



November 3, 2024

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

“where all are welcome”

“ *I love you, Lord, my strength.* ”

~ Ps 18

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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, 11/4

8:15 am | Mass
12 pm | All Souls Novena
7 pm | Mass Rememb.

Tuesday, 11/5

8:15 am | Mass
12 pm | All Souls Novena
6:15 pm | JAM/JOF

Wednesday, 11/6

8:15 am | Mass
12 pm | All Souls Novena
6 pm | Children’s Choir

Thursday, 11/7

8:15 am | Mass
12 pm | All Souls Novena
4:30 pm | Legion
of Mary

Friday, 11/8

8:15 am | Mass
12 pm | All Souls Novena
5 pm | Confession

Saturday, 11/9

8 am | Confession
9:30 am | Baptism Class
12 pm | All Souls Novena
5 pm | Mass
6 pm | Ministry Fair

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 11/3/2024

7 am | All Soul’s Novena
9 am | Francis Xavier
Manzano†
11 am | Fayette Gore (Ivg)
5 pm | James Healy †

M 11/4, 8:15 am | Sr. Marie
Raphaelie Celestial, OP †
7 pm | All Souls †

Tu 11/5 | Sr. Marie Justina
Suyom, OP †

W 11/6 | Dan Dallaire †
Th 11/7 | Harold Hogan †
F 11/8 | Molly Boyd (Ivg)
Sat 11/9 | Alan Bauer †

Sunday, 11/10/2024

7 am | Gilda Castellano †
9 am | Christiana Iorchir †
11 am | Rudolph & Helen
Kopec †
5 pm | Parishioners

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 11/4 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14
(St. Charles Borromeo)

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-30c, 11/5 31-32//Lk 14:15-2

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-11/6 14/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 11/7 6-7/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17-4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 11/8 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 11/9 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
(The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica)

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7-10/ 11/10 Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44

Parish Contributions

A special thank you to those who are faithfully contributing

Regular Contributions for **September 2024**

Actual: \$ 69,082*

Budget: \$ 87,500

* Realm

Online: \$ 42,280

Cash/Check: \$ 26,802

(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

Christ tells us that we must love God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind and all our strength. Live that love loudly. Hold nothing back. Give God all you have.

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Scripture Reflection

A Celebration of Hope and Communion: All Saints and All Souls Days

In the Catholic Church, All Saints Day (November 1) and All Souls Day (November 2) are two deeply meaningful celebrations that remind us of the destiny we are called to- holiness- and our connection to the faithful departed. These feasts are not just about remembering the past but about living in the present with hope, knowing that death is not the end but the threshold to eternal life. They invite us to reflect on God's love, the communion of saints, and the power of prayer, encouraging us to live with heaven in mind.

All Saints Day: Honoring the Witnesses of Faith

On All Saints Day, the Church celebrates all the saints in heaven- those officially recognized as well as the countless unknown saints who lived lives of quiet faith. As Hebrews 12:1 reminds us, *"Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us."* The saints are not distant figures but companions on our journey, showing us that holiness is not only possible but a calling for each one of us.

Mother Teresa once said, *"Holiness is not the luxury of a few, but a simple duty for you and me."* The saints were ordinary people who, through God's grace, lived extraordinary lives marked by love, humility, and perseverance. All Saints Day reminds us that holiness is attainable for all of us, no matter our struggles.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux, known for her *"little way,"* taught that small acts of love can lead us to sanctity. She wrote, *"The good God does not need years to accomplish His work of love in a soul; one ray from His Heart can, in an instant, make His flower bloom for eternity."* The celebration of All Saints Day gives us hope that we too can participate in God's holiness through daily acts of love and surrender.

In the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12), which are often read on All Saints Day, Jesus gives us a roadmap to holiness. The saints lived these Beatitudes in their unique ways, becoming *"poor in spirit," "merciful,"* and *"peacemakers."* Through their example, we learn that holiness is not about perfection but about embracing God's grace and striving to reflect His love in all we do.

All Souls Day: Praying for the Faithful Departed

On All Souls Day, the Church shifts its attention to those who have died and are undergoing purification in purgatory. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that *"all who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death, they undergo purification"* (CCC 1030). This day reminds us of our interconnectedness- the living and the dead remain united in the mystical body of Christ, bound by love and prayer.

Scripture emphasizes the importance of praying for the dead. In 2 Maccabees 12:45, we read, *"Therefore he made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin."* This passage reflects the ancient practice of offering prayers and sacrifices for the faithful departed, trusting in God's mercy to complete the work of purification in them.

Our prayers for the dead express our belief in God's mercy and our hope for reunion with our loved ones in heaven. As St. John Chrysostom wrote, *"Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings bring them some consolation?"* (Homily on 1 Corinthians 41:5). All Souls Day encourages us to offer Masses, prayers, and works of charity for those who have gone before us, knowing that these acts of love can assist them on their journey toward God.

Living in the Light of Eternity

Both celebrations invite us to live with an eternal perspective, reminding us that this life is a pilgrimage toward heaven. St. Paul captures this beautifully when he writes, *"But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ"* (Philippians 3:20). These feasts call us to align our lives with the truth that our ultimate home is with God, and our time on earth is an opportunity to prepare for that eternal communion.

The readings often used on these days remind us of the joy of heaven and the hope that sustains us. Revelation 7:9 describes the saints in heaven as a *"great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands."* This vision of heaven assures us that God's promise of salvation is for all, inviting us to strive for holiness and trust in His mercy.

At the same time, the Church teaches us to live with humility and vigilance. In Matthew 25:13, Jesus tells us, *"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."* These celebrations are a reminder to make every moment count, to live with love, and to remain faithful to God's commandments, knowing that we are called to be saints.

A Call to Hope and Communion

Together, All Saints and All Souls Days remind us of the beauty of the communion of saints- a fellowship that extends beyond time and space. The saints inspire us to live holy lives, while the faithful departed remind us of our responsibility to pray for those on their way to God's presence. These celebrations offer hope in the face of death, assuring us that life does not end at the grave but continues in God's eternal embrace.

Pope Francis reflects on this hope, saying, *"The remembrance of the dead, the care of graves and prayers of repose are a witness of the confident hope, rooted in certainty that death is not the final word on the human fate, since man is destined to a life without limits which has its roots and its God."* As we celebrate these days, we are invited to walk the path of holiness, accompanied by the saints and strengthened by the promise of God's mercy.

May these celebrations, inspire us to love God with all our hearts and to love our neighbors as ourselves. As we honor the saints and pray for the souls, we unite ourselves with the whole Church, rejoicing in the hope of eternal life and the joy of heaven. 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!



All Souls Novena

November is here when we especially remember and pray for all those who have died.

At St. Benedict, the All Souls Novena of Masses (held at Noon each day in the Chapel) began on **November 2** and will continue until **November 10**. If you would like your deceased loved ones remembered at these Masses, pick up an "All Souls Novena" envelope in the parish office or lobby. Write the names of your departed loved ones on the envelope and return it with your optional donation to the parish office.

Throughout the Novena, a basket with the names of our loved ones will be placed before the altar. At the end of the Novena the envelopes will be burned with incense after the Noon Mass on **Sunday, November 10**.

Knights of Columbus

Events

- Ministry Fair, weekend of Nov 9 and 10
- SVdP, Pass out Thanksgiving food bags Nov 9 and 10
- Council Meeting, November 14 at 6 pm

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

grandknight@kofc12246.org

602.743.8015

Attention Youth!

Join us for "Encounter" with a live Christian band and speaker Fr. Andrew Fritz, CSC, to speak about encountering Christ in the Eucharist. It's going to be a night of praise and worship, Adoration, plus Confession will be available. Doors to the church will open at 6:30 pm on Sunday, November 10. It's free!

For more information contact Erin Fish at 480.961.1610 ext. 303 or efish@stbenedict.org.

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PRAYER, MESSAGE, ADORATION

Mass of Remembrance

Tomorrow, **Monday, November 4**, is our annual Mass of Remembrance at 7 pm in the church. We invite you to come and remember our deceased loved ones with this special Mass, hosted by the Pastoral Care Ministry.



Ministry Fair

Next weekend is Ministry Fair weekend! Come out and meet representatives of each of our ministries, plus see all the opportunities available for you to get involved with at St. Benedict Church.

Just a few of the ministries include the Altar Society, Events Ministry, 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! We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Faith Formation and More

Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

Sunday, Nov 3
Liturgy of the Word with Children
 CGS
Teen Sacramental Prep
 EPIC

Tuesday, Nov 5
 JAM
Journey of Faith

Sunday, Nov 10
Liturgy of the Word with Children
NO CGS
NO EPIC
 Youth Ministry "Encounter"



Who is Your Favorite Saint?

November 1 was All Saints' Day. This feast day in the Catholic Church honors the many lives of people who kept their faith by living good lives all the way to the end. The saints were like us: they struggled, they sinned, and yet they were people who never lost faith in God. They believed that God's love and mercy are greater than His works, and therefore, if they fell, they rose again. They were people of hope and joy.

We have many saints, and perhaps you were named after a saint. Have you ever researched the life of the saint you were named after?

Let's look into their lives and imitate their virtues. Let us celebrate today because we are all saints in the making.

Sister Delia Obenza, O.P.

SVdP Adopt-A-Family

The Christmas holidays are just around the corner!

If you and your family or friends would like to sponsor a less-fortunate family this year, or have questions about being a sponsor, please call St. Vincent de Paul at **480.961.1610, ext. 315**. Leave a message with your name, phone number, and that you would like to be an Adopt-A-Family Christmas Sponsor.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



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Please help us help others by donating any of the following:

- Canned Meals
- Rice
- Taco Kits
- Baking Items
- Condiments
- Cookies
- Crackers
- Toiletry Items

SVdP Thanksgiving Food Drive

Next weekend, St. Vincent de Paul will be handing out grocery bags for the Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. SVdP has a list of pre-screened families who will receive a turkey and the fixings from this food drive who would otherwise not have a Thanksgiving meal at all. Take a bag next weekend (Nov 9 and 10), use the list attached to the bag as a shopping list, and return the filled bag the following weekend (Nov 16 and 17). Thank you so much.

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

Night of Hope

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