

February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“ *In the sight of the angels
I will sing your praises, Lord.* ”

~ Ps 138

“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

Sat 5 pm, Sun 7, 9, 11 am, 1 pm (Spanish), 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, 2/10

8:15 am | Mass
7 pm | Sacristan Mtg.

Tuesday, 2/11

8:15 am | Mass
6:15 pm | JAM
6:15 pm | JOF

Wednesday, 2/12

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

Thursday, 2/13

8:15 am | Mass
9 am | Legion Mary
6 pm | Adult Choir
6 pm | K of C

Friday, 2/14

8:15 am | Mass
5 pm | Confession

Saturday, 2/15

8 am | Confession
5 pm | Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 2/9/2025

7 am | Steve McWilliams †
9 am | Janette Bechtold †
11 am | Chris Euzarraga †
1 pm | Parishioners
5 pm | Theresa Cuprak †

Th 2/13 | Apolinar & Lucia Samin †

F 2/14 | Dcn. Doug Davaz †
Sat 2/15 | Iva Bennett †

Sunday, 2/16/2025

M 2/10 | Patricia Perdue †
Tu 2/11 | Maria Gill †
W 2/12 | Gloria Guiga-Pisicolo †

7 am | Sonia Aguilar (lvg)
9 am | Linda Kruse †
11 am | Paul & Linda Sroka †
1 pm |
5 pm | Aaron Dorney †

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday: 2/10	Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c/Mk 6:53-56 (St. Scholastica)
Tuesday: 2/11	Gn 1:20–2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 2/12	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 2/13	Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 2/14	Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/ Mk 7:31-37 (Sts. Cyril, Monk & Methodius)
Saturday: 2/15	Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: 2/16	Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/ Lk 6:17, 20-26

Parish Contributions

A special thank you to those who are faithfully contributing

Regular Contributions for

January 2025

Actual: \$ 67,822*

Budget: \$ 87,500

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Online: \$ 41,247

Cash/Check: \$ 26,575

(Contributions are recorded

on a monthly basis per

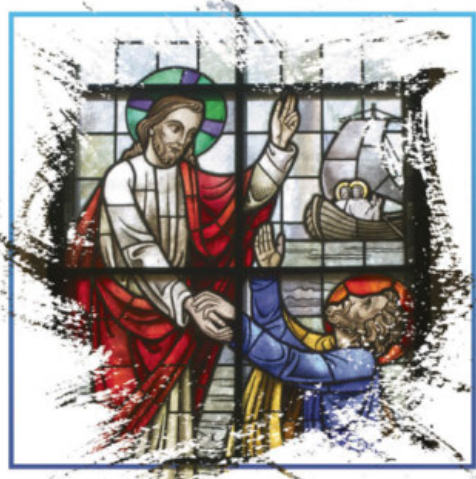
fiscal year

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

Debt Reduction

Jan 31, 2025

Church Construction Loan:	\$4,500,000
Current Loan Balance:	\$4,414,098
Monthly Mortgage Payment:	\$21,076
Fiscal YTD Principal Paid:	\$53,232
Fiscal YTD Interest Paid:	\$108,625



Live the Liturgy

“I am a sinful man,” says Simon Peter as he falls to his knees before Jesus. He had doubted the Lord, had hesitated to follow his instructions. How often can the same be said of us? Remember that God knows the outcome. He knows our nets will be filled.

Do not be afraid.

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Scripture Reflection

Put Out into Deep Water

The Gospel for today (Luke 5:1-11) presents a striking moment in Simon Peter's life- one that changes everything. After a long, fruitless night of fishing, Jesus instructs him to *"Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch."* Initially hesitant, Peter obeys, and the result is overwhelming: a miraculous catch of fish, so abundant that the nets begin to tear. In awe and humility, Peter falls at Jesus' knees, confessing his unworthiness. Yet, Jesus calls him beyond his self-doubt: *"Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."* This passage invites us to reflect on trust, obedience, and the call to deeper discipleship.

Peter's first reaction is one of exhaustion and doubt: *"Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing."* How often do we feel the same? We labor in our responsibilities, relationships, and faith journeys, sometimes feeling as though our efforts yield nothing. But Jesus invites Peter- and us- to go deeper. This "deep water" symbolizes faith beyond the shallow, surface-level trust we often rely on. It requires stepping out into the unknown, surrendering control, and trusting in Christ's word even when it defies our logic.

Peter's miraculous catch is not just about fish; it's about transformation. Recognizing the power of Christ, Peter sees his own smallness, confessing, *"Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."* This echoes Isaiah's reaction in today's first reading (Isaiah 6:1-8), when he encounters God's glory and exclaims, *"Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips."* Yet, just as Isaiah is purified by the burning coal, Peter is not condemned but called. Jesus does not focus on Peter's sinfulness but on his potential.

Paul, in the second reading (1 Corinthians 15:1-11), shares a similar realization. Once a persecutor of the Church, he acknowledges, *"By the grace of God, I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective."* This theme of being called despite unworthiness is a constant reminder that God does not choose the perfect- He perfects the chosen.

The key to Peter's transformation was his willingness to respond. Jesus' call, "Do not be afraid," is an invitation to a life beyond fear, beyond self-imposed limits. Peter, James, and John respond radically: *"They left everything and followed him."* Their nets, their boats, their security- all abandoned in favor of something greater.

Today, Jesus invites us to put out into deep water. Where is He calling you to trust Him more? What areas of life require you to surrender your doubts and cast your nets again? True discipleship begins when we move past fear and allow Christ to lead us into the depths of His plan. Let us, like Peter, answer His call with courage, trusting that His grace is never ineffective.

Fr. Augustine Acheme, VC

Current Events and More

Charity and Development Appeal

Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men... (Matthew 4:19)



How do we live out Jesus' invitation to "come after me, and I will make you fishers of men?" (Matthew 4:19). We must be willing to share Jesus' message with those around us. We must demonstrate Christ's love through service. And, if possible, we must support ministries and programs that make tangible the Good News Jesus proclaimed. Next weekend the annual Charity & Development Appeal begins, serving thousands of individuals and families in the Diocese of Phoenix. Through your generosity, we are saying "yes" to Jesus' call to cast our nets into the water "to be catchers of men" in His name.

Make your gift today! www.give.dphx.org.

St. Benedict Security Ministry

The Porters of St. Joseph are looking for a few more good men to help oversee security during Masses, especially the new Spanish Mass. For more information or to volunteer, contact Greg Bedell at security@stbenedict.org

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**SUNDAY – FEB
23rd
12:30 – 3:00
DESERT BREEZE
PARK**



JOIN US for the Parish Picnic!

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Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Dessert, Games, Raffle Baskets and everyone's favorite Lip Sync Battle!

Sunday, February 23, 2025 12:30 - 3:00 at Desert Breeze Park
 660 N. Desert Breeze Blvd East, Chandler, AZ 85226
 Chandler, AZ 85226 ([South side of Park, enter off Chandler Blvd](#))

Questions or to volunteer email Lani at events@stbenedict.org

**RSVP now on
the Parish
website!**

Rummage Sale

Save the date for the parish Rummage Sale on **Saturday, March 8** between the hours of 7 am and 2 pm at the St. John Bosco School courtyard and MPR. If you are considering a spring clean, please save the good stuff for us! Please bring your items to Annex 2 after Masses.

We gladly accept small appliances, books, furniture, CDs, DVDs, electronics, jewelry, housewares, clothes, bedding, games, tools, toys, holiday decor, etc.

We cannot accept any car seats or large appliances such as dishwashers, stoves, or old model TVs; however, working refrigerators and freezers will be accepted.

Also needed are many volunteers!

For more information, contact Gayle at **480.773.5300** or rummagesale@stbenedict.org.

From Palms to Ashes

Bring in last year's palms to be burned and prepared for this year's Ash Wednesday observance. Palms may be brought to the church anytime until February 28 to be burned the following weekend. Baskets for your palms are located by the entrances. (Ash Wednesday is on March 5.)

Pastoral Care

Please remember in your prayers **Carmen Carrillo**, **Karen Dorney Cook** and **Jake Carbonell** 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.

Faith Formation and More

Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

Sunday, Feb 9

Liturgy of the Word With Children

CGS

Teen Sacrament Prep.

EPIC

Tuesday, Feb 11

JAM

JOF

Sunday, Feb 16

Children's Mass at 9 am

NO Liturgy of the Word With Children

NO R.E. Classes or Teen Sac. Prep.

Tuesday, Feb 18

NO JAM

NO JOF



ADULT FAITH FORMATION BIBLE STUDY TUESDAY @ 6:30 PM

St. John Bosco, Art Room

Save the dates

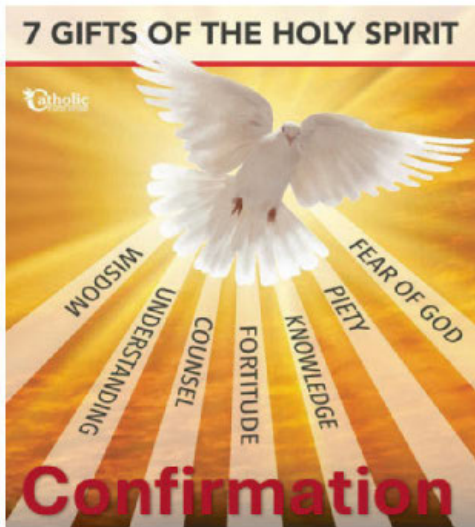
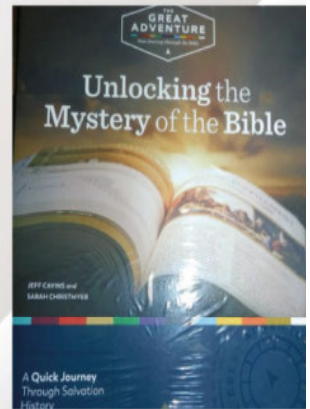
February

4, 11, 25

March 4, 25

April

1, 8, 15



Retreat: April 5, Saturday from 9:AM -11:30AM at SJB MPR

Practice with sponsor: April 24, Thursday at 6:30pm - church

Confirmation and First Communion Day: April 26, Saturday at 10:00AM

Ministries & More

Knights of Columbus

Congratulations to Michael Greco, Knight of the Month. Michael organized the set up and breakdown of rooms for Family Promise as well as soliciting food donations.

Events - Council meeting on **Feb 13**. Officers at 6 pm, Members at 7 pm. Please make every effort to attend.

- Volunteers needed for the **Feb 23** Parish Picnic, and on **March 7 and 8** for the Rummage Sale.

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
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St. Vincent de Paul



In today's Gospel, the disciples decide to leave everything to follow Jesus. We are also called to follow Jesus, who tells us that "whatever you do to the least of mine, you do for me." Please consider donating the following this weekend to help bring hope to those in need:

- Jam
- Hearty Soups
- Baking Mixes
- Ramen
- Sugar
- Mayonnaise

Thanks to your generosity, in January we helped 73 families with \$8,181 in financial support and 105 bags of food.

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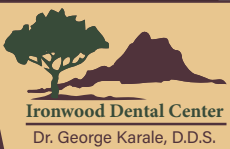
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A Note From The SJB Principal

Dear Parishioners,

I am happy to announce our school science fair winners. Brooke Boggess placed 1st with her project entitled, "Dirt or No Dirt? The Hydroponic Solution." Brooke will represent SJB in the Diocesan Science Fair on February 19. Ayjae Larson placed 2nd with her project, "AI: Difference Between AI and Normal Images." Sally Salloum placed 3rd with "Saline Sprouting."

Congratulations to these students and to all of our brilliant SJB students for their impressive science project displays. Thank you for your continued love and support!

Open Enrollment is now available for the general public and has attracted many new students for the upcoming year. We are eager to introduce these newcomers to the excitement at SJB, and we're confident they will thoroughly enjoy being part of our SJB family!

Thank you!

Jamie Bescak, M.Ed., Principal

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A large advertisement for St. John Bosco Catholic School. It features a photograph of four students in school uniforms standing in front of a green metal gate. A circular graphic on the right says "2025-26 APPLICATIONS OPEN". At the bottom, it says "Preschool-8th grade" in large white letters, followed by the school's mission statement: "We are a faith community dedicated to academic excellence and inspire children to follow their dreams!". The school logo and contact information are at the bottom left and right.

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