

# St. Benedict Catholic Church

*"where all are welcome"*

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October 10, 2021

## Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“ *The word of God is living and effective,  
sharper than any two-edged sword.* ”

~ Hebrews 4:12a

### 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

Friday 9 am - 3 pm

Closed Daily 12 pm - 1 pm

### Mass Schedule

Weekends: Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 9 & 11 am, 5 pm

Weekdays in Church: M - F 8:15 am

### Reconciliation

Fri 5-6 pm, Sat 3:30-4:30 pm, in Church

### Upcoming Events

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

#### Monday, 10/11

8:15 am | Mass

#### Tuesday, 10/12

8:15 am | Mass

6:15 pm | JOF

#### Wednesday, 10/13

8:15 am | Mass

#### Thursday, 10/14

8:15 am | Mass

6:30 pm | Knights of  
Columbus

#### Friday, 10/15

8:15 am | Mass

5 pm | Confession

#### Saturday, 10/16

3:30 pm | Confession

5 pm | Mass

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, 10/10/2021

9 am | People of the Parish

11 am | Christopher Toscano †

5 pm | Anna McClellan †

M 10/11 | Joseph Cassavant Sr. †

Tu 10/12 | Sarah Fletcher (living)

W 10/13 | Jack Kaske †

Th 10/14 | Patrick Edison †

F 10/15 | Jarius Aboyi †

Sat 10/16 | Sylvia Bush †

## Liturgy & Administration

### Scripture Readings

*For This Week*

<b>Monday:</b> 10/11	Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
<b>Tuesday:</b> 10/12	Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
<b>Wednesday:</b> 10/13	Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46
<b>Thursday:</b> 10/14	Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
<b>Friday:</b> 10/15	Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7 <i>(St. Teresa of Jesus)</i>
<b>Saturday:</b> 10/16	Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
<b>Sunday:</b> 10/17	Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45

### Presider Schedule\*

*the Week of*

*October 11-17, 2021*

*(Note: Fr. James will be gone again this week, so Fr. Manasseh and Fr. Wilfred will be deciding the Celebrant schedule.)*

<b>Monday</b>	8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh
<b>Thursday</b>	8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh
<b>Friday</b>	8:15 pm - Fr. Manasseh
<b>Saturday</b>	5 pm - Fr. Manasseh
<b>Sunday</b>	9 am - Fr. Manasseh 11 am - Fr. Manasseh 5 pm - Fr. Manasseh

*\*Please note: this schedule is subject to change without notice.*

### Parish Contributions

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

Regular Contributions for **August 2021**

(Contributions are recorded on a monthly basis per fiscal year: July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)

**Actual: \$ 81,893\***

**Budget: \$ 74,375**

\* Faith Direct Online: \$ 56,309

Cash Contributions: \$ 5,792

Check Contributions: \$ 19,792

### “Living Our Faith, Building Our Home” Capital Campaign

*As of August 2021*

Campaign Pledges: \$ 3,548,859  
Collected Campaign Pledges: \$ 2,540,012

### Parish CDA Totals Oct 1, 2021

Numer of Donors: 239  
Number of Donors Goal: 300  
Amount Donated: \$87,749  
Donations Goal: \$85,000

### *A Reflection by Fr. Manasseh*

FOR WITH GOD, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!

Everyday, life requires us to make choices in the face of so many options. To make some choices, one needs to forgo some other options competing for our attention. This weekend's readings are centered on the choices we should make, the options we have to renounce in order to make the right choices and the consequences that arise from the choices we make. The book of Wisdom presents its author (presumably king Solomon) recalling how in the midst of so many attractive mundane options, he chose wisdom and renounced material treasure. For him, wisdom was his preferred choice because "her radiance never ceases". The consequence of his choice here is that he received along with wisdom even those things he did not ask for. This reminds us of Jesus admonishing his disciples to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides." (Matthew 6:33).

In the Gospel, we see the consequences of choosing transitory wealth over everlasting treasure. A rich man came to Jesus and asked what he needed to do in order to inherit eternal life. Jesus first of all counselled adherence to the decalogue, but when the rich man confirmed his strict observance of God's precepts from his youth, Jesus decided to ask him to exchange his transitory wealth for lasting treasure in heaven. He required of him a radical self emptying for God's kingdom. The Divine Redeemer instructed him to go and dispose of all his earthly belongings, give the proceeds to the poor and come follow Him. The Gospel tells us the man's countenance fell, he left unhappy. In leaving without committing to life with Jesus, he made his choice, he was ready to keep the commandments but complete self emptying so as to be perpetually reliant on God's providence was not attractive enough for him. Thus his wealth became an obstacle to the eternal happiness he desired. What could be your own obstacle to eternal happiness? What would you be reluctant to give up for the sake of the kingdom? There is a piece of this man in each and everyone of us. We are often tempted to believe that the pursuit of material wealth and accomplishments would afford us happiness, but God made the human soul to transcend the corporeal and reach for the Divine from whom true happiness emanates. For Jesus, adherence to codified precepts alone cannot achieve life beyond the grave. It is also never wise to forgo eternal life and to choose the momentary pleasure that earthly possessing and accomplishments affords us because material wealth does not really enrich us eternally as the wisdom of serving God does. This is why Jesus advised His disciples to store up their treasures in heaven and not on earth where moths and decay can destroy, and thieves can break in and steal (Matthew 6:19-21). The Lord emphasised the unfortunate capacity of wealth to hinder people from entering the kingdom of God and promised eternal life to the apostles and in fact anyone who renounces earthly treasures to follow Him.

Our prayer today is for God to endow us with wisdom so we can habitually seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness. This noble choice will enable us to be happy with our Creator in this world and in the next.

Beloved brethren, God bless you.

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## Ministries and More

### Hospitality Ministry Training

It is a fact: the number one reason why people return to a church is because they feel welcome. Please consider joining the St. Benedict Hospitality Ministry where we specialize in being welcoming!

Training is scheduled for **Saturday, October 9** at 4:30 pm, and **Sunday, October 10** at 4 pm. Following training you will have an opportunity to serve at the 5 pm Mass. What a great way to begin in ministry!

### Marriage Encounter

Come and learn a technique of loving communication that you can use for the rest of your lives! Sign up to attend an upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in Tucson on **November 6-7, 2021**.

For more dates, more information, or to sign up, go to [www.wmearizona.com](http://www.wmearizona.com).



### Sign Up Today for Trunk or Treat



It's time to get your costumes and car decor ready (nothing scary or evil, please)! Trunk or Treat and the Harvest Festival will take place on **Saturday, October 23**, on the St. John Bosco campus for twice the fun!

If you are decorating a car for Trunk or Treat, please sign up on the parish website at [stbenedict.org](http://stbenedict.org). Check in and car set-up will begin at 5 pm, and Trunk or Treat will officially start at 7 pm after the Harvest Festival costume contest. Fr. James will select the top 3 winners for the Best Decorated Car and prizes will be awarded, so let's get creative!

If you have children who would like to attend the SJB Harvest Festival AND you decorate a car, for a \$20 donation you will receive 2 kids wristbands for entry to the Harvest Festival. Additional kids are \$15 each and adults are free. Cash or checks only.

Questions? Contact Lani at [events@stbenedict.org](mailto:events@stbenedict.org).



*Arizona Rosary Celebration*

**Sunday**  
**October 17, 2021**  
**2:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.**  
**Phoenix Convention Center**  
 South Building, Halls F & G  
 33 S. 3rd St., Phoenix, AZ 85004  
 AZRosary.net  
 Our Lady of Sorrows, Pray for Us  
**Invite your family and friends!**

Sign up for transportation in the parish lobby, organized by the Knights of Columbus.

## Faith Formation and More

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### Sacrament Preparation

Attention Parents:

Is your 3rd-5th grade child planning to prepare for First Reconciliation, or Confirmation and First Communion this year? Then please plan to attend one of the upcoming required Parent Registration Meetings to find out more information and receive your materials.

#### First Reconciliation (2nd-5th grade):

- **Tuesday, October 12** at 6:30 pm in the St. John Bosco Chapel (during Journey of Faith), OR
- **Sunday, October 17** at 10:15 am in Annex 1.

#### First Communion & Confirmation (3rd-5th grade):

- **Sunday, October 17** at 12:15 pm in Annex 1, OR
- **Tuesday, October 19** at 6:30 pm in the St. John Bosco Chapel (during Journey of Faith).



A parent or guardian must attend one Information Meeting before sacrament preparation may begin. All children planning to receive sacraments must also regularly attend *Journey of Faith* or *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*. Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate and \$25 for sacrament materials.

Questions? Please contact Heather Mooney at [hmooney@stbenedict.org](mailto:hmooney@stbenedict.org).

### Feed My Starving Children

The next date you can come to pack meals for starving children all over the world **Saturday, October 30**, from 11:30 am to 1:15 pm. Reserve your spot before it's full by emailing Clare Gisla at [cgisla@stbenedict.org](mailto:cgisla@stbenedict.org) or by calling her at 480.961.1610 ext. 307.

### Volunteers Needed for Youth Ministry

Do you feel called to work with young people? Are you interested in making a difference in the faith life of a teen? The Youth Ministry program here at St. Benedict is in need of volunteers to be part of our amazing team of Core members. No experience is required and the lesson materials are provided - all you need is an open heart and a love for Jesus!

Please contact Clare Gisla at [cgisla@stbenedict.org](mailto:cgisla@stbenedict.org) for more information or to volunteer.

### No CLOW on Sunday, Oct 10

There will be NO Children's Liturgy of the Word this weekend because of Fall Break.



### Sponsors Needed for EPIC

The St. Benedict Youth Ministry would greatly appreciate your help! If you are willing and able to sponsor a snack for 12-15 teens this semester on a Sunday at 3 pm, please contact Clare at [cgisla@stbenedict.org](mailto:cgisla@stbenedict.org). Thanks to YOUR generosity we are able to provide snacks for the hungry teens at every meeting!

## Current Events & More

### Mountain Movers Intercessory Team

Prayer is a powerful thing...it is said that prayer can move mountains! So we are forming an Intercessory Prayer Team to support our Church Building Project with prayer.

You can put in as much or as little time that you have available. Each week you will receive an email with a focus of prayer for the upcoming week. There will be a mix of Bible verses, Saint quotes, and even prayer suggestions to inspire you for each day. You can pray your own way or use my suggestions. All forms of prayer are welcome!

If you would like to be a part of the new "Mountain Movers Intercessory Team," please contact Jennifer Sentz at [jsentz@stbenedict.org](mailto:jsentz@stbenedict.org) or 480.961.1610 ext. 309.

### Knights of Columbus

Congratulations to Lionel Quihuis for joining the ranks of the Fourth Degree on Sept 18. Along with Fr. James they are now the newest members of the San Xavier del Bac Fourth Degree Assembly.

Our Council also welcomes Paulo Quintana our newest and youngest Knight. Paulo is an Altar Server at St. Benedict.

We will be providing transportation to take you to the the Rosary Celebration on Oct 17. Departure time from St. Benedict will be announced at Masses this weekend.

Become a Knight at [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus). Use code **TMOORE** and Council **12246** for your dues to be waived the first year.

Have a safe and blessed week.

Vivat Jesus,  
Rudy Cavolina, Grand Knight  
Fr. Bob Binta Council 12246  
[GK@kofc12246.org](mailto:GK@kofc12246.org)  
480.747.8000



### St. Vincent de Paul Update

Thank each and everyone who helped us move shelves to our SVDP Pantry in Annex 4 last week. They are in place, clean, and disinfected, ready to be stocked the weekend of **October 22-24**. We can't wait! Thank you, also, for your generous financial support during this time! It is greatly appreciated.



### Women's Spirituality Update

Thank you to all the women who attended Women's Spirituality on October 2. Our topic was how Covid-19 impacted our lives. Our next meeting is **Saturday, November 6** at 10 am in Annex 1. Join us as we discuss topics and spirituality issues women face today.

Questions? Email [events@stbenedict.org](mailto:events@stbenedict.org).



### Walking with Moms in Need

Our parish recently joined a nationwide effort to increase outreach and support for pregnant mothers and families entitled, *Walking with Moms in Need*. August marked the end of the inventory process, and we are in the midst of the planning and implementation phase.

Our next meeting will be at St. Benedict Church on **Tuesday, October 12** at 6 pm in Annex 1. All parishioners are welcome to attend the meeting. We will deep dive into some agencies and discuss ideas for a parish-wide response.

We invite all parishioners to join us in *Walking with Moms in Need*. For more information, and to ensure you receive ongoing updates, please contact Molly Goins at **602.317.7790** or [mb\\_barlow@me.com](mailto:mb_barlow@me.com).

More



## AmazonSmile and Fry's Rewards

Did you know you can support St. Benedict simply by shopping? Here are two ways that do not cost you anything, but greatly benefit our parish!

You may already be an *Amazon.com* customer. If so, consider linking your account to our AmazonSmile profile. When you shop in this way, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the parish. It does not cost you anything extra and it is incredibly easy.

You can also use your Fry's VIP card to support St. Benedict. The key to this program is making sure to re-register annually on their website. Go to <https://www.frysfood.com/account/communityrewards>.

## Moms Night Out

Please join Magnificat Moms for a casual night out at the Living Room (Awhatukey) on Saturday, October 16 at 5:30 pm. No RSVP required, but feel free to contact Molly Goins at **602.317.7790** or [mb\\_barlow@me.com](mailto:mb_barlow@me.com) with any questions. Looking forward to seeing everyone for a relaxing moms night out!

For advertising in the back of the bulletin,  
please contact Claudia Borders at **520.298.1265**

## Ministry Contacts

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## Offertory Cards from Faith Direct

The only thing I "missed" after signing up with Faith Direct, for my giving to St. Benedict, was not having something to put in the offertory basket. Then I found out about the Offertory Cards available from Faith Direct. After signing up for these, I soon received my cards in the mail and was ready the next time the basket came around.



If you use Faith Direct for your parish giving, and would like to receive the Offertory Cards, simply go to [membership.faithdirect.net](https://membership.faithdirect.net) and sign in. Look to the right of the next page and you will see a list with "Manage Offertory Cards". Click on this option and indicate that you would like to START receiving cards in the mail. If you prefer, you can also download blank cards to print and fill out with your name and parish ID number.

## Pastoral Care

Please remember in your prayers **Julia Pirro** 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.

Linens... Mary Jane, 480.961.1610 ext. 304  
 Magnificat Moms... Molly, [mb\\_barlow@me.com](mailto:mb_barlow@me.com)  
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## A Note From The SJB Principal

Dear Parishioners,

Did you hear the big news? St. John Bosco Catholic School and St. Benedict Parish are joining forces this year to offer a grand Fall event! SJB's Harvest Fest and St. Benedict's Trunk or Treat will happen on the same evening, **Saturday, October 23**, from 5 pm to 9 pm. Don't miss this wonderful family tradition that will be even bigger and better this year. Stay tuned for more details as the activity schedule is hammered out.



Joyful Blessings,  
Jamie Bescak, Principal