



September 15, 2024

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“ *I will walk before the Lord,
in the land of the living.* ”

~ Ps 116

“where all are welcome”

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Parish Mission Statement

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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, 9/16
8:15 am | Mass

Tuesday, 9/17
8:15 am | Mass
6:15 pm | JAM
6:15 pm | JOF

Wednesday, 9/18
8:15 am | Mass
6 pm | Children's Choir

Thursday, 9/19
8:15 am | Mass
4:30 pm | Legion
of Mary
6 pm | Adult Choir

Friday, 9/20
8:15 am | Mass
5 pm | Confession

Saturday, 9/21
8 am | Confession
10 am | Bereavement
Support Group
5 pm | Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 9/15/2024

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

F 9/20 | Ernesto Echeverri †
Sat 9/21 | Michael Szlanta †

Sunday, 9/22/2024

M 9/16 | Catherine Heinrich †
Tu 9/17 | Lomberto Sanchez †
W 9/18 | Ruth E. Klofanda †
Th 9/19 | Joyce Perdue †

7 am | Denton Strayer †
9 am | Parishioners
11 am | Loretta Davenport †
5 pm | Mike Donahue †

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

- Monday:** 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10
(Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian)
- Tuesday:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday:** 1 Cor 12:31–13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50
- Friday:** 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
(Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions)
- Saturday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
(St. Matthew)
- Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16–4:3; Mk 9:30-37

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

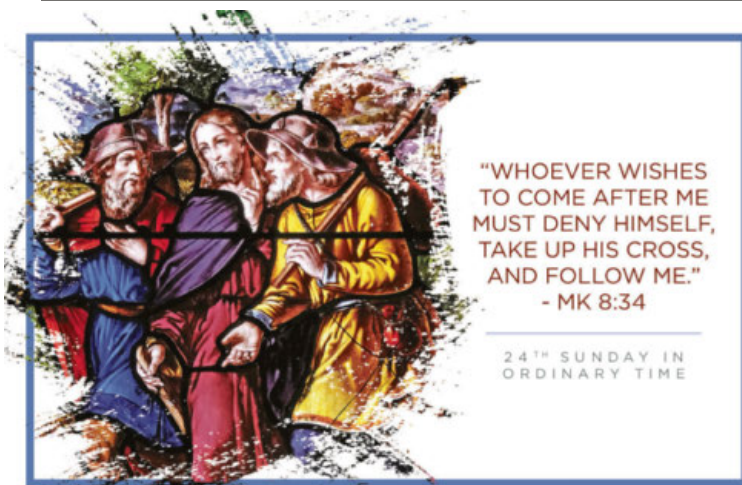
Current Estimated Construction Costs: \$9,280,886**

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

“Take up your cross and follow me,” Jesus tells us. We are called to have a faith that is defined by the willingness to go where Christ has gone, and to do what Christ has done, to see Christ in others and to love them as he loves us.

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Scripture Reflection

The Cost of Discipleship

This Sunday's readings challenge us to confront the true cost of discipleship and the depth of our commitment to following Christ. Through the words of Isaiah, James, and Jesus, we are called to reflect on the sacrifices required to live out our faith authentically and to consider what it truly means to take up our cross and follow Jesus.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah speaks of a suffering servant who remains steadfast in the face of persecution: *"I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard"* (Is 50:6). Despite the suffering, the servant finds strength in God, declaring, *"The Lord GOD is my help; therefore I am not disgraced"* (Is 50:7). This passage highlights the courage and resolve needed to endure hardship for the sake of righteousness. It reminds us that discipleship often involves enduring trials, but with the assurance that God is our help and we will not be put to shame.

The responsorial psalm echoes this theme of trust in God's deliverance, proclaiming, *"I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living"* (Ps 116:9). The psalmist expresses gratitude for God's saving power, acknowledging that it is God who frees us from death, wipes away our tears, and steadies our steps. This psalm reassures us that even as we face the challenges of discipleship, God's grace sustains us and gives us the strength to persevere.

In the second reading, James addresses the relationship between faith and works, emphasizing that *"faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead"* (Jas 2:17). James challenges us to demonstrate our faith through our actions, particularly in caring for those in need. This reading calls us to examine the authenticity of our faith and to recognize that true discipleship is not just about belief but about living out that belief in tangible ways. Our faith must be active and evident in the way we love and serve others.

The Gospel presents a pivotal moment in Jesus' ministry when He asks His disciples, *"Who do you say that I am?"* (Mk 8:29). Peter responds, *"You are the Christ,"* but Jesus quickly shifts the conversation to the reality of His mission: suffering, rejection, and death, followed by resurrection. When Peter resists this notion, Jesus rebukes him, saying, *"Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does but as human beings do"* (Mk 8:33). Jesus then teaches that true discipleship involves self-denial and taking up one's cross: *"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me"* (Mk 8:34). This call to embrace the cross is a powerful reminder that following Christ requires a willingness to sacrifice, to lose one's life for the sake of the Gospel.

These readings challenge us to consider the cost of our own discipleship. Are we willing to endure hardship and make sacrifices for the sake of following Christ? Are our actions reflective of our faith? Jesus calls us to a life of self-denial and active service, a life that may involve suffering but ultimately leads to the fullness of life in Him.

This week, let us reflect on what it means to take up our cross and follow Jesus. Let us commit to living our faith with integrity, demonstrating our love for God through our actions. As we face the challenges of discipleship, may we find strength in God's presence, knowing that He is our help and our salvation.

Amen.

Fr. Augustine Acheme, VC

Current Events and More

Pastoral Care

Please remember in your prayers *Ed Pellegrino, Michael David Real, Donna Rubino* and *Frank Schillaci* 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.

EMHCs Needed at Masses

When you come to Mass, could you please check with the Sacristy to find out if any EMHCs are needed? We continue to be in need of **additional** Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) at most Masses, but especially the Sunday 9 am and 11 am. Thank you for your willingness to help!

Praying the Rosary

Pray the Rosary with fellow parishioners **Monday** through **Thursday** mornings at 7:45 am, before the regular morning Mass, in the Parish Chapel.

Later this month (and on the last Wednesday of every month) the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a parish Rosary on **Wednesday, September 25**, at 7 pm in the Parish Chapel. Come and pray with us!

Office Hours

From September to the end of May the parish office hours return to the non-summer schedule: Monday - Thursday, 9 am to 5 pm and Friday 9 am to 3 pm.

Hand-Carved in Bethlehem

Please stop by the tables of religious wares (nativity sets, rosaries, statues, crucifixes, charms, and more) after all the Masses this weekend. These hand-carved religious articles are beyond description. Carved from wood of the sacred olive tree, this workmanship has been traditional for Christian families in Israel 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.




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

Phoenix Convention Center
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Blood Drive

Please consider signing up for the Blood Drive on **Sunday, September 22** between 8 am and 1 pm in one of the Bloodmobiles. To make an appointment, visit donors.vitalant.org (Blood Drive Code: P1BT7).

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Faith Formation and More

**Happenings in
Children and Youth
Faith Formation**

Sunday, Sept 15

Liturgy of the Word with Children

CGS

Teen Sacramental Prep

EPIC

Tuesday, Sept 17

JAM

Journey of Faith

Sunday, Sept 22

Liturgy of the Word with Children

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This Weekend: Catechetical Sunday

Theme for 2024: *“Lord, when did we see you hungry?”*
Matthew 25:37

Our theme for the year reflects our call to missionary discipleship. As St. John Paul II reminded us: *The universal call to holiness is closely linked to the universal call to mission. Every member of the faithful is called to holiness and to mission. We are called to be Eucharist by word and action to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Our times cry out for this kind of holiness, one inflamed by the ardent determination to bring as many of our brothers and sisters as possible to Christ.* (USCCB)

What is Catechetical Sunday?

The Catholic Church established Catechetical Sunday to recognize the generosity of our catechists who dedicate their time to sharing their faith with the parish community. This is celebrated every third Sunday of September. We acknowledge the gift of presence through our catechists and pray for them in a special manner as they begin their work for God.

This day also serves as a reminder for all Catholics that we are called to serve and become witnesses of Jesus Christ. By sharing our faith with others, we fulfill Jesus’ command to *“Go and proclaim the Good News!”*

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God (CCC 2226). Therefore, parents, grandparents, foster parents, adults, and all who nurture the faith of children at home—the domestic church—are the first and most important catechists of their children. ~ Sr. Delia

Our Catechists will be commissioned at the 11:00 am Mass on 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.



Ministries & More

Knights of Columbus

And we know that in all things, God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.
(Romans 8:28)

The history of God's faithfulness and promises to Israel is found throughout the Scriptures. We can depend and rely on Him to do what He promises, despite the apparent circumstances of our lives. The real issue is whether or not we choose to truly love him and live for his purposes when our lives become unbearable and faith becomes hard. Do not serve and love God only in the good times. Love Him even more in the hard times and he will see you through.

Announcements

- We welcome three new Brother Knights: Scott Thomas, Tim Wiering, and Joe McDermott, who went through our CUF degree last Saturday. Thank you to Daniel M for helping with the set up and clean up of the reception room. A special thank you to Fr. James for assisting in two Officer installations and our recent installation of three new Knights. We are blessed to have you.

Events

- Blood Drive on Sunday, September 22.
- Rosary Sunday on Sunday, October 27.

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

Vivat Jesus,

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Jesus says in today's Gospel, "If a man wishes to come after me, he must deny his very self, take up his cross, and follow in my steps." The cross of Jesus and the crosses of his believers can evangelize us: the sick who bear illness with courage, the grieving who hope against hope, the suffering of the poor who are hungry and homeless but still trust in God.

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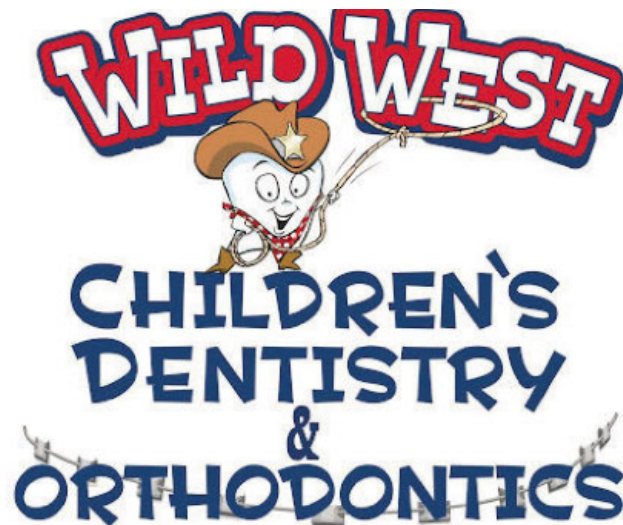





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