

July 13, 2025
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“ **Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.** ”
 ~ 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.

Office Hours _____

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 5 pm
 Fridays Closed
 Closed Daily 12 pm - 1 pm

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.

Mass Schedule _____

Sat 5 pm, Sun 7, 9, 11 am, 1 pm-Spanish, 5 pm
 Weekdays Mon-Fri, Chapel: 8:15 am

Reconciliation _____

Fri 5-6 pm, Sat 8-9 am

Upcoming Events _____

For a complete calendar of events, please visit stbenedict.org/calendar

Monday, 7/14 8:15 am Mass 7 pm Llama de Amor	Tuesday, 7/15 8:15 am Mass 6 pm Spanish Choir	Wednesday, 7/16 8:15 am Mass 7 pm Hispanic Ministry Bible Study
Thursday, 7/17 8:15 am Mass 9 am Legion Mary 6 pm Adult Choir	Friday, 7/18 8:15 am Mass 5 pm Confession	Saturday, 7/19 8 am Confession 5 pm Mass

Mass Intentions _____

Sunday, 7/13/2025 7 am Catherine Adamo † 9 am Norma Santos † 11 am Anna Sedora † 1 pm Parishioners 5 pm Cheryl Flick †	Th 7/17 Cheryl Flick † F 7/18 Kregg Misiewicz † Sat 7/19 Caitlin Gallagher (lvg)
M 7/14 Vera Frances Gajda † Tu 7/15 Patrick Quinn † W 7/16 Foster & Pat Sdao †	Sunday, 7/20/2025 7 am Peter & Jolanta Jewusiak (lvg) 9 am Robert F. Fenlon Sr. † 11 am Kitty Whitlow † 1 pm Parishioners 5 pm Debbie Galvan (lvg)

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday: 7/14	Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34–11:1 (<i>St. Kateri Tekakwitha</i>)
Tuesday: 7/15	Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30- 31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24 (<i>St. Bonaventure</i>)
Wednesday: 7/16	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: 7/17	Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30
Friday: 7/18	Ex 11:10–12:14/Ps 116:12- 13, 15, 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: 7/19	Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21
Sunday: 7/20	Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/ Lk 10:38-42

Parish Contributions

*A special thank you to
those who are faithfully
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Regular Contributions for
June 2025

Actual: \$ 85,631*

Budget: \$ 87,500

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Online: \$ 44,213

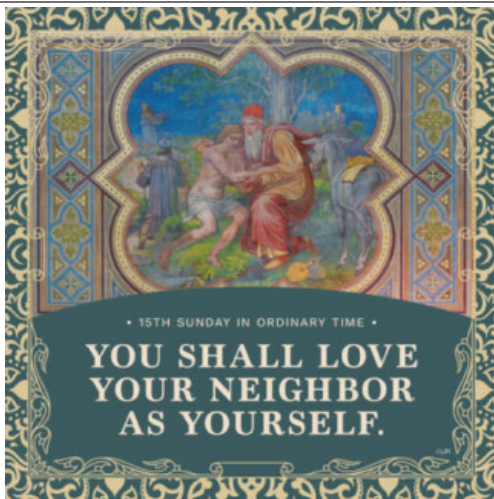
Cash/Check: \$ 41,418

(Contributions are recorded
on a monthly basis per
fiscal year
July 1, '24 to June 30, '25)

Debt Reduction

June 30, 2025

Church Construction Loan:	\$4,500,000
Current Loan Balance:	\$4,315,358
Monthly Mortgage Payment:	\$20,844
Fiscal YTD Principal Paid:	\$151,971
Fiscal YTD Interest Paid:	\$184,367



Live the Liturgy

Everyone is our neighbor — those we love and those we can't stand, the people we agree with and the people whose opinions we hate. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that we must not only see ourselves in every person we meet — we must see Him, too.

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Scripture Reflection

Mercy Is the Measure

"Who is my neighbor?" the scholar of the law asks- not to seek truth, but to draw boundaries. Jesus doesn't answer with theory or debate. He answers with a story. A man is beaten and left for dead. Religious leaders pass by, cautious and detached. But a Samaritan- an outsider- stops. He sees. He is moved. And he acts.



Compassion, in the Gospel, is not a feeling- it is a response. Jesus shows us that love for God and love for neighbor are inseparable. The Samaritan doesn't ask, "What will happen to me if I stop?" He asks, in effect, "What will happen to this man if I don't?"

"Go and do likewise," Jesus says (Luke 10:37). This is not just a moral call; it is a divine invitation. The parable stretches our understanding of neighbor beyond comfort, tribe, or convenience. It compels us to cross the road, to step out of self, and to become instruments of mercy.

Moses tells the people in the first reading that God's command is "*not too mysterious... It is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts*" (Deut 30:14). The law of love is not hidden- it is woven into our very being. We simply need to live it.

In the second reading, Paul reminds us why we can: because all things hold together in Christ (Col 1:17). In Him, we are not only reconciled to God but made part of His body- the Church. We don't love alone. The Spirit within us empowers every act of mercy, great or small.

St. John of the Cross once wrote, "*Where there is no love, put love- and you will draw out love.*" The Samaritan does exactly this. He doesn't assess worthiness. He sees a person in need and becomes neighbor.

Today, let us not merely admire the Samaritan. Let us become him. The road from Jerusalem to Jericho still winds through our neighborhoods, workplaces, and homes. People lie wounded- not always visibly, but deeply.

To follow Christ is to stop, to see, and to serve. That is the mercy that makes us truly human- and truly Christian.

Fr. Augustine Acheme, VC



Current Events and More

New Assignments

Last week it was announced that Fr. James and Fr. Augustine have new assignments effective September 1, 2025. Fr. Augustine has been assigned as Parochial Vicar to St. Steven's Parish, Sun Lakes, and Fr. James has been assigned as Pastor of Corpus Christi.

Similarly, Fr. Manasseh Iorchir, VC has been assigned as Pastor of St. Benedict Parish, and Fr. Emmanuel Peregrine Ogle, VC has been assigned as Parochial Vicar to St. Benedict Parish.

With these assignments, Bishop Dolan has now entrusted the pastoral care of St. Stephen, St. Benedict, and Corpus Christi parishes to the care of the Via Christi Society. Please keep them all in your prayers during this transition period.

Safe Environment Renewal Time

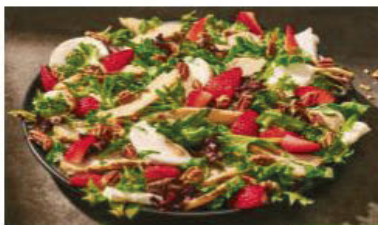
The Safe Environment Training (SET) year runs from July 1 to June 30 of the following year; thus, your existing certification has expired. Renewal time started on July 1, and EVERYONE who wishes to volunteer in ANY capacity at St. Benedict Church and/or St. John Bosco Catholic School must renew. Simply visit <https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org> to log in and take the 30-minute renewal.

If you need assistance with a password, or have never taken the SET, please contact our Safe Environment Coordinator, Debbie Smith, at 480.529.4828 or email her at dsmith@stbenedict.org



New Pastoral Council Members

Congratulations are in order for the appointment of two new Pastoral Council members: **Lisa Majchrzak** and **Carolina Venot**. Their service began on July 1, 2025 and will last a term of 3 years. Congratulations, as well, to **Jerry Biegler** who was appointed as the new Vice President, with **Pamela Boggs** as the new President. God bless you all as you work to continue the mission of St. Benedict Catholic Church.



Join us for the next St. Benedict Dining Event!

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Faith Formation and More

Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

Week of September 7, 2025
R.E. Classes Begin
Online Registration Happening Now

More Summertime Faith Formation

Last weekend we gave you a few ideas to continue faith formation at home during the summer. Parents continue to be the primary catechists for their children. Here are some additional ways you might help enrich your child's faith throughout the upcoming summer months.

- Keep an "Awe and Wonder" journal. When you are traveling or exploring a new place this summer, encourage your child to write down or draw where they experience God. Children often notice God in all of creation or experience the love of Jesus in unexpected encounters with others.
- Plant something together and have your children be responsible for watering and caring for it. Having a connection with nature instills a deeper sense of reverence for all life and often enhances our relationship with Jesus.

Lord,

*Give us new eyes to see our lives
in the light of your love.*

*Help us to see your image
in the face of everyone we meet
and know your goodness in the joy
and love we feel for one another.*

*Keep us healthy as we delight
in the freedom of summer.*

Amen.

Religious Education Registration

Give your children and teens the gift of faith formation where they grow closer to Christ, become more rooted in their Catholic faith, meet new (and old) friends, and have fun! Online registration for all Faith Formation programs is going on now. Register before **August 10** and receive an Early Bird Discount of \$5 off per child/teen!

Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Sessions begin in September and meet most weeks through April 2026. For a complete schedule, visit our parish website at www.stbenedict.org

- **EPIC YOUTH MINISTRY** (Grades 9th-12th):
Sundays from 3 pm to 4:30 pm
- **JAM MIDDLE SCHOOL** (Grades 6th-8th)
Mondays from 6 pm to 7:30 pm
- **JOURNEY OF FAITH** (Grades K-5th)
Tuesdays from 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm
- ***CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD:**
Sundays from 9 am to 10 am Level I (PreK-K)
Sundays from 10 am to 11 am Level II
(Grades 1-3 with Level I experience)

*Limited space is available for both CGS sessions.

REGISTRATION COSTS for 2025-2026 per child:

\$30 - JAM/EDGE Middle School

\$75 - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Journey of Faith

\$50 - EPIC/Life Teen High School Youth Ministry

All families with multiple children have a maximum total registration cost of \$140 regardless of program. Financial assistance and scholarships are available for any family in need. We never want cost to prevent your child from participating in faith formation programs or youth ministry events. Contact Sr. Liza in the parish office for assistance or questions (480.961.1610 ext. 308) or sliza@stbenedict.org



Ministries & More

FAQ: Why Should I Register at Saint Benedict Catholic Church?

1. A sense of belonging and identity within a parish community.
2. It is a commitment to practice your faith.
3. Registration enables the parish pastor and staff to get to know you better, to welcome you and to minister to you, in good times and in bad.
4. Registration helps you stay connected with your parish and helps your parish stay connected with you. Also, if you use offertory envelopes or online giving, you will have a statement for income tax purposes.
5. Registered active members are eligible to be sacramental sponsors and godparents.
6. Census numbers may determine how many priests are assigned to a parish and how many Masses and enrichment programs are planned and scheduled.
7. Children are considered members with their parents until they turn 18 years old. Once they are 18, it is their responsibility to join a church family, participate in the Mass and register as a member independent of their parents.

How Do I Register?

You can register online at the parish website: www.stbenedict.org.

Registration forms can be also be found in the parish Narthex in back of the church. Submit your completed form to the parish office, drop it in the collection basket or the office drop box located next to the office.

Praying the Rosary

Why pray the Rosary alone when you can pray with fellow parishioners? Join us **Monday** through **Friday** mornings (during the summer) at 7:45 am, before the regular morning Mass, in the Parish Chapel.

On the last Wednesday of each month, the Knights of Columbus host a parish Rosary. This month we invite all to gather on **Wednesday, July 30**, at 7:00 pm in the parish chapel. Come and pray with us!

St. Vincent de Paul



In today's Gospel, when Jesus asks, "Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?", the scholar of the law answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus then said, "Go and do likewise."

This weekend, like Jesus, you can also "treat the poor with mercy" by putting a gift in the SVdP poor box or making a donation of the following:

- Pancake Mix
- Maple Syrup
- Sugar/Flour
- Rolled Oats
- Crackers
- Cookies

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

Water Drive

For the last few weeks our parishioners have been donating 12-16 oz. bottles of water for the homeless and less fortunate living on the streets and in encampments. As of last Wednesday, we have donated 83 cases of water! Thank you so much for your generosity for such a good cause!

Please keep up the good work and bring your much appreciated donations of water to the parish lobby before/after Mass or anytime during office hours. St. Benedict parishioners are the best!

Summer Office Hours

July: Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 5 pm
Friday, Closed.

(Please note, the parish office is closed daily between noon and 1 pm for lunch.)

Pastoral Care

Please remember in your prayers **Angel Buzani**, **Patricia Cox**, and **Mary Morales** who died recently. We pray that their family and friends will feel God's healing embrace through the prayers and support of our faith community.

Ministries & More



St. Benedict Gift Shop

Welcome to the St. Benedict Gift Shop! It's Christmas in July around here! Come and see the featured items for Christmas 2025. We have many unique items plus traditional ones as well. Come by this weekend before or after Mass, including the Saturday and Sunday evening Masses. For weekday shopping, inquire at the parish office.

*“Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.”*

~ John 6:63c, 68c

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Reserve your tickets now for the second annual “Catholic Night” at Chase Field, as the Arizona Diamondbacks take on the Philadelphia Phillies on **Friday, September 19** at 6:40 p.m. Purchase your tickets and receive a co-branded D-backs – Catholic Night cap. In addition, \$5.00 from every ticket sold through this link will be donated to Catholic Schools Support 365. Don't be left out, as the Diocese of Phoenix will be involved in an on field, pregame recognition and throwing out the first pitch. Enjoy a night of fellowship and fun!

Reserve your tickets by going here: <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Catholicnight1>

Employment Opportunity at SJB

St. John Bosco Catholic School is in the process of hiring a talented individual to fill the following position:

- Preschool Teacher

If you are interested or know of any individuals who would like to join our team, go to <http://catholicschoolsphx.schoolspring.com> for more details and/or to apply. For more information, contact Principal Jamie Bescak at jbescak@sjbosco.org



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Reflexión sobre las Escrituras

La misericordia es la medida

«¿Quién es mi prójimo?», pregunta el estudioso de la ley, no para buscar la verdad, sino para trazar límites. Jesús no responde con teorías o debates. Responde con una historia. Un hombre es golpeado y dado por muerto. Los líderes religiosos pasan de largo, cautelosos e indiferentes. Pero un samaritano, un forastero, se detiene. Lo ve. Se conmueve. Y actúa.



En el Evangelio, la compasión no es un sentimiento, sino una respuesta. Jesús nos muestra que el amor a Dios y el amor al prójimo son inseparables. El samaritano no pregunta: «¿Qué me pasará si me detengo?». Pregunta, en efecto: «¿Qué le pasará a este hombre si no lo hago?».

«Vete y haz tú lo mismo», le dice Jesús (Lucas 10, 37). No se trata sólo de una llamada moral, sino de una invitación divina. La parábola amplía nuestra comprensión del prójimo más allá de la comodidad, la tribu o la conveniencia. Nos obliga a cruzar el camino, a salir de nosotros mismos y a convertirnos en instrumentos de misericordia.

Moisés dice al pueblo en la primera lectura que el mandato de Dios «no es demasiado misterioso... Es algo muy cercano a vosotros, que ya está en vuestras bocas y en vuestros corazones» (Dt 30,14). La ley del amor no está oculta, está entretejida en nuestro ser. Sólo tenemos que vivirla.

En la segunda lectura, Pablo nos recuerda por qué podemos hacerlo: porque todas las cosas permanecen unidas en Cristo (Col 1,17). En Él, no sólo estamos reconciliados con Dios, sino que formamos parte de su cuerpo: la Iglesia. No amamos solos. El Espíritu que está en nosotros da poder a cada acto de misericordia, grande o pequeño.

San Juan de la Cruz escribió una vez: «Donde no hay amor, pon amor, y sacarás amor». El samaritano hace exactamente esto. No evalúa el valor. Ve a una persona necesitada y se convierte en su prójimo.

Hoy, no nos limitemos a admirar al samaritano. Convirtámonos en él. El camino de Jerusalén a Jericó sigue serpenteando por nuestros barrios, lugares de trabajo y hogares. La gente yace herida, no siempre visiblemente, pero sí profundamente.

Seguir a Cristo es detenerse, ver y servir. Esa es la misericordia que nos hace verdaderamente humanos y verdaderamente cristianos.

Fr. Augustine Acheme, VC



Ministerio hispano y más

Ministerio Hispano en St. Benedict: Unete a una Familia en la Fe

Nuestro Ministerio es mucho más que un grupo dentro de la parroquia: es una verdadera familia unida por la fe, la cultura y el deseo profundo de seguir a Cristo. Nacido del corazón de nuestra comunidad, este ministerio tiene como misión acompañar espiritualmente a los fieles hispanohablantes, fomentar la unidad y el crecimiento en la fe, y compartir la riqueza de nuestras tradiciones con toda la parroquia.

Aquí celebramos juntos la Santa Misa en español, nos reunimos para rezar el Rosario, organizamos grupos de formación, retiros espirituales, convivencias, y servimos a los más necesitados a través de obras de caridad. Cada encuentro es una oportunidad para crecer, no solo como creyentes, sino también como hermanos.

¿Por qué unirse?

- Porque no estás solo: aquí hay un espacio para ti, para tu familia, para tus preguntas y tu caminar espiritual.
- Porque encontrarás apoyo, guía y verdadera amistad en un ambiente acogedor y lleno del amor de Dios.
- Porque Dios te ha dado dones únicos y este puede ser el lugar donde los pongas al servicio de los demás.
- Porque la Iglesia necesita tu voz, tu historia, tu presencia y tu alegría para seguir viva y activa.

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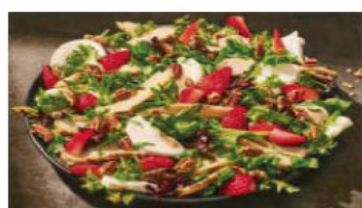
Ven y forma parte de esta gran familia. Juntos podemos crecer en la fe, compartir nuestras tradiciones, y construir una comunidad fuerte y llena del Espíritu Santo unidos con todos en esta parroquia de St Benedict.

San Vicente de Paúl

En el Evangelio de hoy, cuando Jesús pregunta: «¿Cuál de estos tres, en tu opinión, fue prójimo de la víctima del ladrón?», el estudioso de la ley respondió: «El que lo trató con misericordia». Jesús le dijo entonces: «Vete y haz tú lo mismo». Este fin de semana tú también puedes «tratar a los pobres con misericordia» poniendo un regalo en la caja de los pobres de la SVdP o haciendo un donativo de los siguientes:

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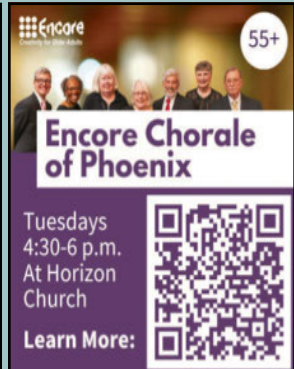


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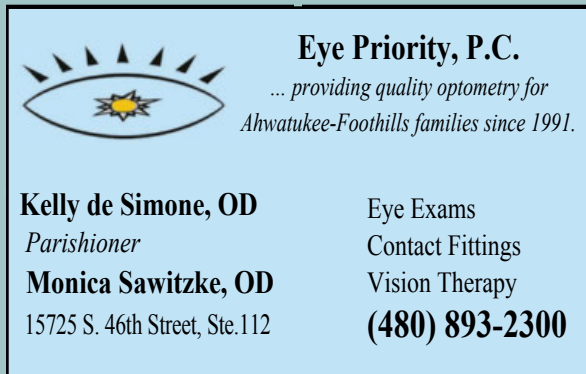


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Dear Parishioners,

If you're seeking a quality Catholic education for your child, we invite you to prayerfully consider applying to St. John Bosco Catholic School. We have a few remaining openings for the 2025-26 school year.

Call us at 480.219.4848 to set up a private tour and discover how our school can support your child's academic and spiritual growth all while making Catholic Education affordable for everyone.

New Family Night: Tuesday, July 29 @ 5:30–7:00 PM

Parents of new students are invited to learn more about the beginning of the school year, protocols, dress code, and how we make Catholic Education affordable. (parent-only event)

Meet the Teacher: Monday, August 4, 3:30–5:00 PM

Parents and students are invited to meet their teacher and drop off school supplies before the first day of school.

First Day of School: Wednesday, August 6, 7:45–3:00 PM; All-School Mass @ 1:30 PM

Preschool–8th-grade students begin the 2025-26 school year!

Joyful blessings,

Jamie Bescak, M.Ed.

St. John Bosco Catholic School

