



June 16, 2024

## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

“ **Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.** ”

~ Ps 92

“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 - 12 pm  
Closed Daily 12 pm - 1 pm

### Mass Schedule

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

### 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, 6/17**  
8:15am | Mass

**Tuesday, 6/18**  
8:15 am | Mass

**Wednesday, 6/19**  
8:15 am | Mass

**Thursday, 6/20**  
8:15 am | Mass  
4:30 pm | Legion Mary  
6 pm | Adult Choir

**Friday, 6/21**  
8:15 am | Mass  
5 pm | Confession

**Saturday, 6/22**  
8 am | Confession  
5 pm | Mass

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, 6/16/2024

7 am | Bill Ball †  
9 am | Eugene Laatsch †  
11 am | Parishioners  
5 pm | Frank G. Galvan †

**F 6/21** | Jack Schmiecher & Janis Wall †

**Sat 6/22** | Marie Holden †

**M 6/17** | John Wertzberger †  
**Tu 6/18** | Henry Devine †  
**W 6/19** | Daniel Gil (lvg)  
**Th 6/20** | Roxann Petras Morstein (lvg)

#### Sunday, 6/23/2024

7 am | Regina & Bill Splees †  
9 am | Alfonso Kwek †  
11 am | Loretta Davenport †  
5 pm | Parishioners

**Liturgy & Administration**

**Scripture Readings**

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6/17  
6a, 6b-7; Mt 5:38-42

**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 6/18  
11, 16; Mt 5:43-48

**Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; 6/19  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 6/20  
5-6, 7; Mt 6:7-15

**Friday:** 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132: 6/21  
11-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23  
*(St. Aloysius Gonzaga)*

**Saturday:** 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 6/22  
29-34; Mt 6:24-34

**Sunday:** Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-26, 6/23  
28-31 (1b); 2 Cor 5:14-17;  
Mk 4:35-41

**Parish Contributions**

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

Regular Contributions for **April 2024**

**Actual: \$ 71,074\***

**Budget: \$ 78,352**

*\* Realm*

Online: \$ 43,865

Cash/Check: \$ 27,208

*(Contributions are recorded on a monthly basis per fiscal year July 1, '23 to June 30, '24)*

**Construction Project**

*March 2024*

Current Estimated Construction Costs: **\$9,281,993\*\***

Donations/Fundraising: **(\$4,717,907)**

Line of Credit/Debt: **(\$4,500,000)**

Additional Funds 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**

Faith can start small, Jesus tells us – as small as the tiniest seed on earth. But it's up to us to surround that seed with good, nutritious soil, to nourish it with sunlight and water, and to tend to it lovingly so that it will grow.

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## *A Reflection by Fr. Manasseh*

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### **“FOR WE WALK BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT.”**

The exiled people of Israel received a series of “prophecies of doom” that painted a gloomy story of their contemporary situation from the Prophet Ezekiel who ministered to the people during the period of exile. After one of such oracles, God decided to offer them a message of hope for restoration. God employed an agricultural parable to pass this relieving message of hope, this must have resonated with the people, an overwhelming majority of whom were agriculturists. The Lord was going to take from the crest of the cedar, a tender shoot, which He would plant on a high and lofty mountain of Israel. He would give it growth so as to ensure fruit bearing and it would grow into a majestic cedar under whose branches birds of every kind would dwell. To the despairing people of Israel, the message of this parable was clear. God was offering them hope for the restoration of their lost dignity and freedom as a people, a restoration that would attract the admiration and fellowship of all the nations of the earth. God was going to take a “shoot” from the Davidic dynasty and restore it in Jerusalem. In simple terms, the Lord was going to place a descendant of David on His ancestor’s throne and His reign would bring people of all nations to Israel. This must have sounded hopelessly over-optimistic for the subdued and despairing audience of the prophet Ezekiel, but the Prophet insisted it was the Lord who said it and He would do as He had promised.

Scripture is the living Word of God and it has a way of being relevant to all generations, people and time. The First Reading speaks the message of hope to every believer who is struggling with faith, life, the pursuit of righteousness and even internal individual and family worries. God is willing to give new strength to our lives if we let Him. In the midst of so many woes and stories of disappointment, God stands ready to lift us to unimaginable glory, again, if we allow Him.

This prophetic utterance of Ezekiel came to pass with the ministry of Jesus, Son of David and Son of God who through the New covenant which He sealed with His blood, brought all people from all nations into covenant relationship with God and made salvation available even to the Gentiles. This was a mystery that Jesus knew was alluding the understanding of His unsophisticated disciples. So, He told the two parables: the first, illustrating the minimal work done by a sower while God gave growth as the sower slept; the second, about the mustard seed which at the time of planting is just a tiny seed but grows into a shrub that provides shelter for birds of all kinds. This mustard seed clearly refers to the Word of God which can be understood in two senses: the proclaimed Word of God and Jesus Himself who is the Word of God (Jn 1:1). When we proclaim the Word to people, we are essentially sowing the seed and that is the much we are enabled to do. The rest of the mystery of how faith is received and grows in any individual, community, nation and even generation is mysterious work proper to the working of God. In the second sense, it is instructive to note that after His death on the cross, Christ the Word of God was literally planted in the ground in the mountain heights of Israel where He germinated into His Body the Church and has continued to receive growth through the workings of the Holy Spirit who enables people from many nations to find the shelter of salvation in her branches. Thus, in Christ the royal Son of David, Ezekiel’s prophecy did come true as the House of David was reestablished in Jerusalem, and the new kingdom of David’s Son, the Church, continues to spread and positively transform the world in many generations.

We are invited to have faith in God who restored the Kingdom of Israel and the House of David even as the Church and all adherents of the Truth and the Way of Christ endure persecution from all kinds of hostile adversaries. The mustard seed has been planted, it will not die, and God shall give it growth in mysterious ways.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh

## Current Events and More

### EMHCs Needed at Masses

Due to the new church being larger with more stations for Communion, we are in need of **additional** Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) at most Masses, but especially the Sunday 9 am and 11 am. When you come to Mass, would you please check in at the Sacristy to find out if any EMHCs are needed? Thank you for your willingness to help!



### Save the Date for Family Promise

Family Promise will be here at St. Benedict next week from **June 23-30!** Join us as we welcome families and provide a safe shelter and delicious dinners. This is a perfect opportunity for families to volunteer in a grassroots ministry, helping those who are less fortunate. Service hours can be earned by volunteering.

For more information or to volunteer, go to the parish website at [stbenedict.org](http://stbenedict.org).

### Water Drive

The temperatures are creeping up again, so we are collecting bottles of water for the homeless and the St. Vincent de Paul dining halls. Please bring your much appreciated donations of water to the parish lobby before Mass or anytime during office hours. Thank you!



### Vocations

*"When the crop permits, the harvest has come."*

Are you being called by the Lord of the Harvest to proclaim His kingdom as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office at **602.354.2004** or [dphx.org/vocations](http://dphx.org/vocations).

### Father's Day Prayer

God Our Father, we give You thanks and praise for fathers, young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation: may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

*TheCatholicTelegraph.com*



**RSVP today (optional) on the Church Website!**

Friday – July 12<sup>th</sup> 6-8 p.m. in SJB MPR  
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- Prize donations and bake sale items needed!! Drop off at the Parish office, give to Lani or bring to the event!



For more info email [events@stbenedict.org](mailto:events@stbenedict.org)



### Fry's Rewards

Did you know that you can support St. Benedict simply by shopping at Fry's using your Fry's VIP Card? It does not cost you anything, but greatly benefits our parish!

Go to "My Account" (top right corner under your name), click on "Community Rewards" (on the left), and select "Parish of St. Benedict" as your choice, Organization Number PF507. Each quarter you will get a total of the amount donated...we thank you in advance!



## Faith Formation and More

### 2024 Teen Summer Bible Sharing & Social

Attention: High School Students! Join us any week as we get together on Sundays for a combination of Scripture reflection and informal fun! Don't miss out on



this great opportunity to get to know more about The Word of God and meet our fellow Catholic teens before the school year. Incoming Freshman are welcome to join! Save the dates of **June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21 & 28** from 3 pm to 4:30 pm in the Annex 1 Conference Room. Come to one or come to all! Bring a Bible and a friend. Facilitated by Dewayne Byrnes and Nolan Pollio. For more information email [srdelia@stbenedict.org](mailto:srdelia@stbenedict.org).

### Faith Formation Online Registration

Wishing everyone a safe and blessed summer! Remember that online fall registration for Catechesis of the Good Shepard, Journey of Faith, JAM and EPIC begins **Monday, July 1, 2024** on the parish website at [www.stbenedict.org](http://www.stbenedict.org).

### Summertime Faith Formation

Children's religious education classes have ended for the school year, however faith formation is on-going and practiced in the way we live our everyday lives. Parents continue to be the primary catechists for your children. Consider some simple ways you might help enrich your child's faith throughout the upcoming summer months.

- Designate a time each week to read and reflect on the upcoming Sunday Gospel with your child. You may notice a visible difference in your child's behavior during Mass if they are familiar with the Word before it is proclaimed on Sunday, especially if they have been given time to discuss how the Gospel spoke to them.
- Play a board game. Turn off all electronics (Mom and Dad - that means you too!) and have fun together. Children learn through personal interaction, and games teach valuable life skills like sharing, losing (and winning) with grace, teamwork and critical thinking. Plus, laughter is a good reminder of Christ's joy and presence within us.

### Join us for the next St. Benedict Dining Event!

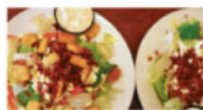


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Take Out  
Pick Up

**Father's Day!**  
Sunday, June 16th  
12:00pm - 7:00pm

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### New Parishioners

- Lainie Colon
- Bill Dolny
- Cole Malham
- Lissette Tuminello

### June Office Hours

Please take note that the parish office hours change during the summer:

June	Mon-Thurs	9 am to 5 pm
	Fri	9 am to Noon

## Ministries & More

### Knights of Columbus

Happy Fathers' Day!

We pray for God's blessing and the intercession of St. Joseph for all fathers. A father is neither an anchor to hold us back nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love show us the way. Dads are most ordinary men turned by love into heroes, adventurers, story tellers and life-long friends.

*"There is no comparison between that which is lost by not succeeding and that which is lost by not trying."*

- Francis Bacon

#### Announcements

- Congratulations to Scott Svatora, 2023-24 Knight of the Year
- Congratulations to Paul Spatz Knight of the Month
- Congratulations to Dave and Ginny Belousek, Family of the Month.

#### Events

- SVdP Food Drive **June 23** - please bring your donations to each Mass
- Parish Rosary, **Wed, June 26** at 7 pm in the Chapel

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

Fr. Bob Binta Council # 12246

480.748.1449

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### St. Vincent de Paul

*"As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the Lord has compassion on the faithful."*

- Psalm 103:13



Happy Father's Day to all the dad's, both living and deceased.

- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Soap
- Can Openers
- Jelly

In May, we assisted 74 households with \$7,677 in financial help, and 122 bags of groceries. We are grateful for your support through Realm and the 5th Sunday collection donations.

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

### Looking Ahead

- **June 23-30** - Family Promise, Annex 1
- **Wed June 26** - Parish Rosary, Chapel, 7 pm
- **Thurs July 4** - Independence Day (office closed)
- **Fri July 5** - Adoration, Chapel, 9 am to 6 pm
- **Thurs July 11** - Feast of St. Benedict
- **Fri July 12** - Bingo Night, SJB MPR, 6 pm
- **Sat July 13** - Baptism Class, Annex 1, 9:30 am

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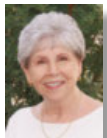
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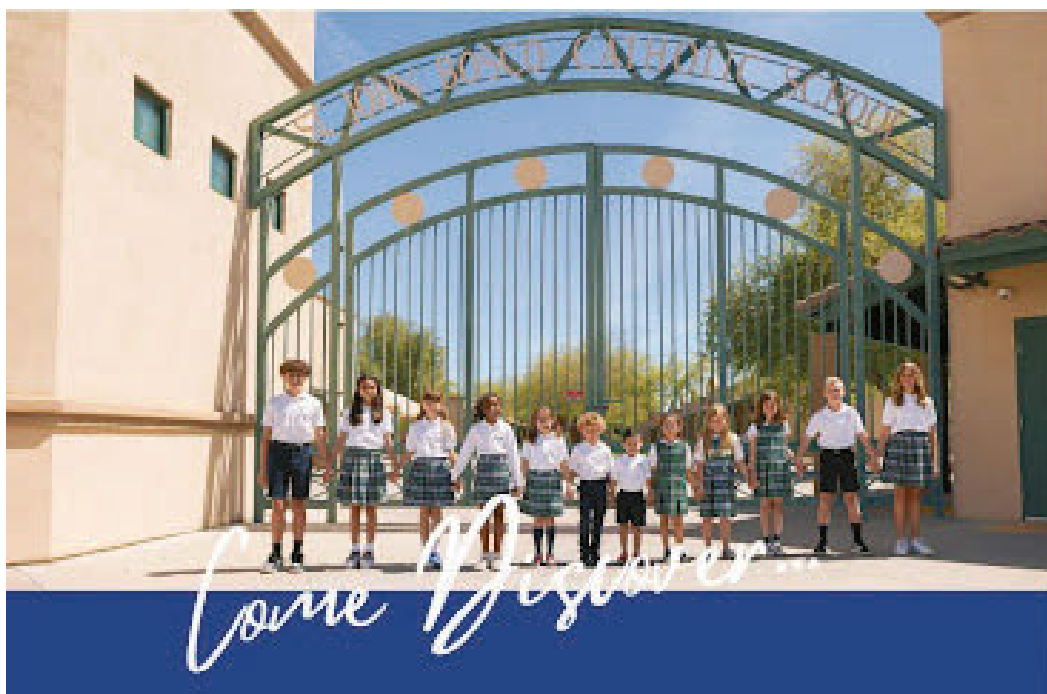


Dear Parishioners,

June is typically a bustling month at St. John Bosco School, with administrative updates inside and campus enhancements outside. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the efforts of our Gala committee, generous sponsors, and all attendees of the 2024 September Gala. The funds raised were allocated to upgrading the security fence on the south side of the campus, surrounding the kindergarten, preschool, and administration buildings. Additionally, the funds supported the maintenance of our school-wide technology programs and infrastructure, as well as providing classroom teaching supplies and curriculum. Every dollar donated directly benefits our students and teachers.

This summer has been exceptionally busy as we prepare for new students, staff, and securing our campus.

Joyful Blessings,  
Jamie Bescak, M.Ed.  
Principal  
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