



September 29, 2024

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“ **The precepts of the Lord
give joy to the heart.** ”

~ Ps 19

“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, 9/30

8:15 am | Mass
6:30 pm | Bible Study

Tuesday, 10/1

8:15 am | Mass

Wednesday, 10/2

8:15 am | Mass
6 pm | Children's Choir
6:30 pm | Pastoral Council

Thursday, 10/3

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

Friday, 10/4

8:15 am | Mass
9 am | Adoration
5 pm | Confession
6 pm | Benediction

Saturday, 10/5

8 am | Confession
10 am | Women's Spirit.
10 am | Blessing of Animals
5 pm | Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 9/29/2024

7 am | Jack Fink †
9 am | Ann Flemer †
11 am | Parishioners
5 pm | Peggy Keefe †

F 10/4 | Gloria Chavarria †
Sat 10/5 | Frank & Victoria
Galvan †

M 9/30 | Vera Jakubicek †

Tu 10/1 | Nina Dobrus †

W 10/2 | Jeffery Vanguardia †

Th 10/3 | Patricia Tracy †

Sunday, 10/6/2024

7 am | John Mulvihill †
9 am | Patrick Edison †
11 am | Ivano Pratali †
5 pm | Parishioners

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 9/30
6-7; Lk 9:46-50
(St. Jerome)

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; 10/1
Ps 88:2-8; Lk 9:51-56
(St. Theresa of the Child Jesus)

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-10/2
15; Mt 18:1-5, 10
(The Holy Guardian Angels)

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-8a, 10/3
8b-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 /Ps 139: 10/4
1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab /Lk 10:13-16
(St. Francis of Assisi)

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119: 10/5
66,71,75,91,125,130; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; 10/6
Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16

Parish Contributions

A special thank you to those who are faithfully contributing

Regular Contributions for **August 2024**

Actual: \$ 68,386*

Budget: \$ 87,500

** Realm*

Online: \$ 40,662

Cash/Check: \$ 26,482

(Contributions are recorded on a monthly basis per fiscal year

July 1, '24 to June 30, '25)

Construction Project

June 2024

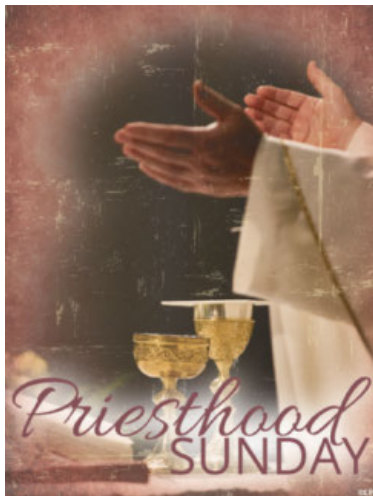
Current Estimated Construction Costs: \$9,280,886**

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.



Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.

(Source: USCCB.org)

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Scripture Reflection

Embracing the Spirit of Unity and Humility

This Sunday's readings invite us to reflect on the openness and humility required to embrace the work of the Holy Spirit, both within ourselves and in others. Through the examples of Moses, James, and Jesus, we are encouraged to move beyond jealousy and selfishness, embracing a spirit of unity and righteousness that aligns with God's will.

The first reading from the Book of Numbers recounts the moment when the Lord bestows His Spirit upon the seventy elders, enabling them to prophesy. However, two men, Eldad and Medad, who were not present with the others, also receive the Spirit and begin to prophesy in the camp. When Joshua suggests stopping them, Moses responds with a profound openness: *"Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets! Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all!"* (Nm 11:29). Moses' words highlight a key lesson—God's Spirit is not confined by human boundaries. We are called to rejoice in the work of the Spirit, regardless of where or through whom it manifests.

The responsorial psalm echoes this theme by emphasizing the joy and wisdom that come from following God's precepts: *"The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart"* (Ps 19:9a). This psalm reminds us that living according to God's commandments brings true refreshment and guidance, leading us on a path of righteousness. It calls us to embrace God's truth fully, allowing it to cleanse and protect us from sin.

In the second reading, James issues a stern warning to those who live in selfish luxury at the expense of others. He condemns the rich who have stored up treasures while withholding wages from their workers: *"You have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter"* (Jas 5:5). James' words remind us of the dangers of greed and the importance of justice. Our actions, especially in how we treat others, must align with the values of God's kingdom—values of fairness, mercy, and humility.

The Gospel continues this theme of openness and humility as Jesus responds to the disciples' concerns about someone casting out demons in His name. Rather than rebuking the outsider, Jesus teaches, *"Whoever is not against us is for us"* (Mk 9:40). Jesus then emphasizes the seriousness of leading others into sin and the radical commitment required to avoid sin in our own lives. His teachings challenge us to be vigilant in our faith, removing anything that leads us away from God, and embracing a spirit of unity rather than division.

These readings encourage us to examine our own hearts. Are we open to the diverse ways God's Spirit might be at work around us? Do we celebrate the good done by others, even when it doesn't fit our expectations or come from within our community? Are we living with integrity and justice, ensuring our actions reflect God's love and mercy?

This week, let us strive to live with the humility and openness that Moses exemplified, welcoming the work of the Spirit in all its forms. Let us heed James' warning and ensure that our lives are marked by justice and compassion, particularly towards those in need. And let us take to heart Jesus' call to avoid sin and to foster unity among all who seek to do God's will.

By embracing these values, we participate in the kingdom of God, where all are called to be prophets, all are called to live justly, and all are invited to experience the joy of living in God's truth. Amen.

Fr. Augustine Acheme, VC

Current Events and More

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Next month, Adoration will be on **Friday, October 4** between the hours of **9 am and 6 pm** in the St. Benedict Chapel. All are welcome.

You can also sign up for a specific time slot at <http://signup.com/go/puKbjk>. Signing up allows us to make sure that all the time slots are covered.



Blessing of the Animals

On **Saturday, October 5** at **10 am** on the north side of the church, we will be celebrating the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of animals. It is customary that, in remembrance of St. Francis' love of creatures, animals are led to the churches for a special blessing ceremony. (Please remember to have your pet on a leash or in a travel carrier.)



Pastoral Care

Please remember in your prayers **Megan Holmes** and **Sylvia Zavala** 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.

Anointing Mass

The next St. Benedict Anointing Mass will be on **Saturday, October 19** at **11 am**. Please RSVP with the parish office at **480.961.1610 ext. 300**.

St. Benedict Welcoming Sunday

Next 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!



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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Faith Formation and More

Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

Sunday, Sept 29

9 am Children's Mass

CGS

Teen Sacramental Prep

EPIC

Tuesday, Oct 1

NO JAM

NO Journey of Faith

Sunday, Oct 6

Liturgy of the Word with Children

NO CGS

NO EPIC

Why is Faith Formation Essential?

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the formation of children in the Church is essential for several reasons:

Building a foundation for lifelong faith: Children who develop a personal relationship with Jesus gain a strong foundation for understanding life and its mysteries.

Nurturing a faith community: Parish programs provide opportunities for children to grow alongside their peers in faith.

Teaching children to pray: An encounter with Jesus through prayer strengthens their relationship with the Savior and helps them discover their vocation.

Modeling Catholic identity: The richness of our Catholic faith encourages children to live out what they have learned.

Creating a home where virtues are taught: Virtues are not only taught, but caught. Parents are called to model the virtues of love, compassion, forgiveness, and joy.

Preparing children for the sacraments: Proper formation helps children prepare to receive the sacraments of Initiation and the sacrament of Reconciliation.

As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Let us give our children the opportunity to learn about and live their Catholic faith.

For Children's Faith Formation, our parish has Journey of Faith, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Children's Liturgy of the Word. For older children there is JAM and EPIC.

Sr. Delia Obenza, O.P.

Safe Environment Reminder

Safe Environment Training renewals for all volunteers are DUE by the end of September! If you need assistance, please email safeenvironment@stbenedict.org

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.

Next month (and on the last Wednesday of every month) the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a parish Rosary on Wednesday, October 30, at 7 pm in the Parish Chapel. Come and pray with us!

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The Lord is faithful to all His promises and loving towards all He has made. The Lord uphold all those who fall and lift up all who are bound. (Psalm 145:13n-14)

God is faithful. He is faithful to fulfill every promise in His Word. Sometimes we think God isn't faithful because it appears He has not fulfilled a desire that we have. Sometimes because of a crisis event that seems to say, God isn't faithful. We must remember that God is more concerned about accomplishing His ultimate purpose in the life of every believer that giving us the desires of our heart. Sometimes this results in hardship. We must push through this hardship and we will be rewarded.

Announcements

- Thanks to Dave Belousek and Jeff Dilbeck for staking the trees that were blown over on our Church property.
- Thank you to Michael Scheller and Mike Low for running a successful Blood Drive last Sunday.
- These are just two examples of what our Knights do. thank you Brothers!

Events

- Next Council meeting, Thursday, October 10

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

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St. Vincent de Paul



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples, "Anyone who gives you a drink of water because you belong to Christ will not, I assure you, go without his reward."

On September 27, the Church celebrated the feast of St. Vincent de Paul. We are grateful for your generous donations of the following to help us help our less fortunate neighbors:

- Canned Tomatoes
- Tomato Sauce
- Canned Chili
- Beef Stew
- Chef Boy R De
- Spaghetti

If you are in need of St. Vincent de Paul assistance or information, call the parish office at **480.961.1610 ext. 315**.

BBQ and Boot Scoot

Save the date for this year's BBQ and Boot Scoot on **Saturday, November 16** from 6 to 9 pm at the St. John Bosco School Courtyard and Multipurpose Room. At this



time the St. Benedict Events Committee is seeking donations of wine, gift cards, event tickets and silent auction items for the event. Bring your donations to the Parish or School office or email events@stbenedict.org for pick up.

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Dear Parishioners,

As we prepare for one of the most significant events of the year—the Annual Bosco Gala—we wanted to remind you of the important role this and our other major fundraisers play in supporting our school community. At St. John Bosco Catholic School, our fundraising efforts are concentrated on three major events: the **Bosco Gala, Running with Rosco, and Birdies Fore Bosco/End of Year Bosco Bash**. These events are not only essential to funding our school’s initiatives but they also play a vital role in fostering a strong sense of community.

We encourage every family to participate in at least one of these events. Your involvement directly supports the growth and enhancement of our school, contributing to initiatives such as our **Technology and STEM programs, classroom support for our teachers, and campus improvement projects**.

This year, funds raised will help us add a **second playground structure, paint the remaining exterior fence, trim, and doors, begin updating our restrooms, repurpose the lower and upper courts, and install a shade structure over the swing set**. The amount we raise will determine how many of these projects we can accomplish, making your participation critical.

We hope to see you at the Gala and other upcoming events as we work together to create an even better environment for our children. Your support truly makes a difference!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our sponsors!

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Joyful blessings,
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