

August 11, 2024  
**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“ **Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.** ”  
 ~ Ps 34

“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 am, 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)

<b>Monday, 8/12</b> 8:15 am   Mass	<b>Tuesday, 8/13</b> 8:15 am   Mass	<b>Wednesday, 8/14</b> 8:15 am   Mass
<b>Thursday, 8/15</b> <b>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (HDO)</b> Masses: 8:15 am, 12 pm, 7 pm	<b>Friday, 8/16</b> 8:15 am   Mass 5 pm   Confession	<b>Saturday, 8/17</b> 8 am   Confession 10 am   Bereavement Support Group 5 pm   Mass

**Mass Intentions** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Sunday, 8/11/2024</b> 7 am   Parishioners 9 am   Darel Williams † 11 am   John Myrann † 5 pm   Lloyd Klofanda †	<b>F 8/16</b>   Zeny Joson † <b>Sat 8/17</b>   Carlos Garcia †
<b>M 8/12</b>   Alma Wertzberger † <b>Tu 8/13</b>   George E. Tracy † <b>W 8/14</b>   Margaret M. Tiritilli † <b>Th 8/15,</b> 8:15 am   Norma Michas (lvg) 12 pm   Peter Jewusiak (lvg) 7 pm   Catherine Sicard †	<b>Sunday, 8/18/2024</b> 7 am   Parishioners 9 am   Antionette Clayton † 11 am   Geno Coll † 5 pm   Asuncion Magbanua †

## Liturgy & Administration

### Scripture Readings

<b>Monday:</b> 8/12	Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27
<b>Tuesday:</b> 8/13	Ez 2:8–3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
<b>Wednesday:</b> 8/14	Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-6; Mt 18:15-20 <i>(St. Maximilian Kolbe)</i>
<b>Thursday:</b> 8/15	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56 <i>(Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)</i>
<b>Friday:</b> 8/16	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 19:3-12
<b>Saturday:</b> 8/17	Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51: 12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15
<b>Sunday:</b> 8/18	Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-3, 10-15; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

### 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 tells us that he is the living bread that came down from heaven. His actions, his example, his teachings — they are not just words on a page, stories from a moth-eaten history book. They are life.

They are food for our journey,  
and they are forever.

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Youth/Campus Ministry -

Contact the Parish Office at 480.961.1610

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## Scripture Reflection

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### STRENGTHENED BY THE BREAD OF LIFE

This Sunday's readings remind us of the sustaining power of God's provision and the spiritual nourishment offered through Jesus, the Bread of Life. The stories of Elijah, Paul's exhortations, and Jesus' teachings highlight our need for divine strength to continue our spiritual journey.

In the first reading, Elijah, overwhelmed and despairing, prays for death under a broom tree. However, God provides for him in his moment of weakness. An angel brings him a hearth cake and a jug of water, saying, "*Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!*" (1 Kgs 19:7). This miraculous provision strengthens Elijah to walk forty days and nights to the mountain of God. Elijah's experience shows us that even in our darkest times, God offers the sustenance we need to continue.

The responsorial psalm invites us to "*Taste and see the goodness of the Lord*" (Ps 34:9). This call to experience God's goodness is a reminder of the joy and fulfillment found in His presence. The psalmist praises God's constant deliverance and protection, encouraging us to seek refuge in Him and trust in His provision.

In the second reading, Paul urges the Ephesians to live in a manner worthy of their calling. He instructs them to "*be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ*" (Eph 4:32). This call to embody Christ's love and forgiveness is essential for a harmonious community. Paul's words remind us that our spiritual journey involves both receiving God's grace and extending it to others.

The Gospel continues Jesus' discourse on the Bread of Life. The crowd murmurs in disbelief at Jesus' claim to be the bread from heaven. Jesus responds, "*I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever*" (Jn 6:51). He explains that this bread is His flesh, given for the life of the world. Jesus' teaching invites us to a deeper understanding of the Eucharist as the source of eternal life and spiritual sustenance.

These readings invite us to reflect on how we seek and receive God's provision in our lives. Elijah's story teaches us that God's sustenance often comes when we feel most depleted. The psalm encourages us to actively seek and trust in God's goodness. Paul's exhortation calls us to live out the love and forgiveness we have received. Jesus' words in the Gospel remind us that true nourishment and eternal life are found in Him, the Bread of Life.

This week, let us open our hearts to the sustaining power of God's provision. In moments of weakness, let us remember Elijah and trust that God will provide what we need to continue our journey. Let us taste and see God's goodness, extending His love and forgiveness to others. Above all, let us seek the living bread from heaven, Jesus Christ, who offers us eternal life and strength for our spiritual journey. 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** at 8:15 am in the Church. 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!*”

### 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)

### 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).

### Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille is for struggling couples. This program presents the opportunity to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage.

The next Retrouvaille Program in Phoenix is on **October 11-13**. To register call **602.254.6723**. For a confidential inquiry, email [4001@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:4001@helpourmarriage.org).

### 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 in the Church.

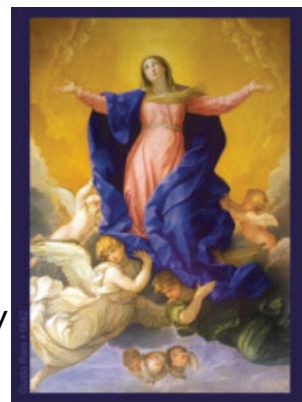
Father in heaven,  
all creation rightly gives you  
praise,  
for all life and all holiness come  
from you.

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.



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### Pastoral Care

Please remember in your prayers **Joseph Novak** who died recently. We pray that his family 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

### 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 tp 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.**

### 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.**



## Ministries & More

### Knights of Columbus

*"For this present world and its present form is passing away."*  
(1 Corinthians 7:31)

This often repeated verse in the New Testament is from Jesus's lips and taught again by the Apostle Paul. It should be a great reminder to us that we shouldn't spend our lives working for what is only temporary. We must vest in Jesus and his Kingdom, for all of the kingdoms, structures, nations and powers will ultimately pass away and be gone forever. Only what we invest in Jesus and his Kingdom will endure!

#### Announcements

- We held the installation of officers for the Fourth Degree on Saturday, August 3. A small reception followed. Special thanks to Daniel Manzo for assisting with the set up and clean up.

#### Events

- A Mass for Father Michael McGivney, our founder, will be held at Corpus Christi Church at 6 pm on August 13. Please make an effort to attend.
- A Mass for Father Bob Binta will be held on August 20 at 8:15 am 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 the code word "blessedmccivney".

Vivat Jesus,

John Garrity, Grand Knight

Fr. Bob Binta Council # 12246

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### St. Vincent de Paul



The Gospel says that the love that Jesus reveals through the symbol of the cross is: self-giving, sacrificial, healing, forgiving, in solidarity with the weak, confident in the power of God. During the hot summer months many of our neighbors, especially those who are sick, are not able to find relief from the heat. Please help SVdP bring respite and hope to them. Please consider donating the following:

- Sports Drinks
- Deodorant/Razors
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Dish Soap
- Toothbrushes/paste
- Detergent

In July, we assisted 85 families with 134 bags of food and \$10,385 financial assistance.

### Prayer of Memory

Dear Lord,

Don't let me forget the ways You've fought for me throughout history. You have been in my life in endless ways and words. May these memories comfort and encourage me now and always. Amen.

### Collection for the Church in Africa

The collection for the Church in Africa this weekend provides grants to finance pastoral projects including outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers. Our solidarity helps the "salt of the Earth" Church in Africa realize its potential as a "light of the world." Thank you for your donation.

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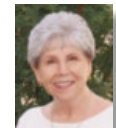
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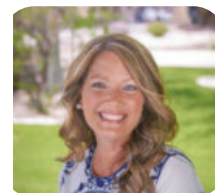
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## A Note From The SJB Principal



Dear Parishioners,

We're back! And what a week it was! St. John Bosco Catholic School welcomed our beloved students back on campus for the first day of school last Wednesday. We were thrilled to welcome over 85 new students belonging to many wonderful families to further enhance our thriving community. Our faculty and staff are excited to start the 2024-2025 school year and dive into all the learning opportunities – academic, spiritual, and social – that distinguish our school with standards of excellence.

Commencing as a genuine Catholic institution, we inaugurated the first day with a school-wide Mass presided over by Fr. James and accompanied by our talented faculty, staff, and music ministry. Anticipation is building for the myriad of opportunities that a fresh academic year promises. We extend an invitation for you to be a part of this journey – your presence is eagerly awaited!

Joyful blessings,

Jamie Bescak, M.Ed., Principal  
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