

THE STEWARD

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

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This weekend we hear the powerful promise that when two or three are gathered in Christ's name He is there with us. This is a wonderful gift that Christ has promised. And because we want to grow as the image of Christ and live our lives more fully reflecting

God's love and presence, we need to take time in our lives for formation.

We use the word formation to describe anything we do (read, listen to, watch, etc.) which teaches us more about God. To help everyone who is a part of the community to be better formed, the parish has a gift for everyone.

There is a website called FORMED which offers many videos, movies, audio resources, lessons in the Sacraments, children's videos, and so on which are available for you personally. All of this is being offered for free to anyone who registers as a part of St. Benedict Church.

Furthermore, once you register as part of St. Benedict, there is no password you will need to keep track of. All you will do is enter the site once again. You can even put it on your phone and listen to audio resources while driving to work or school. Again, all of this is being offered to you for free!

You might wonder what kind of things are available. If you have children, you can have them watch videos like a children's version of the lives of St. Benedict and his sister St. Scholastica, Catholic Heroes of the Faith, The Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids, Lukas the Storyteller, Marcam Catholic Kids Show, The Slugs and Bugs Show, The Adventure Catechism, Brother Francis Videos, or they can join in songs with Christine in Action. And there is plenty more. Again, all of this is for free. And many of these works are highly watched like the Brother Francis Videos.

For yourself you might want to know more about the Faith. There is an excellent series called Symbolon which is a careful

structured walk through the faith. Or you can watch videos about some of the saints like St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Ignatius Loyola, or St. Clare and St. Francis.

Maybe you would like to learn more about Sacred Art. There are videos about this as well. And there are videos with the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Many videos teach about Mary and the Saints. There is a long list of videos to do Bible Study. And there is another long list of videos to walk you through the Liturgical Calendar. Perhaps you want to understand the Sacraments more fully, or you want to personally grow in your understanding of the Sacraments because you have children who will be receiving those Sacraments. There are many videos to help you through this as well. Perhaps you want to grow stronger in the gift of your marriage. They have a series of Videos called Beloved.

Maybe you want some of that Audio content. They have Podcasts, Dramas, Evangelization, Kids Audio, History, Marriage and Family, Mental Health, Lent, Advent, and Scripture.

And yes, they have Comics as well!! Is there anything else you may be interested in? Come and take a look at the website and see what it has to offer. Let me remind you that this is all for free because the Parish has a yearly Subscription.

How can you take a look? Go to FORMED.ORG and register under individuals and from the Church St. Benedict. This will not cost you anything. They will initially send you a code by your email to register, but then you can ask to stay signed in for a time and whenever you go back to the site, FORMED.ORG, you will automatically be sent to the site. You have nothing to lose and plenty to receive and learn. Why not give it a shot and take a look.

Go to FORMED.ORG, then go to Formed for individuals. It will show you to register for free with a Parish Subscription (which we have). Look for St. Benedict in Chicago or by our zip code 60618. Then start watching or listening for free.

If you have any questions, please give a call to the rectory.

Special Music


8AM
Welcome School Year
Jamie Gorgojo, Violin
Gift of Steven Pruder

10AM
**In Celebration of
the Gallery Singers**
Jaime Gorgojo, violin
Anonymous Gift



**I WANT YOU
FOR THE CHOIR!**

DATE CHANGE: Wednesday, September 6, 2023
TIME CHANGE: 7:30pm
Meet in the church
For more info, call Scott at 773.206.6785
ALL ARE WELCOME



THE DAILY LUNCH PROGRAM is in need of beverages. Donations of Juice, Seltzer Water or Water would be needed. Please bring to the rectory, 2215 Irving Pk. Rd between 9:30 and 4:30

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September 10, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7-9 | Rom 13:8-10 | Mt 18:15-20

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

Years ago, I was asked to take in a hound dog and I was happy to do so, but it wasn't until I brought the dog home that I discovered how adamantly opposed my husband was to the idea. When asked, he had never said "no," but he thought I should just know he didn't want the dog. Obviously, we needed to work on our communication skills! Proper communication and what it means to love in relationship are what come to mind when I hear the start of today's Gospel. Jesus is instructing us on what to do when another angers, hurts, or offends us. Not surprisingly, it doesn't include calling our sister or best friend to vent, or posting about it on social media, regardless of how vaguely we word the situation. Instead we are to go to that person directly and "tell him his fault between you and him alone." If they listen, we have won them over. How many times have others hurt us but we never bother to tell them? How often do we simply assume the other person knows they have done us wrong? We owe it to one another to be honest and upfront - to give the other person a chance to apologize and us a chance to extend forgiveness. We also owe it to one another to be willing to receive *them* in charity, open-hearted, when they come to us to speak of *our* faults.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In the same way that the Gospel addresses speaking truth to another and "winning them over," the prophet Ezekiel recounts the Lord's instruction to him that he has a duty to "speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way." This, of course, was the role and mission of the prophets. To make known the word and law of God and call the people to respond. A prophet warned, counseled, taught, and encouraged. They called the people to obedience to God, denouncing idolatry, injustice, and empty rituals. Jesus himself came as priest, prophet, and king and by our baptism, "the whole People of God participates in these three offices of Christ and bears the responsibilities for mission and service that flow from them." (CCC 783) Through the centuries, people have tried to do this in various ways - from passing laws to standing on street corners with signs. But let's remember that even as we are meant to "speak out," we are also meant to listen. We too must be re-converted to the truth when we sin; we too must be dissuaded from our wicked ways. This is how we best fulfill our prophetic mission.

PRAY Witnessing to Christ in today's world sometimes feels overwhelming or hopeless. Spend some concerted time in prayer with the words from today's psalm: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."



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Sunday, Sep 10, 2023

The long loneliness

"Church" means assembly: It is not good for us to be alone. Today's Suicide Prevention Day reminds us that loneliness is an unhealthy condition. More than 700,000 people die by suicide each year: about 132 a day in the United States. For every suicide, there are more than 20 attempts. Mental illness and substance abuse contribute to the crisis, but marginalized groups are at highest risk: migrants, indigenous people, those who identify as LGBTQ+, and prisoners. The feeling of alienation is real but also preventable. Call or text the crisis hotline at 988 to seek help for yourself or someone you love.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20 (127). *"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."*

Monday, Sep 11, 2023

A day to remember those who gave everything

Today, the anniversary of the largest terrorist attack in American history, is a day to call to mind those who rushed in to help, at great cost. The first certified fatality of the attacks was Father Mychal Judge, Franciscan friar and New York City Fire Department chaplain, who rushed to the World Trade Center to help. During his life, he was known for ministering to the marginalized and for the words on a prayer card he often distributed: "Lord, take me where you want me to go. Let me meet who you want me to meet. Tell me what you want me to say. And keep me out of your way." Honor his legacy and make his humble prayer yours today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:24-2:3; Luke 6:6-11 (437). *"Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?"*

Tuesday, Sep 12, 2023

On Earth we your children invoke your sweet name

Names are a big deal in the Bible. More than a moniker, the names of people—and God—capture, convey, and even conjure a being's very essence. It's why the Hebrews refused, out of respect, to speak God's holiest name and why "taking the Lord's name in vain" is forbidden. We see in biblical history how life-changing experiences prompt a person's change of name, as when Sarai becomes Sarah and Saul becomes Paul. When Jesus talks of acting "in my name," he affirms a power and presence invoked by simply uttering his name. Today, heed Venerable Bruno Lanteri, founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary, who instructed: simply "think of Mary, call on Mary."

MEMORIAL OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 6:12-19 (438). *"He chose Twelve, whom he also named Apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter, ..."*

Wednesday, Sep 13, 2023

Always speak the words of light

With seemingly never-ending revelations of ministerial misconduct, today's feast of Saint John Chrysostom is a sight for sore eyes. The eminent fourth-century preacher and teacher—whose name is a transliteration of the Greek for "golden mouth"—was surely a product of his day. But he was also guided by the Holy Spirit, who inspired him to be baptized as an adult and denounce corruption in the church while serving as a priest and

later as archbishop of Constantinople. As we remember his legacy today, let's take courage to also stand for truth and against all that dishonors the call of the gospel.

MEMORIAL OF JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 6:20-26 (439). *"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God."*

Thursday, Sep 14, 2023

By the wood of the cross

Today's feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross goes back to early days in church history. Saint Helena was the mother of Emperor Constantine (the first Roman emperor to embrace the faith), and Helena is said to have found the actual crucifix of Jesus in Jerusalem in the fourth century, spurring significant devotion to the Holy Cross. This devotion has had staying power perhaps because it helps believers to reflect upon the saving power of Jesus' death. Today when something presents itself as a "cross" to you, take a few moments to contemplate the cross of Christ.

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17 (638). *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish."*

Friday, Sep 15, 2023

I feel your pain

Anyone who loves will experience sorrow. It can't be helped. When a loved one suffers, we suffer. The church looks to Our Lady of Sorrows during those difficult times. Mary has been pierced by the sword of sorrow many times, including the seven noted by tradition: The prophecy of Simeon, the Flight into Egypt, the lost child Jesus later found in the Temple, meeting Jesus on the road to Calvary, the Crucifixion, and Jesus' removal from the cross and his burial. Listen to the aching beauty of the Stabat Mater hymn recited each year on this memorial and know that you are not alone in your suffering. Mary's empathy is one of the saving graces of our faith. She knows how we feel, and sometimes that's all it takes to get us past the pain.

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14 (441); John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35 (639). *"And you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."*

Saturday, Sep 16, 2023

Care for the creation God entrusts to us

High above our heads the ozone layer of the stratosphere absorbs enough of the sun's deadly ultraviolet radiation to make possible life on Earth. But just a few decades ago an alarming depletion of the ozone layer generated worldwide concern over resulting increases in skin cancer, cataracts, and other health issues. These concerns led to the adoption of the Montreal Protocol in 1987, celebrated today, which bans the production of chemicals that cause ozone depletion. In his 2015 encyclical *Laudato si'*, Pope Francis applauds the Protocol for helping to protect the Earth, our common home. What can you do for our Earth today?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49 (442). *"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' but not do what I command?"*

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



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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 helps 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)

- 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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Our Goal is \$35,000 in sponsorship to underwrite our event expenses

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Michael and Tammy Morris
Patrick and Tami Tray

**"EIN PROSIT!" BEVERAGE FAN -
VARIED**
Janet Gallager
Matt Peebles
and Tiffany Strietelmeier



MAIN STAGE LINE-UP

FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 29

- 3-6pm: Jimmy's Bavarians
- 6pm: Opening Prayer, Fr. Steve
- 6:30pm: **Masskrugstemmen (AKA Stein Holding Contest) **
- 7-10pm: The Chicago Continentals (Our Alumni Band playing classic hits)

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 30

- 1-2:30pm: School of Rock (Classic/Modern Rock)
- 3-6pm: Mr. Myers (Caribbean Rock)
- 4pm: **German Costume Contest**
- 6pm: Evening Prayer, Fr. Steve
- 6:30pm: **Cake Walk**
- 7-10pm: Second Hand Soul (Motown, Funk, Soul)
- 8pm: **Yodeling Contest **

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 1

- 1-3pm: Andrew Blomquist (Acoustic Pop, Rock, Country)
- 3pm: **Hula Hoop Contest**
- 3:30-6:30pm: Phoenix (German /American)
- 6:30pm: Closing Prayer, Fr. Steve

What's back for 2023!

- Fantasy Amusement Carnival Rides & Games
- Himmel's German American Food
- Tortorice's Pizza
- Our "Sweet Shoppe"
- Laser Tag & Bubble Soccer in the Ackerman Center
- Our "Hooligan Dice Game" in the Gym
- Face Painting, DJ Mike, and Photobooth in the Gym
- Pumpkin Painting Patch

What's new for 2023!

- Carnival food and one more kiddie ride in the courtyard provided by Fantasy Amusements
- Video Gaming truck
- Main Stage Fun Activities during band transitions and breaks

Get your Mega-Passes today!

(unlimited ride wristband for all 3 days) \$65 at <https://one.bidpal.net/sboktoberfest23/welcome>, or scan the QR code >



Calling All Volunteers!

We are seeking donations of items and time in 2 or 3 hour shifts depending on the area. We appreciate your generous support! Check out what is available at <https://tinyurl.com/sbokt23signup> or scan the QR code at left. Thank you in advance for your assistance to make this year's event a huge success.

ST. BENEDICT PREP CELEBRATES A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Students, faculty, and staff gathered together last week to ask God's blessing on a new school year. The opening school Mass was celebrated with 1st – 8th graders in attendance. Father Steve gave a special blessing to students and faculty new to the school. It was a wonderful, prayer-filled way to begin the year.





**SUNDAY & HOLY DAY OFFERTORY
WEEK OF AUGUST 20, 2023**



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 (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.

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"Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law." (Romans 13:10)

When love directs an individual's moral decisions, his basic concerns such as family, sanctity of life, etc. are safeguarded. When one is at peace, one can plan for the future.

Please Remember St. Benedict Parish in Your Will or Trust.

When considering which charities to include in your will or trust, we hope you will remember St. Benedict Parish. A bequest can be made to our parish using the following language:

"I give [insert specific dollar amount, or percentage of net or residuary] to The Catholic Bishop of Chicago, Tax ID #36-2170826, a corporation sole located in Chicago, Illinois, to be used for the benefit of St. Benedict Parish located in Chicago, Illinois. However, if St. Benedict Parish ceases to exist in its current form, then to the new parish or parishes erected in its stead."

Please consult an attorney and financial advisor when drafting your will or trust. For more information, please visit giving.archchicago.org/bequest or contact Jeanne Anderson, Director of Operations at 773.588.6484 ext 5109, or at janderson@stbenedict.com, or contact Marguerite Q. Zappa, Parish Support Manager, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.848.3068 or mzappa@archchicago.org].



Masses for the Week

Saturday, September 9 - Saint Peter Claver, Priest

- 8:30AM Sue Parsons - *Jan McNeill*
5PM Annamarie Aguilera - *Marge Lawlor*
Anita S. Fernandez - *The Sobrepena - Belicena Family*
Deborah Patricia LeFever - *Christa O'Keefe and Marge Lawlor*
Terri Herman Sandblom - *Lazar and Wilma Bityou*

Sunday, September 10 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8AM Loretta Josephine Barker - *The St. Benedict Parish Community*
Barbara Laber - *Husband, Karl*
Special Intention for Peggy Ciccarelli - *Friends*
10AM John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*
Loretta Kelly - *B. Kelly*
Cornelia "Connie" Sullivan - *The Stalla Family*
Violeta Magnabijon - *The Sobrepena - Belicena Family*
12PM Jerome and Donna Zagorski - *The Behzad Family*
Florence R. Zartler - *The St. Benedict Parish Community*

Monday, September 11 - Weekday

- 8:30AM Jacob and Theresia Jerger - *Family*
Emma Consing - *Lucy Consing*
Joan Mae Theis - *Niece, Maureen*

Tuesday, September 12 - The Most Holy Name of Mary

- 8:30AM James J. Dinchak - *Friends*

Wednesday, September 13 - Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- 8:30AM Marianna Volpe - *Ben Mazzone*

Thursday, September 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- 8:30AM Special Intention for Ariya Schmookler - *Family*
Anita F. Fernandez - *The Sobrepena - Belicena Family*

Friday, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

- 8:30AM Special Intention for Teresita Bananal - *The Siao Family*

Saturday, September 16 - Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

- 8:30AM Sister Diane Marie Collins - *Scott Arkenberg*
Special Intention for Brett and Judith Curtis - *Maria Luna-Cabrera*
5PM John, Ann, Mary, and Barbara McDonagh - *Family*
Special Intention for Robert Lucas and Family
Loretta Josephine Barker - *Christa O'Keefe and Marge Lawlor*
Special Intention for Angelina Bityou - *Mom and Dad*

Sunday, September 17 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8AM Ilona Weber - *Family*
Sister Diane Marie Collins - *The St. Benedict Parish Community*
Michael Sheeran - *Bernie McNally*
10AM John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*
Francisca Reyes, Victor Goite, and Dionisio Bandalan - *The Goite Family*
Deceased Members of the HS Class of 1954
Dradyne Robyne Eudeikis - *Sue Breunig*
12PM Billy Hardway, Robert, Tony and Russell Busch - *David Behzad*
Deceased Faculty, Staff and Alumni of St. Benedict High School
Joan Gardner - *The Miller Family*
Rodolfo Zamora - *Normita Zamora and Family*

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

Wedding Banns

II - Madeleine Hodur and Brian Foss



Coming Up at St. Ben's | SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>10 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass at 8am, 10am, and 12pm in Church</p> <p>RE Sunday Grades K-8 Family Fellowship 9:30am Beaven Hall</p> <p>Knights of Columbus Meeting 11am Sewing Room</p> <p>Baptismal Preparation 11:15am Pine Room Rectory</p> <p>Cub Scout Pack 3865 Intro Pack Meeting 2pm Beaven Hall</p>	<p>11 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church</p> <p>HSA Meeting 6pm Rm 241 HSA Meeting Rm</p> <p>Troop 865 Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall</p> <p>Ravenswood Orchestra REHEARSAL 7:30pm SS Library</p>	<p>12 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church</p> <p>Parish Commission Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall</p>	<p>13 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church</p> <p>4th Grade St Bens Girl Scout Juniors 3pm Beaven Hall</p> <p>Gallery Singers Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Choir Area, Church</p> <p>AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall</p>	<p>14 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church</p> <p>Cub Scout Pack 3865 3rd Grade Meeting 6pm Beaven Hall</p> <p>Board Orientation Meeting 6:30pm SS Library</p>	<p>15 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church</p>	<p>16 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church</p> <p>BABY AND KIDS GARAGE SALE 8AM-2:30PM GYM</p> <p>Reconciliation 11am Church</p> <p>Welcoming Weekend Mass at 5pm Church</p>
<p>17 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Welcoming Weekend Mass at 8am, 10am, and 12pm in Church</p> <p>Sunday RE Classes 8:15 - 9:45am</p>	<p>18 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church</p> <p>Troop 865 Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall</p> <p>Ravenswood Orchestra REHEARSAL 7:30pm SS Library</p>	<p>19 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church</p> <p>Pack 3865 Wolves Den Meetings 6pm Beaven Hall</p>	<p>20 Java with Gemo 8am SS Library</p> <p>Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church</p> <p>ST. Ben's Womens Club Meeting 9:30am Pine Room-Rectory</p> <p>Advisory Board Meeting 7pm SS Liobrary</p> <p>Gallery Singers Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Choir Area, Church</p> <p>AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall</p>	<p>21 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church</p> <p>Womens Book Club 7pm Beaven Hall</p>	<p>22 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church</p>	<p>23 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church</p> <p>Every Child Matters - Awareness - Kateri Pow Wow 11am Gym</p> <p>Reconciliation 11am Church</p> <p>Mass at 5pm Church</p>



SAVE THE DATE - BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. BEN'S - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

St. Vincent de Paul Society will host a blood drive in partnership with Vitalant. Like last time, the blood drive will be in Beaven Hall.

Register now to claim your spot early!
Visit tinyurl.com/SvdPBloodDriveOct8 or scan the QR code to register today!







THE ST. BENEDICT'S WOMEN'S CLUB
will hold its regular monthly meeting on **Wednesday, September 20th at 9:30** in the Pine Room. All women of the parish are invited to join us.



Is Domestic Violence real?

Consider these statistics:

From the The Domestic Violence Outreach Team of St. Benedict Parish

Alarming statistics indicate that, **as you read this short sentence, a woman has become the victim of assault, most likely by someone they know.** According to the Partnership Against Domestic Violence, **every 9 seconds, another woman in the U.S. is beaten.**

One in four women in the U.S. will be targeted by an abusive partner in their lifetime. Female victims most commonly first experience domestic violence between the ages of 18-24 (38.6%), followed by age 11-17 (22.4%), age 35-44 (6.8%) and age 45+ (2.5%). Almost one out of five or 16.3% of murder victims in the U.S. were killed by an intimate partner; women account for two out of three murder victims killed by an intimate partner.

Violence against women occurs predominantly behind closed doors at home with most cases having never been reported to police. But that doesn't mean the problem isn't visible and doesn't spill into future generations. Domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness among families with 50% of all women who are homeless reporting that domestic violence was the immediate cause of their homelessness, according to The National Center on Family Homelessness.

The risk of perpetrating intimate partner violence as an adult is two times greater for those who were abused or witnessed their mother being abused during their own childhood. Likewise, the risk of becoming a victim of domestic violence as a teen or adult is greatly increased when young people are raised in households where abuse is present.

While domestic violence happens to people in all walks of life regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race, religion, education, profession or socioeconomic status, **there are statistical predictive indicators of domestic violence, probably the most important being exposure to it as a child.**

More statistics on domestic violence:

- 3.3 Million: Estimated number of children in the U.S. each year that witness violence against their mother or female caretaker by a family member.
- 40-60: Percentage of men who abuse women who also abuse children.
- 1 in 5: Number of teenage girls who said they have been in a relationship where the boyfriend threatened violence or self-harm if a breakup was to occur.
- 85: Percentage of domestic violence victims who are women. Yes, men can be victims, too.
- 175,000: Number of workdays American employees miss each year on account of domestic violence.
- 40-70: Percentage of female murder victims in the U.S. who were killed by their husbands or boyfriends, often within an ongoing abusive relationship.

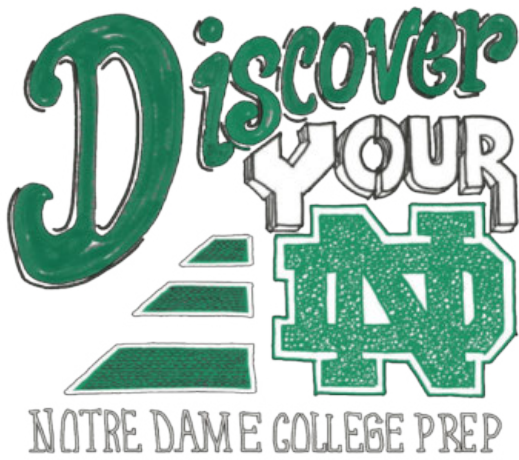
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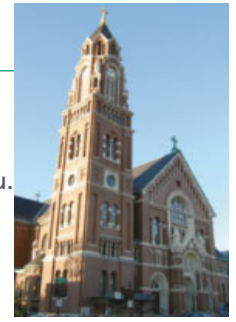
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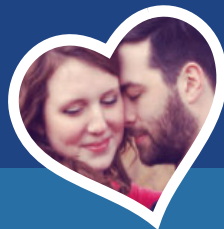


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