

THE STEWARD

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
AUGUST 13, 2023

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“Oh you of little faith, why do you doubt?”

BY SCOTT ARKENBERG, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY



This weekend’s Gospel from Matthew was very poignant for me in light of events in my life these past few days.

I own a two flat in the Avondale neighborhood, Belmont and Pulaski. For years I have rented the upstairs flat to families and individuals. Five years ago, I rented the flat to Sister Diane Marie Collins. She was a Chicago Franciscan whose motherhouse was in Lemont. She had recently been hired at Saint John Berchmans Church in Logan Square to be the Director of Evangelization and the pastor, Father Patrick Marshall, knew that my apartment was available. Knowing me, it was important to him that Sister Diane move into the two flat. He

knew she would be safe and well taken care of. I embraced the thought and Sister moved in!

Sister Diane was a delight! She made the apartment her home for herself and her little Cairn Terrier, Aidan. Daily conversations ensued. We talked about everything, but especially church and what was happening in the Archdiocese with the Renew My Church initiative.



SISTER DIANE MARIE COLLINS (1950 - 2023)

Believe me, it was a hot issue for her and she was in the thick of it with the combining of Saint John Berchmans and Saint Hedwig. I was Music Director at SJB before I retired and I knew Father Tomasz at Saint Hedwig. I was her sounding board and confidant. Behind the scenes I was a secret negotiator for her smooth transition to the combined parish. The parish loved her as did anyone she met. I loved her, too.

Then the pandemic came and our little two flat became our safe place. She promised to text me every morning to check on me and I did the same for her.

That happened each and every day without fail. We celebrated Thanksgiving and Christmas and Easter and all of

the birthdays, including her dog’s, my friend José’s who was living with me and my little puppy, Bailey. We shopped for each other and included all of us in weekly meals. She made great soup and a White Castle Casserole that she shared. I made meatloaf, chicken and mashed potatoes. We became dear friends and family.

Last Friday I arrived home early from Lake



Geneva where I was visiting my sister as I did not receive Sister's daily text that morning. I was nervous. I was panicked. I called Sister several times, but no answer. I was now very nervous. José called and relayed that he had texted Sister earlier to tell her that he was going out but that the back door was open and she could come and "kidnap little Bailey (whom she loved)" if she wanted to. But he received no reply.

I hurriedly parked the car and ran into the house. Running up the back stairs, I could hear music and I saw that the stove was on. I assumed she was making dinner. My panic and worry started to subside. Knocking on the door and running inside, though, I found Sister Diane lying on the floor in the hallway. She was cold and stiff. There was no life in her body. She was gone. I held her hands which were clasped in prayer. She was gone. The expression on her face was of peace. I cried. I sobbed.

That night, I remembered her favorite song that she used to sing, "Be Not Afraid".

It gave me peace and helped me go to sleep. Yesterday, one of her students from Madonna High School sent me a

recording from 1985 of Sister singing "Be Not Afraid" to her students. I knew it was a sign. It was actually Sister singing to me, telling me that she is fine, that she is safe, and all is well. And wouldn't you know it.....it's in our Gospel this week! And, I had already picked it to be sung at the Offertory this weekend. Another sign.....

So, this weekend when you sing that song, sing strongly and lift up sweet Sr. Diane Marie Collins with the angels. Rest in Peace, Sister. You were not just a tenant.....you were friend and family. Love you very much and miss you. RIP

COMMUNITIES OF FRIENDSHIP & FAITH INCLUDING PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

When a person attends a sporting event, he is there to cheer on, to witness and support his team. He feels that he is a part of the win or the loss. He feels connected to the team whether he himself can run, jump or catch a ball personally.

We make connections all the time with products we like to use, games and movies we enjoy, and with people in our family, parish and neighborhood. We connect with music that makes us get up and dance or sing along with as we drive a car. Friendship is one of the most important connections we make in our lives. A friend is there to support and cheer us on or simply to share life. A friend is there in good times and in bad.

One of the most important connections in my life is with my SPRED Friends. The experience of accompanying a person with special needs with respect is the heart of SPRED – friends connecting with friends connecting with God.


Volunteers are needed to join one of the 4 SPRED communities at QofA Parish. Please open your heart and entertain a willingness to share Christ in partnership with someone who is other gifted. SPRED offers a way for both partner and Friend to deepen their awareness of God in all of life. SPRED opens the way for our Friends to find their place in the parish community through the gift of accompaniment. Everybody needs to have a friend and the best way to have a friend is to be a friend. If you want to learn more about SPRED for yourself or a family member with special needs, please join us for an evening of information and inspiration.

DISCOVER MORE ABOUT THIS LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE:
Please join us Monday Evening – August 14th at 7:00 PM
Queen of Apostles Parish Center – 4412 N. Western Ave. 2nd fl.
For further information contact Julia Hess 773-539-7510 or visit
www.queenofangelsspred.org

Special Music


8AM
Denise LaGiglia, flute
In Memory of Barbara Laber
Anonymous Gift

10AM
Denise LaGiglia, flute
In Memory of Sr. Diane Marie Collins
Gift of Deb Scerbicke



ST. BENEDICT PARISH
Religious Education

RE REGISTRATION 2023-24
 Religious Education Registration 2023-24 is now active online for new and returning students. St Benedict Religious Program offers a complete curriculum of religious formation for children in grades K-8 on Sunday only from 8:15am-9:45am. Please register by scanning QR Code or by going online to: parish.stbenedict.com/new-page



Complete and submit all the necessary forms pertaining to your child/ren.

JOIN
US IN
SUPPORTING

Oktoberfest '23

FRI
SEPT 29
3-10PM

SAT
SEPT 30
1-10PM

SUN
OCT 1
1-7PM

2023 Sponsorship Opportunities

Oktoberfest here at St. Ben's is truly a wonderful family event celebrating the unique community that is our parish. Proceeds help the parish maintain the campus and supporting our ministries from the school to RE and everything in between. Underwriting an event such as Oktoberfest allows for the event's revenue to go directly to parish needs. Won't you consider becoming a sponsor to help us reach that goal? There is a giving level for every family.

Main Tent Sponsor \$5000 (2)	Stage Sponsor \$2500 (6)	"Prost!" Bar Sponsor \$1000 (10)	"Zum Wohl!" Community Sponsor \$500	"Freundschaft" (Friendship) Fan \$250	"Ein Prosit!" Beverage Fan \$150-\$50
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2023 Participation Benefits:

MAIN TENT SPONSOR \$5000 (2)

- All the benefits of a Stage Sponsor, PLUS,
- Recognized as Co-presenter of OktoberFest
- Supporter banner on Irving Park Rd. using your artwork provided by the parish

STAGE SPONSOR \$2,500 (6)

- All the benefits of a "Prost!" Bar Sponsor, PLUS,
- Recognized as the Main Stage Entertainment supporter or solely as Kids Stage Sponsor
- Your company logo or family name on either the Main Tent or Gymnasium Stage banner

"PROST!" BAR SPONSOR \$1000 (10)

- All the benefits of a "Zum Wohl!" Community Sponsor
- Recognized as a bar supporter with company logo or family name on Bar Sponsor banners

"ZUM WOHL!" COMMUNITY SPONSOR \$500

- All the benefits of a "Freundschaft" (Friendship) Fan
- Recognized as a main tent table sponsor with company logo or family name on a table display

"FREUNDSCHAFT" (FRIENDSHIP) FAN \$250

- Promote your company with a 24 x 48 inch banner (provided by supporter) that will be hung around the inside perimeter of the Main Tent
- Company or Family name listed on Oktoberfest website, event poster, and on Facebook
- Company name and logo with link on website
- Acknowledgement in The Steward weekly parish bulletin and the BUZZ school newsletter
- Host a vendor table inside the Gymnasium to promote your products or services

"EIN PROSIT!" BEVERAGE FAN—VARIED

- \$150 per keg of beer
- \$100 per case of wine
- \$50 towards beer stein costs
- Company or family name listed on supporter banner, and at the all beverage serving stations

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Questions please contact Mr. Accardi at jaccardi@stbenedict.com or at 773.509-3832

Interested in joining our planning committee?

Our next meeting is Monday, August 14th at 6 p.m. at the rectory at 2215 W. Irving Park Rd.

August 13, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a | Rom 9:1-5 | Mt 14:22-33

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

Unlike with our other important relationships, God isn't exactly someone we can meet for coffee and look into his eyes while having a conversation. Whether we talk to God in our mind or out loud, we recognize that even with a good prayer life it can sometimes be difficult to cultivate and maintain a relationship with God. Doubters and unbelievers are quick to remind us how impossible it is to believe what we cannot see or hear, but today's readings also remind us that God doesn't speak to us as another human being would. Maybe he doesn't speak with the booming voice of a preacher or a politician, and maybe he doesn't write direct messages for us in the sky or sand, but God does speak. Perhaps, like Elijah, we tend to expect God to communicate with huge gestures, such as strong wind that crushes rocks, or earthquakes or fires; but we hear today that God spoke to Elijah in a "tiny whispering sound." It's not unlike a very good teacher who doesn't need to raise her voice to get her students' attention when they lose focus - she has their respect and simply needs to speak normally and calmly and the students quiet down, pay attention, and listen. When we still our hearts and minds and listen, in prayer, let us be confident we will hear God's voice.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Perhaps in order to hear God's voice in our lives we need to fine-tune our "hearing." First, how can we hear if we do not have faith? Jesus called Peter out of the boat and into stormy waters, and though he was able to walk on water for a time, Peter began to sink because he became afraid. Doubt or fear can hamper our ability to listen to the Lord clearly; don't let it cloud your love for Christ! Second, we must keep in mind the many ways God speaks to us: his Word (the Bible), the writings of the saints and Church Fathers, our Catholic Tradition, other people God has placed in our lives, and the "tiny whispering sound" we might hear only within our heart. Stay attuned to God's voice; the rewards are heavenly.

INVITATION Ignatian spirituality - meditations, prayers, and contemplative practices - may help us recognize and truly hear the still small voice of God in our lives. The Daily Examen is a prayerful reflection on the events of the day which might help us identify the movement of the Holy Spirit in those moments. Give it a try.



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Sunday, Aug 13, 2023

Value your vocation

Immigrant Catholic families faced the nightmare of living one step away from ruin in the 19th century, when only the least desirable and most dangerous jobs were available to them. Knights of Columbus founder Michael McGivney had to leave seminary to support his family after his father's death. Ordained later, McGivney determined to build a community dedicated to protecting vulnerable families and spent his priesthood promoting the valuable vocation of the laity. Continue the legacy with your own vocation, religious or lay, equally valued and necessary.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33 (115). *"At once Jesus spoke to them, 'Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.'"*

Monday, Aug 14, 2023

Holiness becomes you

Maximilian Kolbe is best known for the manner of his death—he volunteered to die in the place of a stranger, who was a man with children, at Auschwitz during World War II. But his path to sainthood began at the age of 10 when his exasperated mother said to her troublemaker son, "I do not know what will become of you!" The Blessed Mother stepped in with a couple options—appearing to the boy in a vision and offering him purity or martyrdom. He gave her the surprising answer: "I choose both." Remarkable conversion, however unlikely, is possible—in others and yourself. Believe it!

MEMORIAL OF MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, PRIEST, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Matthew 17:22-27 (413). *"The Son of Man is to be handed over to men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day."*

Tuesday, Aug 15, 2023

Without a doubt, love reigns

Thanks to Thomas the Apostle—that so-called "Doubting Thomas"—Catholic tradition has its earliest account of Mary's Assumption. This tradition holds that, just as Thomas was elsewhere when the other apostles were visited by a resurrected Jesus, he'd likewise been away when Mary, surrounded by the apostles, drew her last earthly breath. As Thomas returned to Jerusalem, three days after Mary's burial, it is said that he saw her gloriously lifted into the heavens. This time, it was the other apostles' turn to doubt Thomas. With great skepticism, tradition tells us, they opened her tomb and found it empty. Pope John Paul II, quoting Saint Francis de Sales, insisted that Mary died "in love, from love, and through love." Love like Mary today.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

TODAY'S READINGS: Vigil: 1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; 1 Corinthians 15:54b-57; Luke 11:27-28 (621); Day: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56 (622). *"He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly."*

Wednesday, Aug 16, 2023

Infectious faith

An oft-forgotten holy figure, Saint Roch died on this day in the 14th-century Holy Roman Empire, having lived a distinctive life from his birth. He is traditionally regarded as having been conceived by a miracle and later became an ascetic said to have

worked miracles. The patron saint of dogs, he is said to have been healed from the plague by a dog that brought him bread while he was recovering. He modeled for the world a divine confidence in the face of pestilence, which inspired great faith in God among his peers. Having survived a pandemic ourselves, will we trust God with our future as Saint Roch did?

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20 (415). *"Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."*

Thursday, Aug 17, 2023

Harvest is plenty

Farmers and home gardeners are often busy in mid-August if their crops have done well. It is a time of intense work: harvesting, processing, selling, canning. The spiritual parallel is often made: Our missionary impulse is to plant the seeds of faith in word and action, in hopes that the seeds bear fruit. When times seem difficult, it is heartening to look around for signs of fruit, of God's love made manifest. Take a moment to revel in the witness of a Christian you know who makes God's love visible.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Matthew 18:21—19:1 (416). *"How often must I forgive [my brother]?" ... Jesus answered, 'I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.'"*

Friday, Aug 18, 2023

Moved by movies

As the weekend emerged in the last century as a two-day break in the workweek for leisure and spiritual pursuits, filmgoing became a major form of recreation. At its height in the 1930s, 65 percent of the U.S. population went to the movies weekly. "Going to the movies" may now simply mean clicking on a streaming app, but watching films remains a popular weekend pastime. Over the years the Vatican has recognized film as a valuable art form deserving of "praise and support." With that in mind, in 1995, in honor of the 100th anniversary of cinema, the Vatican named 45 important films worthy of watching. Make your way through this fascinating list on a given weekend, and enjoy a guilty pleasure, without the guilt.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joshua 24:1-13; Matthew 19:3-12 (417). *"They fought against you, but I delivered them into your power."*

Saturday, Aug 19, 2023

It's humanitarian nature to help

According to the U.N., this year a staggering 117 million people will be driven from their homes by war, violence, and poverty. Two billion people don't have access to sanitary water at home. World Humanitarian Day, celebrated today, commemorates the lives of the men and women serving in some of the most challenging situations in the world. The voiceless victims of war and poverty need help to alleviate their suffering and draw attention to their plight. Donate to a humanitarian organization like Catholic Relief Services. Do some humanitarian work in your community. Contact your elected leaders and let them know you're concerned.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15 (418). *"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

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



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ST. BENEDICT PREP 2023
BACK-TO-SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATES

AUGUST 15

HSA Spirit Shop Opens 2-6PM (Gym Lobby)

AUGUST 16

**New Family Night Tour at 4:30PM and
Virtual Meeting at 7:30PM**

AUGUST 17

Preschool Parent Orientation at 5PM (Gym)

AUGUST 17

**Middle School Parent Orientation at 6:30PM
(Virtual)**

AUGUST 21

**Teacher Meet & Greet (Grades 1-8)
4:30-5:30PM**

AUGUST 22

First Day of School-Grades 1-8

AUGUST 22

Kindergarten Orientation 5:00 PM (Gym)

AUGUST 23

First Day of Kindergarten

AUGUST 24

First Day of Preschool

Masses for the Week

Saturday, August 12 - St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious. BVM

- 8:30AM Helen Stigilic Moisand- (Class of '60) -
The St. Benedict Alumni Office
- 5PM John, Ann, Mary, and Barbara McDonagh -
Family
Sean Richards - *The Sheaffer Family*
Special Intention for Lazar and Wilma Bityou
and Family

Sunday, August 13 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8AM Special Intention for Ramon Consing -
Lucy Consing
Eulogio Yangco - *Family*
Hermenegilda Austina Yangco - *Family*
Delly Chanyungco - *Family*
- 10AM John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*
Special Intention for Lin Sookdee - *Family*
Victor Goite, Francisca Reyes, and Rico Lao -
The Goite Family
Joan Mae Theis - *Niece, Maureen*
- 12PM John and Arlene Behzad - *Family*
Federico M. Barin, Sr. - *Jesus and Lucita Barin*
Paz M. Barin - *Jesus and Lucita Barin*
Special Intention for Priscilla Poulos - *Lazar,
Wilma, Alex, and Angelina*

Monday, August 14 - Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

- 8:30AM Corazon de Jesus Marasigan - *Juan Marasigan*

Tuesday, August 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:30AM Special Intention for Emily Evangelista -
Lucy Consing
Special Intention for Betty Blazek-
Nancy Uczen

Wednesday, August 16 - Saint Stephen of Hungary

- 8:30AM Sr. Merle "Elaine" Weber, SSSF. (Former Grade
School Teacher 1951-1960) - *St. Benedict
Alumni Office*

Thursday, August 17 - Weekday

- 8:30AM Bruna Marto-lini - *Gloria and Family*

Friday, August 18 - Weekday

- 8:30AM Alex and Rita Gumler - *The Gumler Family*

Saturday, August 19 - Saint John Eudes, Priest, BVM

- 8:30AM Pablo and Emma Consing - *Lucy Consing*
- 5PM Xavier D'Silva - *Angela Rebello*
Special Intention for Cassie Tafilaw
Sue Parsons - *Jan McNeill*
Patricia Smith - *Sister*

Sunday, August 20 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8AM Cecilia Consing - *Lucy Consing*
Barbara Lynn Laber - *The St. Benedict
Parish Community*
- 10AM John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*
Ilona Weber - *Family*
Norma Pulido - *The Doran Family*
Patricia Stephan Chapman (Class of '54) -
The St. Benedict Alumni Office
- 12PM Fred and Sophia Smith - *The Behzad Family*
Lynne E. Graff - *The St. Benedict Parish
Community*

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

Baptisms

Brigid Mary, daughter of Matthew O'Keefe
and Hope Tone-O'Keefe

Aurora LaRoe, daughter of Michael and Rebecca Riordan

Jeffrey Joseph Tiedeman III, son of Jeffrey Tiedeman, Jr.
and Nicole Windsor

Wedding Banns

I- Caitlin Beauchamp and Patrick O'Malley





Why We Can't Blame Abuse on Alcohol

Dispelling the common myth that batterers abuse because they're drunk, and will stop when sober

From the Domestic Violence Outreach Team at St. Benedict Parish

It's all too often heard that someone's partner is only mean/violent/abusive when they're drinking.

"If only he [or she] stopped drinking, we'd be fine."

Unfortunately, this argument seldom holds water. Put bluntly, says Larry Bennett, PhD, licensed social worker and professor at the Indiana University School of Social Work, *"A batterer who quits drinking is a sober batterer."*

While alcohol can't take the entirety of the blame for an abuser's behavior, Bennett says it's also incorrect to say they're not connected at all, either. *"You can find plenty of examples of individuals who have been sober for decades and are still violent. By the same token, there are some cases where alcohol is almost toxic to the person, where they wouldn't do things when they're sober that they do when they're intoxicated."* In a paper he co-authored in 2011 titled Substance Abuse and Intimate Partner Violence, Bennett found that research showed nearly half of all men in batterer intervention programs had substance abuse issues and that they were eight times more likely to be abusive on a day in which they were drinking.

"A common misunderstanding is that men who batter are extremely intoxicated and out of control when they batter," Bennett writes. *"Despite the impairment in men's behavior caused by alcohol and drugs, IPV [intimate partner violence] remains a matter of choice. IPV usually occurs in a safe setting (for the batterer), selected for the protection it affords him, at a time of his choosing, with a predictable victim. The fact that violence rarely occurs outside men's comfort zone suggests that men who batter are very much in control, not out of control."*

Bennett says he's heard similar accounts from many survivors he's talked to for his research: *"Yeah, he's fine when he's drinking beer, when he switches to Jack, that's when I'm getting hurt."* For a lot of abusers, drinking gives them a sense of entitlement to do what they do, he adds, and it's an excuse both abusers and some of their victims want to believe.

"Because why not? Why would you think someone you love would treat you like that if not for an outside reason like alcohol?"

Bennett says alcoholism doesn't cause domestic violence any more than poverty, depression or trauma history does, but like those factors, alcohol almost always makes existing abuse worse. *"Abusers carry with them their aggressiveness, sense of entitlement and hostility. Unless you address those things, their behavior isn't going to change when sober."*

He does acknowledge that he's found some abusers or would-be abusers who have enrolled in addiction treatment and, then, something clicks. *"The haze goes away and they're this new person and they're open to new information. They're willing to examine their controlling behavior. For that select group, sobriety alone reduces domestic violence. But, that's not a very big group."*

Bennett says survivors should be wary of any promises made their abuser. *"Going to treatment, in itself, is a kind of control. If you allow yourself to be controlled by the belief or promise that he or she is going to change, you might be selling yourself short."* Seeking advice via one of the hotlines or doing research on Domesticshelters.org is a good place to start.

- 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 | AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
13 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass at 8am, 10am, and 12pm in Church Baptismal Preparation 11:15am Pine Room - Rectory	14 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Oktoberfest Planning Meeting 6pm Rectory	15 THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS AT 8:30AM AND 7PM Spirit Shop 2pm Gym Lobby	16 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	17 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Preschool Orientation 5pm Gym Middle School Parent Orientation 6:30pm VIRTUAL	18 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	19 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Reconciliation 11am Church Mass at 5pm Church
20 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass at 8am, 10am, and 12pm in Church Dads Group BBQ 11Am Beaven Hall	21 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	22 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Kindergarten Orientation 5pm Gym WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADES 1-8	23 WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL AND BYE-BYE BREAKFAST KINDERGARTEN 7AM COURTYARD Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	24 WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL AND BYE-BYE BREAKFAST PRESCHOOL 7AM COURTYARD Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	25 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	26 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Reconciliation 11am Church Mass at 5pm Church GRADE SCHOOL CLASS OF 1969 AND HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1973 REUNION 6PM COURTYARD

Stewardship



SUNDAY & HOLY DAY OFFERTORY WEEK OF JULY 20, 2023



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- > 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 (above right) with your phone or tablet

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.

Electronic Giving: \$8,040
 Envelope: \$1,804
 Loose: \$1,851
 Holy Day: \$10
 Total: \$11,705 (86% of goal)
 Weekly Goal: \$13,673

Fiscal YTD: \$59,248 (87% of goal)
 Fiscal YTD Goal: \$68,365
 Above/(Below) YTD Goal: (\$9,117)

Sapaterre Mission in Haiti

Sapaterre Mission is dedicated to providing the best possible academic, physical and social education to the children of Hispaniola to achieve a slow growing transformation from poverty to empowered and caring citizens of the island. Fr. Rodlin will be visiting St Ben's at all Masses on August 26/27 to talk about the importance of the Sapaterre Mission and how you can help. We hope you will join us.



2 WAYS TO DONATE VIA QR CODE

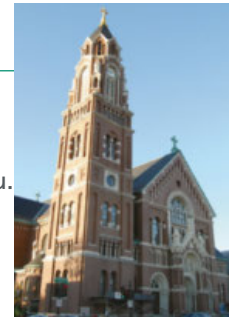


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If you are visiting, we hope you enjoy your stay. We're glad you decided to join us in this celebration. If you are new to the St. Ben's community, welcome home! To become a registered parishioner, complete a Registration Form on our website: parish.stbenedict.com. 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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MASSES AND SERVICES

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

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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
NOON; seasonal celebrations, as posted;
by appointment in the rectory.

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four months in advance. Participation in
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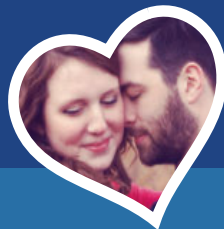


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