

ST. BENEDICT PARISH AND PREPARATORY SCHOOL

THE STEWARD

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023



ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES AT ST. BENEDICT PARISH

8:30 AM (with grades K, 5-8)

1:30 PM - Grades 1-4

4:00 PM - Prayer Service with Ashes

7:00 PM (Full Mass)



DMI

DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX

BY FR. TOM REFERMAT, ASSOCIATE PASTOR



Just when you think you're finished, you learn that you're never finished. I want to thank all of you who have filled out an evaluation of me last year, through the compilation, I was able to come up with a strategy for attacking it and am trying to make progress. These evaluations occur every five years, so I breathed a sigh of relief only to learn that a new and different evaluation is put out there for the parish. This new program that the Archdiocese of Chicago is doing is entitled, *Leading in a Renewed Church*, but will be more

commonly known as the DMI or *Disciple Maker Index*.

This program was created to help priests in discerning their strengths and weaknesses as well as help pastors (and parish leaders) to learn the strengths and weaknesses of the parish. While doing so, I know you will also learn your own current spiritual strengths and weaknesses. As a priest, I will have another survey to complete in order to help me moving forward. Does it sound like a repeat to what I just went through? Yes, but

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after taking the survey, it's much more concrete and stresses areas that the other survey didn't cover because the last survey focused on your perception, while this survey for priests focus on my personal perception.

The second part of this program is a survey from you. I/we are asking all parishioners to fill out a survey so we can have a full picture of the entire parish. The survey is for an individual over the age of 15. If you're married, both you and your spouse are asked to fill one out separately along with any children over 15.

The survey itself is 75 questions that are filled out online that reflect your own spiritual growth as an individual, as well as your engagement in the parish. The questions can be broken down into one of four categories: attitudes and beliefs, satisfaction and relationship, participation in the parish, and demographics. The survey will be anonymous. It should only take 10 to 15 minutes and there are NO ESSAYS! Our pastor, Fr. Steve, will only get the compilation of all the reports. The survey will begin on this Wednesday, Ash Wednesday. We ask that you complete the survey within the next few weeks before March 19th.

I hope you will use the survey in two ways. First, after thoughtful consideration of the questions, it will offer each of us an opportunity to reflect on our own spiritual journey: our strengths and weaknesses and how much St. Ben's plays a part in our formation. It may help you to realize what you find important on your spiritual journey and what areas you may want to strengthen for the future. In the very least, it's a great opportunity this Lent to stop what you're doing and reflect. Secondly, as you reflect on your own life, maybe there are areas which our community at St. Ben's can help. Are there areas which you see our community thriving? Are there new programs or organizations that maybe you wish to be a part of or new directions you wish them to take. Maybe these are areas for the leaders of the various organizations in our community to consider.

After all the surveys are completed and turned in (online), the questions will be compiled and the results will be given to the pastor for his perusal and to determine how he wishes to use the survey in moving forward. He will be swamped with data from not only our own parish, but with statistics on how that data compares to other parishes with the same demographics as us.

I think I've covered a brief overview of the program as I received it. Again, we want everyone to take the survey. You can download the survey through the following link beginning February 22nd: <http://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/g480g4>.

Now if you are not tech savvy, and wish to get a printed copy to fill out, I will have copies available in the back of church. They still have to be entered online, but if you fill them out (anonymously) and turn them into me or one of the staff, I can then enter in your answers online for you. The important thing is that all of us take the survey.

Thank you in advance for doing this!!! This will help the parish, and also help each of you.



We are very excited to announce that we will be participating in a parish-wide survey about discipleship. We will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on what our parish is doing to help you grow.

We need your help.

We want as many parishioners as possible to complete a 10-15 minute survey. The survey will be available beginning February 22. We will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on what our parish is doing to help you grow. It will be available online and in paper format with more instructions to follow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

The survey results will be invaluable to us, the staff, and our many volunteers as we seek ways to best support everyone in their discipleship journey. Additional details are coming in the bulletin.

We look forward to sharing the findings with you when the project is complete!

Thank you for helping with this important project!

COURTYARD PALM BURNING PRAYER SERVICE FOR MARDI GRAS , TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST AT 8:10 AM IN COURTYARD K-8 (WEATHER PERMITTING)

Requesting for anyone and your child(ren) to bring in old PALMS from last year's Palm Sunday to either the Church, Rectory or School anytime between now and no later than by Monday, February 20th. Make sure your child(ren) is dressed properly to be outside on that Tuesday.



February 19, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 | 1 Cor 3:16-23 | Mt 5:38-48

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

Today is the last Sunday in Ordinary Time before Lent begins. I realize in saying it that way, however, it sounds like a warning (“the bookstore will be closing in five minutes, please bring your purchases to the register!”) rather than an acknowledgement of the celebration that it is. So let me put it another way: Today is the 7th - of 33 - Sundays in Ordinary Time this year, which means, we’ve only just begun. We are in some of the earliest days of the Church’s “ordered” (ordinary/numbered) approach to helping us mature and grow in faith. We do this by living with and in the life of Christ over the course of a year. At each step we celebrate the life, passion, death, and resurrection of Christ, but we also set aside different seasons to focus on those specific elements. And so it makes sense that as we approach Lent, we hear more about what exactly God asks of us. Lent will be a season of preparation for Christ’s passion; have we prepared our hearts accordingly to receive him? Today’s readings remind us of what sets us back: hatred for others; desire for revenge; grudges; worldly wisdom; all things which are destructive of God’s temple - our souls, as Saint Paul says. Having a heart full of these things means there is no room for love, which means there is no room for Christ. Let us pray for God’s help in ridding ourselves of all that is destructive, and for the strength to grow a heart only for him.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I’d argue that in some ways, Lent actually starts before Ash Wednesday since it requires forethought and planning. We have to prepare for a season of preparation! We have to figure out what to fast from or add to our spiritual lives, and how we might specifically direct our almsgiving. But how ready are we to respond in a meaningful way to the fact that Christ died for love of us? His death transformed our death into the promise of eternal life. Today’s Gospel offers practical actions, things which all Christians should strive for daily, but especially observe during Lent if a spiritual reset is needed. Jesus tells us to turn the other cheek. Hand over your cloak. Go the extra mile: “Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.” Love your enemies and pray for your persecutors. Lent is a call to act out of love, especially in tough situations. Take these next couple of days to prepare for Ash Wednesday and the weeks that follow.

REFLECT Spend some time taking stock of your spiritual life. Are you holding contempt for someone, or seeking revenge for something? Where might you be falling short in striving to imitate Christ? Bring these thoughts to God in prayer.



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Sunday, Feb 19, 2023

Kindness and care, from beginning to end

Sometimes you have to do things for yourself. Mathilda Beasley (1833-1903), of Creole and Native American parents, founded a Franciscan community of color in Savannah with little help from normal church channels. Her sisters cared for orphaned black children, continuing the work until things ran out: money, housing, and the health of Mother Beasley. Though the community was suppressed, Mother Beasley was the third founder of an order of black sisters in the United States, after Elizabeth Lange and Henriette Delille. God measures our efforts, not our success.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48 (79). *"For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God."*

Monday, Feb 20, 2023

Either part of the problem, or . . .

Imagine being a lifelong Catholic—yet being refused admittance to a Catholic school. Or being asked to move to the back of the church at Mass because of your race. Professor Thomas Wyatt Turner (1877-1978) experienced plenty of discrimination, which is why he helped found the NAACP in 1909 as well as the Federated Colored Catholics in 1924. The latter group pledged their services to the church "for whatever good they were able to effect in the solution of the problems facing the group in church and country." On this World Day of Social Justice, be part of the solution.

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 1:1-10; Mark 9:14-29 (341). *"Why could we not drive the spirit out?" [Jesus] said to them, 'This kind can only come out through prayer.'*"

Tuesday, Feb 21, 2023

Climb to holiness

Dante Alighieri, writing *The Divine Comedy*, paid Peter Damian the great honor of placing him in one of the highest circles of Paradise. In fact, Peter is the first of two important monastic figures to greet Dante in "seventh heaven," the other being Saint Benedict of Nursia. Both represent this heavenly level: spiritual contemplatives who've lived a life of temperance and prayer. Dante has Peter and Benedict climbing up and down a golden ladder, reminiscent of the "Ladder of Humility" (12 steps) described in the Benedictine Rule and the "Ladder of Divine Ascent" (30 steps) written by monastic Saint John Climacus. If you need to build a Lenten practice, step up to the task tomorrow.

MEMORIAL OF PETER DAMIAN, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 2:1-11; Mark 9:30-37 (342). *"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."*

Wednesday, Feb 22, 2023

Out of the ashes

Happy Ash Wednesday! Yes, it can be a cause for celebration. Best known as the first day of Lent, this day remains sacred to Catholic communities in the West as a day of solemnity following the Carnival season, capped off yesterday with Mardi Gras ("Fat Tuesday"). Though most often associated with revelry and excess, the season just completed is also a holy one. Carnival is full of Catholic symbolism and festive acknowledgement of God and creation, in keeping with the church year and its marking of spiritual times and seasons. Now, as we enter a period of fasting and abstinence, let's remember to continue seeking God's

goodness in the rich traditions of the faith. Don't forget to stop by church for ashes today!

ASH WEDNESDAY; DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

TODAY'S READINGS: Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 (219). *"For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him."*

Thursday, Feb 23, 2023

Emulate those who stood firm

Polycarp was a bishop, and his death the church's first recorded martyrdom. He was born in 69, just a few years after Peter and Paul were executed, and Roman authorities burned him to death after what one account calls a "witty conversation" between Polycarp and Statius Quadratus, Roman proconsul. Polycarp became one of what would turn out to be a flood of Christians who have been put to death, and continue to be so, for not renouncing their faith. Sometimes "not renouncing" means publicly living Christian ethics against pressure; sometimes it means stating one's belief in words. Strive to be a courageous witness for faith, as those who came before us have been.

MEMORIAL OF POLYCARP, BISHOP, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25 (220). *"What profit is there for one to gain the whole world yet lose or forfeit himself?"*

Friday, Feb 24, 2023

Fast approaching

The practice of fasting during Lent finds its genesis in our Lord's journey into the desert where he fasted and prayed for 40 days and nights in preparation to begin his public ministry (Matthew 4:1-2; Luke 4:1-3). We observe the 40 days of Lent in imitation of Christ's time in the desert. We walk into the desert with Christ and fast so as to have the strength to do good and avoid evil, with the help of God's grace. We strive to atone for our sins and purify our lives in preparation for the celebration of Christ's glorious rising from the tomb.

FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15 (221). *"This, rather, is the fasting that I wish: . . . Clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own."*

Saturday, Feb 25, 2023

What's on your bookshelf?

It is often said that Lent is a time to take spiritual inventory and do a "spring cleanup" as we renew our baptismal promises. The conjunction of Lent with Black History Month and Catholic Press Month affords us an unprecedented opportunity to take spiritual inventory of our bookshelves, too! What books do we have from the black Catholic community that can enrich us, expand our spiritual horizons, and even challenge us? This Lent, consider picking up *Uncommon Faithfulness: The Black Catholic Experience* (2009) or *Black Catholic Studies Reader: History and Theology* (2021). Make one of these books or a similar one part of your Lenten renewal.

SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32 (222). *"Then the LORD will guide you always and give you plenty even on the parched land."*

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



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February 22, 2022

Dear Parishioners,

Each year Lent offers us a time to prepare for Easter, to be ready to celebrate worthily the Resurrection of Our Lord not only for the 50 days of the Easter Season but into the future. This 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents.

We want to introduce to you this year's Lent Almsgiving Project. This year we are renewing our focus on areas of our country where the Church serves by helping the poor and needy in "mission dioceses". These are dioceses which often have one or more of the following conditions existing:

- There are many Catholics, but little institutional Catholic presence (*i.e. ordained leaders, Catholic schools and church buildings*).
- There is a rapidly growing Catholic population but limited financial means to support this growth.
- Catholics are spread throughout great geographic distances, making pastoral outreach difficult.
- Catholics are located in areas facing economic hardships.
- Catholics represent the religious minority in their communities.

The organization who helps these areas of our country is called Catholic Extension Society and they are based right here in downtown Chicago.

Please pick up a purple bag packet found at both the entrances or at displays in church which has a few items to help with this Almsgiving Project:

- A Mission Collection Box for your contributions to Catholic Extension Society. We ask that the box be returned during Holy Week (April 2-8), at Easter April 9th, or at the rectory during office hours.
- An Infographic Sheet presenting the amazing work being done by this papal society.
- A copy of Catholic Extension Magazine that highlights the communities being supported by Catholic Extension Society.

More information on the focus of this Catholic Extension project will be found weekly in the parish bulletin and on our website.

We hope that the Lenten Season will be very meaningful for you and your family. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving may we grow spiritually and come closer to Our Lord as we remember His Passion and Death so we can rejoice in His Resurrection during the Easter Season this Spring.

Sincerely yours,

Fr. Steve Kanonik
Pastor



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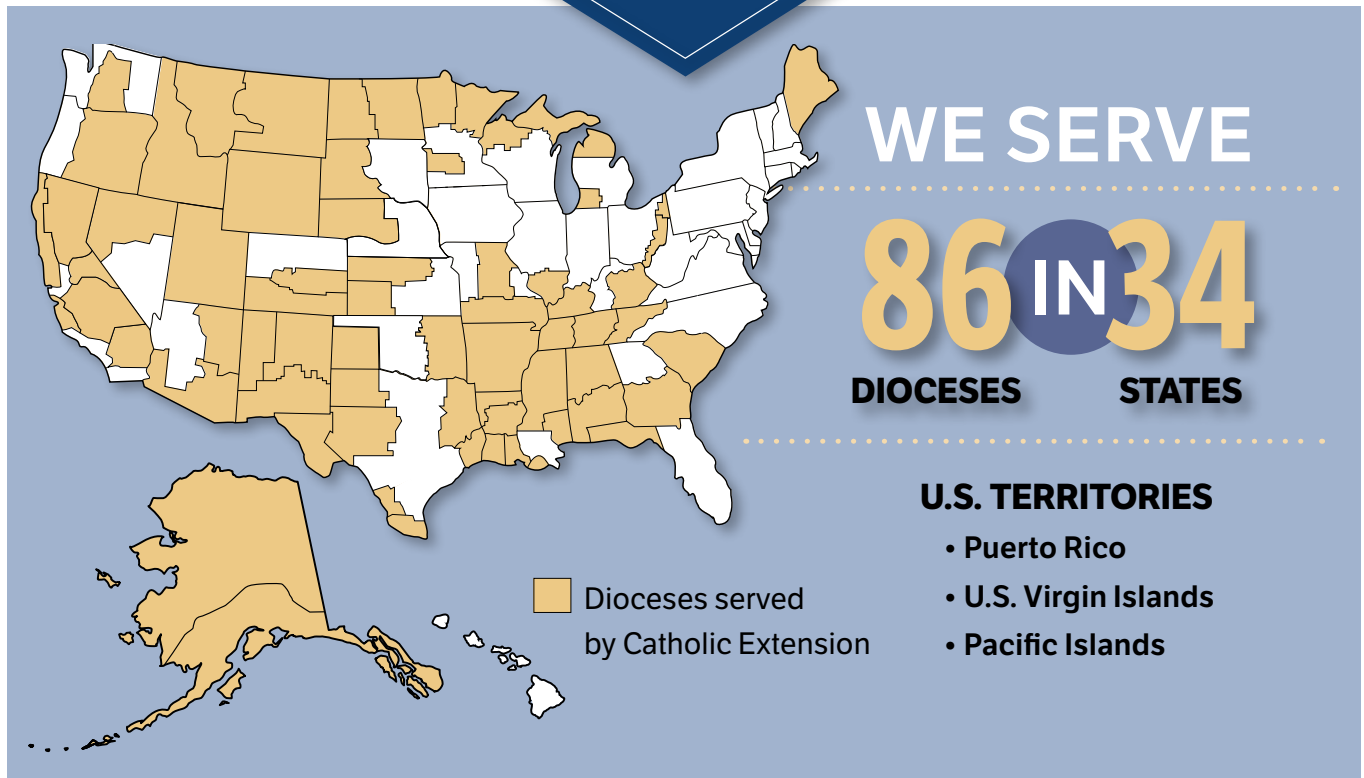
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**SATURDAY, APRIL 15
6:00PM SHOWTIME**

We invite parents, parishioners, friends, family, and the community to come enjoy food, drinks, performances, and a wide variety of fundraising for St. Benedict's 22nd Annual Gala. The funds raised at this event allow our school to continue a long tradition of superior education in a vibrant Catholic community.

For more information about the show and to purchase tickets or tables, go to: one.bidpal.net/sbsp gala2023 or scan the QR Code>>>

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FISH FRY IS BACK FOR LENT!**

Friday February 24 | Friday, March 10 | Friday, March 31 | 5-8pm

DONATIONS:
Adults \$15.00 Children \$5.00

Dinner includes fish, French fries, coleslaw, mac 'n cheese, dessert and a drink

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ITEMS OR VOLUNTEER >>>**



LIL' BENGALS PLAY & PRAY

Play & Pray with your young cub (6 months – 2 years old) at St. Benedict Preparatory School. Play & Pray provides you the opportunity to socialize, build community, and connect with members of our parish and school. Sessions are held in the Preschool Gross Motor Room with padded floors and age-appropriate play equipment. **Parents and children only please.** Questions? Contact Janet Gallagher, Director of Enrollment & Marketing at jgallagher@stbenedict.com or 773-509-3814.

St. Benedict Preparatory Preschool
3901 N Bell (corner of Byron and Bell)
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

ON FRIDAYS:
March 3, March 10 , and March 31

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**SCAN TO
REGISTER**



BENGALS SHOW THEIR SPIRIT

St. Benedict Prep students displayed their pride in the school during the annual Spirit Week celebration. The week kicked off with the "We Love to Read" theme. Students brought their favorite book to read and dressed up like their favorite book character. Throughout the day, everyone had the chance to DEAR – drop everything and read. On Valentine's Day, students showed their love for the school by wearing red and making kindness cards for another student in their class. It was a great way for all to display their Bengal Pride!





Will Domestic Abuse Happen Again?

HOW TO TELL IF YOUR PARTNER HAS REALLY CHANGED OR IF THEY'RE LIKELY TO ABUSE AGAIN - PART II

From the Domestic Violence Outreach Team of St. Benedict Parish

Certain **court-ordered batterer reform programs** conducted by professionals trained in the dynamics of domestic abuse show a decrease in recidivism for *some* abusers after completing the course, but this is much different than mental health counseling.

He or she does not badmouth an ex-partner.

If you're considering a relationship with someone who previously was abusive, examine how he or she speaks about exes. If your potential partner blames an ex for all their problems or calls him or her crazy, take note.

"Slandering past partners is a big red flag that an abuser hasn't changed," Bostick says. "That shows a lack of respect for previous partners and isn't a good bonding technique with a new partner."

Keep in mind that however someone speaks about an ex is likely how he or she could speak about you one day.

They take responsibility.

Abusers who have changed will see the error of their ways and take responsibility—full responsibility—for their actions. If someone blames their partner for any part of the abuse or begins negotiating his or her part in the abuse, that's a clear sign he or she is not reformed.

"If there's any element of blame, including blaming previous partners, that's a sign that that person may still be abusive," Bostick says. "Someone being nice or less mean might just be part of the pattern of abuse. And remember that abuse patterns can change, too. Don't think just because a lot of time has gone by between abuse doesn't mean it isn't still there."

Abusers usually escalate.

Of course, just as there are signs someone who was violent or controlling at one time changed, there are also signs that the person hasn't, and that their abusive tactics are actually ramping up. This doesn't just mean physical violence either—it can mean control, or verbal, emotional or sexual abuse.

Here are some signs that mean the abuse hasn't stopped and is likely escalating:

- Feeling like you're being controlled. This could include your partner telling you how to dress, who you can see or talk to, whether or not you can have a job, or your partner is restricting your access to money.
- Feeling fearful that your partner might physically abuse you.
- Your partner consistently expresses feelings of inadequacy or powerlessness.
- A sense that your partner is objectifying you, treating you more like his or her property than an equal partner.
- When a partner constantly blames their outbursts, anger or controlling behavior on external circumstances—a stressful job, family drama, drinking too much or just having a bad day. When a partner constantly puts you down or calls you names. · When a partner threatens to leave or take your children away from you.
- A general sense of feeling on edge or not feeling safe.
- Noticing your partner is "overly kind" outside the home with friends, family or coworkers, and changes into a more threatening person with you behind closed doors.
- Physical assaults: Hitting, slapping, strangling or shoving you, or threatening you with weapons.
- Threatening to or actually hurting your children or pets.
- Threatening to kill themselves or you.
- Forcing or pressuring you to do things sexually that you're not comfortable with
- It's important to reach out for help from a trained domestic violence advocate if you notice any of the above signs.

- *With thanks to DomesticShelters*

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)

PRO – LIFE ALERT LIST

Occasionally as the Pro-Life coordinator for our parish I get "alerts" from the Archdiocesan Office of Human Dignity and Solidarity. These alerts are in the form of requests to call our legislators to vote for or against legislation that impacts Pro Life issues. If anyone would wish to be on this Alert list to please send me your email address or if you don't have an email address your telephone number. I will Blind Copy the list so that your email address will be hidden. **Please send to dreyes@stbenedict.com.**

As always please keep in your prayers those who work in the Pro-Life field and for the victims of "Pro Choice" policies.



Coming Up at St. Ben's | February and March 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
19 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time Welcoming Weekend Masses at 8am, 10am, and 12pm Church Dads Group Get Together after 10am Mass Beaven Hall Mass at St. Kateri Center Convent Chapel 11am	20 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	21 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	22 Ash Wednesday Masses 8:30am, 1:30pm, & 7pm Church Ash Wednesday Prayer Service 4pm Church Cub Scouts - Bears 5pm Beaven Hall AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	23 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Gala Meeting 7:30pm SS Library Cub Scout Pack 3865 Wolves Den Meetings 6:30pm Beaven Hall	24 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Fish Fry 5pm Beaven Hall	25 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Bitty Basketball 8am Ackerman Center Reconciliation 11am Church Mass at 5pm Church
26 1st Sunday of Lent Masses at 8am, 10am, and 12pm Church Knights of Columbus 11am Sewing Room Cub Scout Pack 3865 Blue-Gold Pack Meeting 3pm Beaven Hall	27 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church St. Vincent de Paul Society Monthly Mtg 6pm Sewing Room Troop 865 Meeting 7pm Heidenreich Hall Knights of Columbus Assembly Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall Ravenswood Orchestra Practice 7pm SS Library	28 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Tiger Scouts Den Meetings 5pm Beaven Hall	1 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Cub Scout Pack 3865 4th Grade Meetings 5:30pm Beaven Hall AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	2 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	3 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction 9am-12pm Church	4 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Reconciliation 11am Church Cub Scout Pack 3865 Derby Workshops 12pm Beaven Hall Mass at 5pm Church

Stewardship



Sunday & Holy Day Offertory Week of February 5

GiveCentral is our partner for secure electronic giving. Here are three easy ways to get started:

- > Visit GiveCentral.org and search for St. Benedict – Chicago under My Charity
- > Follow the DONATE links on our parish and school website: stbenedict.com
- > Text the keyword DONATE to our text-to-give number : 773.918.2366
- > Scan the QR code (below) with your phone or tablet

Sunday & Holy Day Offertory – Week of Feb 5

Electronic Giving: \$6,243
 Envelope: \$1,515
 Loose: \$6,219
 Total: \$13,977 (108% of goal)
 Weekly Goal: \$12,990

 Fiscal YTD: \$405,128 (97% of goal)
 Fiscal YTD Goal: \$415,680
 Above/(Below) YTD Goal: (\$10,552)

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.

SCAN TO DONATE >>>



Masses for the Week

Saturday, February 18 - Weekday

8:30AM James J. Dinchak - *Friends*
5PM Tom Becker - *Family*

Sunday, February 19 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM Special Intention for Lucy Consing
- *Daisy and Family*
Wilfredo Guanzon - *Corazon Lopez*
10AM John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*
In Thanksgiving for Corazon Lopez
Bill Cromwell - *The Cromwell Family*
Fernando Gonzalez - *The St. Benedict Parish Community*
12PM Silveria Sabijon - *Ceferina Sanchez Paez*

Monday, February 20 - Weekday

8:30AM Pam Kerstein-Maes (Class of 1968)
- *The St. Benedict Alumni Office*
In Thanksgiving for Julie Mojica

Tuesday, February 21 - Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30AM Bill Noesen - Ken and Pat Woodhouse

Wednesday, February 22 - Ash Wednesday

8:30AM Celia M. Baylon - Jorge and Aurora Cortes
7PM Special Intention for Ronald O'Keefe, Jr.

Thursday, February 23 - Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

8:30AM Special Intention for Frank Flesch

Friday, February 24 - Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:30AM Special Intention for Matt Schmookler
- *Family*

Saturday, February 25 - Saturday after Ash Wednesday

8:30AM Special Intention for Dianne Kathleen Ty
- *Family*
5PM Barbara Ott - *Marilyn Jerger*

Sunday, February 26 - First Sunday of Lent

8AM Living and Deceased Members/Benefactors
of St. Vincent de Paul Society
Ilona Weber - *Jan McNeill*
10AM Mark J. Jerger - *The St. Benedict Parish and School Community*
Marina Barrientos - *The Barrientos and Kramer Families*
John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*
Jolanta Konik - *The St. Benedict Parish and School Community*
12PM Adelaida Limcaoco - *Family*
Craig Wisner - *Friends*

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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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 Council Chair: Karen Cholipski
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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 preparation class is
required.
Reconciliation: Saturdays, 11AM - 12
NOON; seasonal celebrations, as posted;
by appointment in the rectory.
Weddings: Arrange with a priest at least
four months in advance. Participation in
marriage preparation is required.*
**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
(RCIA):** For unbaptized persons or
baptized persons interested in learning
more about the Catholic faith and the
process of becoming a Catholic.*
Religious Education: For the religious
education of children attending public
schools please call the Director of
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Homebound: Call the rectory to arrange
communion in home for those unable to
attend Mass.
Mass Intentions: Mass intentions may be
requested for someone who is living or
deceased, to commemorate a birthday,
special anniversary, or the anniversary
of a loved one's death.*

** Please call the Rectory*



VOCATIONS EVENTS

Do you think you might have a calling?

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