of our Lord most tenderly, for there is nothing that cannot be redeemed for His purpose.

If you'd like to participate, either as a path for healing, or in support of the ministry, please call (907) 297-7781, or email [projectrachelalaska@gmail.com](mailto:projectrachelalaska@gmail.com).

## Employment Opportunities with the Archdiocese

We are pleased to share that there are current job openings within the Archdiocese. These roles offer a chance to contribute meaningfully to our mission and serve the community.

### \* **St. John the Baptist in Homer:**

Part-time Secretary Email [stjohnbaptisthomer@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnbaptisthomer@gmail.com) for job description

### ✦ **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 August 13th. 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).

## Men's Ministry

Our next Meeting will be on  
**Thursday, Sept. 11th @ 6pm**  
We meet in the Upper Room at the  
school for food, fellowship, and faith.



## Family Matters

School is around the corner, but the summer is still full of fun things to do. Unfortunately, also are many, mundane chores. Thinking back over the past year, what occasions, activities, and celebrations are special to your family? Certainly birthdays, Christmas and other holidays come to mind. Perhaps, daily rituals enrich your routines such as meal and bedtime prayers, movie night, and singing together as you drive. Is it possible to make the routine, not-so-fun activities into playful—even competitive—rites? Think about timing a child in making his/her bed, dumping dirty clothes into the hamper; emptying the dishwasher; or putting bikes and toys away for the evening. Weeding the garden is a groan-getter until you incorporate a contest of who can accumulate the biggest pile of weeds or harvesting the largest carrot solving this problem.

Do you know your child(ren)'s special trait or talent? This could be a tremendous boost in assigning chores matched to their gifts making this work enjoyable. A younger sibling may feel “grown-up” by helping her/his older sibling make the beds or empty the dishwasher. Older children may be more open to only clean their room once a week instead of daily.

Small changes like setting up an activity to music may enhance the productivity of your child. Encouraging your child to figure out shortcuts to completing a task may be just what a mathematically-inclined kid finds exciting. Have the writer in the family compile the daily to-do list. Your artist could draw your grocery list. Seeing the “twist” the younger generation has on our “tried and true” methods is an eye-opener.

Here are four things you can do to help your child discover and develop his/her special, God-given gifts:

*(The following ideas are found in [loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com))*

1. Expose children to a range of stimuli and experiences.

Books, music, art supplies, and creative toys offer a challenge with fun.

2. Be alert for special interests.

Most child-development experts say the “globally gifted” child is largely a myth. Children will show an intense interest in one or two areas—music, art, math, writing, etc. Think outside the proverbial box. Can a chore be done while dancing, pretending to be a superpower or an animal? Let your children be involved offering their imaginations and ideas.

3. Challenge—but be realistic.

Children develop their skills when adults set high standards, but they can be demoralized by unrealistic expectations. It's important to strike a balance.

4. Pray for your child's development.


Prayers help keep things in perspective. God is present in both your family and child's life. It's not all up to you.

Watching our children grow in their gifts and talents is one of a parent's greatest joys. It also can be a help in everyday living. Knowing what your child(ren) delight in and matching daily activities (and chores) around the home to that enjoyment can minimize “lack of participation” and increase time for celebrating family living.

## Parish pilgrimage


**News on the next Parish  
Pilgrimage will be out in August.  
Stay tuned.**





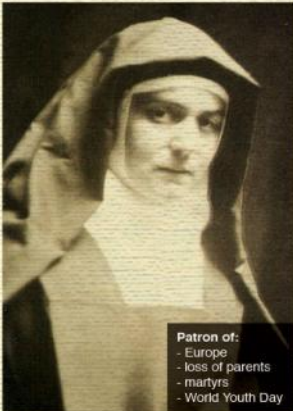
# St Edith Stein

## Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross



At the beginning of the 21st century, we see a world which is highly developed technologically, and yet still suffering from many human problems, wars, human-rights abuses and inequalities. What has the life and death of Edith Stein, a woman who lived during one of the most terrible periods of human history, to offer us?


**Date of birth:** October 12, 1891  
**Birthplace:** Breslau, Germany  
**Died:** August 9, 1942 in Auschwitz  
**Age:** 50



**Patron of:**  
 - Europe  
 - loss of parents  
 - martyrs  
 - World Youth Day


### 1891

Edith Stein was born into an observant German-Jewish family in Breslau on 12th October on the Jewish festival of Yom Kippur. She was the youngest of 11 children.



### 1893

Her father died when she was two years old, and her hard-working and devout mother took over the care of her large family and timber business.



### 1916

Edith received a doctorate of philosophy from the University of Göttingen with a dissertation under the philosopher Edmund Husserl, the father of phenomenology.

### 1933

Edith became a Carmelite nun, taking the name of Sister Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

### 1939

Following the discovery by the authorities of her non-Aryan origins, she was no longer safe behind monastery walls, so in the early hours of New Year's Day she was taken to Holland, to the Carmel of Echt.

### 1940


War escalated and Holland was occupied, the danger for Jews spread to that country.

### 1942

In August, as retaliation against the protests of Dutch bishops to the treatment of Jews, many Jewish Christians were arrested.


### 1942

On August 9th, Nazis took her from her convent in the Holland and deported her to Auschwitz where she and her sister Rosa perished in the gas chambers.



### 1998

Canonized on 11 October by Pope Saint John Paul II.



**Feast day August 9**

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

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

# # Upcoming Events

**08/13 High School Night 7pm**  
**08/21 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 School!*

Come join us for a back-to-school party! We will have snacks and make a fire! It will be a fun time for all!

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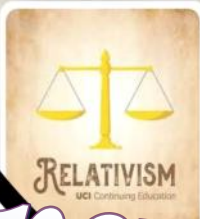


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### *Prayer Pt. 7*

Lectio Divina is an age-old practice in the Church. Come and practice it, then move outside for games in the yard!

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Wednesday 7-9 pm

### *Relativism*

What is this heresy? Why is it so prevalent today? Let's dig into this and find out what we need to know so we can combat it!

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# Pray for us!

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 BIVOUAC 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

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

SUMMER 2025



## #Youth Corner

**08/13 Youth Night**  
**7-9pm**

**08/21 Jr. High Night!!**

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



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

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