

August 4, 2024

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“ *The Lord gave them bread from heaven.* ”

~ Ps 78

“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-Thurs, Chapel: 8:15 am  
Weekdays on Fri, 8:15 in 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, 8/5

8:15 am | Mass

Tuesday, 8/6

8:15 am | Mass

Wednesday, 8/7

8:15 am | Mass  
6:30 pm | Pastoral Council

Thursday, 8/8

8:15 am | Mass  
4:30 pm | Legion  
of Mary  
6 pm | Adult Choir

Friday, 8/9

8:15 am | Mass  
5 pm | Confession

Saturday, 8/10

8 am | Confession  
9:30 am | Baptism Class  
5 pm | Mass

### Mass Intentions

Sunday, 8/4/2024

7 am | Enriqueta Trevino †  
9 am | Eugene Laatsch †  
11 am | Don Sterkowitz †  
5 pm | Jose Astudillo Jr. †

F 8/9 | Charles Larsen †  
Sat 8/10 | Ben & Evelyn  
Korczyk †

Sunday, 8/11/2024

M 8/5 | Tessa Villamorán (lv)  
Tu 8/6 | Efren Roman †  
W 8/7 | Kathleen Hart †  
Th 8/8 | Veronica Ruiz (lv)

7 am | Parishioners  
9 am | Darel Williams †  
11 am | John Myrann †  
5 pm | Lloyd Klofanda †

## Liturgy & Administration

### Scripture Readings

<b>Monday:</b> 8/5	Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21
<b>Tuesday:</b> 8/6	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10 <i>(The Transfiguration of the Lord)</i>
<b>Wednesday:</b> 8/7	Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
<b>Thursday:</b> 8/8	Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23 <i>(St. Dominic)</i>
<b>Friday:</b> 8/9	Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd- 36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28
<b>Saturday:</b> 8/10	2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26 <i>(St. Lawrence)</i>
<b>Sunday:</b> 8/11	1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9 (9a); Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51

### Parish Contributions

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

Regular Contributions for

**June 2024**

**Actual: \$ 74,686\***

**Budget: \$ 78,352**

\* Realm

Online: \$ 41,843

Cash/Check: \$ 32,843

*(Contributions are recorded on a monthly basis per fiscal year*

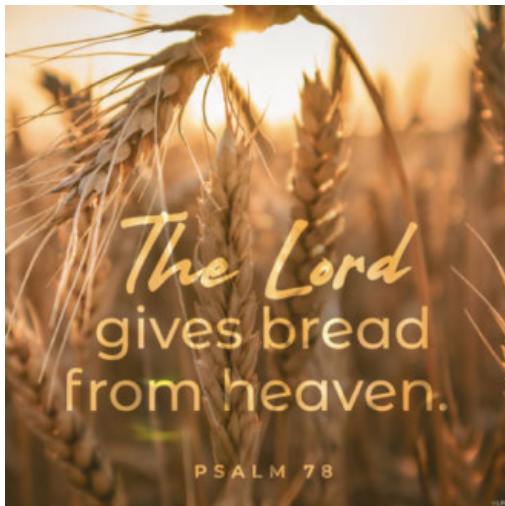
*July 1, '23 to June 30, '24)*

### Construction Project

June 2024

Current Estimated Construction Costs:	\$9,280,886**
Donations/Fundraising:	(\$4,717,907)
Line of Credit/Debt:	<u>(\$4,500,000)</u>
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

Jesus reminds his followers: "Do not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life." We are so often distracted by the world before us, by the here and now. Let us not forget what is eternal. We were made for what is eternal.

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## Scripture Reflection

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### SEEKING THE BREAD OF LIFE

This Sunday's readings call us to seek the true nourishment that comes from God alone. The stories from Exodus, Paul's letter to the Ephesians, and the Gospel of John collectively highlight the importance of looking beyond our immediate physical needs and striving for the spiritual sustenance that only God can provide.

In the first reading, the Israelites grumble against Moses and Aaron, longing for the comforts of Egypt despite their bondage. God responds with a miraculous provision of quail and manna, stating, *"I will now rain down bread from heaven for you"* (Ex 16:4). This act of divine provision is more than just a response to physical hunger; it's a test of faith and obedience. God's provision of manna teaches the Israelites to trust in His daily care and to recognize His sovereignty in their lives.

The responsorial psalm reiterates this theme, proclaiming, *"The Lord gave them bread from heaven"* (Ps 78:24). This divine nourishment symbolizes God's unwavering commitment to His people, providing not only physical sustenance but also a reminder of His power and love. The psalm encourages us to remember and declare God's wondrous deeds, reinforcing our faith in His continued provision.

In the second reading, Paul exhorts the Ephesians to transform their lives by putting away their *"old self"* and being *"renewed in the spirit of your minds"* (Eph 4:23). This renewal involves embracing a life of righteousness and holiness, reflecting the true teachings of Christ. Paul's message underscores the need for spiritual renewal, urging us to seek deeper, lasting transformation that aligns with God's will.

The Gospel brings this message to a climax with Jesus addressing the crowd who followed Him after the miracle of the loaves and fishes. He challenges their motives, saying, *"You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled"* (Jn 6:26). Jesus then directs them to seek the *"food that endures for eternal life"* (Jn 6:27). He declares, *"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst"* (Jn 6:35). This profound statement reveals Jesus as the ultimate source of spiritual nourishment, satisfying the deepest longings of the human heart.

These readings invite us to reflect on our own pursuits. Are we, like the Israelites, longing for temporary comforts and missing the greater blessings God has for us? Are we seeking spiritual renewal and transformation in our lives? Jesus calls us to seek Him, the true bread of life, and to trust in His provision for all our needs.

This week, let us turn our focus towards the spiritual nourishment that only God can provide. As we go about our daily lives, may we remember to seek the sustenance that endures- Jesus Christ, the bread of life. In Him, we find the fulfillment of all our hunger and the promise of eternal life. Amen.

Fr. Augustine Acheme, VC

## Current Events and More

### “God is Good...”

All are welcome to come and celebrate Mass in honor of Fr. Bob Binta at St. Benedict on **Tuesday, August 20** (time TBA). Fr. Bob was the Pastor here at St. Benedict for five years beginning in July of 2013. He was later diagnosed with cancer and passed away peacefully on August 20, 2018. Each year we remember Fr. Bob so save the date to attend this year. As Fr. Bob was known for saying, “God is Good, All the Time! And All the Time, God is Good!”



### Bereavement Support Group

The Bereavement Support Group is open to all adults who are grieving the death of a loved one or close friend. Session 1 has already taken place. Remaining sessions will be on Saturdays at 10 am in the St. Benedict Conference Room (Annex 1):

**August 17, 24,**

**Sept. 7, 21, 28,**

**Oct. 26 and Dec. 21**

The facilitators for the group are Kathy McCluskey and Terri Bauer. Please contact Kathy if you would like to attend at [pastoralcare@stbenedict.org](mailto:pastoralcare@stbenedict.org).

### Employment Opportunity

The parish office is in need of an energetic and enthusiastic individual for the position of a full-time Coordinator of Youth and Campus Ministry. This person will be responsible for implementing the JAM and EPIC programs to the parish youth grades 6-12. For more information and job description, go to the parish website at [stbenedict.org](http://stbenedict.org).

### Porters of St. Joseph

Our security ministry is looking for a few more good men to help oversee security during Mass. For more information or to volunteer, contact Greg Bedell at [bedell\\_law@yahoo.com](mailto:bedell_law@yahoo.com)

### Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Thursday, August 15**, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this Holy Day of Obligation, we celebrate when Mary was taken, body and soul, into heaven.

Masses will be at 8:15 am, 12 pm and 7 pm.

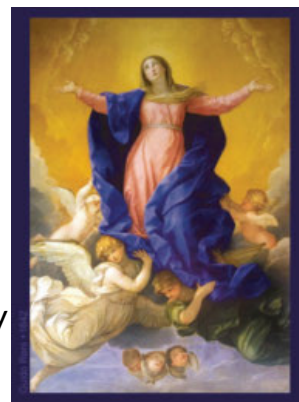
Father in heaven,  
all creation rightly gives you  
praise,  
for all life and all holiness come  
from you.

In the plan of your wisdom  
she who bore the Christ in her  
womb

was raised body and soul in glory  
to be with him in heaven.

May we follow her example in  
reflecting your holiness  
and join in her hymn of endless  
love and praise.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



### Lector Training Class

Do you have a desire to proclaim the Word of God for Mass? A practical, hands-on, new Lector Training Class that explores how scripture is incorporated into our liturgies is being offered on **Saturday, August 10** at 9 am. Share your gift and join this ministry by contacting Phil Arkfeld at [parkfeld@stbenedict.org](mailto:parkfeld@stbenedict.org) or call **480.961.1610 ext. 311**.

### Pastoral Care

Please remember in your prayers **Marcial Acosta, Sandra Carey, Jim Oosterkamp** and **Scott Schick** 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.





## Faith Formation and More

### Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

#### September

*Liturgy of the Word with Children*

**Tuesday, September 10**

JAM

Journey of Faith

**Sunday, September 15**

EPIC

**Tuesday, September 17**

JAM

Journey of Faith

### Needed: Faith Formation Volunteers

Each year, the success of our St. Benedict programs greatly depends on amazing volunteers like YOU! If you feel called to be more involved with the young people of our parish (preK-elementary, junior high or high school), we would love to talk with you about joining our team as a Catechist, Aide or Core Leader for 2024-2025! No prior experience is required. You'll receive materials, support and training.

Several different ministries with varying time commitments are available, including Journey of Faith (K-5th grade) and JAM (6th-8th) on Tuesday evenings, EPIC (9th-12th) on Sunday afternoons, retreats and/or special events, Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays during the 9 am Mass, and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (PreK-3rd).

Our children and teens value the gift of your time and faith whether you are able to commit to a little or a lot of time. In addition, being involved with the young people often strengthens our own faith. For questions, please contact Sr. Delia at [srdelia@stbenedict.org](mailto:srdelia@stbenedict.org) or 480.961.1610 ext. 307.

### R.E. Registration Continues

Give your children and teens the gift of faith formation where they grow closer to Christ, become more rooted in their Catholic faith, meet new (and old) friends, and have fun! Online registration for all Faith Formation programs has begun.

Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Sessions begin in September and meet most weeks through April 2025. For a complete schedule, visit our parish website at [www.stbenedict.org](http://www.stbenedict.org)

- **EPIC YOUTH MINISTRY (Grades 9th-12th):**  
Sundays from 3 pm to 4:45 pm
- **JAM MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6th-8th)**  
Tuesdays from 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm
- **JOURNEY OF FAITH (Grades K-5th)**  
Tuesdays from 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm
- **\*CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD:**  
Sundays from 9 am to 10:15 am Level I (3-6 years)  
Sundays from 10:15 am to 11:30 am Level II (6-9 years with Level I experience)

\*Limited space is available for both CGS sessions.

REGISTRATION COSTS for 2024-2025 per child:

\$75 - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Journey of Faith & JAM Middle School

\$75 - EPIC High School Youth Ministry

All families with multiple children have a maximum total registration cost of \$140 regardless of program. Financial assistance and scholarships are available for any family in need. We never want cost to prevent your child from participating in faith formation programs or youth ministry events. Contact Sr. Delia in the parish office for assistance or questions at 480.961.1610 ext. 307.



## Ministries & More

### Knights of Columbus

*I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the Saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. (Eph 1:18-19)*

God wants you to have the eyes of your heart enlightened in order to know the hope to which He has called you. God has called each of us to a future and a hope. God wants you to know there is an inheritance for each believer in Jesus Christ. There are riches to be had not financial but spiritual riches that are laid up for every saint. As you are faithful to his calling in your life, there will be a reward for your faithfulness.

The Knights of Columbus can certainly help Catholic men to achieve this reward.

#### Announcements

- We had a wonderful installation of Council Officers on Saturday, July 27. A special thank you to Isaura Amaro and Andrew Enrico for helping to set up.
- Thank you brothers Michael Greco, Dave Belousek, Brian Golembiewski for helping with the tear down and clean up after Family Promise.

#### Events

- Our monthly council meeting will be held on **August 8** at 7 pm in Annex 1. Please make an effort to attend.

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,

John Garrity, Grand Knight

Fr. Bob Binta Council # 12246

[grandknight@kofc12246.org](mailto:grandknight@kofc12246.org)

602.743.8015

### Ministry Contacts

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Altar Society... Sr. Liza, [srliza@stbenedict.org](mailto:srliza@stbenedict.org)

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Hospitality... David, [davidjschenach@gmail.com](mailto:davidjschenach@gmail.com)

Knights of Columbus... John, [grandknight@kofc12246.org](mailto:grandknight@kofc12246.org)

### St. Vincent de Paul



The Gospel tells us, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him." By "listening" we are able to live the Gospel. Gospel living can be something as simple as listening to someone having a difficult time. Through your gift to SVdP, you enable us to become a "listening heart" to the hungry, the homeless and the struggling poor.

Please consider helping us help others by donating the following this week:

- Juice
- Snacks
- Sports Drinks
- Cookies/Crackers
- Jelly/Jam
- Granola/Protein Bars

### Lay Dominican Information

Do you want to live your Catholic life in a spiritually profound way? Come learn about following Jesus as a Lay Dominican. There are currently 69 canonized Dominican Saints. Dominicans are a religious order of the Catholic Church and live a life dedicated to preaching, community, study and prayer. Our Information Zoom Meeting is on **Monday, Sept 9** from 6-7 pm. For more information, contact Syndee Pokora at **602.909.3750** or email [pokora@asu.edu](mailto:pokora@asu.edu).

### Save the Date: Ministry Fair!

We are planning to have a Ministry Fair during the weekend of **November 9 and 10** after all Masses. Save the date!

Lectors... Michele, [micheleedison@aol.com](mailto:micheleedison@aol.com)

Legion of Mary... Heidi Hill, 480.528.6929

Music/Choir... Phil A., 480.961.1610 ext. 311

Pastoral Care... Kathy, [kathy.mccluskey@cox.net](mailto:kathy.mccluskey@cox.net)

Pastoral Council... Russ, [pastoralcouncil@stbenedict.org](mailto:pastoralcouncil@stbenedict.org)

Porters of St. Joseph... [security@stbenedict.org](mailto:security@stbenedict.org)

Refugee Resettlement... Dave, [zabordave@gmail.com](mailto:zabordave@gmail.com)

Sacristans... Larry, [zbarblary@gmail.com](mailto:zbarblary@gmail.com)

St. Vincent de Paul... Phil W., 480.961.1610 ext. 315

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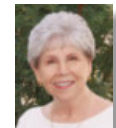
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## A Note From The SJB Principal



Dear Parishioners,

Last Wednesday, July 31, our faculty and staff gathered for the annual retreat at Corpus Christi Catholic Church. Led by Rob Curtis from Corpus Christi Parish, we embarked on a spiritual journey to prepare for the new school year. This retreat helped us reconnect with God and reaffirm our purpose as Catholic School educators, emphasizing our partnership with parents in nurturing and educating young minds.

Teachers are now back on campus setting up their classrooms for their new students. Our "Meet the Teacher" event this Monday offers a chance for teachers and children to become acquainted and for parents to drop off school supplies before the first day of school.

On **Wednesday, August 7**, we will joyfully welcome students back to school. The campus has been buzzing with updates and improvements all summer. While we missed the children's energy, the many preparations made the time fly by.

We invite everyone to join us for the Family Mass at St. Benedict at 5 pm and the Back-To-School BBQ on **Saturday, August 10** at 6:30 pm in the SJB courtyard. Come and share in the excitement!

Joyful blessings,

Jamie Bescak, M.Ed., Principal

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