

# The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



## 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**

**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**

**September 14,  
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



### Finding power in weakness

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The cross remains a sign of contradiction: it is both a symbol of disgrace and yet at the same time is a powerful source of grace. The cross was adopted by the Romans as one of the most frightening instruments of torture to instill fear. So, how is the cross a symbol of power and powerlessness? The Cross represents the authority of God. What seems to us to be failure is, in God's eyes, the victory of self-sacrificing love. It is on the cross, that Christ receives the highest exaltation from God, ironically, at the moment He suffered the greatest humiliation at the hands of men. On the wood of the cross, the most powerful being in the universe chose to be powerless. God took an instrument of evil, an instrument that brings death and transformed it so that it gives life, brings goodness and healing. Jesus says, "When I am lifted up, as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, then I will give life." Our Lord used the cross as an instrument of healing, life and salvation! The power and the powerlessness of the cross provide us with the necessary lens to view our daily crosses. The cross of Christ teaches us that we can find power in weakness, in that which makes us vulnerable and even seemingly powerless. --Fr. Tom

# Welcome to Saint Benedict Parish

Monday 9/15	Tuesday 9/16	Wednesday 9/17	Thursday 9/18	Friday 9/19	Saturday 9/20	Sunday 9/21
<b>Mass 9am: Active Military &amp; Vets SI</b> <u>Parish Office Closed</u> Adoration 10am - 10pm Legion of Mary 6-7pm <i>Patriotic Rosary 6pm</i>	<b>Mass 9am: Rosemarie O'Lena ROS</b> Adoration 10am-10pm Video Series The Search & Discussion 9:30am	<b>Mass 9am: John Branham SI</b> Adoration 10am-10pm Confessions 6pm Samoan Choir 6:30pm 5th Anniversary Jubilee Mass 6:30pm @ OLOG High School Night 7pm <i>Bible Study 7pm</i>	<b>Mass 9am: Donna Stier ROS</b> Adoration 10am-10pm Blessed Among Women 7pm	<b>Mass 9am: Colleen Arnold ROS</b> Adoration 10am-10pm Frozen Chozen 5:30am Jr. Legion 10am Kid Play 1pm Samoan Choir 6:30pm Youth Intermural Basketball 8pm	<b>Vigil Mass 5pm: Eileen Keegan ROS</b> Confessions 3:45-4:45 Samoan Choir 6:30pm LC Homecoming Dance 7pm	<b>Masses 8:00am: People of the Parish SI</b> <b>10:30am: Laura Lopetrone ROS</b> <b>12:15pm: Renato &amp; Jerri Soriano ROS</b> <b>It's Super Sunday! See you at 1:30 in the Gym!!</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 **October 4th!**

Call Andy Flores @ 907-887-4917

Thank you to all who provide meals for

**Clare House**

Next dinner date is **Sept 23!**

## ⇒ ***Readings:***

### **Sunday 9/14**

Numbers 21:4-9  
 Philippians 2:6-11  
 John 3:13-17

### **Sunday 9/21**

Amos 8:4-7  
 1 Timothy 2:1-8  
 Luke 16:1-13

## **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:



## August Anniversaries

James and Gereldene Deagen	09/03/60
Gary and Robin Dayley	09/25/65
Larry and Cheryl Clement	09/18/71
Daniel and Margie Kernzen	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 Marianne 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:

Brian O'Quinn  
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 & Betty Smith  
Pat Scott  
Julie Allard  
Bernie & Marian Simon  
Kim Randolph

Lagi Fi-Zwetsck  
Will Davenport  
David Edgren  
Nicole Johnson  
Rizza Robles  
Crescencia Molina  
Jessica Randolph  
Geneva Colon  
Brodie Nikolai  
Michele Waetjen  
Vannessa Mors  
Denise Trefry  
Richard Campbell

## ⇒ Parish Financial Update:

### ⇒ Stewardship of Treasure:

	<u>Week 10</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Offertory Income	\$ 10,658.86	\$ 109,779.08
Other Income	\$ 1,949.00	\$ 22,499.00
	<u>\$ 12,607.86</u>	<u>\$ 132,278.08</u>

Expenses: (avg. wk. \$17,162.20)  
YTD Expenses: **\$ 129,958.91**

### Combined Parish and School

**Total Income \$308,414.83**  
**Total Expense \$315,833.67**  
**\$ - 7,418.84**

Our new fiscal year began 1 July

### \*Online Donation Income:

- \* There were 47 gifts made online
- \* There were 0 families new to online giving
- \* There were 0 Maintenance Fund donations
- \* There were 0 Parish Outreach donations
- \* There were 4 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.*

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

SEPT. 16 - 9th and 10th grade College/Career advising, 1pm  
 SEPT 18-19 - All School Retreat  
 SEPT 20 - Homecoming Dance (5:30-7pm JH, 8-10pm HS)  
 SEPT 24 - Close Up Parent Meeting, 6pm  
 SEPT. 29 - Feast of the Archangels Mass during 7th period, 1pm  
 OCT 2-4- State Soccer Tournament  
 OCT. 7 - Fall School Board Speaker Series, 7pm



## ⇒ Principal's Update:

Our fall semester is in full swing! Many thanks to everyone who was able to join me for our quarterly Principal-Parent Forum last Thursday. Whether you attended or not, I hope you enjoyed the slide deck of information sent out earlier this week. As a Dad of a former Lumen Christi student (Emily, Class of 2023), I know full well

how tightly scheduled today's families can be and being able to mark events and activities on family calendars and plan ahead is critically important. I hope you found this information helpful.

Our athletes are making great strides as well, from our middle school soccer and cross country teams to our high school soccer, cross country, and rifle teams. As we look towards the start of the high school girls volleyball season next week, we are pleased to announce Coach Rohyn (pronounced Ro-wen) Hudson as the new head coach of the Lumen Christi volleyball program! Born and raised in Alaska, Coach Rohyn is a 2015 graduate of Dimond High School, where she was a two-sport standout in both volleyball and basketball. She earned All-State honors in both sports two years in a row and won two state championship titles during her time as a Lynx. After high school, she went on to play basketball at the University of Alaska Anchorage before becoming a dual-sport athlete at Harbor Community College in Los Angeles. There, she excelled as one of the state leaders in kills and points per set, ultimately earning a scholarship to Hawaii Pacific University. Though she chose to begin her family before finishing her collegiate career, Coach Rohyn has continued to pour her passion into sports, health, and wellness. She now works as a personal trainer at The Alaska Club while raising her two children, Ember and Atlee, with her husband, Jared. Coach Rohyn brings not only an impressive playing background but also a deep love for coaching and mentoring athletes. She is eager to share her experience, energy, and passion for the game to help guide the Lumen Christi girls volleyball program to new heights.

High school volleyball practice begins Monday, September 15 from 6 - 7:30 pm in the Lumen gym. There will be a parents meeting at the end of practice to go over expectations, schedules and meet the coaches. Please have your student let Mr. Warren know as soon as possible if they are planning to play this season if they have not already done so. Come dressed for practice with indoor court shoes and a water bottle Monday evening.

Once again, many thanks to Coach Chris and Kim Guzman as we say goodbye after three years of compassionate and dedicated service to our girls volleyball players! We are deeply grateful for all you have done and sacrificed for our school and our Lady Archangels—thank you!!

Please keep in your prayers our high school soccer players, chaperones, coaches, and families traveling to Healy for the Tri-Valley Tournament this weekend.

*Blessings, Brian*

## KNIGHTS TABLE

### *Congratulations: September*

Knight of the month

Bruce Carr

Family of the Month

John Marakkamveettil



Patriotic Rosary— 9/15 and 10/06 at 6:00 pm  
 K of C Council meeting - 10/06 at 7:00 pm  
 4th Degree meeting – 10/01 at 7:00 pm  
 Officer's meeting - 10/23 6pm

**The Knight of the Month** We chose Bruce Carr - When he is not traveling he is present at our meetings, always helpful when it comes to cooking hotdogs and hamburgers for events ranging from Special Olympics to Young Lives to Coats for Kids. He even is pretty darn cheerful while doing these things.

**Family of the Month** We chose the John & Mary Marakkamveettil and children Simone and Rayden. The children are altar servers and the family loyal at the morning masses. They have been supportive of our school and parish. school and parish.

## 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. THERESE 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](http://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](mailto:cecistanley2013@icloud.com)

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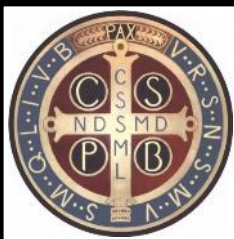
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# United In Mission

## "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

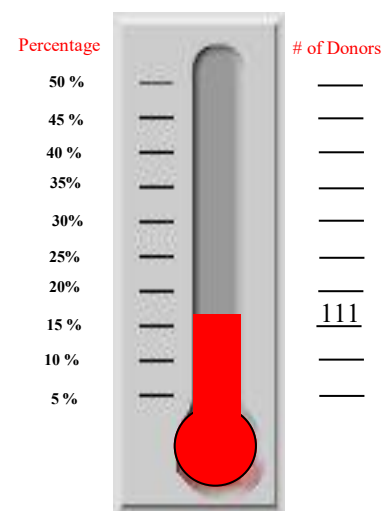
**40 Percent \***

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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\* Parish census: 670 households

## Contributions beyond our Archdiocesan goal help us to:



Prep and paint exterior.



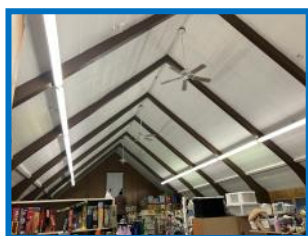
Close off old access.



Weatherproof the foundation.



Replace all windows.



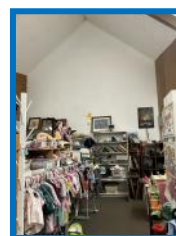
Convert lighting to LED.



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!**



# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Join in public witness and peaceful prayer  
for the end of abortion –  
on the sidewalks outside  
Planned Parenthood  
4001 Lake Otis Parkway

Fall 40 Days for Life  
September 24 to November 2

We need you on the sidewalks!  
Monday -Saturday, 7am to 8pm

Kickoff Rally  
September 24 at 7 pm

Closing Mass and Prayer  
November 2 at 7 am

Visit our website  
to join the email list,  
find a prayer partner, and  
sign up for vigil hours!



[www.40daysforlife/anchorage](http://www.40daysforlife/anchorage)  
[40DaysforLife-Anchorage@protonmail.com](mailto:40DaysforLife-Anchorage@protonmail.com)



## ⇒ 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](mailto: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](http://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](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@holynamektn.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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, TBA**

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

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## 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*

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## Adult Ed

### 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

### **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

### Eucharistic Adoration

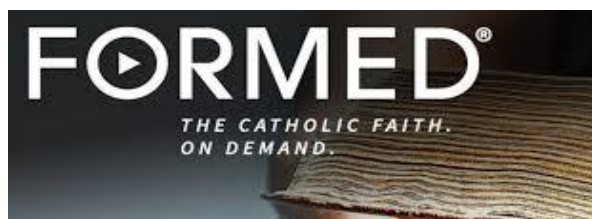


Adoration is offered:  
Monday—Friday 10:00AM-10:00PM

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](http://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!



### **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.

**09/17 High School Night 7pm**  
**TBA 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

### *Combined with SEHS*

St. Elizabeth's youth group is headed over for a fun night of Volleyball! Come join us for pizza and to help St. Benedict's team!

Sept  
**17**  
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Wednesday 7-9 pm

### *40 Days for Life Mass*

Join us at the 40 Days for Life opening Mass! I will get donuts afterwards for any of our youth who attend!

Sept  
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Wednesday 7-9 pm

### *Movie Night!!*

Join us for a movie night! We will be watching Paul, Apostle of Christ. There will be popcorn and we will be using the big screen!

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# Pray for us!

## #Youth Corner

**09/17 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

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