

November 10, 2024

# **Thirty-second 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, 11/11

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

**Tuesday**, 11/12 8:15 am | Mass

9 am | Legion Mary 6:15 pm | JAM/JOF

6 pm | Children's Choir

Thursday, 11/14

8:15 am | Mass 6 pm | Adult Choir Friday, 11/15

8:15 am | Mass 5 pm | Confession Wednesday, 11/13

8:15 am | Mass

Saturday, 11/16

8 am | Confession 5 pm | Mass

6 pm | BBQ and Boot Scoot

#### Mass Intentions—

#### Sunday, 11/10/2024

7 am | Gilda Castellano † 9 am | Christiana Iorchir †

11 am | Rudolph & Helen Kopec †

5 pm | Parishioners

M 11/11 | Emmy Howard (Ivg) Tu 11/12 | Jack Fink †

W 11/13 | Mike Walther †

Th 11/14 | Michael Mastergeorge (lvg) F 11/15 | Dominika Jedrzejczyk (lvg) Sat 11/16 | Thomas Padilla (lvg)

Sunday, 11/17/2024

7 am | John Perrero † 9 am | Flotilda Castro †

11 am | Desmond Donnelly †

5 pm | Victoria H. Galvan †

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## **Liturgy & Administration**

# **Scripture Readings**

**Monday:** Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab,

11/11 5-6/Lk 17:1-6

(St. Martin of Tours)

**Tuesday:** Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18,

11/12 23, 27, 29/Lk 17:7-10

(St. Josaphat)

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5,

11/13 6/Lk 17:11-19

(St. Frances Xavier)

**Thursday:** Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a,

11/14 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25

**Friday:** 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17,

11/15 18/Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday:** 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/

11/16 Lk 18:1-8

**Sunday:** Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10,

11/17 11 (1)/Heb 10:11-14, 18/

Mk 13:24-32

# 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)

# Debt Reduction

Oct 31, 2024

Church

Construction

Loan: \$4,500,000

Current Loan

Balance: \$4,445,372

Monthly Mortgage

Payment: \$20,913

Fiscal YTD

Principal Paid: \$21,958

Fiscal YTD

Interest Paid: \$62,019



# Live the Liturgy: Inspiration for the Week

Jesus praises the widow's bravery in offering all she has. He is calling us to be brave, challenging us to give even — especially — when it hurts.

Then, our gifts become more than just good deeds. They become acts of radical trust in God.

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## Scripture Reflection

#### Giving From the Heart

This Sunday's readings highlight the power of trust and generosity, even when we have little to give. They invite us to reflect on what it means to offer not just from our surplus, but from our hearts.

In the first reading, Elijah meets a widow during a time of severe drought. Though she has only a handful of flour and a little oil, Elijah asks her to make him a small cake first, promising, "The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry" (1 Kgs 17:14). Her willingness to trust in God's word results in abundant provision for her and her family, reminding us that God always provides when we give in faith.

The responsorial psalm reinforces this theme of trust, proclaiming, "The Lord keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry" (Ps 146:7). This psalm encourages us to rely on God's care and justice, knowing He sustains those in need, including the widow and orphan.

The second reading from Hebrews reflects on the once-for-all sacrifice of Christ. Jesus entered the true sanctuary of heaven to take away our sins, offering Himself as the ultimate gift. His self-giving love invites us to live with the same spirit of generosity and trust, knowing that salvation is the fruit of His sacrifice.

In the Gospel, Jesus observes people giving to the temple treasury. Among them, a poor widow catches His attention. Though her two small coins seem insignificant, Jesus says, "This poor widow put in more than all the others" (Mk 12:43). Her gift, given from her poverty, demonstrates that true generosity comes not from the amount but from the heart.

These readings challenge us to consider how we give- not just our material wealth, but our time, talents, and love. Are we giving out of abundance or from a place of trust, like the widows in the readings? God does not measure the size of our gift but the love and faith behind it.

This week, let us reflect on how we can give more fully from the heart. Whether through acts of kindness, time for others, or material support, may we follow the example of the widows and Christ, offering generously and trusting in God's provision. Amen.

Fr. Augustine Acheme, VC

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#### **Current Events and More**

## **Ministry Fair**

This weekend is Ministry Fair! 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 and get to know other parishioners.

Just a few of the ministries include the Altar Society, Events Ministry, Baptism Preparation, Religious Education, 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!



## **Knights of Columbus**

- Ministry Fair, weekend of November 9 and 10
- Council meeting on November 14, 6 pm

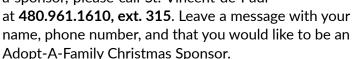
Join online to become a Knight of Columbus at www. kofc.org/joinus and enter "Council 12246" and code "blessedmcgivney".

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# **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



Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



#### Faith Formation and More

# Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

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

Tuesday, Nov 12

JAM

Journey of Faith

Sunday, Nov 17
Liturgy of the Word with Children
CGS
Teen Sacramental Prep
EPIC

# **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**, **November 27**, at 7 pm in the Parish Chapel. Come and pray with us!

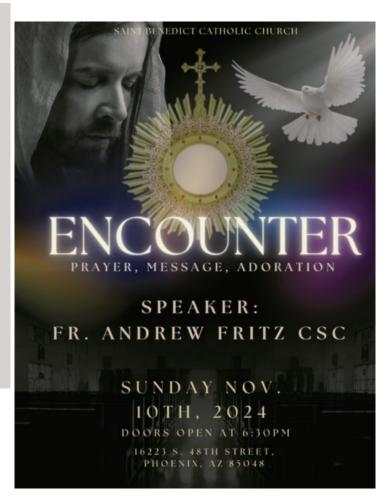
# **SVdP Thanksgiving Food Drive**

This 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 this 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!



#### **New Acoustics in Church**

Did you notice the improvement of sound in the church recently? Additional speakers were added! Let us know what you think! Call the parish office at 480.961.1610.

# The Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary meets here at the church at a new day and time, now it's every Tuesday morning from 9 am to 10:30 am. Their main purpose is to give glory to God through prayer, service, and the spiritual development of its members.

For more information, contact Heidi Hill at stblom@stbenedict.org.

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#### Ministries & More —

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#### St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us, "I want you to observe that this poor widow contributed more than all the others who donated to the treasury. They gave from their surplus wealth, but she gave from her want, all that she has to live on."

This is a difficult time of year for many of our neighbors. Please consider helping us to help them with our Thanksgiving Food Drive by taking a decorated grocery bag and filling it with Thanksgiving food items. You are appreciated!

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



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## A Note From The SJB Principal



Dear Parishioners,

Fall is officially here, and the St. John Bosco community is gearing up for one of our favorite traditions: Running with Rosco! As one of the school's main fundraising events, students will spend the month of November asking their friends and family near and far to support our school by donating to their fundraising page. Meanwhile, I am asking the community to consider becoming an event sponsor. We have many new benefits for sponsors this year, including a coveted spot on our annual Running with Rosco t-shirts. These shirts are a favorite on weekly Wednesday spirit days, so the exposure goes far beyond event day on the 27th! Sponsorship opportunities start at \$300, so please visit the Running with Rosco website to learn more.

https://sjbosco.org/runningwithrosco

Joyful blessings, Jamie Bescak, M.Ed., Principal 480.219.4848

