

22nd 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

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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: email Shirley Arnold at 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

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 31,
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



Humility

The basic meaning of humility is that it is truth about oneself. It is the honest admission of who we are to ourselves. This includes our strengths and our weaknesses, our abilities and our shortcomings, and our goodness and our sinfulness. Real humility means that we truly see ourselves, body and soul, as we stand before God. The Prophet Sirach tells us that if we do everything with real honesty and integrity, with humility, we will be loved and esteemed more than a giver of gifts. The reason for this is that we will be gifting others with non-material gifts. We will be blessing them with a wonderful graciousness: with courtesy and thoughtfulness. The more we honor others, the more God's favor comes upon us. The humble person doesn't seek or aspire to things beyond their inherent talents or abilities. They also have an open mind. They listen for the wisdom they can garner from others. Growing in humility is a lifelong process. We must overcome so much in ourselves that feeds our ego. Our bankrupt culture idolizes and champions the successful, the wealthy, the powerful. It looks upon everyone less, unfavorably – even with disdain. But God sees all things, knows all things and especially knows the real truth about ourselves. He knows when we defer to others, when we serve them graciously, and when we make time to listen to them. He always loves each of us. And, it would seem that God loves the least of us most of all! May we humbly love Him in return. — Fr. Tom

Welcome to Saint Benedict Parish

Monday 9/01	Tuesday 9/02	Wednesday 9/03	Thursday 9/04	Friday 9/05	Saturday 9/06	Sunday 9/07
Mass 9am: Daniel Kmet ROS <u>Parish Office Closed</u> Adoration 10am - 10pm Legion of Mary 6-7pm <i>Patriotic Rosary 6pm</i>	Mass 9am: Bob McMorro SI <u>Parish Office Closed</u> Adoration 10am-10pm Video Series The Search & Discussion 9:30am	Mass 9am: Al Fleener ROS Adoration 10am-10pm Confessions 6pm Samoan Choir 6:30pm High School Night 7pm KofC Meeting 6pm	Mass 9am: Halina Seeberger SI Adoration 10am-10pm	Mass 9am: The Mitchell Family SI Adoration 10am-10pm Frozen Chosen 5:30am Jr. Legion 10am Kid Play 1pm Samoan Choir 6:30pm Youth Intermural Basketball 8pm	Vigil Mass 5pm: Justine Deleon SI Confessions 3:45-4:45 <i>Pinochle 6:15pm</i> Samoan Choir 6:30pm Faith Formation Registration after Mass.	Masses 8:00am: Rosemary Chan ROS 10:30am: Arienne Mitchell SI 12:15pm: People of the Parish SI Faith Formation Registration after Masses. 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
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 243-2195

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Deacon Daniel Winters

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Church Housekeeper

Elaine Potter

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Lumen Christi School

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 907-245-9231

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Administrative Assistant

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Sacramental Information

Parish Office 243-2195

- OCIA:** contact Marcy Adkins 273-1554
- Baptism of infants:** celebrated either during Mass, after the 12:15 Mass or at any other time approved by the Pastor. Parents are required to attend a baptismal preparation class prior to the baptism of the child.
- Weddings:** scheduled by meeting with the Pastor at least six months prior to the wedding date. Please call the office for more details.
- Funerals:** contact the parish office following a death and we will be pleased to assist you.
- Anointing of the Sick, or Communion to the Homebound:** Please call the parish office to request a visit.

Thank to all those who come and put together meals for **Hope Soup Kitchen!**

Next date is Saturday **September 6th!**

Call Andy Flores @ 907-887-4917

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

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

⇒ Readings:

Sunday 8/31

Sirach 3:17, 18, 20, 28, 29
 Hebrews 12:18, 19, 22-24
 Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sunday 09/07

Wisdom 9:13-18
 Philemon 9, 10, 12-17
 Luke 14:25-33

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:



September Anniversaries

James and Geraldene Deagen	09/03/60
Gary and Robin Dayley	09/25/65
Larry and Cheryl Clement	09/18/71
Daniel and Margie Kernan	09/16/78
Bernard and Marion Simon	09/22/79
John and Donna Martin	09/15/84
Kurt and Kristen Martens	09/03/88
Patrick and Grace O'Brien	09/26/97
Melanie and Jim O'Rourke	09/13/03
Steven and Jennifer Boylan	09/07/13
Tyson and Mariann Price	09/03/17
Brian and Christina Del Rosario	09/04/18

May your marriage always bring glory to God, joy to one another and blessings to your family for many generations to come.

May love and laughter fill your hearts and your home for all at the days of your lives.

May you face every challenge hand-in-hand and side-by-side

knowing that with God's grace, you'll conquer all obstacles together. May the world be forever a better place because the two of you fell in love. In Jesus' name, Amen

"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh." -Eph. 5:31

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

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

⇒ Parish Financial Update:

⇒ Stewardship of Treasure:

	Week 08	YTD
Offertory Income	\$ 9,879.92	\$ 82,480.50
Other Income	\$ 260.00	\$ 19,497.00
	\$ 10,139.92	\$ 101,977.50

Expenses: (avg. wk. \$17,162.20)
YTD Expenses: \$ 111,332.45

Combined Parish and School

Total Income \$273,919.70
Total Expense \$282,612.49
\$ 8,692.79

Our new fiscal year began 1 July

*Online Donation Income:

- * There were 40 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.

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

- SEPT. 1 - Labor Day (No School)
- SEPT. 5 - Grandparents Mass, 7:45am
- SEPT 10 - School Picture Day
- SEPT 11-13 - Tri-Valley Soccer Tournament
- SEPT 18-19 - All School Retreat



⇒ Principal's Update:

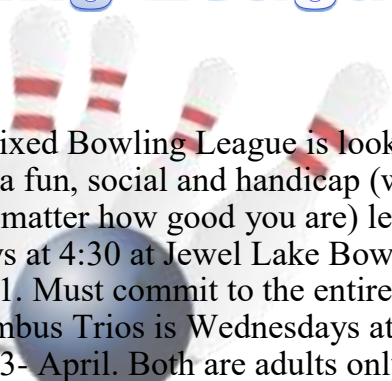
Our first full week together builds upon the successes of our first few days! Students are settling into their 45 minute and block period and lunch routines, homework is starting to become a norm, and we have even had a few quizzes and tests! During our 7th period this week, we conducted an all-school fire alarm drill, discussed the year ahead in Houses, connected our Big A upperclass mentors with the little a mentees through a tie dye activity, reviewed and refreshed our school's academic honesty policy, and trained altar servers and extraordinary ministers. Yesterday, most of our students also learned a bit more about the parts of the Catholic Mass or watched a video from Pope Leo XIV. We hope you will join us for our all-school Mass tomorrow morning at 7:45am led by our awesome and capable seniors from the Class of 2026!

Our fall soccer season is well underway, and I encourage you to catch a game at Kincaid at some point! Grab a Yeti hot dog, settle in for some great pitch action, and cheer our junior high and high school Archangels on to victory!

Have a blessed and safe weekend!

Blessings, Brian

St. Ben's Mixed Bowling League!

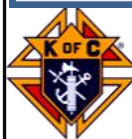


St. Benedict's Mixed Bowling League is looking for bowlers. We are a fun, social and handicap (which means it doesn't matter how good you are) league. We bowl Sundays at 4:30 at Jewel Lake Bowl September 7-March 1. Must commit to the entire season. Knights of Columbus Trios is Wednesdays at Jewel Lake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

KNIGHTS TABLE

Congratulations: August

Knight of the month Family of the Month
Paul Gearhart Lea & Jeff Bouton Family



Patriotic Rosary- 9/01 and 9/15 at 6:00 pm
K of C Council meeting - 9/08 at 7:00 pm
4th Degree meeting - 9/03 at 7:00 pm
Officer's meeting - 9/25 6pm

The Knight of the Month We chose Paul Gearhart he is a new member of our council that has been showing up and smiling at events like supporting Young Lives and Coats for Kids. He has been active since joining the Knights and we look forward to seeing him out helping our community and our parish.

Family of the Month We choose the Lea and Jeff Bouton Family - For helping out with ushering for masses, being eucharistic minister at masses, kids serving and ushering at masses as well as singing in the choir and overall support of St Ben's and Lumen Christi school.

WHAT IS GOING ON?

A RETREAT FOR MEN

SEPT. 26-28

"STAFF OF STRENGTH: THE VIRTUES MEN NEED"

WHO: ALL MEN, 18 AND OVER

WHAT: RETREAT LED BY FR. WHITNEY

WHEN: BEGINS FRI SEPT. 26 AT 6:00PM AND ENDS AT NOON ON SUN SEPT. 28

WHERE: ST. THERESA CAMP 7180 TWIN LAKES DRIVE WASILLA

WHY: TO BECOME BETTER MEN THROUGH SPIRITUAL GROWTH, PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND FAITH

HOW: BY REGISTERING ONLINE AT WWW.ALASKAKOFCSTATE.COM/MENS-RETREAT OR TEXT DOUG WRIGHT AT 907-203-2001




SEE FORMS OR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS

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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

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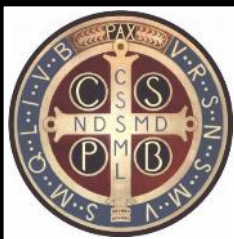
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United In Mission

"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

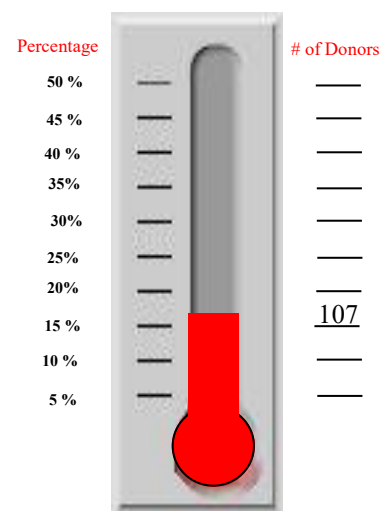
40 Percent *

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.



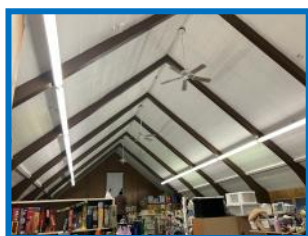
Close off old access.



Weatherproof the foundation.



Replace all windows.



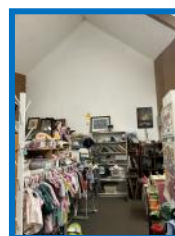
Convert lighting to LED.



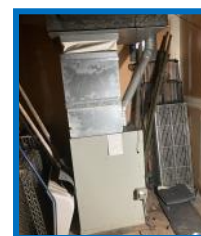
Update bathroom.



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!**

⇒ Our Community

We are all

Called to

Serve



In-kind Needs for CSS Programs

Complex Care is in desperate need of hygiene items: shampoo, conditioner and body wash. Travel size are ideal but will take any. Drop them off at Complex Care, 303 W. Fireweed Lane from 9 am to 6 pm, 7 days a week.

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

- Especially needed: brand new, in-the-box car seats or booster seats for field trip transportation.
- School supplies
- Books for teens; various genres

FIG Fresh International Garden

- Toys for outdoor use (NO stuffed animals)
- Needed: lots of LARGE cardboard boxes with NO labels or staples (think appliance boxes) for a project.
- On your radar as leaves begin to fall: Large quantities of bagged leaves are greatly appreciated for mulching and composting! As we get into that season, keep FIG in mind for your leaves! They can be dropped off at the garden gate, across the street from 4502 McPhee St. 9:30 am – 3 pm

Saint Francis House Food Pantry: Donation Hold due to limited space (no more donations of these items accepted at this time): mattresses (can be donated to Shiloh Community Housing Furniture Bank), toys, books (teen books please donate to Clare House).

Volunteer Opportunities

Internships, Practicums and Project-based learning opportunities are available for master's level and bachelor's-level students in behavioral health programming.

Complete a volunteer application if interested and note degree program.

Meals Teams Slots open Clare House dinner deliveries treat mothers and children staying there with a homemade dinner. Sign up for a once-a-month delivery for about 55-80 individuals, made between 2-4 p.m. the chosen day. You can do this as a group or family.

Slots available are:

- * First Sunday of each month
- * First Thursday of each month
- * 2nd Friday of each month
- * 3rd Tuesday of each month

Email clarehousemeals@gmail.com or text Ashley at 907-365-9482 to sign up or with more questions.

Refugee and Immigration Services is still in need of mentors for youth, older adults, and families. Fill out a volunteer application at cssalaska.org and someone will reach out to you about training.

Administrative Assistance is needed for filing and data entry to assist the Community Engagement Manager. Flexible hours 8-5 Monday through Friday.

Food Pantry Packers are needed Thursday 9-1 or Friday 12-3 at Saint Francis House Food Pantry.

Fill out the volunteer application and mark SFH.

Can you host a
**FOOD
DRIVE?**



HUNGER ACTION MONTH

Every September, people all over the nation recognize Hunger Action Month, a time to take a stand against hunger in America. **This year the need is higher than ever.**

Saint Francis House Food Pantry served 4775 households in the past year.

This September, join us in the fight against hunger for Hunger Action Month! Together, we can end hunger in our community one healthy meal at a time.

How can you help?

- ☐ Host a food drive at your parish or workplace to fill the shelves at St. Francis House Food Pantry <https://www.cssalaska.org/get-involved/hunger-action-month/>

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!***

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.

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

✦ **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 level 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



"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

-Matthew 11:28

A Day of Prayer and Healing For Women Experiencing Abortion Loss

Free & Confidential - Hosted by Project Rachel Ministry

Saturday, October 4, 2025
9:30a - 4:30p

Registration is needed and further information is given at that time. Register by calling our confidential number at 907-297-7781 or email projectrachelalaska@gmail.com



Project Rachel is a healing ministry of the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau. This ministry provides compassionate, confidential, and free support to women and men who have experienced the loss of children to abortion. Long distance ministry and local referrals are available. God's healing love and mercy are always possible.

Find more information at www.projectrachelalaska.com
and on Facebook at Project Rachel Alaska





Bible Study

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

Our next Bible Study will be
Wednesday August 20th. We will meet
in the school library at 7 PM.

Book Club

Thursday, Sept. 4th @ 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 on Thursday evening at 7pm,
September 18th. 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.



Food: ?
Topic: ???
Speaker: ?

Parish pilgrimage

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

The Benefits and Fulfillment of Hope

When we speak of the virtue of hope, it is a noun—an act of trust in God. Of course, it is also a verb as in “We hope for an answer to a diagnosis.” We use it as an adjective: “The hopeful assistant expected to be promoted.” It can also be an adverb: “Hopefully, our beautiful summer will continue into the fall.” These three sentences, however, are considered optimism, idealism, or a positive attitude.

Perhaps another way to help explain hope is through its opposite—fear or despair. We all have experienced fear. It flits into our day when we slide through an icy intersection. It bombards us when we receive news of a death of a loved one or a medical report of a debilitating disease. During hardships, God wants us to maintain hope. “Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. (Rom 12:12). As we traverse the darkness and even death, we will not lose hope if we remember the words of Pope Francis. He reminded us true hope is not built of human words or assurances but it is God’s Word and His promise of salvation and eternal life. This is the theological virtue of hope; possibly the most difficult to understand.

This trust in God is an unshakable assurance His promises will be fulfilled. We see what God has done for us in His Son Jesus, through His Death and Resurrection. Through the grace of Jesus, the Lord’s suffering and death on the Holy Cross, the Christian has “hope that does not disappoint, God’s love having been poured into his heart through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to them.” (Rom 5:5)

Pope Francis also emphasized we should have an impact on others. He stated “in order to give hope to others, it is sometimes enough simply to be kind, to be ‘willing to set everything else aside in order to show interest, to give the gift of a smile, to speak a word of encouragement, to listen amid general indifference’”. (NorthStarCatholic.org/March2021)

Can we be certain of hope? The assurance of the Christian is his faith and hope in the Words of Jesus. Jesus said: “Fear not little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.” (Lk. 12:32) God has promised us eternal life and our benevolent God is still in charge of this world and is powerful enough to deliver on that promise. (Adapted from Catholic Doors Ministry/The Virtue of Hope)

Questions:

1. How has true hope sustained you?
2. We all have moments of despair. What prayer helps you find hope once again?
3. Our God is a God of Life. How does this statement assure you of your hope in God?

Challenge:

This week, when something tries to bring you down to despair, pray the “Our Father.” It includes what the hope of the Christian heart desires to achieve. (C.C.C. #1820)

Quote:

“Do not lose heart. I beg you and do not close your eyes to the hope of good for fear that what happens to people who don’t love God, should happen to you. For it is not the great numbers of one’s sins that leads the soul to despair, but disdain for God.”

~St. Rabanus Maurus

Quote:

“Let us remember the past with gratitude, live the present with enthusiasm, and look forward to the future with confidence.”

~Pope John Paul II

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 **beginning September 22nd!**
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

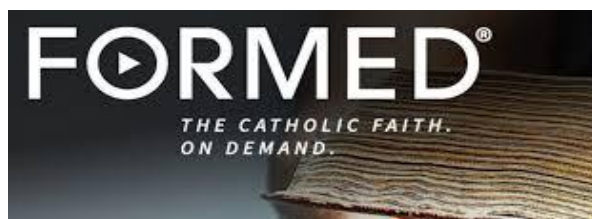


Adoration is offered:
Monday—Friday 10:00AM-10:00PM

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!
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Pre-K thru Jr. High

12:00-1:30 Family free time in the gym & lunch!!
1:30-2:00 Super Sunday presentation for families
2:00-3:00 Class time for students and adults

**All families who attend the family formation time
are eligible for great door prizes!!**

**New games, new prizes!!!
Same great family faith formation!!!**

High School grades 9-11

**We meet in the room above the
gym from 4:00-5:45 PM.**

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

09/03 High School Night 7pm
??? Jr. High Night 6pm

UPCOMING *Youth Nights*



Wednesday 7-9 pm

Folk Catholicism

What is Folk Catholicism? What does it look like for other countries? We will get into this and more. We will also be having Taquitos and other Mexican foods!

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Wednesday 7-9 pm

Support for Religious

We will be praying the rosary, then doing activities to help support the religious. The games will be based on different orders!

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Wednesday 7-9 pm

Prayer Pt. 8

The Sound of Silence. Why is it important? How do we get it? Many questions, but we have some answers.

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Pray for us!

#Youth Corner

09/03 Youth Night

7-9pm

TBA Jr. High Night!!

We Need Adult Volunteers!! 6-8pm



Check out our page at:

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

FB: St. Ben's Youth Ministry

Insta: @stbensyouthanc

