

June 23, 2024

# **Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Give thanks to the Lord. his love is everlasting.

~ Ps 107

#### "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

Monday, 6/24 8:15am | Mass Tuesday, 6/25 8:15 am | Mass Wednesday, 6/26 8:15 am | Mass

7 pm | Parish Rosary

9 am | Alfonso Kwek †

Sunday, 6/23/2024 7 am | Regina & Bill Splees †

11 am | Loretta Davenport † 5 pm | Parishioners

Mass Intentions—

M 6/24 | Jennifer Mascola † Tu 6/25 | Michelle Irene

W 6/26 | Gina Felton †

F 6/28 | Judy Sweador † Sat 6/29 | Pilar & Jaime

Gonzalez †

Thursday, 6/27

Friday, 6/28

8:15 am | Mass

5 pm | Confession

Saturday, 6/29 8 am | Confession

Phillips †

Th 6/27 | Heidi Juarez (lvg)

# Sunday, 6/30/2024

7 am | Parishioners 9 am | Darel Williams † 11 am | Dennis Biggs † 5 pm | Michael Magliola †

6 pm | Adult Choir

4:30 pm | Legion Mary

8:15 am | Mass

5 pm | Mass

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## Liturgy & Administration

# **Scripture Readings**

Monday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; 6/24

Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80 (The Nativity of St. John Baptist)

**Tuesday:** 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-6/25 35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11;

Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13, 23:1-3;

Ps 119:33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20 6/26

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-2, 6/27 3-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29

Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-6;

Mt 8:1-4 6/28

(St. Irenaeus)

Saturday: Acts 12:1-11, 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-

8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19 6/29

(Sts. Peter and Paul)

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 6/30

4-6, 11-13 (2a); 2 Cor 8:7, 9,

13-15; Mk 5:21-43

# **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**

June 2024

Current **Estimated** Construction

Costs: \$9.280.886\*\*

Donations/

Fundraising: (\$4,717,907)

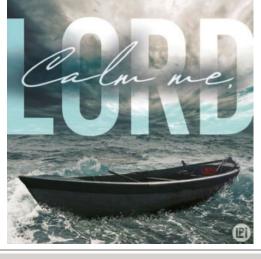
Line of Credit/

Debt: (\$4,500,000)

Additional Funds

to Raise: \$63,979

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



# Live the Liturgy **Inspiration for the Week**

So often when we are weathering the storm, it feels like God is asleep - but we never even tried to wake Him up! Bring God your fears, your doubts, your uncertainties. He will show you that He steers the ship, and even the wind and the seas obey.

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## A Reflection by Fr. Manasseh

#### **QUIET! BE STILL!**

One would expect that the disciples of Jesus, some of whom were professional fishermen before Jesus called them, would possess at least a little more than a fair understanding of the sea and the elements. To be fair to them, even Jesus trusted their acquired ability to sail Him across in the boat, to the extent that He fell asleep and they may have applied their knowledge of the ways of the sea to keep the boat afloat, at least for sometime before they called upon Jesus to come to their aid. Jesus had just finished making use of several parables to expose the mysteries of the kingdom of God to His disciples and He instructed them to get into a boat in order to cross to the other side. Because He was tired from having a long day, Jesus was sleeping in the stern of the boat while His Apostles battled with a storm that threatened to sink their carriage. The human nature of Christ in His dual nature of man and God is emphasized at this point in this story as God does not sleep. That He slept is evidence that like all humans, the nature the Divine Son of God adopted in order to save humanity, Jesus was tired after hard labor in His Father's vineyard. Other events that revealed the Humanity of Christ are, among others, at the death of Lazarus where He wept for the death of Lazurus His friend, at the fig tree where He was hungry but did not find fruits on the tree and at calvary where He died on the Cross.

The disciples knew that this particular storm was beyond their technical competence to navigate, but they also knew that with them was the Son of God, Lord of the winds and seas who possessed absolute dominion over the elements and all that exists and so they cried out to Him "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" This question contained their desperate appeal for rescue. Jesus woke up and did not need many words to rebuke the wind and ensure immediate calm. At this point in this Story, the Divine Nature of Christ the Son of God who has unquestionable authority and power over the winds, the seas and all things is emphasized. Thus, this section of the Gospel of Mark subtly points to the hypostatic union, a perfect union of the dual natures of Christ in one person.

In this world of pilgrimage, and as we journey towards our eternal home, we often encounter storms of varying degrees either as individual Christians or as a community. At such times, it is tempting to presume that Jesus is either oblivious of the storms that we bear or He is being silent in our moment of adversity. Far from it. When the Church increasingly faces hostilities around the world, when true doctrine is endangered and when leftists and gender ideologists attempt to obliterate Christian culture with a purple tsunami of sensualism, it is enticing for individual Christians to ask in despair "Lord, do you not care?" But this is certainly not the case.

Often we make the mistake of acting as if we are saying to God "relax Lord, i (we) have got this". No one is discouraging us from putting in our shift in the quest to solve problems but we often miss out on the central ordinary strength that grace affords us if we ask for it. God is the Lord of the elements and storms whether they are metaphorical or literal. As the First Reading says God controls the storms and sets limits for them, and as Psalm 107:20-31 agrees, the storms exist, rise and calm at the command of the Lord who hears all who call upon Him for help. If we humble ourselves, acknowledge the centrality of God's reign in our lives and ask Him to calm whatever storms we may be experiencing in our lives today, the Lord will hear us, speak the words "Quiet! Be still!" to our storms and we shall experience peace without end.

May we the Church never be without Jesus in Her boat of salvation and may we hasten to call upon the Lord in humble surrender so that our storms can be ordered into peaceful calm by the Lord of all.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh

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#### **Current Events and More**

#### Fr. Manasseh's Farewell Pot-Luck

We are planning a Pot-Luck get-together to wish Fr. Manasseh well as he leaves the parish to start his new assignment. Save the date for **Sunday**, **June 30** after the 5 pm Mass over at the St. John Bosco School Multipurpose Room. If you would like to sign up to bring a dish, go to <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4AA4AB28AAFF2-49975189-potluck">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4AA4AB28AAFF2-49975189-potluck</a> or see your Weekly Update for a link.

# 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 the parish website: **stbenedict**. **org**.

Registration forms can be also be found in the parish narthex in back of the church.

#### **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!

#### **Peter's Pence Collection**

Next weekend is the collection for Peter's Pence which enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests to aid the neediest throughout the world - those who suffer as a result of war, oppression and natural disasters. Don't miss this tangible opportunity to empower the weak, defenseless, and voiceless. Thank you for your support.



#### **Pastoral Care**

Please remember in your prayers **Rosemarie Schwindt** who died recently. We pray that her family and friends will feel God's healing embrace through the prayers and support of our faith community.



Faith Formation and More



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#### Ministries & More -

# **Knights of Columbus**

Feast of St. John the Baptist birthday (June 24)

We are given the story of the ministry of John the Baptist, called the Precursor or Forerunner of the Lord, with some variation of detail, in the three synoptic Gopels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, as well as in the Book of John. Luke tells us of the birth of John the Baptist in a town of Judaea, about six months before the birth of the Savior. When John began final preparations for his mission, he withdrew into the harsh, rocky desert beyond the Jordan to fast and pray, as was the ancient custom of holy men. His humility remained incorruptible even when his fame spread to Jerusalem and members of the higher priesthood came to make inquiries and to hear him. "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand," this was John's oft-repeated theme.

#### **Announcements**

- Thank you to all the dads who sang in the Choir on Fathers' Day
- Thank you for your support on the food and water drives
- Thank you, all the Knights who helped, providing dinner to the National Guard recruits on June 22

#### **Events**

Pray the Rosary June 26 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,

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## St. Vincent de Paul

"There is no act of charity that is not accompanied by justice or that permits us to do more than we reasonably can."

- St. Vincent de Paul

- Canned Chicken
- Canned Meats
- Sugar
- Snacks
- Popcorn
- Honey

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**.



#### 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
- 2. Enter "85048" and select St. Benedict
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Now you're ready to start exploring!

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# A Note From The SJB Principal

Dear Parishioners,

I extend my sincere gratitude to Boy Scout Troop 77 for their efforts in repairing and updating our cherished Snack Shack on the upper courts. Recently, Scouts engaging in the Woodworking merit badge undertook the much-needed work on the SJB Snack Shack. Despite encountering various obstacles such as final exam preparation, injuries, early summer vacations, a bee hive, and excessive heat alerts, the project continued, albeit with some delays from the original timetable.

Among the five scouts who initiated the project, **Chase Phillips** and **Christian Toth**, both of the SJB Class of 2021, stood out for their dedication and perseverance. Their commitment not only propelled the project forward but also brought them closer to achieving their goal of Eagle Scout rank this fall, as earning this merit badge signifies a significant milestone on their journey.

The Snack Shack has become a beloved destination! Our students enthusiastically purchase treats after school and during various sports games throughout the academic year. This successful renovation is just one among several outdoor updates on our agenda, and we are immensely grateful to our SJB alumni and prospective Eagle Scouts for their invaluable assistance in bringing us closer to achieving our goals.

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

