



April 14, 2024

## Third Sunday of Easter

“ **Lord, let your face shine on us.** ”

~ Ps 4

“where all are welcome”

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### Parish Mission Statement

We are a vibrant and welcoming Catholic Church community that recognizes God's presence in all through our love and service.

### Parish Vision Statement

Build the Kingdom of God, individually and communally, by fostering discipleship and thanksgiving through:

- the celebration of Eucharist and other sacraments,
- prayer and lifelong Catholic formation,
- service with and for one another and the greater community.

### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 5 pm  
Fridays 9 am - 3 pm  
Closed Daily 12 pm - 1 pm

### Mass Schedule

Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 7, 9, 11 am, 5 pm  
Weekdays Mon-Thurs, Chapel: 8:15 am  
Weekdays on Fri 8:15 am, Church

### Reconciliation

Fri 5-6 pm, Sat 8-9 am

### Upcoming Events

For a complete calendar of events, please visit [stbenedict.org/calendar](http://stbenedict.org/calendar)

**Monday, 4/15**  
8:15am | Mass

**Tuesday, 4/16**  
8:15 am | Mass  
6:15 pm | JAM  
6:15 pm | JOF

**Wednesday, 4/17**  
8:15 am | Mass  
6 pm | Youth Choir

**Thursday, 4/18**  
8:15 am | Mass  
4:30 pm | Legion Mary  
6 pm | Adult Choir

**Friday, 4/19**  
8:15 am | Mass  
5 pm | Confessions

**Saturday, 4/20**  
8 am | Confessions  
5 pm | Mass  
6 pm | Parish Gala

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, 4/14/2024

7 am | Mike Mohr †  
9 am | Rosalinda Cons Jimenez †  
11 am | Margaret Webster (lvg)  
5 pm | Parishioners

F 4/19 | Helen Kopec †  
Sat 4/20 | Parishioners

#### Sunday, 4/21/2024

M 4/15 | Rudolph Kopec †  
Tu 4/16 | Ben & Evelyn Korczyk †  
W 4/17 | Lito Joson †  
Th 4/18 | Ed Barrett †

7 am | Barbara Munk †  
9 am | Darel Williams †  
11 am | Doris Beauvais †  
5 pm | Joan Specchio †

**Liturgy & Administration**

**Scripture Readings**

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 4/15 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51–8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 4/16 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 4/17 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-4/18 17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; 4/19 Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-4/20 15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69

**Sunday:** Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 4/21 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22); Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

**Parish Contributions**

*A special thank you to those who are faithfully contributing*

Regular Contributions for **February 2024**

**Actual: \$ 80,575\***  
**Budget: \$ 78,352**

\* Realm

Online: \$ 41,398

Cash/Check: \$ 39,177

(Contributions are recorded on a monthly basis per fiscal year

July 1, '23 to June 30, '24)

**Construction Project**

*December 15, 2023\**

TOTAL COST: \$9,142,918

Total Expenses

Paid To Date: \$7,324,794

Remaining

Balance of Cost: \$1,818,124

TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE

(Cash on Hand &

Line of Credit): \$1,502,984

Additional Funds

Need to Raise: \$315,141

\* Figures will be updated in the next bulletin.



**Live the Liturgy  
Inspiration for the Week**

Sometimes when God appears in our path, we do not recognize him. In these moments, Jesus invites us to reach out and touch him. Remember that Christ is real, Christ is alive, and Christ stands before each one of us – so reach out.

Touch him.

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Contact the Parish Office at 480.961.1610

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## A Reflection by Fr. Manasseh

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### “YOU ARE WITNESSES TO THESE THINGS.”

Each Liturgical Year, between Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday, the First Readings at most Masses are taken from St. Luke's Acts of the Apostles. This is intentionally arranged by the Church to afford us the opportunity to reflect on how the Apostles reacted and responded to the Resurrection of Jesus, and how their reaction to the unique experience of Christ's Resurrection influenced the happenings that shaped the evolution of the early Church. The Readings at the liturgy this weekend explore the conviction of the Apostles that Christ's Passion and Resurrection had been foreshadowed all along through Israel's Scripture and history. At the Resurrection of Jesus, every piece of the history of salvation, as presented in the Scriptures, suddenly fell into place and began to make sense to the Apostles who now understood what was hitherto a mystery to them. They could now clearly see that God had planned all that happened in accordance with His Holy will, and that Christ is the fulfillment of the prophecies of Israelite Scripture.

In the First Reading, Simon Peter, after healing the crippled Beggar at the beautiful gate of the Temple, seized the opportunity to explain with the aid of Scripture that Jesus, who lived and taught among them and whom they hung on the Cross, had been glorified with the Resurrection by the God of their patriarchs in fulfillment of the oracles of the prophets. In addition, through His name and by the merits of His Death and Resurrection, all who would repent would have their sins wiped out.

The remission of sins through the redemptive Passion and Resurrection of Christ and the fulfillment of His designated role as the advocate, the mediator between God the Father and fallen humanity, is the theme that runs through the Second Reading. The message of 1 John is simple: Christ died and rose from the dead as an expiation for the sins of the whole world. If we unfortunately fall into sin again, we should remember that He is still our advocate with the Father and will intercede for us if only we invoke His name in penitence.

The Gospel passage recounts the events that occurred at one of the appearances of Christ to His disciples after His resurrection. The two who had recognized Christ in the breaking of bread at Emaus had returned to Jerusalem and were telling the story of their encounter with Christ when Jesus, Himself appeared to them. After issuing His Easter greeting of *“peace be with you,”* and after demonstrating that they were not seeing an apparition of a ghost, Jesus used the Scriptures from Moses to the Prophets and the Psalms, to show that the events they had witnessed in the last few days were happening in fulfillment of what had been promised in scripture. Jesus ended this portion of His discourse with His friends by charging them, *“you are witnesses to these things.”* A witness is one who was present at an event and can recount what he or she experienced first hand. By charging them to be His witnesses, Jesus was inviting the Disciples to a testimony of their lives about their personal experience of His saving work. We cannot be witnesses to “these things” if we do not know Christ. In the second half of the Second Reading, St. John says, *“the way we may be sure that we know Him is to keep His Commandments. Those who say, ‘I know Him,’ but do not keep His Commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps His word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.”* To be a witness of the Resurrection, one needs to know Jesus; to show that you know Jesus, one needs to keep His Commandments, and His Commandment is the law of love: love one another as I have loved you (John 13:34-35).

May God supply the Grace with which we, like the Apostles, can be fiery and uncompromising witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh

## Current Events and More



### St. Benedict Gala Tickets Available

We invite you to come and experience the Second Annual St. Benedict Gala on **Saturday, April 20** from 6 to 9 pm at the Marriott Chandler Ballroom. Get ready for a Cocktail Reception, Plated Dinner, Silent Auction/Raffle, Live Music, DJ and Dancing. Tickets are \$75 each, or a reserved table of 10 for \$1,000. See Lani after Masses this weekend for tickets, or go to the parish office during the week. Tickets can also be purchased online at:

<http://bforg.com/StBenedictCatholicChurch>

### SJB Dad’s Club Car Raffle

The St. John Bosco School Dad’s Club is raffling off a 2021 Kia Seltos and want to give you a chance to win it! Tickets are \$200 each and only 300 tickets will be sold. The drawing will take place on **Friday, May 3** with proceeds being used for campus improvements (ie. security fencing, shade structures over the playgrounds, updated playground equipment, etc.). Go here to purchase tickets [https://sjb.formstack.com/forms/st\\_john\\_bosco\\_catholic\\_school\\_car\\_raffle](https://sjb.formstack.com/forms/st_john_bosco_catholic_school_car_raffle) Thank you for your support and good luck!



### Pastoral Care

Please remember in your prayers **Loretta Davenport, Regina Felton, Jeanne Elizabeth Rogers** and **Charles Strack** who died recently. We pray that their families and friends will feel God’s healing embrace through the prayers and support of our faith community.



### FAQ: Why Should I Register at Saint Benedict Catholic Church?

1. A sense of belonging and identity within a parish community.
2. It is a commitment to practice your faith.
3. Registration enables the parish pastor and staff to get to know you better, to welcome you and to minister to you, in good times and in bad.
4. Registration helps you stay connected with your parish and helps your parish stay connected with you. Also, if you use offertory envelopes or online giving, you will have a statement for income tax purposes.
5. Registered active members are eligible to be sacramental sponsors and godparents.
6. Census numbers may determine how many priests are assigned to a parish and how many Masses and enrichment programs are planned and scheduled.
7. Children are considered members with their parents until they turn 18 years old. Once they are 18, it is their responsibility to join a church family, participate in the Mass and register as a member independent of their parents.

### Where Do I Register?

You can register online at [stbenedict.org](http://stbenedict.org). Registration forms can be also be found in the parish lobby.

### Praying the Rosary

Pray the Rosary with fellow parishioners **Monday** through **Thursday** mornings at 7:45 am, before the regular morning Mass, in the Parish Chapel.

Later this month (and on the last Wednesday of every month) the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a parish Rosary on **Wednesday, April 24**, at 7 pm in the Parish Chapel.

Come and pray with us!





## Faith Formation and More

### Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

#### Sunday, April 14

Liturgy of the Word with Children  
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
EPIC

#### Tuesday, April 16

JAM  
Journey of Faith

#### Sunday, April 21

Liturgy of the Word with Children  
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
EPIC

#### Tuesday, April 23

JAM  
Journey of Faith

### Welcome Sr. Liza Sulit

Please welcome the newest member of our parish staff, Sister Liza! She belongs to the same Religious Community as Srs. Delia, Ruth, and Merced (Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary of the Philippines). She comes from Iloilo, Philippines. She joined the Dominican Sisters in 2004, made her first profession of vows in 2007 and her final vows in 2016. Sr. Liza served in different schools as a preschool teacher, religion teacher, and Science teacher. She got her master's degree in Educational Management and became a principal for more than ten years in the Philippines. Sr. Liza will be joining our parish Religious Education team upon her arrival. She is happy and looking forward to joining St. Benedict's community.



### New Parishioners

- Anthony Abbadessa
- Hayley Golek
- Natalie Johnson
- Marylou Peck
- Lindsey Thiel



### Vocations

"Peace be with you."

His peace will be fully felt when you are living a vocation that he has called you to. If you think you may have a vocation to follow the Risen Lord as a priest or in consecrated life, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office at 602.354.2004 or [dphx.org/vocations](http://dphx.org/vocations).

**St. Benedict Catholic Church**

*It's coming up!* **VBS**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024**

June 10- 14, 2024 from 9:AM - 12:00 noon  
 Venue : St. John Bosco Catholic School

Registration starts on April 1- May 31, 2024  
 Open to children currently in Kindergarten- 5th Grade ( 2023 - 2024)  
 \$40 per child ( family maximum of \$90)

To register please scan this QR code

**THEME SCUBA**  
 diving into friendship with God

## Ministries & More

### Knights of Columbus

Jesus Lives!

#### Announcements:

- Thank you to all the brothers that signed their name in the ballot to participate in the officer's elections of May 9, 2024.
- Congratulations to Brother Al Gomez the Grand Prize winner of the March Madness fund-raiser.
- Thank you to all the brother knights that have donated items for the Golf Tournament.

#### Events:

- The Council 25th Anniversary Picnic is Sunday, April 14 at Desert Breeze Park from 1 pm to 3 pm.
- Knights of Columbus State Raffle is ongoing until Sunday, May 12, 2024.
- New Officers Elections will take place during our monthly meeting on Thursday, May 9, 2024.
- The Golf Tournament is on Saturday, June 1, 2024 at Dobson Ranch.

Join online to become a Knight of Columbus at [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus) and enter "Council 12246" and code "GKWAP".

Vivat Jesus,

Isauro Amaro, Grand Knight

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### St. Vincent de Paul



A continued 'Happy Easter' to all! Alleluia! Thank you so much for your generosity. This week we are in need of toiletry items:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Body Wash
- Detergent
- Toilet Paper
- Feminine Hygiene
- Toothpaste

If you are in need St. Vincent de Paul assistance or information, call the parish office at **480.961.1610 ext. 315**.



### Free Catholic Movies and More

Where is there a great place to enjoy a wealth of resources for our Catholic faith in a variety of media? At **FORMED.org**! It's easy and free to use as a St. Benedict Church gift to you:

1. Visit **FORMED.org** and click "Sign Up" at the top
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Now you're ready to start exploring!

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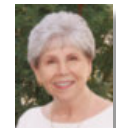
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## A Note From The SJB Principal



Dear Parishioners,

We are well underway in our final trimester of the school year. With Easter behind us, faculty and staff are busy determining student achievement over the past year using various tried and trusted measurement tools such as “The Iowas,” MAP, and DIBELS assessments. Students spend the morning completing assessments on vocabulary, reading comprehension, math computation, science, and more. These results yield valuable insights into not only students’ comprehension and implementation of information, but teacher effectiveness. Such results are excellent tools for future growth of both students and teachers alike.

It’s not all work in these final weeks, however! You are all invited for a day of fun with Bosco’s “End-of-Year Bash” and/or “Birdies Fore Bosco” Golf Tournament (adults only). Scan the QR Code or visit the registration link below for more details:

Joyful Blessings,  
Jamie Bescak, M.Ed.  
Principal  
480.219.4848

A promotional poster for the "Birdies Fore Bosco 2024 Golf Tournament". The background is a lush green golf course. At the top, the St. John Bosco Catholic School logo is displayed. The main title "BIRDIES FORE BOSCO" is in large, bold, black letters, with "GOLF TOURNAMENT" below it. The year "2024" is prominently featured in a dark blue brushstroke. In the center, a white golf ball with a purple logo sits on the grass next to a golf club. A QR code with the text "SCAN ME" is on the left. At the bottom, it says "Whirlwind Golf Club" and provides the date and time: "AT 2PM MAY 3rd, 2024 FRIDAY" and the cost: "PER PLAYER \$150". A registration link "REGISTRATION : tinyurl.com/Birdies4Bosco" is at the very bottom. A silhouette of a golfer is visible on the right side.