

April 19, 2026
3rd Sunday of Easter

“ **Lord, you will show us the path of life.** ”
 ~ Ps 16

“Where All Are Welcome”

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Parish Mission Statement _____

We are a vibrant and welcoming Catholic Church community that celebrates the presence of God in all creation through 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, 4/20 8:15 am Mass 6 pm Porters Trng.	Tuesday, 4/21 8:15 am Mass 6 pm Teen Sac Prep 6:15 pm JOF	Wednesday, 4/22 8:15 am Mass 5:30 pm Legion Mary 6:30 pm Hisp. Min. Mtg.
Thursday, 4/23 8:15 am Mass	Friday, 4/24 8:15 am Mass 5 pm Confession	Saturday, 4/25 8 am Confession 5 pm Mass

Mass Intentions _____

Sunday, 4/19/2026 7 am Helena C. Dayta † 9 am Helen Kopec † 11 am Parishioners 1 pm Margaret Webster (lvg) 5 pm Jeanne Rogers †	Th 4/23 William Lissy (lvg) F 4/24 Rick Barone † Sat 4/25 Clarence & Sylvia Vlcchek †
M 4/20 Maria Gil † Tu 4/21 Waldo & Virjean Schinzel † W 4/22 Vicente Laguna †	Sunday, 4/26/2026 7 am Glenn Francis Grimm † 9 am Joe J. Lopez † 11 am Fayettea Gore † 1 pm Parishioners 5 pm Josephine Ramos †

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday: 4/20	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: 4/21	Acts 7:51-8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: 4/22	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a/ Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: 4/23	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16- 17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: 4/24	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/ Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: 4/25	1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20 (<i>St. Mark</i>)
Sunday: 4/26	Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1- 3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b- 25/Jn 10:1-10

Parish Contributions

A special thank you to those who are faithfully contributing

Contributions for
March 2026

Actual: \$ 83,958*

Budget: \$ 77,500

**Mar. Mortgage Support:
\$ 8,215**

* *Realm*

Online: \$ 47,487

Cash/Check: \$ 36,471

*(Contributions are recorded
on a monthly basis
per fiscal year
July 1, '25 to June 30, '26)*

St. Benedict Catholic Church

Charity & Development Appeal Totals

April 14, 2026

Number of Donors: 225

Amount Donated: \$115,757

Donations Goal: \$99,844



Live the Liturgy

Like Cleopas, we make our way
through this world with weary feet and
disappointed hearts. Christ falls into
step beside us. He can open our eyes.

Will we let him?

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Gospel Reflection

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: REDISCOVERING THE LORD



Dear Friends In Christ,

The readings from Acts 2:14, 22–28, 1 Peter 1:17–21, and Luke 24:13–35 (Emmaus narrative) takes us on a spiritual journey. A movement from confusion to clarity, from fear to faith, and from despair to mission. They show what the Resurrection of Jesus Christ truly does in the life of a Christian. In the first reading, Christ is proclaimed; in the second reading, Christ is the foundation of faith; in the Gospel reading, Christ is recognized in the breaking of bread

Acts 2:14, 22–28 The Bold Proclamation

In this reading, we see Saint Peter standing before the crowd, boldly proclaiming, “God raised Him up, releasing Him from the throes of death.” This is remarkable because this is the same Peter who once denied Jesus out of fear. Now, he speaks with courage and authority. The Resurrection transforms fearful disciples into bold witnesses and makes the people who were all gathered to believe more in God. Peter explains that Jesus was handed over and crucified, yet death could not hold Him. God fulfilled His promise. This is not just information, it is a testimony born from an encounter he had with Jesus.

1 Peter 1:17–21 – A Call to Reverent Living

Here in the second reading, Peter speaks again, but now as a shepherd guiding the Church. “You were ransomed... not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ.” The Resurrection reveals the cost of our salvation. We are not ordinary people, we are redeemed. Our lives have value because Christ paid for them. Our faith is rooted in the God who raised Jesus from the dead; therefore, we are called to live in reverence, hope, and holiness. This reading shifts us from simply believing in Easter to living Easter. Peter reminds us that we are not just saved, we are redeemed by Christ’s blood.

Luke 24:13–35 – The Road to Emmaus

Two disciples walk away from Jerusalem, discouraged and confused. Their hopes were shattered. Then the Risen Jesus joins them, yet they do not recognize Him. “We were hoping that He would be the one to redeem Israel.” Their problem was not lack of faith, but misunderstanding. Jesus responds by explaining the Scriptures in which He expresses His desire to make us understand Him better. He walks with them patiently and through this, Jesus teaches us to be caring and empathetic, especially at moments when our loved ones go through a hard time or need encouragement. Jesus also reveals himself in the breaking of bread, expressing the relevance of the Holy Eucharist. He makes them understand that in His presence there is a unique restoration of our joys and hopes, and through the breaking of the bread their eyes were opened. Jesus is present even when we do not recognize Him, in Scripture, in the Eucharist and in our journey. Their sadness turns into joy, and they rush back to Jerusalem to share the news. The Emmaus disciples run back to share the News.

All three readings tell one unified Easter Story: An encounter with Jesus brings about transformation. The disciples on their way to Emmaus encounter Jesus, and their hearts burn to be with Jesus. Peter encounters the Risen Christ and he becomes bold. No one meets the Risen Jesus and remains the same. The Resurrection brings clarity to God’s plan. The Risen Jesus is still present in His Church today. These readings invite us into some personal questions: Are we like the Emmaus disciples, confused and discouraged? Are we, like Peter, called to be bold but sometimes afraid? The message of Easter is this: The Risen Christ walks with you, explains your story, feeds you with His presence, and sends you out with a purpose.

May the grace of Jesus help us to recognize Him always and reaffirm our belief and faith in Him.

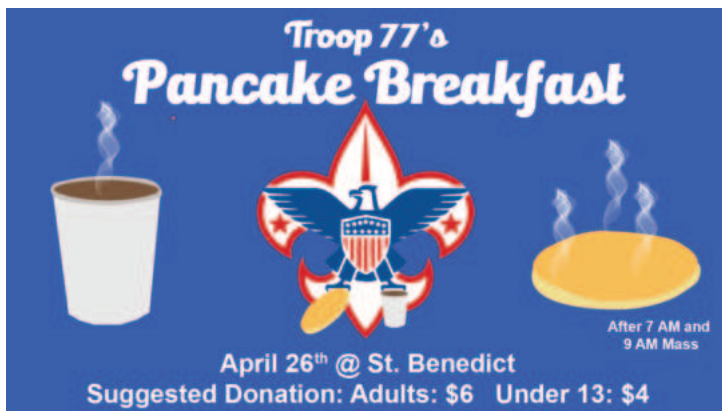
Fr. Emmanuel Ogla, VC

Current Events and More



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

1. A sense of belonging and identity within the 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.

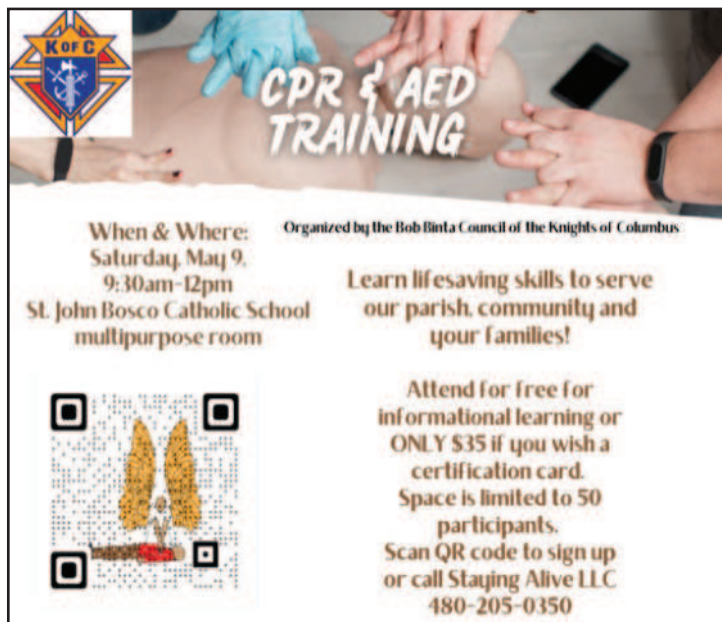


How Do I Register?

You can register online at the parish website:

www.stbenedict.org

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



Vocations

*"Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him."
(Luke 24:31)*

Just as the disciples recognized Jesus in their midst, couples are called to see Christ present in their marriage. Pray that more couples will open their hearts to His presence and live out their vocation with faith and joy.

Faith Formation and More

Children and Youth Faith Formation

Sunday, April 19
Liturgy of the Word with Children
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)
Teen & Young Adult Mass
Life Teen (MS & HS)

Tuesday, April 21
Journey of Faith
Teen Sacramental Prep

Sunday, April 26
Liturgy of the Word with Children
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)
Teen & Young Adult Mass
Life Teen (MS & HS)



Catechists Wanted

Do you, or someone you know, enjoy working with children or young people? Are you looking for a way to share your faith and continue growing in it, as well?

Whether you have just a few minutes each week or more time to offer, there is a place for you in the St. Benedict Faith Formation Ministries. This includes the Sunday Children's Liturgy of the Word, Journey of Faith on Tuesdays, and/or the Life Teen program on Sundays.

For Children's Liturgy of the Word and Journey of Faith, please contact Sr. Novie, OP in the parish office at 480.961.1610 ext. 307. For the Life Teen program, please contact Erin Fish at ext. 303.

Attention all Rising Freshman to Graduating Seniors

Steubenville West Conference

July 17-19th

Tucson, AZ

Steubenville Conference is a life-changing weekend where high school students encounter Christ in a real and powerful way. Through dynamic speakers, authentic worship, and the Sacraments, teens are invited to grow deeper in their faith, build lasting friendships, and experience the joy of the Church. Don't miss this unforgettable opportunity to be renewed, challenged, and sent out on mission.



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\$75 Deposit

(Final Price will depend on amount fundraised)



Any Questions please email Erin Fish at efish@stbenedict.org

Ministries & More

Knights of Columbus

"It is God himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ages ago, he planned that we should spend these lives in helping others."
(Ephesians 2:10)

God put you on earth to make a contribution and He is calling you to a service far beyond anything you could ever imagine.

You weren't created just to consume resources, you were created to give something back, to help other people. God designed you to make a difference with your life.

Whenever you serve others in any way, you are actually serving God. St. Paul the Apostle said, *"Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for the people."* God says that He expects every member of his family to minister. In the Bible, the words *servant* and *ministry* are synonyms two. If you are a Christian, you are a minister, and when you are serving you are ministering.

Upcoming Events:

April 18 - Fourth Degree induction at St. Louis the King.

April 29 - Parish Rosary in the Chapel 7 pm.

May 9 - CPR training at the St. John Bosco School multipurpose room from 9:30am to 12pm. Training is free unless you want a certification card (\$35).

May 17 - Blood Drive in front of St. John Bosco School, 8am to 1pm.

Vivat Jesus,
John Garrity, Grand Knight
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St. Vincent de Paul



In the Gospel today, we hear the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. In this we come to know that our daily reaching out to our neighbor is our daily walk with the Risen Christ - we recognize Him in others. Please consider donating to our brothers and sisters who are poor and suffering.

- Jam/Jelly
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Taco Kits
- Canned Fruits
- Progresso or Chunky Soups
- Crackers

As always, 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**.

Praying the Rosary

Why pray the Rosary alone when you can pray with fellow parishioners? Join us **Monday** through **Thursday** mornings at 7:45 am in the parish Chapel before morning Mass.

Also, on the last Wednesday of each month, the Knights of Columbus host a Rosary in the parish Chapel. This month we invite all to gather on **Wednesday, April 29**, at 7:00 pm. Come and pray with us!



We recently received a Thank You note from the Aid to Women Center for the Baby Bottle Drive conveying their deepest appreciation to our parish. They stated that our parishioners were very generous and raised \$ 7,726 to help fund their cause to Choose Life! Thank you!

Blood Drive

Save the date for the next Blood Drive on **Sunday, May 17** from 8 am to 1 pm. You can also make an appointment by going to vitalant.org and searching for the St. Benedict Catholic Church Blood Drive.

Ministries & More



Free Catholic Movies and More

Where is there a great place to enjoy a wealth of resources for our Catholic faith in a variety of media? At **FORMED.org**! It's easy and free to use as a St. Benedict Church gift to you:

1. Visit **FORMED.org** and click "Sign Up" at the top
2. Enter "85048" and select St. Benedict
3. Enter your name and email address

Now you're ready to start exploring!

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Mortgage Support Collection

St. Benedict Church will be taking a second collection next weekend, **April 25/26**, to support our mortgage payment plan. We kindly invite you to contribute to this effort by giving a little extra each month. Every contribution, big or small, brings us closer to paying down the debt. Mortgage Support Collection envelopes are in the pews and are in the envelopes you get in the mail. Thank you for your help!

Email and Text Alert

Please be aware that some parishioners are receiving emails and text messages that suggest our priests, deacons or staff are requesting a favor or a gift. These are **"SPAM"** and should be **immediately deleted**. We would never send an email or text for these reasons. Unfortunately, we have no way to restrict or stop these emails or texts. Thank you for your understanding.



Reflexión sobre las Escrituras

TERCER DOMINGO DE PASCUA: REDESCUBRIR AL SEÑOR



Queridos amigos en Cristo,

Las lecturas de Hechos 2, 14; 22-28; 1 Pedro 1, 17-21 y Lucas 24, 13-35 (el relato de Emaús) nos llevan a emprender un camino espiritual. Un paso de la confusión a la claridad, del miedo a la fe y de la desesperación a la misión. Muestran lo que la resurrección de Jesucristo realmente hace en la vida de un cristiano. En la primera lectura, se proclama a Cristo; en la segunda lectura, Cristo es el fundamento de la fe; en la lectura del Evangelio, se reconoce a Cristo al partir el pan.

Hechos 2:14, 22-28: El valiente anuncio

En esta lectura, vemos a San Pedro de pie ante la multitud, proclamando con valentía: «Dios lo resucitó, liberándolo de las garras de la muerte». Esto es notable porque se trata del mismo Pedro que en su día negó a Jesús por miedo. Ahora, habla con valentía y autoridad. La Resurrección transforma a los discípulos temerosos en testigos valientes y hace que todas las personas allí reunidas creen más en Dios. Pedro explica que Jesús fue entregado y crucificado, pero que la muerte no pudo retenerlo. Dios cumplió su promesa. Esto no es solo información, es un testimonio que nace de un encuentro que él tuvo con Jesús.

1 Pedro 1:17-21 — Una llamada a una vida piadosa

En esta segunda lectura, Pedro vuelve a tomar la palabra, pero ahora como pastor que guía a la Iglesia. «Fuisteis rescatados... no con cosas perecederas, como la plata o el oro, sino con la sangre preciosa de Cristo». La Resurrección nos revela el precio de nuestra salvación. No somos personas comunes y corrientes, somos redimidos. Nuestras vidas tienen valor porque Cristo pagó por ellas. Nuestra fe se basa en el Dios que resucitó a Jesús de entre los muertos; por eso, estamos llamados a vivir con reverencia, esperanza y santidad. Esta lectura nos lleva a pasar de simplemente creer en la Pascua a vivirla. Pedro nos recuerda que no solo somos salvados, sino que somos redimidos por la sangre de Cristo.

Lucas 24:13-35 — El camino a Emaús

Dos discípulos se alejan de Jerusalén, desanimados y confundidos. Sus esperanzas se habían hecho añicos. Entonces, Jesús resucitado se une a ellos, pero no lo reconocen. «Nosotros esperábamos que fuera él quien redimiera a Israel». Su problema no era la falta de fe, sino la incompreensión. Jesús responde explicándoles las Escrituras, en las que expresa su deseo de que le comprendamos mejor. Camina con ellos con paciencia y, a través de esto, Jesús nos enseña a ser comprensivos y empáticos, especialmente en los momentos en que nuestros seres queridos atraviesan momentos difíciles o necesitan ánimo. Jesús también se revela al partir el pan, poniendo de manifiesto la importancia de la Sagrada Eucaristía. Les hace comprender que, en su presencia, se produce una restauración única de nuestras alegrías y esperanzas, y al partir el pan se les abrieron los ojos. Jesús está presente incluso cuando no lo reconocemos: en las Escrituras, en la Eucaristía y en nuestro camino. Su tristeza se convierte en alegría, y se apresuran a regresar a Jerusalén para compartir la noticia. Los discípulos de Emaús corren de vuelta para compartir la noticia.

Las tres lecturas cuentan una misma historia pascual: el encuentro con Jesús trae consigo una transformación. Los discípulos, de camino a Emaús, se encuentran con Jesús, y sus corazones arden por estar con Él. Pedro se encuentra con Cristo resucitado y se llena de valor. Nadie se encuentra con Jesús resucitado y sigue siendo el mismo. La Resurrección aclara el plan de Dios. Jesús resucitado sigue presente hoy en su Iglesia. Estas lecturas nos invitan a plantearnos algunas preguntas personales: ¿Somos como los discípulos de Emaús, confundidos y desanimados? ¿Estamos, como Pedro, llamados a ser valientes, pero a veces tenemos miedo? El mensaje de la Pascua es este: Cristo resucitado camina contigo, te ayuda a comprender tu historia, te alimenta con su presencia y te envía con un propósito.

Que la gracia de Jesús nos ayude a reconocerlo siempre y a reafirmar nuestra creencia y nuestra fe en Él.

Fr. Emmanuel Ogla, VC

Ministerio hispano y más



Vivir la liturgia

Al igual que Cleofás, recorreremos este mundo con los pies cansados y el corazón desilusionado. Cristo camina a nuestro lado. Él puede abrirnos los ojos. ¿Se lo permitiremos?

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Tienda de regalos de la parroquia

¡El Día de la Madre es el domingo 10 de mayo y llegará antes de que te des cuenta! La tienda de regalos de la parroquia tiene todo lo que necesitas para demostrarles a mamá y a la abuela lo especiales que son para ti. Tenemos joyas, jabones, lociones, artículos religiosos y de cocina, y mucho más. ¡Ven hoy mismo!

San Vicente de Paúl



En el Evangelio de hoy escuchamos la historia de los discípulos en el camino de Emaús. En ella descubrimos que nuestro acercamiento diario al prójimo es nuestro caminar diario con Cristo resucitado: lo reconocemos en los demás. Os invitamos a considerar la posibilidad de hacer una donación a nuestros hermanos y hermanas que son pobres y sufren.

- Mermelada/Gelatina
- Salsa para espaguetis
- Kits para tacos
- Fruta en conserva
- Sopas Progresso o Chunky
- Galletas saladas

Si usted se encuentra en necesidad de asistencia o información de San Vicente de Paúl, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial al 480.961.1610 ext. 315.

CPR & AED TRAINING

Organized by the Bob Birta Council of the Knights of Columbus

When & Where: Saturday, May 9, 9:30am-12pm
St. John Bosco Catholic School multipurpose room

Learn lifesaving skills to serve our parish, community and your families!

Attend for free for informational learning or ONLY \$35 if you wish a certification card. Space is limited to 50 participants. Scan QR code to sign up or call Staying Alive LLC 480-205-0350



Cobro de apoyo hipotecario

La iglesia de St. Benedict realizará una segunda colecta el próximo fin de semana, los días 25 y 26 de abril, para financiar nuestro plan de pago de la hipoteca. Les invitamos cordialmente a contribuir a esta iniciativa aportando una pequeña cantidad extra cada mes. Cada contribución, grande o pequeña, nos acerca un paso más al pago total de la deuda. Los sobres para la colecta destinada a la hipoteca se pueden encontrar en las mesas de colecta y en los sobres que reciben por correo.

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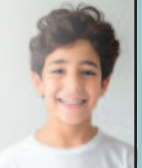
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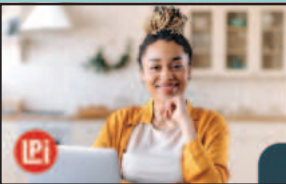


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A Note From The SJB Principal



Dear St. Benedict Parishioners,

It's full steam ahead into the last stretch of the school year! The students just completed the Iowa benchmark assessments and, no doubt, brilliantly demonstrated all they learned this past school year. Teachers will digest all the data and plan next year's lessons accordingly.

On the social front, we are almost sold out for the "Birdies FORE Bosco" Golf Tournament at Whirlwind Golf Club, Wild Horse Pass on Friday, May 1st. We have two courses this year that will provide a faster pace of play, more room to enjoy the day, and yes, more beverage carts—all adding up to an even more fun and relaxed experience for everyone. It's not just a golf event; it's a celebration for the entire SJB community. So, if golf isn't your thing, but gathering with fun people and supporting the school at the same time is, tickets are still available for the End-of-Year Bosco Bash, where parents and the community come together for dinner and festivities after the golf outing.

We hope to see you there!

Jamie Bescak, M.Ed., Principal
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