

THE STEWARD

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
OCTOBER 8, 2023

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The Runt of the Litter

By Deacon Bill Frere

A farmer had some puppies he needed to sell. He painted a sign advertising the 4 pups, and set about nailing it to a post on the edge of his yard. As he was driving the last nail into the post, he felt tug on his overalls. He looked down into the eyes of a little boy.

"Mister," he said, "I want to buy one of your puppies." "Well," said the farmer, as he rubbed the sweat of the back of his neck, "these puppies come from fine parents and cost a good deal of money."

The boy dropped his head for a moment. Then reaching deep into his pocket, he pulled out a handful of change and held it up to the farmer. "I've got thirty-nine cents. Is that enough to take a look?" "Sure," said the farmer. And with that he let out a whistle. "Here Dolly!" he called.

Out from the doghouse and down ramp ran Dolly followed by four little balls of fur. The little boy pressed his face against the chain link fence. His eyes danced with delight. As the dogs made their way to the fence, the little boy noticed something else stirring inside the doghouse.

Slowly another little ball appeared, this one noticeably smaller. Down the ramp it slid. Then in a awkward manner, the little pup began hobbling toward the others, doing its best to catch up....

"I want that one," the little boy said, pointing to the runt.

The farmer knelt down at the boy's side and said, "Son, you don't want that puppy. He will never be able to run and play with you like these other dogs would." With that the little boy stepped back from the fence, reached down, and began rolling up one leg of his trousers. In doing so he revealed a steel brace running

down both sides of his leg attaching itself to a specially made shoe. Looking back up at the farmer, he said, "You see sir, I don't run too well myself, and he will need someone who understands."

Nobody likes being rejected, being picked last for the team or treated like they were invisible or unimportant, much less suffer physical abuse and pain from bullies. None of us like being the runt of the litter.

And yet that is exactly how the tenants treat the Master's servants – beaten and stoned! And when the Master sends

His own Son, they seize Him and kill Him. Jesus, in this parable, continues to direct His lesson at the Pharisees and elders. God sent you the prophets and you refused to listen to them. Some of them you beat and tortured and threw out of the city, even killed! And now the Lord sends His own Son – Jesus – and you will do the same. You will take me out of the vineyard (Jerusalem) and have me put to death. God has continued to send you



MATTHEW 21:43

His messengers to lead you along the right path. And you have refused to listen to them. You treat them like the runt in the litter.

Like the boy in the story, we see our God as a God of compassion. He continues to send His messengers to us; He keeps hoping that we will listen to His message and change our ways. He never gives up on us; He never stops loving us.

God continues to talk to us every single day – through the Scriptures, through the Eucharist, through opportunities to live out our Christian faith. How do we respond? Are we open to His words, His message? Do we carry out the commandment to love in our interactions with others? Do we welcome Him into our lives? Or, like the tenants, do we turn a deaf ear and stubbornly refuse to listen? Just as the Master continued to send His servants to the tenants, God visits us every day in the words of the Gospel, in the poor, the needy, the abused and forgotten, yes even the runts of the litter. Are we listening? Are we paying attention?

Today's Gospel parable is essentially a summary of salvation history for the Jews! The landowner (God) created this beautiful vineyard (the earth) and then put



tenants in place to care for it (humanity). When He sent servants (prophets) to collect the harvest (their faith), the tenants abuse and even kill the servants (refuse to listen to the prophets). Finally He sent His Son (Jesus) and they killed Him too – a prediction of Jesus' coming passion and death.

While their response to the servants and the son are extreme, the message is clear! God continues to send us His messengers; He continues to call us to account, to see how well we have been tending the vineyard (keeping the faith). Are we listening? Did we hear the message?

TODAY!



**St. Vincent de Paul Society
Blood Drive is TODAY, October 8,
from 8:30am-2:30pm!**

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WEDNESDAY EVENINGS,
7:30PM**

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October 8, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 5:1-7 | Phil 4:6-9 | Mt 21:33-43

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

Vineyards were important to the socio-economic structure and well-being of the ancient near east peoples. It would be disastrous for someone to plant and then cultivate a vineyard only for it to be overrun by wild grapes. It would have to be destroyed in order for it to be replanted and recover, which would be financially impossible for most people of that era. So when Isaiah prophesies about God's plan for his vineyard – that is, his people, Israel – it is attention-worthy for its radical nature. Isaiah says that even with all of the Lord's care and cultivation, his people have failed to grow, and they have devolved into idolatry and disobedience. So the Lord will bring his vineyard to ruin. Here's the good news contained (but unspoken in these verses) in that prophecy, however: The Lord will "start over," with a new covenant. And the Word which he sends forth in his Son will be the vine from which all other branches will arise and flourish. Though he will be killed for his message as prophets and messengers before him were, the Son in his victory over death will be the one who gives us the inheritance other tenants have sought. As Jesus himself says in today's Gospel "the stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." And on this cornerstone is built our salvation.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

There is much to love here on our earthly home – fragrant flowers, beautiful sunsets, and compassionate people. Still, it can be a place of great pain and sadness at times. It can be easy to feel angry and resentful when we encounter the imperfections of the world – when we experience heartache, loss, disappointment. Although working in the Lord's vineyard can be both joyful and heartbreaking, it is up to us to do our best to help it produce fruit until it is time to head to our heavenly home. It is our inheritance, as Christ has made us coheirs with him. St. Paul encourages us to "Have no anxiety at all." Surely, that is easier said than done, but the great Apostle tells us that by our prayers and petitions, "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

PRAY When we pray to God, we should follow the example of the saints who came before us. St. Paul notes: "Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you." Our prayers are a time to make requests of God but also should be used for thanksgiving. As St. Paul directs, we should make note of all those things that are true, just, lovely, or otherwise worthy of praise.

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Sunday, Oct 08, 2023

To the greater good!

Our country's second poet laureate, Richard Wilbur (1921-2017), fought in the Second World War. It convinced him that writing verse was serious business: "One does not use poetry ... to organize oneself and the world, until one's world somehow gets out of hand." Wilbur explained: "I feel that the universe is full of glorious energy ... and that the ultimate character of things is comely and good. I am perfectly aware that I say this in the teeth of all sorts of contrary evidence, and that I must be basing it partly on temperament and partly on faith." Believe in the ultimate goodness, regardless of any evidence to the contrary!

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43 (139). *"Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious ... think about these things."*

Monday, Oct 09, 2023

Going the distance for faith

In the third century, Saint Denis evangelized the country that would come to be France (then called Gaul), and he is thought to have been the first bishop of Paris (then called Lutetia). He was so successful at making converts that the Roman governor beheaded him on the highest hill in the city, now known as Montmartre. It was said he picked up his head and kept preaching while walking many miles before reaching his burial site in a town later named after him. He is the patron saint of France and one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers. Call on him for a missionary zeal that just won't quit.

MEMORIAL OF DENIS, BISHOP, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS
TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 1:1—2:1-2, 11; Luke 10:25-37 (461). *"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind."*

Tuesday, Oct 10, 2023

Don't shortchange charity

In 2021, Pope Francis used today, World Mental Health Day, to pray for those "affected by mental disorders and also the victims, often young, of suicide." This June, Francis mentioned teen suicide again, decrying a "culture that leads young people to think that they are 'losers.'" Francis also emphasized the basic human right to medical care and social services—so critical for mental health—but he also pointed to us individual Christians, who in our "haste" don't often stop long enough to care for each other. "It is easy to delegate charity to others, yet the calling of every Christian"—according to Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan—"is to become personally involved." His advice? Learn from Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, who said, "charity must not remain locked in the depths of one's heart."

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42 (462). *"The Lord said to her in reply, 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things.'"*

Wednesday, Oct 11, 2023

A shrine for the ages

In America's "first city," St. Augustine, Florida, many Catholics today will celebrate the feast of Our Lady of La Leche, dedicated to a Marian apparition first recognized during the time of the Spanish colonial empire. The devotion, depicting Mary nursing the infant child Jesus, traveled with settlers to Florida in the 16th century, and a shrine to her was built at Mission Nombre de Dios in the

new colony of St. Augustine. The shrine is the oldest in the United States, having received canonical coronation in 2021, and is a popular pilgrimage site for those seeking intercession related to a pregnancy. Maybe today is the day for you to offer a special prayer for someone in your own life.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4 (463). *"All the nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord, and glorify your name."*

Thursday, Oct 12, 2023

Come as you are

Christians whose personalities would never be called pious or meek might take heart in Caryl Houselander (1901-54), whose death we commemorate today. She smoked, drank, and was said to have a sharp tongue. But people were drawn to her for good counsel, and Houselander's spiritual writing persists. A sample: "Love is most likely to spring from another's need for us, and the fact of spending ourselves for another always generates new life in us." With your own God-given personality, warts and all, take a step today toward building the Kingdom.

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13 (464). *"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find."*

Friday, Oct 13, 2023

The devil doesn't have a prayer

In an interview in *Exorcists against Satan* by Italian journalist Fabio Marchese Ragona, Pope Francis was asked about the devil. "It is possible that I get on the Devil's nerves," he said, "because I try to follow the Lord and do what the Gospel says. And that annoys him. At the same time, he is certainly happy when I commit some sin. He seeks man's failure, but he has no chance if there is prayer." It is a great mystery that God should permit diabolical activity, says the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "but we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him" (CCC 395). Take the simple steps of daily prayer and good works to keep the devil at bay.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26 (465). *"If Satan is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand?"*

Saturday, Oct 14, 2023

Redeeming qualities

There was a profound division in the church during the third-century pontificate of Callistus I. The pope believed and taught that even the most serious sins like murder and adultery could be absolved in a sincere confession. His position scandalized many church leaders in Rome who didn't agree. They believed that some sins were too serious to be forgiven, and they accused Callistus of laxity and sympathizing with heretics. Eventually Callistus prevailed and Confession became the healing sacrament for all sin, even the most serious. Thank our merciful God for guiding the church toward an ethic of redemption.

MEMORIAL OF CALLISTUS I, POPE, MARTYR
TODAY'S READINGS: Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28 (466). *"Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."*

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



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Saturday, December 9th
at 7:30pm

100 voice Festival Choir and the
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Maestro Scott Arkenberg
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Rehearsals
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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 9:30am in the Pine Room. All women of the parish are invited to join us.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE A SWEET SUCCESS!



On behalf of the Illinois Knights of Columbus as well as the Knights of St Benedict council and the SPRED program of our parish we wish to express our thanks to

all the generous people who contributed to the Annual Fundraiser for the Intellectually Disabled a/k/a Tootsie Roll Drive.

We raised over \$1,000.00! These funds will be given to our parish SPRED program to use in their work in spreading the Word of God.

A special tip of the chapeau to Eamon Nash our Tootsie Roll Drive chair who coordinated and did the brunt of the legwork in getting the candy, coordinating the Knights, collecting and doing the paperwork to insure a successful drive.

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A BIG "DANKE SCHÖN" TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT TO SUPPORT THE PARISH AT THIS PAST WEEKEND'S OKTOBERFEST.

God blessed us with wonderful weather for all three days. Friday's Alumni Night was very special as the Chicago Continentals stayed late to please the crowd now in their 50th year playing together.

What a testament to Mr. Ed Stark, their band teacher at St. Benedict H.S. The variety of fun for kids was exceptional this year from the 7 carnival rides provided by Bill Johnson of Fantasy Amusements to the video gaming, pumpkin patch, laser tag/ bubble soccer, face painting, Karaoke with DJ Mike, the Cirque Wheel experience, the Sizzle Photo Booth, and a parish tradition, our Hooligan Dice Game. New and old familiar faces performed at the main tent stage as well as in the gymnasium. Our thanks to our early childhood music teacher, Mrs. Maryanne Johnson, Jimmy's Bavarians, the School of Rock, Mr. Myers Band, Second Hand Soul, our school dad, Andrew Blomquist, the Egerländer Dance Group, and the band, Phenix. We hope you liked the new "bar area" and "food court" this year.

Our thanks to Dianne and Carol Himmel and their crew who provide wonderful German / American fare as well as Joe Anzalone and his crew from Tortorices Pizza who along with our volunteer teenagers and adults manned "The Sweet Shoppe" run by the Kattner sisters.





TAUSEND DANK FÜR DEINE HILFE! MENSCHEN WIE DICH GIBT ES NICHT SO OFT.

(A thousand thanks for your help! There are not many people like you.)

Speaking of the Kattner family, we are tremendously grateful to Dan Kattner '81 for his leadership and expertise as the committee chairman and his sister, Cathy Kyle '82 for being the committee person taking care of the Sweet Shoppe along with their sisters, Judy Figueroa '83 and Suzanne DerMatoian '88 who along with their family members like our tent sound director, Peter Kattner III, worked behind the scenes and made everything running smoothly.

Divide and conquer was definitely the way to take on the remaining areas needing attention. Our thanks to the other committee people who put in countless hours to prepare, execute, and put everything back in order for school to return to normal this past Monday: our Bar Manager Erwin Canciller, Erin Carmen, Dean Giannasi, Diane Kuinius, Dave Roock, Tiffany Strietelmeier, and Linda Wolf.

We would be remiss to not show our gratitude to the parish staff, Lorenzo Ramos, Director of Maintenance, and his staff, members of the parish facilities committee, our school faculty and staff, and so many parishioners, school parents, alumni, and community partners for their participation as sponsors, donors, and/or volunteers. Together this accounted for over \$30,000 in sponsorship, hundreds of dollars in item donations for the sweet shoppe and beer tent, and hundreds and hundreds of hours of service. Bringing together so many volunteers who are also talented professionals and tradesmen meant that many repairs occurred while they were on campus to augment the work that is constantly being taken care of by our own crew to the extensive list that seems to be never ending. Very noticeable ones were made to exterior lighting around the block in the preparation of this event at no cost to the parish. We hope you like the new fixtures and American flag added to the Gymnasium entrance on Bell Ave.

We also hope you liked the new additions like the stein holding contest and the return of some old favorites like the cake walk. We would love to hear your thoughts on this year's Oktoberfest. Please go to the survey link that will be sent in a separate eblast to all families and take a moment to let us know so we can share with the committee at their wrap up meeting on October 16th.

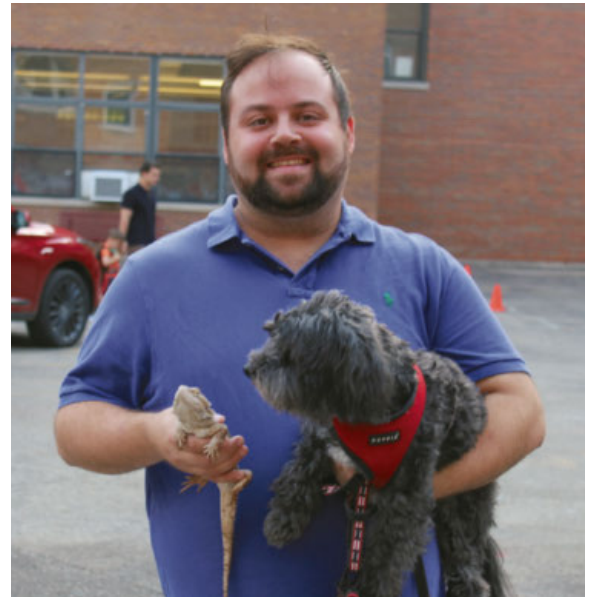
**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OKTOBERFEST 2024!
SEPT 27-29!**





FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

St. Benedict Prep families celebrated the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi last week with a special blessing for pets. Father Steve offered prayers and blessings, reminding us of St. Francis' love for animals and nature. Many four-legged friends were in attendance to receive this special blessing. St. Francis is the patron saint of animals and the environment.





OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAYS 8:15-9:45 AM

2023

November 9

PRESCHOOL-8TH GRADE

2024

January 25

PRESCHOOL-8TH GRADE

April 18

PRESCHOOL ONLY

Questions? Contact
Ms. Janet Gallagher at
jgallagher@stbenedict.com
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Youth Ministry Calendar October - December

7th/8th through-High School Age

Sunday, October 8

GIGI'S PLAYHOUSE

11:15-1:15pm

We can walk there from St Ben's
(7th/8th graders)

S'MORE NIGHT

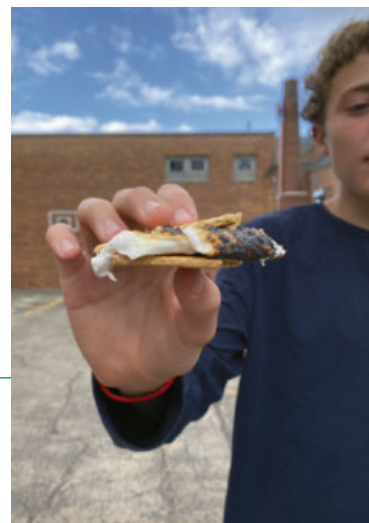
4:00pm

Courtyard/Youth Ministry room
(8th through High School)

TODAY!

Gigi's
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Saturday, October 14

CRADLES TO CRAYONS

12:30-2:00pm

(7th/8th graders)

Cradles
to **Crayons**

Saturday, October 28

TRUNK OR TREAT

3-4:30pm

Courtyard
(High School Age)



Sunday, November 5

S'MORE NIGHT/ CREATE VETERAN'S

GIFT BAGS

4:00pm

Courtyard/Youth Ministry room
(8th through High School age)



Monday, November 6

COMMON PANTRY

3:30pm

(7th/8th graders)



Saturday, December 9

HOLIDAY PARTY AT THE HOUSE OF

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

9:30-12:00pm

(8th through High School age)

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

Human Concerns

From Bullying to Domestic Violence Part II

Whether it's intergenerational violence or schoolyard bullying, if kids don't learn healthy conflict resolution, they can turn into adult abusers

- From *The Domestic Violence Outreach Team of St. Benedict Parish*

Sometimes, a bully engages in what looks like attention-seeking behavior that involves teasing their peers. But at its core, Ken Shetter knows it's a cry for help.

Ken Shetter is the National Director of the **Family Justice Center Alliance** and President of **One Safe Place** in Fort Worth, Texas.

"I think bullying is more indicative of a child who is feeling hopeless. A kid that bullies typically doesn't have high self-esteem," says Shetter. *"When you are experiencing domestic violence as a child, you are more likely to feel marginalized and alone, and more like you don't have control over your own life. Bullying may be a response to those kinds of feelings."*

Shetter calls it dangerous to ignore bullying, just as it's dangerous to ignore other signs of **childhood trauma**.

"For a child who's bullying as a trauma response, I would say, they may be looking for structure, for guidance, for someone to set boundaries and rules. They're not necessarily looking for strict or harsh discipline," says Shetter. At Camp Hope, he says one tactic he's found that kids respond well to is to highlight their positive attributes.

"What I do is first, pull that child aside and talk about how we treat one another, and we'll talk about empathy. What does he or she imagine it feels like to be on the receiving end [of bullying]? Then I'll communicate to the child that I see leadership qualities in them. Other kids are drawn to them, following them. We'll talk about what kind of opportunity that creates for that person. You can choose to use that in a way that harms others, or you can choose to use that in a way that creates joy for others and does good things."

Studies have shown that children from traumatic childhoods who have supportive adult allies in their life can become high-achieving adults. Showing kids that they can overcome the trauma they've experienced, rather than give in to the anger that's developed as a result, can give them a sense of not only control, but also hope, regarding their future.

How to Stop Bullying

Regarding bullying, Shetter says this: *"You can turn it around but it's not going to turn itself around."* He warns that bullying can escalate into abuse over time if ignored, something that can be detrimental for both the victim and the bully. Adults, as well as other kids, can be allies for those who are targeted by bullies as well as those doing the bullying.

Harbor House offers anti-bullying prevention called Our Little Leaders of Courage, which is targeted at kids ages 3 to 11. *"The program encourages children to safely intervene in the presence of bullying, learn to identify leaders who can help and are taught to refer their friends and family to the proper authorities."* But Zamora says parents everywhere can get involved in helping to stop bullying by addressing the problem as soon as they see it happen.

"Even if the child isn't a bully or being bullied, encouraging him/her to intervene when another child is being bullied can reduce and potentially eliminate bullying entirely. Children are more likely to stop their bullying behavior when another peer gets involved as opposed to an adult intervening. Teaching our kids to become safe bystanders can make a world of difference."

Says Shetter, *"Bullying makes you feel alone. A bully is isolating their victim. When a peer is present for that child [the victim], physically and emotionally, it communicates to that kid that they're not alone and it communicates to the bully that they're not effective in isolating them."*

Four Steps to Follow if Your Kid Is Bullying

- 1. Intervene:** Don't let bullying continue or let kids "figure it out on their own." Kids may not have the maturity to create a safe resolution or may lack the language necessary to come to a compromise. Separate the kids involved and talk to each child about what they feel they need in order to resolve the issue.
- 2. Set firm boundaries:** What will you, as an adult, allow in your home, school or neighborhood? Give examples of respectable behavior and permitted language. Stay calm when discussing these boundaries. Show kids they have a safe place to discuss their feelings without anger.
- 3. Resist harsh punishments:** A bully is often emulating what they've experienced or seen in their own life, possibly with an abusive parent at home. Punishing them is often ignoring the underlying trauma. When possible, help the bully access additional services to deal with their anger, such as counseling. Keep in mind the victim may also need services to deal with the trauma of being the target of a bully. Keep in mind that gang violence needs to be dealt with in other ways.
- 4. Support the child or children who are being bullied:** Stopbullying.gov offers up ways to make sure the kids involved in bullying feel safe.

- With thanks to *Domesticshelters.org*

Domestic Violence Victim Services:

**Catholic Charities Domestic
Violence Services:**
Various Locations:
Please call
1.312.655.7725

**Illinois Domestic
Violence Hotline:**
1.877.863.6338
(Toll-Free, 24-hour,
Confidential, Multilingual.)

**Childhelp National
Child Abuse Hotline:**
1-800-4-A-CHILD
(1-800-422-4453)

Coming Up at St. Ben's | OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass at 8am, 10am, and 12pm in Church BLOOD DRIVE SPONSORED BY ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 8:30AM - 2:30PM BEAVEN HALL Sunday RE Classes 8:15 - 9:45am Knights of Columbus Meeting 11am Sewing Room Baptismal Preparation 11:15am Pine Room - Rectory	9 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	10 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Cub Scout Pack 3865 1st Grade Meeting 5:30pm Beaven Hall Parish Commission Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall	11 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church 4th Grade St. Ben's Girl Scouts Junior 3pm Beaven Hall HOLIDAY POPS REHEARSAL 7pm Church, Choir Area AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	12 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Cub Scout Pack 3865 3rd Grade Meeting 6pm Beaven Hall	13 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	14 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Reconciliation 11am Church Welcoming Mass at 5pm Church
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 Holiday Pops Rehearsal 8pm 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 Class of 1967 Reunion 5pm Gym

Stewardship



SUNDAY & HOLY DAY OFFERTORY WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2023



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Fiscal YTD Goal: \$177,750

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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

First Saturday, October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary

- 8:30AM Danilo Belicena - *Dorenda Sumatra*
Gloria Llanora Arsenia - *Sally Sobrepena*
- 5PM John Patrick Lawlor - *Marge Lawlor*
Danilo Belicena - *The Sobrepena-Belicena Family*
Rodolfo Zamora - *Normita Zamora and Family*
Gayle Marko - *Linda Peek*

Sunday, October 8 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8AM Alex Gumler - *The Gumler Family*
Ilona Weber - *Family*
Danilo Belicena - *Sally Sobrepena*
Special Intention for Maggie and Chuck Rizzio - *Friends*
- 10AM John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*
Frances and Jim Cushing - *B. Kelly*
Danilo Belicena - *The Sobrepena - Belicena Family*
Celerina and Magno Paez - *Ceferina S. Paez*
- 12PM Gladys M/ Jouzaitis - *The St. Benedict Parish Community*
Gloria Llanora Arsenia - *Sally Sobrepena*
Jay C. Clarin - *Connie Clarin Goloso and Family*

Monday, October 9 - Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest

- 8:30AM Susie Deleon (Class of '94) - *The St. Benedict Alumni Office*
Beverly Berganos Johnson - *Her Family in Chicago*

Tuesday, October 10 - Weekday

- 8:30AM Mary McDonagh - *Family*
Danilo Belicena - *The Sobrepena-Belicena Family*
Cesar D. Arellano - *The Arellano Family*

Wednesday, October 11 - Saint John XXIII, Pope

- 8:30AM Joe and Bert Blaha - *Family*

Thursday, October 12 - Weekday

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

Friday, October 13 - Weekday

- 8:30AM Special Intention for Ben Mazzone

Saturday, October 14 - Saint Callistus, 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*

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.

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Peter Fischer	Marla Rizzuti
Michelle Frank	Pietro Rizzuti
Amy Joy Goldie	Ann Ulrey-Ryan
Tim Gollehon	Alex Sandoval
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Insaf Hijazin	Bill Shaver
Nashat Hijazin	Abraham Sobrepena
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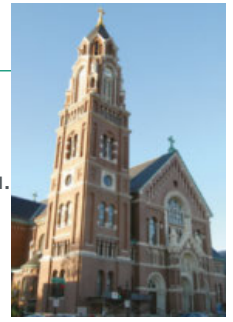
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- III - Aine Elizabeth-Finn Klopcic and Joshua Steven Karafa
II - Kathryn Sugrue and Benjamin Schwertz
I - Kathleen Wilson and Peter John (PJ) O'Connell



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Sunday Eucharist: Saturday 5PM,
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and 7PM

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**Exposition and Benediction of the
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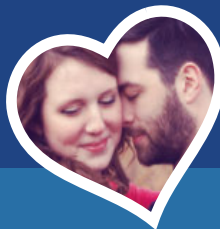


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