

THE STEWARD

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
OCTOBER 15, 2023

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The Wedding Garment: Sewing, Fashioning and Mending

By Rachel Gemo, Head of Parish School



This week Matthew's Gospel recounts Jesus's parable of a wedding feast where a King sends his servants out to invite all the people they find because the original guests refused to attend. "The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests." Unfortunately, one guest wasn't wearing a wedding garment. The king subsequently threw this guest out into the darkness.

We can think of ourselves as those whom the servants gathered for the wedding feast, bad and good alike. The question is – will we be wearing the proper wedding garment? This garment is not meant to represent the finest clothes, designer labels or the latest fashion. Rather, the wedding garment we are to wear is crafted with threads of God's grace and love and embellished with the fruits of the Spirit: kindness, gentleness, joy, peace, goodness, and faithfulness. All the

essentials of the Christian character may be understood as making up the wedding garment. In one word, we put on Christ.

This garment is something we sew, fashion, wear and mend throughout our lives. Learning about our faith, practicing our faith, receiving the sacraments and passing on the faith are integral steps to ensuring participation for ourselves and our loved ones in this banquet of mercy and redemption. With the help of faith community like St. Benedict, we parishioners can continue to work on our proverbial garments.

Catholic Schools are an important part of parish life and the formation of faith in young people. Each spring our students, faculty and parents take a survey to rate how we are collectively doing in passing along and practicing the faith. As you will see in the data, we have some things that we are doing well, and some areas for improvement.

Here are some highlights from the data provided by students in grades 4-8 (these are the grade levels surveyed.):

My parents encourage me to be active in the Catholic faith.

67% indicated agree/strongly agree.

When we pray and go to mass together at my school, students have many opportunities to actively participate.

93% indicated agree/strongly agree

My religion classes help me understand the most important beliefs that make up the Catholic faith.

84% indicated agree/strongly agree.

Prayers and masses at my school help me know and love Jesus.

85% indicated agree/strongly agree.

At my school, I have opportunities to help others through meaningful works of service and care.

88% indicated agree/strongly agree.

My teachers help me see how the Catholic faith should help me make my day-to-day decisions about how to behave toward my peers.

85% indicated agree/strongly agree.

My school teaches me about the value of love and respect for people of all races.

95% indicated agree/strongly agree.

I believe that what my school teaches about the Catholic faith is true and relevant to my life.

81% indicated agree/strongly agree.

When I grow up, I can see myself attending and supporting a Catholic church.

66% indicated agree/strongly agree

I pray by myself on a daily basis.

55% indicated agree/strongly agree.

I find it easy to talk to others about Jesus.

68% indicated agree/strongly agree.

When I look at this data, I am comforted knowing that the first threads of the children's garments are being woven and fashioned. With continual support from family members, friends, our faith community and our parish school, the children's faith will strengthen and grow. In a world that often celebrates self-centered virtues of comfort, materialism and competition, it's refreshing to see that love for Jesus and a knowledge of our faith is thriving. I'm grateful for all the parents/guardians, faculty, staff and parishioners who do the work of Catholic education. Their efforts are paying off.

There is one data point that we hope to focus on during this year and that is regular Sunday Mass attendance. When students were asked if they attend Sunday Mass or another religious service every weekend, only 21% indicated agree/strongly agree. That is 1 in 5 students attending Mass regularly. Our "wedding garments" are only truly strengthened, mended and renewed when we receive the sacraments regularly and spend time in prayer and with God's word. Regular attendance at Mass helps us to be prepared for the feast of mercy. We want you and your children to be a part of this feast! Won't you join us? The data shows the children know and love their faith. Make time as a family to celebrate this gift and bring our best selves to the banquet.

Sing with us!


HOLIDAY POPS 2023

Saturday, December 9th
at 7:30pm

100 voice Festival Choir and the
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Maestro Scott Arkenberg
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Wednesday nights, beginning October 11 at 8pm
at St. Benedict Church, 2216 West Irving Park Rd, Chicago
Questions?: Call 773.206.6785




THE ST. BENEDICT'S WOMEN'S CLUB

will hold its regular monthly meeting on
Wednesday, October 18th at 9:30 in the
Pine Room. All women of the parish
are invited to join us.

*Consider
joining
the
Choir!*

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WEDNESDAY EVENINGS,
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October 15, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10a | Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 | Mt 22:1-14

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I have about 75 first cousins (yes, really!), so I grew up accustomed to large gatherings. “Feasts” in our family were almost an everyday kind of thing. So you can imagine my initial reaction to today’s parable: Why would anyone refuse such a grand invitation? Who doesn’t love a feast? As we know, however, with parables, Jesus is giving us a message that is deeper than it first appears. Today he uses the image of a wedding feast to explain God’s abundant generosity, and the indifference or outright refusal this loving generosity is often met with. Yes, we enjoy sharing food with family and friends, but are we always gracious recipients of God’s love and bounty? Are we prepared, and properly disposed, to receive it? (Think of the graces we receive in the sacraments, especially confession.) The kingdom of heaven is the banquet to which we are all invited, and too often we can become busy with our material lives and not notice this ongoing invitation. Or we push it out of our minds, or gad about in the wrong garments (of sin, and not grace). Let us open our ears and our hearts to God’s loving invitation, strive to be holy people, and share this gift with those around us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We learn from today’s readings that the kingdom of heaven can be likened to a sumptuous banquet. Isaiah, in the first reading, says it well, proclaiming, “The Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines.” Isaiah then moves from imagery of food to talk about how God will destroy death forever and wipe away all tears. In other words, God has saved his people, and offers us his constant presence and the gift of eternal life. But we must respond to God’s generosity in the proper manner so we are prepared to enter the kingdom when the time comes. Making our relationship with Jesus our number one priority will prepare us well to receive and respond to this invitation. From this we will see how our other priorities naturally change and how God always provides. As St. Paul says in his Letter to the Philippians: “My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”

ACTION When you get dressed each morning this week, take a look at what you are wearing spiritually, as well as physically. What does the (spiritual) garment look like? Is it appropriate for a wedding feast? Pray the Act of Contrition (and go to confession if necessary), and then make a conscious effort to repair any faults in your spiritual garment: forgive someone or apologize to someone; pray specifically for someone you do not especially care for; spend time in Eucharistic Adoration.

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Sunday, Oct 15, 2023

Stretch your spirituality

Your doctor says that even a little exercise is important to keep the body flexible. Joints that move regularly are body parts that can function well a while longer. Walking 20 minutes a day or taking a water aerobics class are easy ways to lubricate the joints we need to perform our daily tasks. Saint Paul reminds us that flexibility is also a significant aspect of the spiritual life. Can we accept good times and bad, seasons of plenty or want, with the same light grip? Moving through circumstances fluidly makes for a freer life, and a gentler death.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14 (142). *"I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need."*

Monday, Oct 16, 2023

A heart as wide as the world

Depicted as a flaming, shining, bleeding heart, pierced by a lance, encircled by a crown of thorns, and topped with a cross, the Sacred Heart of Jesus symbolizes Christ's boundless, suffering love for humanity. The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is one of the best known and most practiced of all Catholic devotions, but the 17th-century French Visitation nun who received the revelation of this devotion, Margaret Mary Alacoque, was doubted in her lifetime, and the practice wasn't officially recognized until 75 years after her death. Incorporate an aspiration, or short prayer, to the Sacred Heart each day to remind you that you are unconditionally loved. Examples are "Sacred Heart of Jesus, make my heart like yours," "Sacred Heart of Jesus, I believe in your love for me," or "Sacred Heart of Jesus, may you be known, loved, and imitated!"

MEMORIAL OF MARGARET MARY ALAOCQUE, RELIGIOUS
TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32 (467). *"At the preaching of Jonah they repented, and there is something greater than Jonah here."*

Tuesday, Oct 17, 2023

Bread of Life, bread for the poor

Saint Ignatius Theophorus wrote seven epistles while trudging from Antioch to Rome. As Roman soldiers pushed him toward martyrdom in a coliseum, Ignatius decried a different enemy of Christian faith: docetism, whose Christian adherents claimed Jesus never existed physically on Earth—that he only appeared to. In denying the Incarnation, Ignatius says, such heretics also fail to see the Lord's presence in the Eucharist and in the poor. "They have no concern for love, none for the widow, none for the orphan, none for the oppressed, none for the prisoner or the one released, none for the hungry or thirsty." And "they abstain from Eucharist" because "they refuse to acknowledge the Eucharist." Ignatius, help us to see Jesus—in all the places he said he'd be.

MEMORIAL OF IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP, MARTYR
TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41 (468). *"As to what is within, give alms, and behold, everything will be clean for you."*

Wednesday, Oct 18, 2023

Pack lightly for the journey of faith

Today we celebrate the feast of the evangelist Luke. Best known for his gospel, Luke was a dedicated disciple of Paul who goes so far as to join Paul in prison—twice. You can read Luke's account

of the early Christians in the Acts of the Apostles. But first, read what Luke says in today's gospel, which gives Jesus' directives to the disciples who are serving as his advance team. These directives are simple but not easy: "Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals"—and they remain amazingly relevant to living a simple life of faith. How can you enact them in your own life?

FEAST OF LUKE, EVANGELIST

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9 (661). *"Luke is the only one with me."*

Thursday, Oct 19, 2023

Reconciling our past

Today is the memorial of several men who were killed for evangelizing native people in Quebec. The documentation of these encounters is almost entirely from the perspective of European American Christians, with missionaries as heroic martyrs and natives as murderous heathens. The truth is much more complicated. Pope Francis' 2022 apology to indigenous people in Canada and the U.S. Catholic Indigenous Boarding School Accountability and Healing Project are two efforts to look at the bigger picture of Christian-Indigenous relationships with accountability and reconciliation as goals. Join these efforts by exploring Native American culture and history.

MEMORIAL OF JOHN DE BRÉBEUF AND ISAAC JOGUES, PRIESTS, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54 (470). *"Woe to you, scholars of the law! You have taken away the key of knowledge."*

Friday, Oct 20, 2023

GPS for the soul

Spiritual direction is a great tool for navigating with God the ups and downs of everyday life. The practice involves a one-on-one relationship with a spiritual director who helps us to see how God is moving in our lives. A director listens and offers wisdom such as that of Paul of the Cross: "Let everything in creation draw you to God. Refresh your mind with some innocent recreation and needful rest, if it were only to saunter through the garden or the fields, listening to the sermon preached by the flowers, the trees, the meadows, the sun, the sky, and the whole universe." In honor of Saint Paul cultivate the art of listening wisely.

MEMORIAL OF PAUL OF THE CROSS, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7 (471). *"Are not five sparrows sold for two small coins? Yet not one of them has escaped the notice of God."*

Saturday, Oct 21, 2023

A higher law

All of us run afoul of the law at some point or another, even if it's as minor as a parking ticket. Laws, religious or secular, are there to set standards and impose order. They have their purpose, but if we hope to be released from all that afflicts us in this life, we'll need a different kind of law—the law of love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. As 20th-century monk and mystic Thomas Merton explains, "The first obligation of the Christian is to maintain their freedom from all empty forms of legalism" and "live by a higher law—the law of grace and love." Let faith lead you there.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 4:13, 16-18; Luke 12:8-12 (472).

"Brothers and sisters: It was not through the law that the promise was made to Abraham and his descendants . . . it depends on faith."

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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NOV 9

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TRUNK AND TREAT

*It's going to be an afternoon
of Halloween Fun
for kids of all ages.*

**October 28th, 2023
3:00-4:30 PM
Come in Costume**

Decorate Your Car for Trunk or Treaters

Saturday October 28th from
2:45-4:30
Trick or treaters will begin
arriving at 3:00

BOO!



SIGN UP TO DECORATE YOUR CAR >>>

QUESTIONS? Email or call Kim McMillan Director of Youth Ministry at kmcmilan@stbenedict.com or 773-588-6484



Coming Up at St. Ben's | OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
15 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Welcoming Weekend Mass at 8am, 10am, and 12pm in Church Sunday RE Classes 8:15 - 9:45am	16 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Cub Scout Pack 3865 Kinder Meeting 5:30pm Beaven Hall Troop 865 Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall Ravenswood Orchestra Rehearsal 7:30pm SS Library	17 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Pack 3865 Wolves Den Meeting 6pm Beaven Hall	18 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church St. Ben's Women's Club Meeting 9:30am Pine Room, Rectory Daisy Girl Scouts 1st Grade 2:45pm Rm 317 - Global Lab Gallery Singers Choir Rehearsal 7pm Church Choir Area Advisory Board Meeting 7pm SS Library Holiday Pops Rehearsal 8pm Choir Area, Church AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	19 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Preschool Tours 8:30am SS Library Cub Scout Pack 3865 5th Grade Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall Women's Book Club 7pm Sewing Room	20 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	21 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Reconciliation 11am Church Mass at 5pm Church
22 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass at 8am, 10am, and 12pm in Church Sunday RE Classes 8:15 - 9:45am Knights of Columbus Meeting 11am Sewing Room Holiday Pops Rehearsal 3pm Church, Choir Area	23 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Troop 865 Meeting 7pm Heidenreich Hall Knights of Columbus Assembly 7:30pm Beaven Hall	24 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Cub Scout Pack 3865 1st Grade Meeting 5:30pm Beaven Hall Parent Education 7pm Kittler Hall	25 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Gallery Singers Choir Rehearsal 7pm Church Choir Area Holiday Pops Rehearsal 8pm Choir Area, Church AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	26 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Cub Scout Pack 3865 3rd Grade Meeting 6pm Beaven Hall	27 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Java with Gemo 8am SS Library	28 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Reconciliation 11am Church TRUNK AND TREAT 3:00-4:30PM COURTYARD Mass at 5pm Church

Stewardship



SUNDAY & HOLY DAY OFFERTORY WEEK OF OCTOBER 1, 2023



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- > Visit GiveCentral.org and search for St. Benedict – Chicago under My Charity
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Electronic Giving: \$8,509
 Envelope: \$2,410
 Loose: \$1,854
 Total: \$12,773 (93% of goal)
 Weekly Goal: \$13,673

Fiscal YTD: \$174,223 (91% of goal)
 Fiscal YTD Goal: \$191,423
 Above/(Below) YTD Goal: (\$17,200)

QUESTIONS? Contact our Director of Operations and Finance, Jeanne Anderson, at 773.588.6484 x5109 or janderson@stbenedict.com. Thank you for your remarkable generosity to the parish.

Masses for the Week

Saturday, October 14 - Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

8:30AM Michael Jermaine Davenport (Class of '91) - *The St. Benedict Alumni Office*
5PM Ginger Jones - *Christa O'Keefe and Marge Lawlor*
Barbara O'Brien - *Marge Lawlor*
Marilyn Thomas - *Angie Reich and Melody Davis*
Mary Therese Nolan - *Linda Peek*

Sunday, October 15 - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM Kenneth Borowczyk - *Diane*
James Martin - *The Padmanabhan Family*
In Thanksgiving for Deacon Dave and Judy Reyes-
Friends
Glorieta Gaston - *Kristy Condon*
10AM John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*
Special Intention for Chris Pietschmann and
Patricia Smith - *Family*
Victor Goite, Francisca Reyes, and Nicholas Goite -
The Goite Family
Ilona Weber - *Family*
12PM Eladio O. Rios, Jr. - *The St. Benedict*
Parish Community
Gloria Llanora Arsenia - *Sally Sobrepena*
Jorge Cueto, Jr. - *Delia Dino and Family*
Special Intention for Mario Bard - *Maribel Selva and*
Jose Ornelas

Monday, October 16 - Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

8:30AM Frank Roberts - *The Roberts Family*

Tuesday, October 17 - Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

8:30AM Gloria Llanora Arsenia - *Sally Sobrepena*
Anita Fernandez - *Sally Sobrepena*

Wednesday, October 18 - Saint Luke, Evangelist

8:30AM David Fahey - *Family*
John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*

Thursday, October 19 - Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

8:30AM Special Intention for Charlene Johnson

Friday, October 20 - Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest

8:30AM Joan Mae Theis - *niece, Maureen*

Saturday, October 21 - Weekday

8:30AM Gloria Llanora Arsenia - *Sally Sobrepena*
5PM Special Intention for Patty Smith
Christopher Saunders - *The Zadrozny Family*
Daralis Oliver - *Ron and Christa O'Keefe*
Tom Hayden - *Margaret Lawlor*

Sunday, October 22 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM Ilona Weber - *Family*
Honorata and Edilberto Espiritu and
Deogracias Mendoza, Jr. - *Family*
Gloria Llanora Arsenia - *Sally Sobrepena*
Helene Wieland - *Kristy Condon*
10AM John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*
Danilo Belicena - *Sally Sobrepena-Belicena*
Luisa Flores - *Sally Sobrepena-Belicena*
Arnoldo Glashoreste - *Leda Wildner*
12PM Celia M. Baylon - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*
Fred and Sophia Smith - *The Behzad Family*
Jane Casey Schwuchow - *The St. Benedict*
Parish Community
Rodolfo G. Zabala - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*

Please Pray for Healing

Please call the Rectory at (773) 588-6484 to add your name or the name of an immediate family member for whom you would like the parish to pray for healing. The name of the person will appear quarterly unless otherwise instructed at the time the request is made.

Gloria Arsenia	Anne Hoellich	Ann Ulrey-Ryan
Judy Bartley	Art Hundrieser	Alex Sandoval
Suzanne Brewer	Marilyn Jerger	Cecilia Fell Schott
Isabella Sofia	Charlene Johnson	(Class of 72)
Casillas	Patricia Keating	Bill Shaver
Vincent Castellano	Sidney Kennedy	Abraham
Carmen M. Clarin	Jackson James	Sobrepena
Mayden H.	Limburg	Eden Sobrepena
Eichendorf	Giorgio Marconi	Jim Strzalka
Peter Fischer	Ken McFadden	Theresa Suleiman
Michelle Frank	Marie Morelos	Arthur Varilla
Amy Joy Goldie	Jose Orellana	Audrey Venkatesh
Tim Gollehon	Corazon Pizarro	Leda Wildner
Elain Hijazin	Julie Raheja-Perera	
Insaf Hijazin	Kevin Risten	
Nashat Hijazin	Marla Rizzuti	
Raed Hijazin	Pietro Rizzuti	

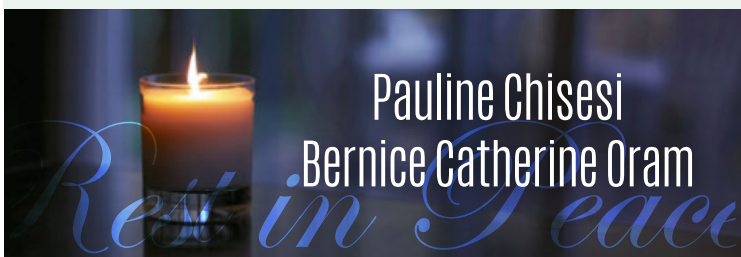
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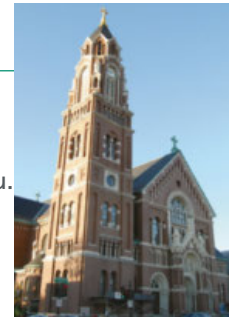
III - Kathryn Sugrue and Benjamin Schwertz
II - Kathleen Wilson and Peter John (PJ) O'Connell

Baptisms

Eve Oleander Estrada, *daughter of Eli Estrada*
and Adrianna Teolis
Gabriel Alejandro Leza, *son of Alejandro Leza III and Erin Sullivan*
Thomas Fox McNichols, *son of Thomas McNichols*
and Brenda Munoz
Jamie Robert, *son of Chase and Erin Patzer*
Caileb Franklin Quiocho-Leal, *son of Christian Leal*
and Maria Quiocho



Parish Information



If you are visiting, we hope you enjoy your stay. We're glad you decided to join us in this celebration. If you are new to the St. Ben's community, welcome home! To become a registered parishioner, complete a Registration Form on our website: parish.stbenedict.com. One of our Ministers of Hospitality will be glad to assist you. If you are a former parishioner or a graduate of our schools, we are glad to see you back home. We hope you will return often. Contact Joe Accardi, Director of Alumni Relations at jaccardi@stbenedict.com. Our weekly bulletin, The Steward, tells you about parish life. Submissions for the bulletin are generally due by Friday at 9 am of the week previous to publication. Electronic submissions are preferred via e-mail to bulletin@stbenedict.com. Flyers should be submitted in camera-ready format and will be used if space permits. If you would like to receive our online weekly newsletter-"The Block", please contact the rectory to be placed on our emailing list. If you have any questions, please call the rectory at (773) 588-6484. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Parish Life Commission: TBD

Spiritual Life Commission:

Fr. Stephen Kanonik

MASSES AND SERVICES

Sunday Eucharist: Saturday 5PM,
Sunday 8AM, 10AM, AND 12PM

Live Stream as well, Sunday

Weekday Eucharist: 8:30AM Mon-Sat

Holy Day Eucharist: 6:30AM, 8:30AM
and 7PM

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help:
Tuesdays 9AM

**Exposition and Benediction of the
Blessed Sacrament:** First Friday of each
month, 9AM-12PM, in church

Baptisms: Scheduled on all Sundays at
1:30PM; on the fourth Sunday at one
of the Masses. Baptism prep class is
required.

Reconciliation: Saturdays, 11AM - 12
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marriage preparation is required.*

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(RCIA):** For unbaptized persons or
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more about the Catholic faith and the
process of becoming a Catholic.*

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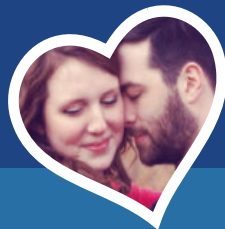
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