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FRI
SEPT 29
3-10PM

SAT
SEPT 30
1-10PM

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1-7PM



St. Benedict Parish
Oktoberfest
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MAIN TENT

FRIDAY

- 3-6 pm Jimmy's Barvarians (*German Band*)
- 6:00 pm Opening Prayer by Fr. Steve
- 6:30 pm Masskrugstemmen (*aka Stein Holding Contest*)
- 7-10 pm The Chicago Continentals

SATURDAY

- 1-2:30 pm School of Rock (*Classic/Modern Rock*)
- 3-6 pm Mr. Myers Band (*Caribbean Rock*)
- 4:00 pm German Costume Contest
- 6:00 pm Evening Prayer by Fr. Steve
followed by "Bundt" Cake Walk
- 7-10 pm Second Hand Soul (*Motown, Funk, Soul*)
- 8:00 pm Yodeling Contest

SUNDAY

- 1-3 pm Andrew Blomquist
(*Acoustic Pop, Rock, Country*)
- 3:00 pm Hula Hoop Contest
- 3:30 - 6:30 pm Phoenix
- 4:30 pm Egerländer Dancegroup Performance
- 6:30 pm Closing Prayer by Fr. Steve

MORE INFO: STBENEDICTOKTOBERFEST.COM

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
- Our "Hooligan Dice Game"
- Face Painting, DJ Mike, and Photobooth
- Pumpkin Painting Patch

MEGA PASS! > \$65 Pre-Sale/\$75 at the door
See Page 5 for details

KIDS AND FAMILY

FRIDAY

- 3-6 pm Pumpkin Painting Patch
- *Between the Ackerman Center and the Rectory*
- 3-7 pm Hooligan Dice Game - *Gym*
- 4-5 pm Dance Party - Mrs Johnson - *Gym*
- 4-7 pm Face Painting - *Gym*
- 4-8 pm Video Gaming Truck - *Bell Ave. Gate*
- 6-9 pm Karaoke - DJ Mike - *Gym*

SATURDAY

- 1:30-4:30 pm Game On for Girls & Boys Activities
- *Ackerman Center*
- 2-6 pm Video Gaming Truck - *Bell Ave. Gate*
- 2-6 pm Pumpkin Painting Patch
- *Between the Ackerman Center and the Rectory*
- 2-7 pm Hooligan Dice Game - *Gym*
- 3-4 pm Cirque Experience - *Gym*
- 3-6 pm Face Painting - *Gym*
- 5-9 pm Laser Tag and Bubble Soccer - *Ackerman Center*
- 6-9 pm Karaoke - DJ Mike - *Gym*

SUNDAY

- 2-5 pm Face Painting - *Gym*
- 2-6 pm Hooligan Dice Game - *Gym*
- 2-6 pm Video Gaming Truck - *Bell Ave. Gate*
- 2-6 pm Sizzle Photo Booth - *Gym*
- 2-6 pm Pumpkin Painting Patch
- *Between the Ackerman Center and the Rectory*
- 4-5 pm Dads and Their Kids Dodgeball
- *Ackerman Center*

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

THE STEWARD

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

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BY JOE ACCARDI, DIRECTOR OF ANNUAL GIVING
 AND ALUMNI RELATIONS

Last year I had the pleasure to write both before and after our annual Oktoberfest weekend about the importance of *Gemütlichkeit* and how it is expressed in our parish community. This year I again have the honor to introduce this year's Oktoberfest in my Sunday Sharing and wanted to find some more German words to share as we come to understand more fully the importance of this coming weekend in our parish. So thanks to Google, I came across not only one word but two at Pediaa.com. My search was over. I had hit the jackpot.

According to the Pediaa.com site, "*Geldbeschaffung*" is their word for fund-raising and "*Gemeinschaft*" is often translated as "*community*," refers to a group of individuals mainly characterized by a strong sense of common identity, attachment to traditional and sentimental concerns, and close personal relationships. Moreover, individuals within a *gemeinschaft* are bound together by shared beliefs and shared physical space.

So as we prepare to kickoff this parish fundraiser for the 57th time, our own "*gelbeschaffung*", yes we look to raise funds that are utilized to benefit local outreach, programming, and fund the church's operations and its restoration, as well as any other extraordinary projects that come along unexpectedly such as the elevator mechanical failure. The unexpected seems to always show up which is not part of the parish ordinary budget.

What I enjoy most about Oktoberfest is how the parish community not only celebrates, having great food and good German beer, entertainment and fun for all ages, but comes together to make it all happen. When reading through the German word "*Gemeinschaft*" definition, I could easily relate to the different pieces: common identity and close personal relationships. This is part of the "fabric" that makes St. Ben's so

special.

And last Sunday provided overwhelming proof. I had the pleasure of joining Fr. Steve, Ms. Gemo, and our long-time parishioner, choir member/cantor, Jeanette Heiner, at her class reunion of the high school "pioneer" class of 1954. What a great group of alumni who get together every year. Not only do they gather from all over the city, state, and country as part of their small "*gemeinschaft*", they also understand the need

for the "*gelbeschaffung*" as they bring their annual contribution for our parish educational endowment. The common theme of all their remembrances and conversations that afternoon was that they owed who they had become to this parish community that for the last 121 years has provided elementary education and did provide high school education for 69 years until 2019.

Alumni, former and current faculty and staff continue to be a big part of our parish community. You will see many of them

in roles volunteering over the Oktoberfest weekend along with former and current school parents. Toss in for good measure parish staff and parishioners with no connection to our school, all these groups are making it happen from set up to tear down, to being cashiers and bartenders, running kid's activities and helping with security. They understand what it means to be part of creating "*gemeinschaft*". For everyone to enjoy, some amount of service is needed. Together we achieve it, together we enjoy it, together we all benefit from it, together we create the "*gemeinschaft*". Ours is so well known that St. Ben's is the only parish in the city that has its "*shared physical space*" with the neighborhood it surrounds whereby the name for our neighborhood on the map actually reads ST. BEN'S. How amazing is that.

As this Sunday's Gospel reminds us, God calls us to labor for Him at different times. We are so grateful to our committee headed up by someone who has labored all his life here in one



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way or another, Dan Kattner '81. He and his merry band of alumni, parishioners, school parents and guardians made it all possible. The parable of the workers explains that although some work longer than others God's recompense is so bountiful that it goes beyond reason. So consider how you can support the event. It may be only a week away but there is still time to be

a sponsor to underwrite the event, to donate items or volunteer time. Otherwise join us for one or all three days by being part of the crowd splurging on the kids with carnival ride megapasses and tickets to play games, corn dogs, and funnel cakes. But make sure to come and raise a stein of German beer saluting our St. Benedict "Gemeinschaft"! Prost!



Thank You to our "Early Bird" Sponsors!

Our goal is \$35,000 to underwrite our three-day event.
Please consider joining this great group of parish supporters!

MAIN TENT SPONSOR \$5000
The Alex and Rita Gumler Memorial

STAGE SPONSOR \$2500
Larry and Joy Walton

"PROST!" BAR SPONSOR \$1000
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Trinity High School for Girls
Jim Vahey

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\$200 Janet Gallagher
\$150 The Handrahan Family
\$150 Matt Peebles and
Tiffany Strietelmeier
\$50 Waveland Bowl

LASER TAG & BUBBLE SOCCER
\$1250 The Wolf Family

IN KIND DONATION
Siobhan Connolly-Rice -Wine donation
TSI Landscaping and Snow Removal
-Water filling donation

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)

- 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



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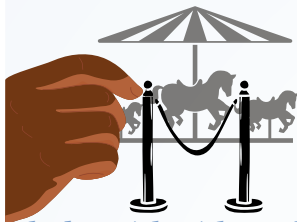
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Volunteer Opportunities

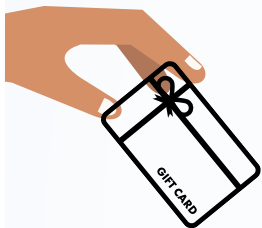
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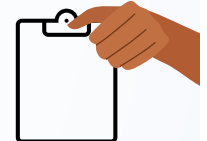
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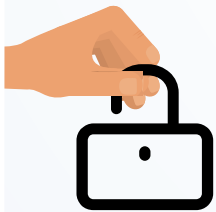
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volunteer coordinator



security



dessert stand

VOLUNTEER

This event is possible because of community volunteers like you!

volunteers needed before, during + after

for a time slot

Friday Sept. 29 | Saturday Sept. 30 | Sunday Oct. 1
 3 - 10 PM | 1 - 10 PM | 1 - 7 PM

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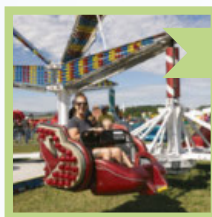


3 Day Mega Pass



UNLIMITED RIDES

3 DAY MEGA PASS



Sizzler

Over 52"

Riders must sit upright, be restrained by a lap bar and hold onto the bar during the ride.

Riders must be able to withstand strong side to side forces.

Unless with a Supervising Adult: 42" - 52"



Kite Flyer

Over 42"

Rider must step up into the kite in a prone position and be flat. Riders must withstand a spinning ride that turns at a high rate of speed.

Each kite holds a maximum of 275 lbs.

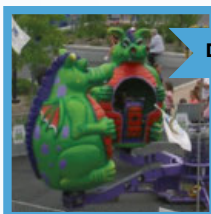
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Zero Gravity

Over 48"

Riders must stand upright and alone during this spinning ride.

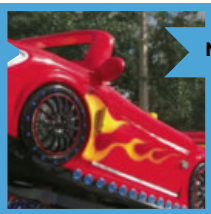


Dizzy Dragons

Over 42"

Riders must sit upright and entry into the ride car requires negotiating elevated steps.

Unless with a supervising Adult: 36"- 42" *Supervising Adults must have tickets or passes to ride.



Mini Disco

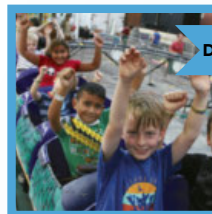
Over 36"
Under 54"



Kiddie Cars

Over 36"
Under 54"

Riders must be able to step up onto the ride platform and onto the automobiles.



Dragon Wagon

Over 36"
Under 54"

two ways to pay

\$65 pre sale + \$75 at the door

all families can

Purchase online via **OneCause** by using the QR code.

*credit card fees (3.75%) apply



Wristbands bought online will be at the will call desk in the Gym Foyer beginning at 3 p.m. on Friday, September 29th

school families can

Purchase via **FACTS Tuition Account** billing using the QR code to our online form.



Wristbands will be distributed and placed on wrists at school on Thursday Sept. 28

**Wristbands that need to be cut for any reason such as sports competitions etc. must be saved and turned in for a new one. No exceptions as we are charged \$65 per wristband.

HELP UP MEET OUR
2023 Goal: 350 Mega Passes

St. Benedict Gymnasium
(773) 588-6484

3941 N. Bell Ave.
Chicago, IL 60618

TODAY!



Hymn Sing

with Alan Hommerding
Liturgical Publications Editor

Sunday, September 24, 2023 at 3pm



Alan Hommerding, Liturgical Publications Editor in the WLP division of GIA Publications, has been an editor with World Library Publications (WLP) since 1991. He holds graduate degrees in theology, liturgy, and music from St. Mary's Seminary and University (Baltimore) and the University of Notre Dame.

Alan's hymn text collections are Song of the Spirit (1997) and Breath of Christ (2019). Other books are the recently-released The Pen of a Nimble Scribe: Writing Prompts for the Church Year; collections of prayers Blessed Are the Music-Makers and Proclaim the Gospel in Song. Additional books include Words That Work for Worship, Everyday Psalms: 150 Meditations for Learning and Living the Lord's Song, Following Jesus Every Day: Gospel Meditations for Daily Living, and the book of poems St. Cecilia's Orchestra (with illustrations by Br. Michael O'Neill McGrath), winner of a prestigious Moonbeam Children's Book Award in 2010. He is also the composer of numerous choral and instrumental works, and was named Composer of the Year in 2019 by the Association of Catholic Publishers.

Alan is a noted speaker in the areas of liturgy and music, as well as having presented workshops, hymn festivals, and organ recitals around the country.

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Free Will Donation to Support the St. Ben's Music Program

TODAY!



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE
SEPT 23/24**

The Knights of Columbus at St Benedict will conduct our annual "Tootsie Roll Drive" after Masses on Sept 23rd and 24th. Your donations fund the operating budget for the local chapter of SPRED, a charity which ministers to Catholics with intellectual disabilities. We thank you for your continued generosity.



ST. VINCENT'S REUNION SUNDAY, SEPT 24

On Sunday, September 24, 2023, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, Post Adoption Services is hosting a Homecoming Mass and Reception for anyone who spent time as an infant or child, in the care of St. Vincent's Orphanage in Chicago.

Former St. Vincent's staff and child care technicians are also invited.

This event is free, but registration is required. For details, contact Lisa Francis at 312-655-7093 or lfrancis@catholiccharities.net.

PET BLESSINGS



Wednesday, October 4
AT THE SCHOOL AT 7:50AM IN THE COURTYARD
Saturday, October 7
AFTER THE 8:30AM MASS IN FRONT OF CHURCH



**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



September 24, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9 | Phil 1:20c-24, 27a | Mt 20:1-16a

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

Today's readings should bring us great joy. They are a reminder that our Lord may have high standards, but he is also "generous in forgiving" and "near to all who call upon him." In the Gospel, we hear the parable of the laborers in the vineyard. Some work all day while others arrive at the last hour. However, all are paid the same. Similarly, we can all receive God's heavenly reward - whether we are faithful Catholics since birth or converts in our final hour. This parable may evoke mixed feelings for those who see themselves as the laborers who have toiled all day and wonder why their reward is not greater. But rather than making us jealous, this parable should make us rejoice: How wonderful that everyone has the opportunity for everlasting life with the Lord! And what great comfort to know that if we falter and lose our way, it is never too late to return to God.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Sometimes, knowing that we are the recipients of God's bountiful mercy, we can be tempted to lead a life focused mostly on worldly pleasures. To paraphrase St. Augustine: Make me holy Lord ... just not yet! Of course we know this isn't the right attitude or approach to life, but it's certainly tempting. Let's return to the message of the Gospel for a moment. Yes, the Lord is generous in giving all the workers the same wage. But perhaps equally as important is that we are called to be workers in the Lord's vineyard, and what an honor and privilege that is! Serving in the Lord's kingdom here on earth is not drudgery; it is life-giving and fills us with God's love and grace. Let us recall the words of St. Paul in today's Letter to the Philippians. Although he longs to "depart this life and be with Christ," he knows that staying here on earth means "fruitful labor for me." Let us also strive to keep our eyes on the Lord and labor in his field for as long as we are able.

PRAY The first reading from Isaiah reminds us that the Lord works in ways we can't understand: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord." Let us ask God this week for the fortitude to reorient our thoughts and ways to his will, not ours, so as to "conduct [ourselves] in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ."



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Youth Ministry Calendar October - December

7th/8th through-High School Age

Sunday, October 8

GIGI'S PLAYHOUSE

11:15-1:15pm

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

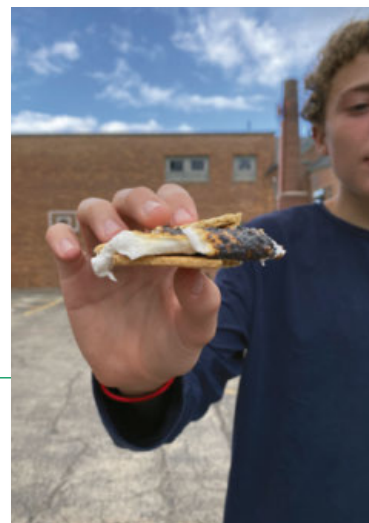
S'MORE NIGHT

4:00pm

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



Down Syndrome Achievement Centers
educate. inspire. believe.



Saturday, October 14

CRADLES TO CRAYONS

12:30-2:00pm

(7th/8th graders)

Cradles to Crayons

Saturday, October 28

TRUNK OR TREAT

3-4:30pm

Courtyard
(High School Age)



Sunday, November 5

**S'MORE NIGHT/ CREATE VETERAN'S
GIFT BAGS**

4:00pm

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



Monday, November 6

COMMON PANTRY

3:30pm

(7th/8th graders)



Saturday, December 9

**HOLIDAY PARTY AT THE HOUSE OF
THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

9:30-12:00pm

(8th through High School age)

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

Sunday, Sep 24, 2023

At home in the world

Free to leave, free to stay. Liberty of movement is a right most of us take for granted. Have you resided in more than one place? On this 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis asks us to imagine a world in which everyone has the option to stay or go as they please. It necessitates a world in which staying is safe: free from discrimination, violence, and dire poverty. All would have the protection of equal rights and respect, and could reach their potential in their present circumstances. Until that day, welcoming the stranger is our sacred obligation.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a (133). *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord."*

Monday, Sep 25, 2023

Be creative for the sake of creation

The Season of Creation, an annual ecumenical celebration of prayer and action for our common home, began on September 1 (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and ends on October 4 (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi). There is still more than a week left for you, your family, your cohort of friends, your school, and your parish to renew your relationship with the Creator and with creation, through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. How? Pray. Read Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato si'*. Coordinate a cleanup project or other sustainability effort. Use your voice and advocate for climate justice. Best idea yet? Come up with one no one has thought of!

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18 (449). *"No one who lights a lamp conceals it ... rather, he places it on a lampstand so that those who enter may see the light."*

Tuesday, Sep 26, 2023

Freely share the gifts you've been given

Cosmas and Damian were legendary. Many churches have been built in their honor, and their names make the short list of saints enshrined in Eucharistic Prayer I, used during the Mass. During the final years of Rome's brutal persecution of Christians, the twin physicians lived in Syria—then an eastern province of the Roman Empire. Not only were they gifted healers, but they refused to charge for their services. As they explained, "We treat the infirm by the power of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and take no payment for rendering aid to the sick, because our Lord commanded His disciples, 'Freely have you received, freely give.'" How have you been blessed by God, and how can you share that with others?

MEMORIAL OF COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21 (450). *"My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it."*

Wednesday, Sep 27, 2023

Now on tour

Today is World Tourism Day. According to the United Nations, the tourism sector employs one in every 10 people on Earth, and millions more benefit economically from tourism, though the wealth generated isn't always shared equitably. For tourists, exploring new places and enjoying favorite ones can be exhilarating—but bad behavior can ruin a trip. Keeping an attitude of openness and gratitude, as well as respect for local people and customs while on

vacation or a tour can transform the experience. Archbishop Rino Fisichella of the Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelization wrote in anticipation of today's observance, "A tourism that respects the person and the environment opens the way to perceiving the goodness of the Father who reaches out to everyone with his love." It's hard to imagine a better souvenir than that.

MEMORIAL OF VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6 (451). *"Then they set out and went from village to village proclaiming the good news and curing diseases everywhere."*

Thursday, Sep 28, 2023

Lighten the load

You may have heard the old English Christmas song about a Bohemian king who became Saint Wenceslaus, in part because of his great charity. The most famous tale from the charitable king's life was recorded in the carol "Good King Wenceslaus." The king helps a poor man keep from freezing by trodding a path in the snow for him, easing the man's journey to shelter. It ends with an admonishment to do likewise for anyone who suffers and "[you] shall yourselves find blessing." Do a favor for someone in need today, and like Wenceslaus, you will find blessing.

MEMORIAL OF WENCESLAUS, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9 (452). *"Who then is this about whom I hear such things?"*

Friday, Sep 29, 2023

Entertaining angels

Care for strangers has always been a strong imperative in Christianity. Yet in today's highly politicized environment, it is challenging to reach out to strangers who some have deemed to be threats—people like refugees and other marginalized communities. Scripture is clear: "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." Angels? It's far easier to see angels from the safety of a holy card or a statue. But think for a moment and see if you have at some point encountered an angel through the presence of a stranger.

FEAST OF MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12ab; John 1:47-51 (647). *"How do you know me?"*

Saturday, Sep 30, 2023

Christianity, by the book

As early Christianity distanced itself from Judaism, Christians began to lose touch with their faith's deep Jewish roots. Saint Jerome (born around 340) helped to reestablish the link. He learned Hebrew from a Christian monk who had converted from Judaism. More unusual for the time, he studied with Jewish rabbis to gain a better understanding of Hebrew scripture. He then spent 15 years producing the foundational Latin translation of the Hebrew Bible, which we know as the Old Testament. He later said, "For if, as Paul says, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God, and if the man who does not know Scripture does not know the power and wisdom of God, then ignorance of Scriptures is ignorance of Christ." Crack open the Good Book today, in honor of a key figure who helped shape it.

MEMORIAL OF JEROME, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45 (454). *"Jesus said to his disciples, 'Pay attention to what I am telling you.'"*

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



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Human Concerns

EVERY CHILD MATTERS IS ALSO KNOWN AS ORANGE SHIRT DAY. It is a day of awareness that is celebrated on September 30th in the United States and Canada. Orange Shirt Day originated, and continues to encourage, conversations about residential schools on an international scale, as well as fostering meaningful discussions on the impact and legacies of the abuses of residential schools.

The orange shirt was selected to represent this day by one of our Native American Elders, Phyllis (Jack) Webstad, and her orange shirt, which was made and given to her by her grandmother but taken away upon her arrival at the Mission School. The orange color reminded Phyllis of her experience and "how my feelings didn't matter, how no one cared and how I felt like I was worth nothing. All of us little children were crying, and no one cared."

The United States government, along with various religious groups, established residential (boarding) schools in the late 1800's. The mission of the schools was to assimilate indigenous children into American culture and life by annihilating Indigenous People's history, languages, and cultures. The Indian Civilization Act Fund of 1819, the Peace Policy of 1869, and various denominations of the Christian Church adopted an Indian boarding school policy with the goal to "Kill the Indian, save the man". Native American children were forcibly removed from their families and communities and forced to stay in these residential schools. Once the Native Child arrived at these boarding schools, their traditional clothing was removed, and they were given an English name. Their hair was cut: girls were given short bob cuts and boys were given buzz cuts. For Native people, hair is considered sacred. Children were forbidden to speak their language and express/celebrate their cultural beliefs. They encountered emotional, physical, and sexual abuse in these institutions. They were separated from their families for long periods of time, sometimes for several years, and they were taught that their native culture was inferior. Many children never returned home, and many families were never notified of their child's death. Many children never received a proper burial and were left in unmarked graves. The search for these unmarked graves and the restoration of the remains to their families continues to this day. The last boarding school in the United States closed in 1996.

For healing to truly happen for our Native American people, the whole truth must be heard and shared. Boarding Schools and Day Schools have inflicted generational trauma on our people. As a ministry of St. Benedict Parish, we, the Saint Kateri Center, are grateful for St. Benedict's support and understanding that our Native people were always spiritual people. The parish has embraced us in integrating our culture and traditions with our Catholic faith. As part of our shared ministry, it is important to support our cultural traditions and teachings. St. Kateri Center is a bridge of healing for our Native People and the Catholic Church. We pray for continued healing for our Native American people.

September 30th, 2023
Every Child Matters POWWOW
Bunker Hill, Chicago, IL

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Powwow Schedule
Doors open @ 11am
Blues Guitarist 11:15am
E.C.M. Presentation 11:45am
Grand Entry 12:30pm
Dance Session 12:30pm-5pm

Dance Specials
Mens' Golden Age (55+) combined
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1st: \$200 2nd: \$150 3rd: \$100
Adult Womens' Categories (18-54) combined
1st: \$200 2nd: \$150 3rd: \$100
Teen Boys' Categories (13-17) combined
1st: \$150 2nd: \$100 3rd: \$75
Teen Girls' Categories (13-17) combined
1st: \$150 2nd: \$100 3rd: \$75
Jr. Boys' Categories (6-12) combined
1st: \$100 2nd: \$75 3rd: \$50
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Education

PARENT MIXER KICKS-OFF THE SCHOOL YEAR

The 2023-2024 school year kicked-off in grand style with the annual Parent Mixer last weekend. Parents gathered in the courtyard to enjoy lively conversation, great food, and cool music. A big shout out to The Bell Family and to Reclaimed Bar and Restaurant for providing amazing food. This annual event has become THE event for parents to attend and a great way to start the school year. Thank you to all who attended.



SBPS GARAGE SALE A BIG SUCCESS!

Shoppers from across the city searched for bargains last weekend at the 2023 St. Benedict Prep Baby and Kids Garage Sale. The gym was packed with shoppers, volunteers and merchandise donated by SBPS families. Proceeds from this event will help fund teacher wish list grants. Items that were left over were donated to charitable organizations in the area. Thank you to Garage Sale Chairs Amanda Farfan, Ben Roxworthy, Jen Stull, and Amy Wojak and the many volunteers who helped make this event a success.



Coming Up at St. Ben's | SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>24 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass at 8am, 10am, and 12pm in Church</p> <p>Sunday RE Classes 8:15 - 9:45am</p> <p>TOWER ARTS RECITAL HYMN SING 3PM CHURCH</p>	<p>25 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church</p> <p>Troop 865 Meeting 7pm Heidenreich Hall</p> <p>St. Vincent de Paul Society Monthly Meeting 6pm Sewing Room</p> <p>Ravenswood Orchestra REHEARSAL 7:30pm SS Library</p> <p>Knights of Columbus Assembly 7:30pm Beaven Hall</p>	<p>26 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church</p>	<p>27 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church</p> <p>Gallery Singers Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Choir Area, Church</p> <p>AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall</p>	<p>28 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church</p> <p>Preschool Tours 8:30am SS Library</p> <p>Cub Scout Pack 3865 3rd Grade Meeting 6pm Beaven Hall</p>	<p>29 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church</p> <p>Oktoberfest₂₃</p> <p>OKTOBERFEST 3 - 10PM COURTYARD</p>	<p>30 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church</p> <p>Oktoberfest₂₃</p> <p>OKTOBERFEST 1 - 10PM COURTYARD</p> <p>Reconciliation 11am Church</p> <p>Mass at 5pm Church</p>
<p>1 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass at 8am, 10am, and 12pm in Church</p> <p>Oktoberfest₂₃</p> <p>OKTOBERFEST 1 - 7PM COURTYARD</p> <p>Sunday RE Classes 8:15 - 9:45am</p> <p>GERMAN AMERICAN DAY COMMEMORATION 2:30PM CHURCH</p>	<p>2 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church</p> <p>HSA Meeting 6pm Rm 241 - HSA Meeting Room</p> <p>Troop 865 Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall</p> <p>Ravenswood Orchestra REHEARSAL 7:30pm SS Library</p>	<p>3 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church</p> <p>Pack 3865 Wolves Den Meeting 6pm Beaven Hall</p>	<p>4 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church</p> <p>Pet Blessing at the School at 7:50am in the courtyard</p> <p>Spirit Shop 2pm Gym Lobby</p> <p>Baptismal Preparation 6:45pm Pine Room - Rectory</p> <p>Gallery Singers Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Choir Area, Church</p> <p>AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall</p>	<p>5 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church</p> <p>Preschool Tours 8:30am SS Library</p> <p>Cub Scout Pack 3865 5th Grade Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall</p>	<p>6 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church</p> <p>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION 9AM-12PM CHURCH</p>	<p>7 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church</p> <p>Pet Blessing after 8:30am Mass in front of Church</p> <p>Reconciliation 11am Church</p> <p>Mass at 5pm Church</p>

Stewardship



SUNDAY & HOLY DAY OFFERTORY WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2023



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Weekly Goal: \$13,673

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.

Fiscal YTD: \$133,554 (##% of goal)
Fiscal YTD Goal: \$150,404
Above/(Below) YTD Goal: (\$16,850)

Masses for the Week

Saturday, September 23 - Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

- 8:30AM Special Intention for Starla Vertucci -
Chris and Rachel Bernhardt
- 5PM The Souls of the Departed Pietschmann Family
Deceased Faculty and Members of the H.S.
Class of 1978
Wendy Foley - *The St. Benedict Parish Community*

Sunday, September 24 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8AM Sister Diane Marie Collins -
Joe and Kathy Minneci
Luz Resurreccion Vilorio - *The St. Benedict Parish Community*
Honorata and Edilberto Espiritu, Deogracias Mendoza, Jr., and Delly Chanyungco - *Family*
- 10AM John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*
Margaret Rizzio - *Chuck and Maggie Rizzio*
Dradyne Robyne Eudeikis - *Sue Breunig*
Paulette DeRock - *Sue Breunig*
- 12PM Maria da Conceicao Ribeiro Lira - *The St. Benedict Parish Community*
Nicolas G. Dabu, Sr. and Consolacion D. Dabu -
Jesus and Lucita Barin

Monday, September 25 - Weekday

- 8:30AM Gloria Llanora Arsenia - *Sally Sobrepena*
Special Intention for Warren Allabastro -
The Padian Family
Special Intention for Jess Callahan - *The Padian Family*

Tuesday, September 26 - Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

- 8:30AM Special Intention for Justine C. Mateo - *Lucy Consing*
Carmen Lopez - *The Vallejo Family*

Wednesday, September 27 - Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

- 8:30AM Charles, Bertha, and Carl Dominik - *Family*
Gloria Llanora Arsenia - *Sally Sobrepena*

Thursday, September 28 - Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr, Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

- 8:30AM Pura B. Baylon - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*

Friday, September 29 - Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

- 8:30AM Monica B. Strubel - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*

Saturday, September 30 - Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

- 8:30AM Wilfrido M. Baylon - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*
- 5PM Living and Deceased Members/Benefactors of
St. Vincent de Paul Society
Ann McDonagh - *Family*
Helen Volante Jensen (Class of '62) -
The St. Benedict Alumni Office
Special Intention for Rheytt Kerley - *Dick and Linda*

Sunday, October 1 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8AM Gloria C. Recede - *Family*
Gloria Llanora Arsenia - *Sally Sobrepena*
Judy Jones - *Caroline Padmanabhan*
Special Intention for Esther Robleza -
Siao/ Schmookler Family
- 10AM John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*
Jack Kelly - *B. Kelly*
Ilona Weber - *Family*
Paulette DeRock - *Sue Breunig*
- 12PM Ron Zivkovic and Aunt Josephine Judecka -
The Behzad Family
Miller Violet Pocsidio - *Howard and Juliet Panambo Kantoff and Family*
Rudy Alvarado (Class of '86) - *The St. Benedict Alumni Office*

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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| Judy Bartley | Giorgio Marconi |
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| Isabella Sofia Casillas | Jose Orellana |
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| Carmen M. Clarin | Julie Raheja-Perera |
| Mayden H. Eichendorf | Kevin Risten |
| Peter Fischer | Marla Rizzuti |
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| Amy Joy Goldie | Ann Ulrey-Ryan |
| Tim Gollehon | Alex Sandoval |
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(Class of 72) |
| Insaf Hijazin | Bill Shaver |
| Nashat Hijazin | Abraham Sobrepena |
| Raed Hijazin | Eden Sobrepena |
| Anne Hoellich | Jim Strzalka |
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Wedding Banns



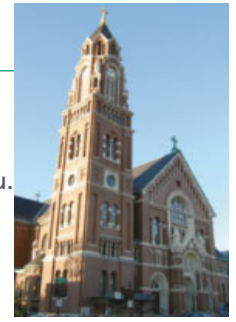
- II - Elizabeth Sara Regalado and Sean Michael Morrissey
I - Aine Elizabeth-Finn Klopocic and Joshua Steven Karafa

Baptisms

Evan Patrick, son of Michael and Katie Fernandez



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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MASSES AND SERVICES

Sunday Eucharist: Saturday 5PM,
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Weekday Eucharist: 8:30AM Mon-Sat

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

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Tuesdays 9AM

**Exposition and Benediction of the
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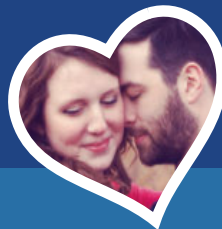
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