



October 6, 2024

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

“where all are welcome”

“ **May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

~ Ps 128

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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, 10/7

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

Tuesday, 10/8

8:15 am | Mass

Wednesday, 10/9

8:15 am | Mass
6 pm | Children’s Choir
7 pm | EMHC Meeting

Thursday, 10/10

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

Friday, 10/11

8:15 am | Mass
5 pm | Confession

Saturday, 10/12

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

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 10/6/2024

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

F 10/11 | Joseph Novak †
Sat 10/12 | Sarah Fletcher (Ivg)

Sunday, 10/13/2024

M 10/7 | Eric Vanguardia †
Tu 10/8 | Hermila Ramirez †
W 10/9 | Lloyd Klofanda †
Th 10/10 | Sandra Carey †

7 am | Parishioners
9 am | Hisayoshi Ushijima †
11 am | Suzy McGrane †
5 pm | Frank G. Galvan †

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday:	Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 10/7 9, 10c/Lk 10:25-37 <i>(Our Lady of the Rosary)</i>
Tuesday:	Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13- 10/8 14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 10/9 2/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 10/10 73-75/Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 10/11 5-6/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 10/12 6-7/Lk 11:27-28
Sunday:	Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14- 10/13 15, 16-17 (14)/Heb 4:12-13/ Mk 10:17-30

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:	<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

To follow Jesus, we must cast off all illusions of importance and wisdom. We must embrace our own smallness, rejoice in our own weakness. In doing that, we become like true children, and discover the saving strength of our God.

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Scripture Reflection

FRANCIS, THE FRIEND OF NATURE

St. Francis of Assisi, also known as Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone, was born in either 1181 or 1182 and is considered one of the most cherished saints in the Christian tradition. Francis grew up in a wealthy household in Assisi, Italy, and enjoyed a lavish, carefree lifestyle during his early years. Nevertheless, his time in battle, captivity, and sickness, along with a spiritual revelation, caused him to give up his material belongings and commit fully to a life of destitution and worship of God. He established the Franciscan Order in 1209, promoting simplicity, humility, and concern for the marginalized.

St. Francis' lasting spirituality was characterized by his strong bond with nature and animals. He saw everything in existence - people, animals, vegetation, natural forces - as interconnected, each a divine representation of God's love and craftsmanship.

In his well-known Canticle of the Sun, he showed his love and respect for nature, calling the sun "*Brother Sun*," the moon "*Sister Moon*," and also identifying "*Brother Wind*" and "*Sister Water*." This hymn expresses his conviction that every element in the natural world serves a distinctive and holy purpose in praising God.

St. Francis' love for animals is one of the most renowned aspects of his life. Many stories highlight his deep spiritual connection with creatures and remarkable ability to foster harmony between humans and animals, the most famous being the tale of the wolf of Gubbio. In this story, a fierce wolf terrorized the town, attacking both people and animals. The frightened villagers sought Francis's help, and instead of showing fear, he calmly spoke to the wolf, persuading it to live peacefully with the townspeople. In return, the villagers agreed to feed the wolf regularly.

St. Francis not only looked at animals with respect, but he also considered them as equals, frequently calling them his siblings. He thought that animals were pure and innocent, showing the divine beauty of their Creator.

In 1979, Pope John Paul II named him the Patron Saint of nature and ecology, acknowledging his deep reverence for the environment and his advocacy for caring for God's creation. His memory endures with the yearly tradition of blessing animals on October 4th.

The life of St. Francis shows us that taking care of nature is not just a kind gesture, but a holy responsibility and the significance of living in peace with the planet.

Fr. Augustine Acheme, VC

Current Events and More

Lights Above Confessional Doors

Newlights have been installed above the confessional doors. They illuminate "RED" when the confessional is occupied or not in service. This is a manual indicator only and not automatic. Therefore, do not enter at any time when the door is closed during normal confession hours. A RED indication doesn't always mean that a Penitent is in the confessional, but may mean that Father is not yet ready for you to enter, and/or had to leave the confessional. You can, however, enter when the light is turned OFF during confession hours.

Anointing Mass

The next St. Benedict Anointing Mass will be on **Saturday, October 19** at 11 am. We invite those who are in need of healing in their lives - physical, emotional or spiritual. Please RSVP with the parish office at **480.961.1610 ext. 300**.

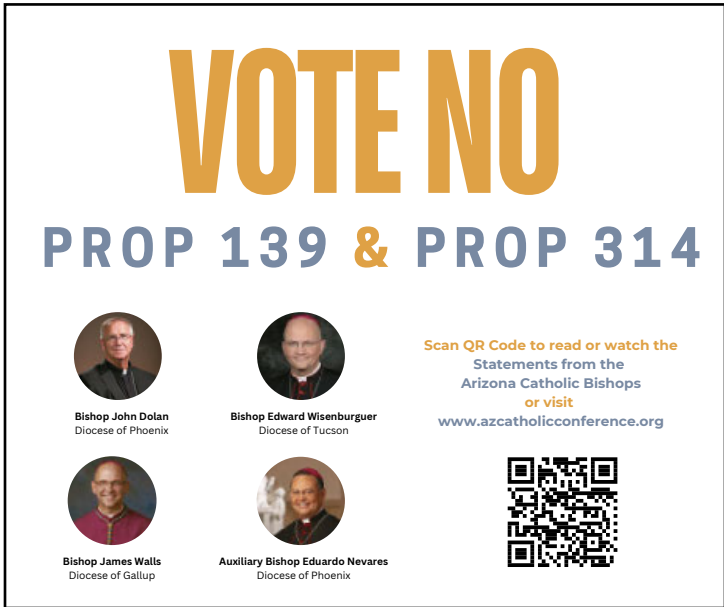
Ministry Fair

Save the date because we are having a Ministry Fair the weekend of **November 9 and 10!** Come and find out about all the opportunities that are available for you to get involved with here at St. Benedict Church.

We have the Altar Society, Baptism Preparation, Women's Spirituality, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion, Hospitality, Lectors, Porters of St. Joseph, Sacristans, Helping Hands, Legion of Mary, Refugee Resettlement and many more! Looking forward to seeing you there!



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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Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo Nevaras
Diocese of Phoenix

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!

Vocations

"We see Jesus crowned with glory and honor."

Will you let the Holy Spirit lead you to be a reflection of His divine glory as a priest? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office at **602.354.2004** or **dphx.org/vocations**.



GET YOUR EARLY BIRD TICKETS NOW!
BBQ and BOOT SCOOT
Saturday, November 16, 2024
6 – 9 p.m. in the SJB MPR and Courtyard

Early Bird Tickets: \$30 each for adults (\$35 each for adults Oct 15th – Nov 15th)
 \$10 for kids (12 and under)

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Country Music
 by DJ Ben

BBQ Dinner
 Dancing
 Kids Activity
 Silent Auction/Raffle
 50/50 Raffle
 Card Deck
 Alcohol Pull
 And more!

Scan to purchase tickets & bid on auction/raffle items

Questions: Email events@stbenedict.org

Faith Formation and More

Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

Sunday, Oct 6

Liturgy of the Word with Children

NO CGS

NO EPIC

Tuesday, Oct 8

NO JAM

NO Journey of Faith

Sunday, Oct 13

Liturgy of the Word with Children

CGS

Teen Sacramental Prep

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.



OCIA Meets Regularly on Sundays

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process where adults and children, seven years old or older, are prepared for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. Adults in other faith traditions who have been baptized and are wanting to become Catholic, as well as adults who were baptized Catholic but have not received other sacraments, participate in this process as well. Classes are ongoing and meet on Sundays.

If you have questions, contact Sr. Liza at srliza@stbenedict.org or call 480.961.1610 ext. 308.

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Ministries & More

Knights of Columbus

If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory, and in the glory of the Father and of the holy Angels. (Luke 9:26)

Some of the saddest words, a child can hear are these: "I am so disappointed in you." We don't want the reaction of our Lord and Savior Jesus as we stand before Him when He comes in the glory to be, "I'm ashamed of you." We want the world to know that we love and honor Jesus as our Lord. We want those around us to come to know Jesus as their Savior and Lord, too! We know that one day, every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess, that Jesus is Lord!

Announcements

- Our council is both shocked and saddened by the sudden passing of brother Sir Knight Brian Golembowski's daughter Megan Holmes. May she rest in peace in our Lord's loving arms.
- The Knights are providing a bus to the Arizona Rosary Celebration on October 27. Only 15 seats available. Please sign up on the clipboard in the church lobby.

Events

- Cleanup on October 6, Tempe Tardeada 7:30 pm meet at Tempe Public Library (Southern and Rural). Please respond to email sent September 25 if available.
- Next council meeting October 10.

Vivat Jesus,

John Garrity, Grand Knight

Fr. Bob Binta Council # 12246

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St. Vincent de Paul



In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples, "Let the children come to me, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." This week, please help St. Vincent de Paul bring the love and mercy of Jesus to children who are hungry and cold. Please consider donating the following to our pantry:

- Hearty Soups
- Crackers
- Canned Chili
- Beef Stew
- Chef Boy R De
- Corn

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

Free Concert

On **Tuesday, October 29**, at 7 pm St. Andrew Catholic Church (3450 W. Ray Rd., Chandler)



will be hosting a free concert, "An Evening of Inspirational Music" led by Anjanette Indelicato and her band. The concert will feature songs from popular Christian artists such as Lauren Daigle, Mercy Me, Sarah Hart and more. It is hoped that this night will help cast off anxieties, lift people up in their faith, and provide healing through the power of music.

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A Note From The SJB Principal



Dear Parishioners,

We cannot thank you enough for your incredible generosity and support of this year's 23rd Annual Gala - Come to Play. Win for the Kids. The excitement in the air was undeniable as we enjoyed a night filled with fun from the lively auctions to the DJ, dancing, and the unforgettable casino experience. Everyone looked absolutely stunning in their vintage Vegas attire with all the glitz and glam adding to the magic of the evening.

We are thrilled to announce that not only did we meet our goal of raising \$150,000, but we exceeded it and raised a remarkable \$154,000! This incredible achievement would not have been possible without the dedication of our **Gala Committee**, who worked tirelessly to plan, solicit, organize, and decorate. Their efforts truly made this a night to remember and we are deeply grateful.



I would also like to congratulate four of our Jr. High teachers for being nominated by our recent 2024 graduates for the Xavier College Preparatory Golden Gator Award for Excellence in Teaching. Congratulations to **Mr. Hogan Macdonald, Mrs. Kelly Rafford, Ms. Amy Pratt, and Mrs. Sandra Heffron** for inspiring our young girls to strive for excellence in education.

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