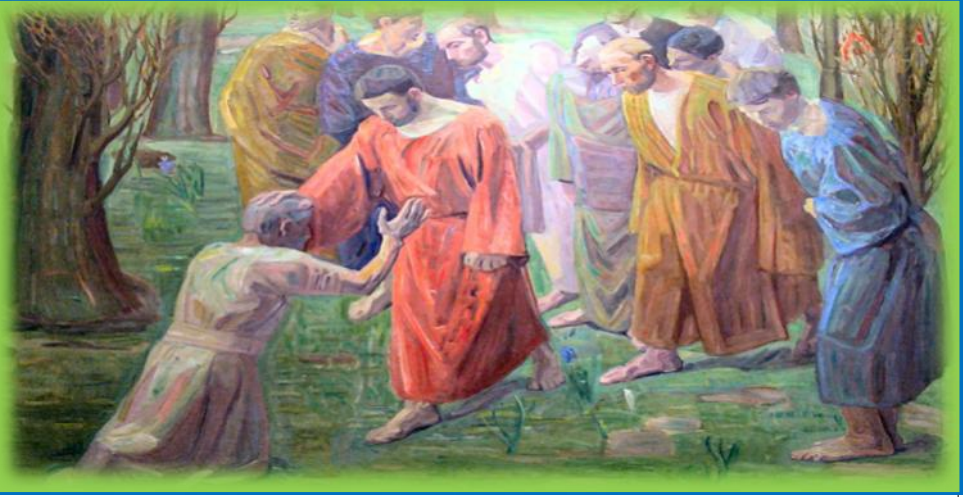


# 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## 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)

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/stbenedictsak>

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)

## - 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 28,  
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



### Fighting again moral complacency

What thoughts pass through our minds when we drive up to one of the many people begging on our streets? Hopefully, thoughts of compassion. However, in all honesty, other thoughts also pass through my mind: "Should I help them or pass them by?" "Are they drug addicts?" "Are they 'con-artists'?" "Will they use the money to just buy alcohol?" Maybe I don't really want to ask the deeper questions as to why a person is homeless and hungry to begin with. I can easily fall into a place of moral complacency, "justifying" my behavior. The Gospel this Sunday warns us to be on guard against an attitude of moral complacency. The "rich man" had everything he wanted or needed. But he was complacent and lacked compassion. He passed by Lazarus every day and saw him in his great need. Jesus used this parable to warn the Pharisees about their own complacency, especially toward the poor. Sadly, most of the Pharisees rejected Jesus and His message. It was easier for them (and for us?) to remain on our "island of complacency" than to immerse ourselves into the intense need of others. We must love God with every fiber of our being, and we are to love our neighbor as ourselves. This means that we are to treat everyone – no matter who they are – just like we want to be treated ourselves. Would we walk past ourself if we saw ourself sitting on the street begging? – *Fr. Tom*

# Welcome to Saint Benedict Parish

Monday 9/29	Tuesday 9/30	Wednesday 10/01	Thursday 10/02	Friday 10/03	Saturday 10/04	Sunday 10/05
<b>Mass 9am: All Souls in Purgatory SI</b> <i>Parish Office Closed</i> Adoration 10am - 10pm Legion of Mary 6-7pm <b>OCIA 6:30</b>	<b>Mass 9am: Charlie Kirk ROS</b> Adoration 10am-10pm Video Series The Search & Discussion 9:30am	<b>Mass 9am: Doug Berry SI</b> Adoration 10am-10pm Confessions 6pm Samoan Choir 6:30pm High School Night 7pm KofC Meeting 7pm	<b>Mass 9am: Janel Ryan ROS</b> Adoration 10am-10pm 10:30 Choir Practice 7pm Catholic Book Club 7pm	<b>Mass 9am: Veronica McMorro ROS</b> Adoration 10am-10pm Frozen Chosen 5:30am Jr. Legion 10am Kid Play 1pm Samoan Choir 6:30pm Youth Intermural Basketball 8pm	<b>Vigil Mass 5pm: People of the Parish SI</b> Confessions 3:45-4:45 Pinochle 6:30pm	<b>Masses 8:00am: Jim &amp; Jane Branham ROS</b> <b>10:30am: Logan &amp; Kate Smith SI</b> <b>12:15pm: Rafael Apostol RTH</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

Attic Christmas Sale!

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  
[brross@lumenchristiak.com](mailto:brross@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 9/28

Amos 6:1, 4-7  
 1 Timothy 6:11-16  
 Luke 16:19-31

### Sunday 10/05

Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4  
 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13, 14  
 Luke 17:5-10

## 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 Kernon	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:

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-Zwetsk  
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:

	Week 12	YTD
Offertory Income	\$ 9,936.10	\$ 130,168.11
Other Income	\$ 1,448.70	\$ 27,654.00
	\$ 11,387.80	\$ 157,822.11

Expenses: (avg. wk. \$17,162.20)  
YTD Expenses: **\$ 177,763.50**

### Combined Parish and School

**Total Income \$361,205.61**  
**Total Expense \$517,866.89**  
**- \$156,866.28**

Our new fiscal year began 1 July

### \*Online Donation Income:

- \* There were 4 gifts made online
- \* There were 0 families new to online giving
- \* There were 1 Maintenance Fund donations
- \* There were 0 Parish Outreach donations
- \* There were 0 Special Collection donations
- \* There were 4 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. 29 - Feast of the Archangels Mass during 7th period, 1pm  
 OCT 2-4 - State Soccer Tournament  
 Oct. 1 - Growing In Love (8th Grade), 5:30pm  
 OCT. 7 - Fall School Board Speaker Series, 7pm  
 OCT. 9-11 - Spiketacular Tournament  
 OCT. 15 - PSAT, Grades 9-11



## Principal's Update:

What a beautiful and awesome all school retreat last week! Our theme was Respect and Temperance—chosen by our illustrious Class of 2026 during their junior retreat last spring. Our enthusiastic guest presenter was Mr. Erik Heckman, the Director of Missionary Outreach at Franscan University of Steubenville. Our students competed in House games, attended presentations followed by small group discussions, celebrated Mass, spent time in Adoration (with opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation), and just enjoyed each others' company. Houses completed service projects around the community on Friday, and for me, the highlight was seeing so many families come and break bread together at our Lumen Christi family dinner on Thursday night. In keeping with our Virtue of the Week, we DETACHED ourselves from the busy-ness of daily life and retreat with each other spiritually. Many thanks to Mr. Doug Berry, our amazing Campus Minister for organizing and executing such a great event. And thanks to the families who set up the bonfires and laid out s'mores as well as the dozen or so parent chaperones who came to spend the night with the high schoolers so that our school staff could go home and get some much-appreciated rest!

We have a lot of student athletes and families on the road this weekend, so please pray for our high school cross country team as they head north to Glenallen for Regions and our high school soccer team as they head south to Soldotna to play against Cook Inlet Academy!

Have a blessed weekend!

*Blessings, Brian*



## KNIGHTS TABLE

### Congratulations: September

Knight of the month

Family of the Month

Bruce Carr

John & Mary Marakkamveetil



Patriotic Rosary— 10/06 and 10/20 at 6:00 pm  
 K of C Council meeting - 10/01 at 7:00 pm  
 4th Degree meeting – 10/06 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 Marakkamveetil 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?

# Pot O' Gold 2025



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)

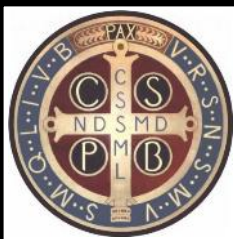


## Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Have you been wondering who The Catholic Daughters of the Americas are? Would you like to know more about us?

CDA is one of the largest Catholic women's organizations established in 1903 by the Knights of Columbus. Our local court was chartered in at Holy Family parish in 1961. We are a spiritual, charitable, social and service group. We invite all Catholic women to join us as we plan this year's events. **Our meeting is Monday October 13, 2025, at the Lunney Center at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish at 6:30 pm.** Please join us for prayer, planning, and food and fellowship. Visitors are always welcomed.

For more information contact [cecistanley2013@icloud.com](mailto:cecistanley2013@icloud.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

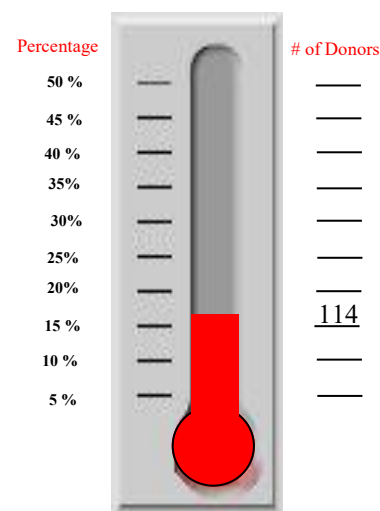
**40 Percent \***

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.



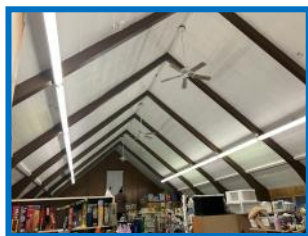
Close off old access.



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!**



# St. Benedict's prays Tues. 12-7pm



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⇒ *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).



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/>

**Complex Care** is in need of these items to fill their “Welcome Bags” for new guests.

They can be dropped off at Complex Care, 303 W. Fireweed Lane from 9 am to 6 pm, 7 days a week.

- Small or Med size Bags
- Sleeping Masks
- Ear Plugs
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Body wash or soap
- Lotion
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- They are also in need of men’s & women’s new or lightly used undergarments
- Bras/sport bras
- Panties
- Boxers/Underwear
- Socks



# 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!**

**Day of Recollection** with Fr. Matthew Heynen, O.P., at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe (church building) on Saturday, October 4, 2025, from 9 AM to 3 PM. Open to all; suggested donation \$30. Bring sack lunch. Registration not required. Info: Legion of Mary 907-782-8075.

## o **Fall Speaker Series with Elaine Border, M Ed., LPC, LPC-S**

Please join Lumen Christi for their Fall Speaker Series with a presentation by Elaine Borde on Parenting with Love and Logic. The presentation will be Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 7-8p.m. at Lumen Christi High School. It is Free and open to the public!

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.

### o **St. Andrew Church in Eagle River: Coordinator of Evangelization (Part-Time)**

✦ seeks a passionate Coordinator of Evangelization to foster opportunities for encountering Jesus Christ and growing as disciples. This 20–30 hour week role involves developing lay formation programs, coordinating evangelization events (staff retreats, parish missions, Revival Sundays, Evening Adoration, Theology on Tap), and enhancing parish communication. The ideal candidate has a theology degree (preferred), experience in faith formation, youth ministry, or evangelization, and strong interpersonal and leadership skills. Pay is based on experience. Join us in animating our community's faith journey! Resumes should be submitted to Fr. Arthur Roraff at St. Andrew in Eagle River by September 19.

### o **Chancery Financial Department: Full-Time Exempt**

Assists Chief Financial Officer and Comptroller with quality of accounting and financial reporting of all the archdiocesan Financial Department's general ledgers. Maintains successful and positive relationships with parishes, grantors, and the financial community through satisfactory fulfillment of duties. [Read the full job description here](#). Send all resumes to Danna Hoellering at [dhoellering@aoaj.org](mailto:dhoellering@aoaj.org)

### o **Fulltime Business Manager – Saint Benedict Parish and Lumen Christi Catholic High School**

**Purpose of the Position:** The Business Manager is the primary steward of financial accountability at St. Benedict Parish and Lumen Christi Jr./ Sr. Catholic High School. Duties include managing, controlling, and coordinating accounting and budgeting for the parish/ school. Other duties will include coordination of personnel and operational matters to a lesser extent. The goal of the position is to responsibly maintain the parish/ school's financial operations including accounts receivable, and deposits/banking. In addition, the Business Manager provides financial data and reports to the parish/school administration and assists and supports with all required financial and personnel reports and manages all functions of accounts payable. The Business Manager is a member of the St. Benedict Parish staff, reports directly to the Pastor and serves as staff support to the Finance Council of the parish. This is a full-time paid position. Interviews to begin Sep. 15th. Please send cover letter and resume to Fr. Tom Lilly, [tlilly@stbenedictsak.com](mailto:tlilly@stbenedictsak.com). (907) 317-9042.





*"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

**October 2nd, 7:00PM**

@ Jim McCormack's home

We are reading **A song for Nagasaki**  
by Paul Glynn, S.M – pgs. 1-133

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, **October 16th. 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 Soon.  
Stay tuned.

The historical reality of Christian empire, like Christian anti-Semitism, is bathed in irony. Jesus was an oppressed brown Palestinian Jew, living in a Middle Eastern nation occupied by a European empire centered in Rome.

Jesus challenged the empire of Rome by proclaiming an alternative empire, the empire of God. The similarity of the terms highlighted the radical contrasts between the two empires:

Rome's empire was violent.

God's empire was nonviolent.

It characterized by domination.

God's empire was service and liberation.

Rome It was preoccupied with money.

God's empire was generosity/wary of money.

Rome's empire fueled by power.

God's empire fueled by the power of love.

Powerful and violent man on the top

God's empire: network of solidarity giving. with chains of command and submission "the last, the least, and lost" honored place with everyone else beneath the leader at the table.

Not surprisingly, the Roman Empire saw Jesus and his nonviolent movement as a threat to their violent regime, so they had him tortured and publicly executed as a matter of standard procedure. By pinning a naked human being to wood ... the empire showed its own absolute dominance and its victim's absolute defeat. The message was clear: Jesus' message of truth and love meant nothing in the face of the empire's crushing power and domination....

Echoing its founder's nonviolence, the Christian faith initially grew as a nonviolent spiritual movement of counter-imperial values. It promoted love, not war. Its primal creed elevated solidarity, not oppression and exclusion: "For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:26–28).

The early Christians elevated the equality of friendship rather than the hierarchy supremacy (John 15:15; 3 John 14, 15). Because of their counter-imperial posture, including their refusal to be soldiers in the Roman army or to participate in the cult proclaiming the divinity of the emperor, they were mocked, distrusted as unpatriotic, and persecuted.

Since Constantine, (when Christianity was proclaimed the empire's religion) Christianity has repeatedly claimed a legitimate right to do violence to its members [and others] to protect its interests and conserve its supremacy. It has sought far-reaching control over the behavior and minds of its subjects. At times, it has behaved like a totalitarian power. (Brian McLaren/CAC.org)

### Questions

1. What are your feelings on the two Empires of Jesus' time?
2. How have you tried to work against the polarization of our nation?

### Challenge:

Spend time alone or in discussion how to live with Jesus in non-violence.

### Quote:

"We do not need guns and bombs to bring peace; we need love and compassion".  
~St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



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# Fun, faith, food and friends!

St. Therese's Camp

## CHILI COOK-OFF

Join us for an evening of fellowship, fun, and flavor as we celebrate another successful camp season with our 4<sup>th</sup> annual chili cook-off! Bring your best pot of chili (spicy, sweet, classic, or creative—we want it all!) or a side dish to share. The winner of the cook-off will win a campership for the 2026 camp season!

October 5, 2025

3PM

7180 E Twin Lakes Dr., Wasilla, AK 99654



The annual Chili Cook-off is back! Bring your best chili to enter in the competition or a tasty side dish and celebrate another successful summer of Catholic youth camp in Alaska.

No registration needed; just come!

A special announcement will also be made at the event from the Make-A-Wish Foundation, a nonprofit that grants wishes to children with critical illnesses to provide hope, strengthen families, and offer a positive turning point in their treatment journey.

Winner of the cook-off will receive a free camper ship to be used on any week of 2026 summer camp!

God bless you,  
St. Therese's Camp



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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 are meeting, Monday evenings at 6:30pm  
in the parish rectory begins 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. TBA***

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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

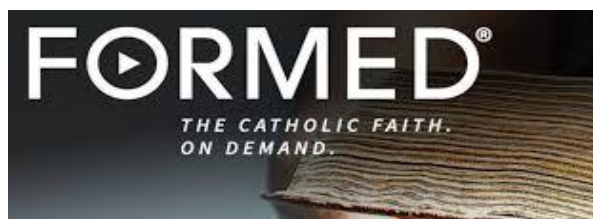


Adoration is offered:  
Monday—Friday 10:00AM-10:00PM

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.

⇒ *Evangelization Meetings:*

**Evangelization Team:**

Our next meeting will be TBD at 7PM

**Youth Ministry Team:**

Our next meeting is TBD @ 7pm

**09/24 High School Night 7pm**  
**TBA Jr. High Night 6pm**

## UPCOMING *Youth Nights*



Wednesday 7-9 pm

### *40 Days for Life*

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

Sept  
**24**  
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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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Wednesday 7-9 pm

### *Prayer Pt. 9*

Tonight we are talking about prayer for the dead. Why do we pray for the dead? How do we pray for the dead? Afterwards we are going to play live action Mafia!

Oct  
**8**  
2025

# Pray for us!

## #Youth Corner

**09/24 Youth Night**

**7-9pm**

**TBA Jr. High Night!!**

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



Check out our page at:

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

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