



September 8, 2024

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“ **Praise the Lord, my soul!** ”

~ Ps 146

“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, 9/9
8:15 am | Mass

Tuesday, 9/10
8:15 am | Mass
6:15 pm | JAM
6:15 pm | JOF

Wednesday, 9/11
8:15 am | Mass
6 pm | Children's Choir

Thursday, 9/12
8:15 am | Mass
4:30 pm | Legion
of Mary
6 pm | Adult Choir

Friday, 9/13
8:15 am | Mass
5 pm | Confession

Saturday, 9/14
8 am | Confession
9:30 am | Baptism Class
11 am | Altar Srvr. Trng.
5 pm | Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 9/8/2024

7 am | Paul Patrick Ramones †
9 am | Florencia Alcasid †
11 am | Rosie Brandenberger †
5 pm | Becky Altuna †

F 9/13 | Luz Rodriguez (lvg)
Sat 9/14 | Judy Prust †

Sunday, 9/15/2024

M 9/9 | Jeanne Rogers †
Tu 9/10 | Susana Pentinio †
W 9/11 | Alejandro Aguilar †
Th 9/12 | Aida Villaluna †

7 am | Jeanne Gallogly †
9 am | Carlos Garcia †
11 am | James E. Hogan †
5 pm | Frank G. Galvan †

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday: 9/9	1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12; Lk 6:6-11 (<i>St. Peter Clover</i>)
Tuesday: 9/10	1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: 9/11	1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 9/12	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139: 1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 9/13	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42 (<i>St. John Chrysostom</i>)
Saturday: 9/14	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17 (<i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>)
Sunday: 9/15	Is 50:4c-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

Parish Contributions

A special thank you to those who are faithfully contributing

Regular Contributions for
July 2024

Actual: \$ 73,104*

Budget: \$ 80,000

* *Realm*

Online: \$ 42,158

Cash/Check: \$ 30,946

(Contributions are recorded on a monthly basis per fiscal year July 1, '24 to June 30, '25)

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

“Be opened!” said Christ two thousand years ago, as he placed his finger in the ear of the deaf man. “Be opened!” he says to us today, laying his hand upon our hearts. May we always accept Christ’s invitation to become a new creation.

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Scripture Reflection

Embracing the Healing Power of God

This Sunday's readings speak powerfully to the healing and restorative nature of God's presence in our lives. Through the prophecy of Isaiah, the exhortation of James, and the miraculous actions of Jesus, we are invited to witness and participate in the transformative power of God, who brings hope and healing to all who seek Him.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah delivers a message of hope to a frightened and weary people: *"Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you"* (Is 35:4). Isaiah's words are filled with vivid imagery of healing and restoration—the blind seeing, the deaf hearing, the lame leaping, and the mute singing. These miraculous transformations symbolize the profound renewal that God offers to His people, turning desolation into abundance and despair into joy. This passage encourages us to trust in God's power to heal and renew, even in the most challenging circumstances.

The responsorial psalm continues this theme of divine intervention and care, proclaiming, *"Praise the Lord, my soul!"* (Ps 146:1). The psalmist celebrates God's justice, provision, and protection, particularly for the oppressed, the hungry, and the vulnerable. These verses remind us that God is always attentive to our needs, offering liberation and support to those who are marginalized or in distress. Our response to God's goodness should be one of praise and gratitude, recognizing His constant presence and care in our lives.

In the second reading, James challenges us to examine how we treat others, particularly those who are poor or marginalized. He warns against showing partiality based on external appearances, emphasizing that God has chosen *"those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom"* (James 2:5). James' words call us to reflect on our own attitudes and behaviors, urging us to embody the inclusivity and generosity of God's kingdom in our interactions with others.

The Gospel recounts the healing of a deaf man with a speech impediment by Jesus. In this intimate and compassionate moment, Jesus takes the man aside, touches his ears and tongue, and says, *"Ephphatha!"* — that is, *"Be opened!"* (Mk 7:34). The man is immediately healed, able to hear and speak plainly. This miracle demonstrates Jesus' power to heal both physically and spiritually, opening us to new possibilities of communication and understanding. The people's astonished response — *"He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak"* (Mk 7:37) — acknowledges the completeness of Jesus' restorative work.

These readings challenge us to embrace the healing power of God in our own lives and to extend that healing to others. Whether we are dealing with physical ailments, emotional wounds, or spiritual struggles, God's transformative power is available to us. We are called to trust in His ability to bring about change and to participate in His work by showing compassion, justice, and love to those around us.

This week, let us open our hearts to the healing presence of God. Let us seek His restoration in our lives and be instruments of His healing in the lives of others. As we witness the goodness and power of God, may we, like the people in the Gospel, proclaim His works with astonishment and praise, knowing that He continues to *"do all things well."* Amen.

Fr. Augustine Acheme, VC

Current Events and More

St. Benedict Welcoming Sunday

This weekend, after the 9 am Sunday Mass, members of the parish community will be gathering for the monthly Welcoming Sunday for fellowship and refreshments. Meet our priests, members of the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils, Staff and other parishioners. Join us for fellowship and refreshments. It's always a lot of fun and we hope you will stop by after Mass!

Bible Study

Get ready for an Adult Faith Formation class here at St. Benedict which begins **Monday, September 23** at 6:30 pm (location TBA). We will begin with a series titled "Where Did the Bible Come From?" RSVP with Amy in the parish office at aletcher@stbenedict.org.

Elevate at Notre Dame Fed. C.U.

Did you know that you can raise funds for St. Benedict just by speaking to a Notre Dame Federal Credit Union (NDFCU) representative or opening an account and using the debit/credit card for regular expenses? **Elevate** is a program that allows NDFCU customers to raise funds for a non-profit of their choice. Thank you to some of our parishioners who already participate in this program and choose St. Benedict as their non-profit organization.

Here are 3 ways you can help raise funds for St. Benedict (Remember to tell them you are from St. Benedict Church):

ELEVATE \$150

Set up a 30-minute financial checkup with the NDFCU team and \$150 will be donated to St. Benedict regardless of whether or not you open an account.

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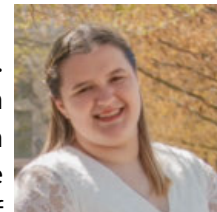
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For more information. **Please visit <https://notredamefcu.com/elevate-fundraising/>**

New Staff Member

Let us welcome Erin Fish to the St. Benedict Staff as the new Youth Ministry Coordinator! Erin is an Arizona native and a recent graduate of the Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio, where she majored in Theology and Catechetics. She has a long list of experience with various youth ministry programs both here and abroad. She looks forward to working alongside the youth at St. Benedict to deepen their faith and love of Christ!



Altar Server Training

An Altar Server training session is being offered on **Saturday September 14**, at 11 am in the Church. If you have ever had a desire to altar serve at Mass, here is your opportunity. All candidates must have already received their First Communion. Share your gift and join this ministry by contacting Ken Garcia, dken-1@hotmail.com.



Hand-Carved in Bethlehem

Please stop by the tables of religious wares (nativity sets, rosaries, statues, crucifixes, charms, and more) after all the Masses the weekend of **September 14 and 15**.



Ayman Khair represents about 180 Christian families from Bethlehem who are dependent upon sales of their hand-carved religious articles to tourists of the Holy Land. Due to the conflict in the Middle East and the Pandemic, tourism stopped almost completely. In order to survive, they have turned to Christian communities in the United States to purchase their articles.

These hand-carved religious articles are beyond description. Carved from wood of the sacred olive tree, this workmanship has been traditional for these families for hundreds of years. It is hoped that through the efforts of Mr. Khair, these families who have little income are able to survive in the Holy Land. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

Faith Formation and More

Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

September 8

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Tuesday, September 10

JAM

Journey of Faith

Sunday, September 15

Liturgy of the Word with Children

CGS

Teen Sacramental Prep

EPIC

Welcome Back!

As we approach the beginning of our classes this week, we want to thank you for the trust and confidence you have placed in us. Remember that we are partners in nurturing the minds and hearts of your child(ren) in this wonderful Catholic faith.

Please review the different schedules for our classes on the parish website (stbenedict.org), including Journey of Faith, JAM, EPIC, Teens Sacraments, CGS, and Children’s Liturgy of the Word.

Faith Formation classes will enable the children to learn about the richness of our Catholic faith, encounter Jesus in prayer, celebrate His love and mercy, and prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation.

Children need to see a connection between what they learn in class and what they experience at home. Be assured that we are available to assist you in any way we can. We only ask in return for your active participation in the formation process by living your faith daily through good examples and by joining the parish community each Sunday for the celebration of Mass and the other sacraments. This is absolutely essential.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteer Catechists for their commitment and dedication. They generously share their time and talent to assist in the faith formation of your child(ren) and are greatly appreciated.

Let us all pray that this year will be a fruitful one for all of us, especially for your child(ren). ~ Sr. Delia

Next Weekend: Catechetical Sunday

Our Catechists will be commissioned at the 11:00 am Mass next **Sunday, September 15** for their mission of nourishing the minds and hearts of our children. We thank all the volunteers of the Evangelization and Faith Formation Program of our parish. We pray that they remain open to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as they spread the Good News.



Arizona Rosary Celebration

Sunday, October 27, 2024
2:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Doors open at noon for adoration, confession, exhibits.

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Baptism Class

The next Baptism Class at St. Benedict for parents and Godparents is on **Saturday, Sept 14** from 9:30 am to 11:30 am in the St. Benedict Conference Room (Annex 1). To RSVP, contact Sr. Liza at srliza@stbenedict.org or **480.961.1610 ext. 308**.

Ministries & More

Knights of Columbus

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

Father, dear, precious, and holy God, how can I ever thank you for the light of my life? Until my face reflects the light of your glory from being in your eternal presence, Jesus will light my way through this dark world. Thank you for sending your light so that I could find you! I praise and thank you in the name of Jesus, the light of the world. Amen.

Announcements

- Thank you to the brothers who helped with the street cleanup on S. Mountain Parkway between Ray and Chandler Blvd. A Knights sign will be put up shortly.

Events

- Council meeting at 7 pm on Thursday, September 12. Please make every effort to attend.

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

Vivat Jesus,

John Garrity, Grand Knight
Fr. Bob Binta Council # 12246
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St. Vincent de Paul



In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus "makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!"

In living the Gospel, we must open our ears to hear and recognize all the everyday opportunities for making God's presence known especially to those who are poor and suffering.

There is so much need currently for our neighbors. Please consider helping us help others by donating the following:

- Mayonnaise
- Mustard
- Catsup
- Applesauce
- Canned Fruit
- Snacks

August 2024 Assistance Statistics:

97 households served; 272 people (173 adults and 99 children); 136 bags of food were distributed from the onsite pantry.



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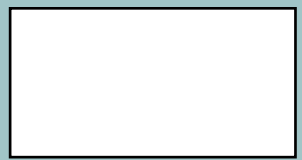
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See our website www.sjbosco.org/gala for more details

This is a unique opportunity to not only support our school but also to promote your business to the broader community. We are excited about the impact this partnership will have on our students and our school's success.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Tempe Dodge Kia for their generosity as our first SJB Title Sponsor!



If your business is interested in this incredible opportunity, please contact us at theboscogala@sjbosco.org.

Thank you for your continued support of St. John Bosco Catholic School!

Joyful blessings,
Jamie Bescak, M.Ed., Principal
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