

April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

“ **The stone rejected by the builders
has become the cornerstone.** ”

~ Ps 118

“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

Monday, 4/22
8:15am | Mass

Tuesday, 4/23
8:15 am | Mass
6:15 pm | JAM
6:15 pm | JOF

Wednesday, 4/24
8:15 am | Mass
6 pm | Youth Choir
7 pm | Parish Rosary

Thursday, 4/25
8:15 am | Mass
4:30 pm | Legion Mary
6 pm | Adult Choir

Friday, 4/26
8:15 am | Mass
5 pm | Confessions

Saturday, 4/27
8 am | Confessions
5 pm | Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 4/21/2024

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

F 4/26 | Edward Theodore Sobolewski †
Sat 4/27 | Bob Prezkop †

Sunday, 4/28/2024

M 4/22 | Smith Family (lvg)
Tu 4/23 | Jim Ortega †
W 4/24 | Marie Holden †
Th 4/25 | Patricia Brennan †

7 am | Parishioners
9 am | Eugene Laatsch †
11 am | Leonore & Fidel Padilla †
5 pm | Doug Souders †

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday: 4/22	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: 4/23	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: 4/24	Acts 12:24–13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: 4/25	1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20 (St. Mark)
Friday: 4/26	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: 4/27	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday: 4/28	Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a); 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Parish Contributions

A special thank you to those who are faithfully contributing

Regular Contributions for

March 2024

Actual: \$ 79,823

Budget: \$ 78,352

** Realm*

Online: \$ 46,009

Cash/Check: \$ 33,814

Easter

Actual: \$ 13,296

Budget: \$ 15,000

Construction Project

February 28, 2024

TOTAL COST: \$9,281,993**

Total Expenses

Paid To Date: **\$8,866,117**

Remaining

Balance of Cost: **\$ 415,876**

TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE

(Cash on Hand &

Line of Credit): **\$ 351,790**

Additional Funds

Need to Raise: **\$ 64,086**

**** Includes building permits not previously included, change orders and fluctuating costs of FF&E.**



Live the Liturgy Inspiration for the Week

Jesus the Good Shepherd knows that real love is an action, not an idea. His sacrifice is the proof of his love for his flock. Let us remember to love one another as the Good Shepherd loves us: not just in words but in actions, in choices, in deeds.

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A Reflection by Fr. Manasseh

“...AND I WILL LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR MY SHEEP.”

We know that the most important proof for the Resurrection of Jesus is neither the empty tomb on Easter Sunday nor the testimony of Mary, Peter and John the beloved who “saw and believed.” The most reliable proof for the Resurrection lies in examining the dramatic change in the attitude of the Apostles and disciples after the Resurrection in comparison to their attitude before the Resurrection. It is obvious that the Apostles exhibited attitudinal transformation after they saw Christ. So radical was this change that the same men who were very afraid of the Jewish authorities after Christ was arrested found no problems in confronting the same authorities and placing culpability for the crucifixion of Christ squarely at their feet (Acts 4:10-11), declaring that salvation is exclusively a product of belief in Christ (Acts 4:12) and were readily prepared to joyfully die (Acts 7:59-60). It would have been logically impossible for the Apostles to risk their lives for a lie.

This dramatic change in attitude is what we see in the First Reading where Simon Peter, emboldened by the the certainty of Christ’s Resurrection and empowered by the Holy Spirit, told the leaders of the people that the cripple who had been healed at the beautiful gate received his healing in the name of Jesus Christ whom they (the leaders of the people) had despised and condemned to death, but whom God glorified with the Resurrection. He added that it is only through the name of Jesus Christ that anyone would be saved. The arraignment of the Apostolic duo before the Sanhedrin for healing a man in the name of Jesus Christ reminds us of the various ways Christians are made to endure persecution for doing what is right in contemporary society. In Nigeria and many other countries, Christians are kidnapped, driven away from their ancestral lands and even killed just for being Christians. In contemporary America, pro-lifers are being ridiculed, people who hold onto the sanctity of marriage are being called names and those who insist that Christ should have a place in our national life are not being listened to just because they have chosen to stand with Christ. Some Christians who have taken their faith seriously have had relatives who threatened to stop talking to and to disconnect from them if they did not compromise on their religious beliefs. There are also seniors who have been disconnected from their grandchildren just because they requested to have the little ones presented with an opportunity to be baptized so that they could enjoy a growing relationship with God. The list of subtle ways of persecuting Christians seems to be growing exponentially.

Whenever we are persecuted in any form for the sake of the truth for which we stand, we should remember that we are the sheep, the flock of Jesus, and that we are privileged to be following in the footsteps of the Good Shepherd who knows His sheep and His sheep know Him, the Good Shepherd who does not run away from the wolf but lays down His life for His sheep in order to save them. It is this same Good Shepherd who demanded “*if anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me*” (Luke 9:23). If we are persecuted, we enjoy the privilege of being counted among the blessed sheep of Christ who live up to this unpopular demand.

May we be aided by the abundance of grace to lay down our lives in various ways in love like Christ for our brethren so that our witness to the truth of His Passion, Death and Resurrection will not be limited to futile words.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh

Congratulations

*Our St. Benedict Catholic Church Community congratulates
all those receiving Sacraments!*

*May you be strengthened with the Holy Spirit
and nourished by the Holy Eucharist as you go forth as disciples of
Christ!*

Charles Abbadessa

Ian Ahedo

Stella Ayers

Connor Ayers

Olivia Barragar

Dominic Belmonte

Kyrsten Belmonte

Owen Boggs

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Sydney Savoy

Evelyn Schroeder

Antonio Solis

Brian Soto-Zambrano

Kennedy Sterkowitz

Jessica Stern

Ben Trevizo

Maximilian Valles

Santiago Valles

Ana Vanegas

Audrey White

Madelyn Wiscombe

Matthew Yanez

Grace Zils

Faith Formation and More

Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

Sunday, April 21

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

Tuesday, April 23

JAM
Journey of Faith

Sunday, April 28

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

Tuesday, April 30

JAM
Journey of Faith

St. Benedict Catholic Church VBS It's coming up! 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 [QR code] THEME SCUBA diving into friendship with god

Congratulations Connor

Our Seminarian, Connor Companik, is being ordained a Deacon on Sunday, May 26, 9 am, at Ss. Simon and Jude Cathedral. He will be serving and preaching at our 5 pm Mass that same evening. Afterwards we are having a reception for him over at the St. John Bosco School Multipurpose Room. This will be a pot luck...watch your email for a link to the list of items to sign up for!

Pancake Breakfast

Troop 77 will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 28 after the 7 am and 9 am Masses. \$6 donation requested. All proceeds help fund the St. Benedict Scout Troop events and outings. Join us!

Volunteer 'Thank You'

Fr. James, Fr. Manasseh and the Staff at St. Benedict would like to extend a huge 'THANK YOU' to all the parish volunteers! Your dedication and time are greatly appreciated in all that you do. Thank you!

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



Thank you for your support and good luck!



Ministries & More

Knights of Columbus

The apostles did know about Christ's promise of rising on the third day. They had seen the empty tomb. Things had been sufficiently clear for them to have nourished their faith and their hope; but instead, they spoke of Christ as belonging to the past, as a lost opportunity. They were a living picture of discouragement. Their minds are in darkness and their hearts are numbed.

It is possible that we too may sometimes meet with discouragement and lack of hope because of defects that we cannot manage to root out, or of difficulties in our work that seem to be insurmountable. On these occasions, provided we allow ourselves to be helped, Jesus will not allow us to be parted from him. Perhaps it will be in spiritual direction, once we open our souls in all sincerity, that we will come to see Our Lord again. And with him there will always come joy and the desire to begin again, but it is essential that we allow ourselves to be helped, and that we are ready to be docile to the advice that we receive.

Announcements:

- Thank you to all the brothers who attended the 25th Anniversary Picnic on April 14.

Events:

- The monthly Parish Rosary is on April 24 at 7 pm in the Chapel.

Join online to become a Knight of Columbus at www.kofc.org/joinus and enter "Council 12246" and code "GKWAP".

Vivat Jesus,

Isauro Amaro, Grand Knight

Fr. Bob Binta Council # 12246

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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 food items:



- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Pasta Sauce
- Jam/Jelly
- Baked Beans
- Canned Chicken
- Snacks
- Canned Fruit

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

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.

On the last Wednesday of every month, the Knights of Columbus host a parish Rosary. This month it's on **Wednesday, April 24**, at 7 pm in the Parish Chapel.

Catholic Home Missions Collection

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

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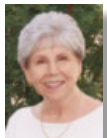
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A Note From The SJB Principal

Dear Parishioners,

Mark your calendars! The highly anticipated Annual Birdies “FORE” Bosco Golf Tournament is fast approaching, scheduled for **Friday, May 3**, at the picturesque Whirlwind Golf Club.

We’re thrilled to announce that this year, we’re extending the invitation to all. It’s not just a golf event; it’s a celebration for the entire SJB community. The day kicks off with a thrilling golf scramble for our SJB golfers, followed by the eagerly awaited End of Year Bosco Bash, where parents and community members can come together for fun and festivities.

Don’t miss out on this fantastic opportunity to support our school and enjoy a day filled with camaraderie and excitement. See you on the green!

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



St. John Bosco Catholic School

BIRDIES FORE BOSCO GOLF TOURNAMENT 2024

SCAN ME [QR Code]

Whirlwind Golf Club

AT 2PM **MAY 3rd, 2024** PER PLAYER \$150

REGISTRATION : tinyurl.com/Birdies4Bosco

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- TITLE SPONSOR - \$5000**
Includes tournament foursome, signage at check-in, tee boxes, post round dinner. Includes Company mention at awards, signage at St. John Bosco south fence all year, as well as representation on SJB social media. Distribution of any branded swag.
- DINNER SPONSOR - \$3,000**
Includes signage on course, logo and swag at each dinner table, special sponsor recognition at reception, logo on banner on St. John Bosco south fence, representation on SJB social media. Includes Tournament foursome.
- BEVERAGE CART SPONSOR - \$2500**
Includes signage on sides of two beverage carts covering the tournament, company logo on banner to be hung on St. John Bosco south fence, distribution of branded swag, representation on SJB social media. Includes Tournament foursome.
- EAGLE HOLE SPONSOR - \$1000**
Includes stand alone hole signage and vendor table, distribution of any branded swag. Includes Tournament foursome.
- BIRDIE HOLE SPONSOR - \$500**
Includes ONE golfer registration, shared hole signage, distribution of any branded swag.
- PAR HOLE SPONSOR - \$150**
Includes shared hole signage. Great option for a family sponsorship.

St. John Bosco Catholic School **Whirlwind GOLF CLUB**