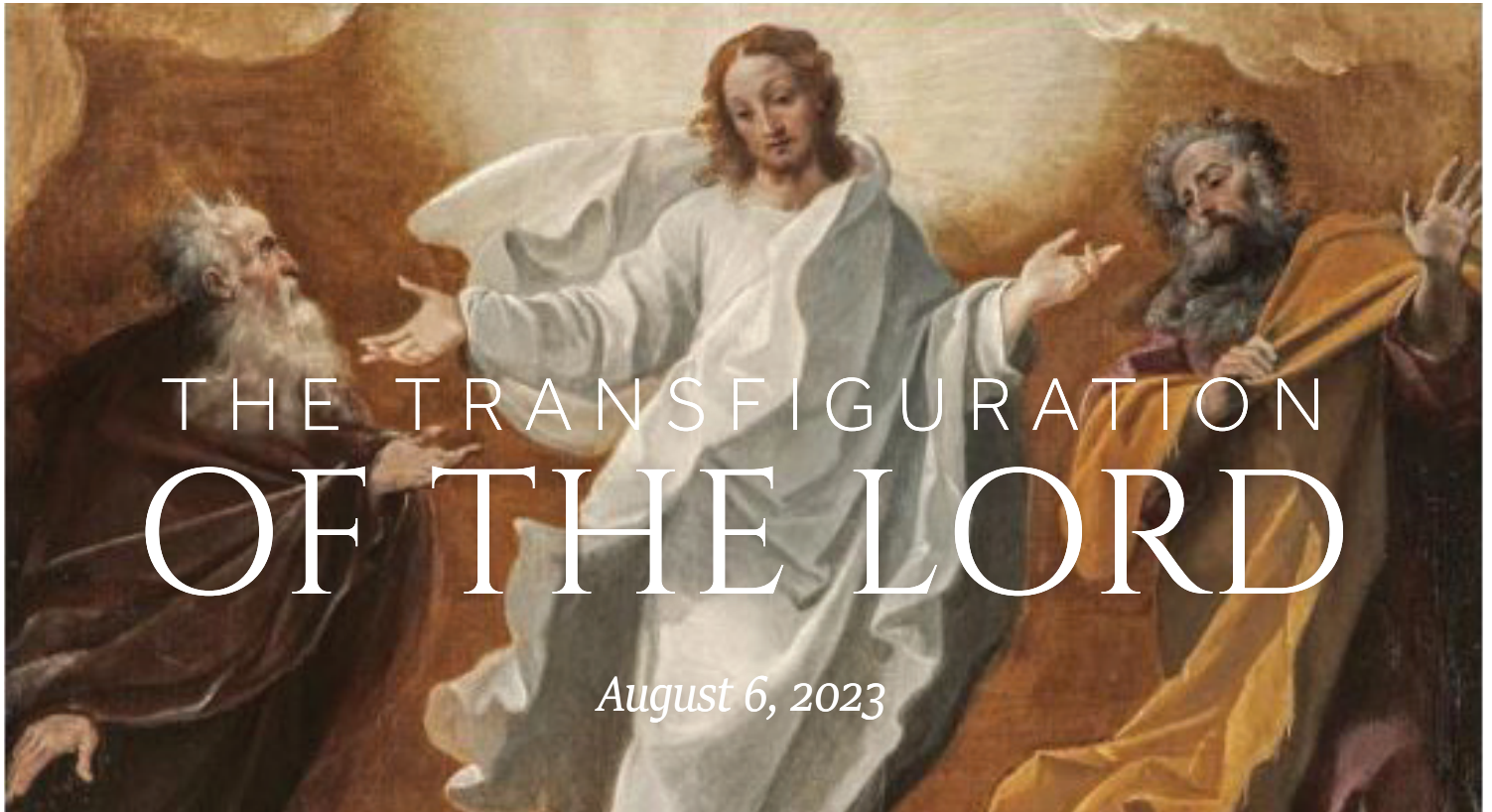


THE STEWARD



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

August 6, 2023



“And Jesus was transfigured before them...”

This weekend is the amazing celebration of the Feast of the Transfiguration. We hear how Jesus took Peter, James and John, and led them to the mountain where he was transfigured before their eyes, revealing to them his true glory.

This year we are listening to Mark’s account, but the three synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) all have this story with amazing consistency. In all three of the Gospels, the event occurs in between Peter’s famous confession of Jesus as the Son of God, and Jesus first foretelling of his upcoming passion and death. He calls on the three apostles who were blessed enough to experience this to remain quiet about it until he is raised from the dead.

The experience was so powerful for the apostles that they were left totally stunned and unsure what to do. We also see in the experience that Jesus is connected with Moses and Elijah, which means the Law and Prophets. Jesus then is the fulfillment of the

Jewish experience.

While clearly we do not know what the experience with Jesus must have been like, it had to be so overwhelming. Some commentators suggest that Jesus gave this experience to the Apostles to strengthen them through his passion and death they were about to endure. Yet, it did not make them strong enough to stand by Christ in everything he was about to face because they all ran away and abandoned him.

While this story can certainly give us a great sense of who Jesus is. We might also find ourselves asking what this story can mean for our daily lives. I think that is a question we find ourselves asking about all Scripture stories. The scriptures remind us of who we really are and how we can live our lives well.

One way we can look at this special event, is to remind ourselves of how people saw Jesus. Even his closest disciples, the people who knew him the best, did not see him initially as the Son of God.

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Once they had this special experience, it was clear to those three apostles that there was something very special about Jesus, but probably it took the Resurrection for them to really get a better sense of who Jesus was.

In our lives, we believe that all people are made in God's image and likeness. There is something sacred and special about all human beings. This includes us as well as everyone we deal with. Now granted, none of us is perfect. Also not everyone acts in this way or treats others like this. However, if we truly believe this is true, I think two things can present themselves to us.

First, I might look at myself to ask how do I live reflecting the fact that I am a child of God? If I really believe this about myself, how are others able to see this in me by the way I live? If I do not actually see this in myself by the way I am living, then I might need to make some changes in the way I live so that I can reflect my true nature. I might consider how I can be

transfigured before others so they can see my true self.

Second, I might want to look at how I view other people I deal with in life. Do I see their goodness? What would it take for me to be able to see them for who they truly are as a child of God? As I said above, it is true that no person is perfect so I cannot expect that of someone. Like myself, they are bound to fail at times. Is there a way I can look at others to see their true nature?

Even though we do understand others and ourselves as children of God and made in God's image, we still need to consider one other issue. Some people do not believe any of this, and do not treat others with any respect or care. They might not even believe in God. They might very well just take advantage of other people and live only for themselves. How can I live in a way that is true to myself and what I believe, while also keeping in mind what I will encounter in the world I live in?

SHINING JESUS' LIGHT - ST. BEN'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023

We had a great week practicing how to **Shine Jesus' Light** at Vacation Bible Camp last month. Our dedicated Youth Leader Crew spent a week learning the songs, games and crafts that we would share with our Vacation Bible Campers. Thank you; Marian, Devlin, Jack, Katherine, Kieran, Brinley and Teddy. We had some generous adults sharing their gifts too; Thank you, Nancy, (super-organizer) Tiffany (decorator extraordinaire), Sara, (our saint and beatitude expert), and Mary (Our Kid Vid video presenter) who helped us learn about how other kids were shining Jesus' light. The week was joy-filled with music, crafts and games. We enjoyed the glow in the dark decorations and the outer space theme. The Vacation Bible Camp participants were engaged, kind to each other, supportive and ready to learn how they could Shine Jesus' Light. Until next year, we'll just keep **Shining the Light of Jesus** to everyone we meet!



ST. BENEDICT PARISH Religious Education RE REGISTRATION 2023-24

Religious Education Registration 2023-24 is now active online for new and returning students. St Benedict Religious Program offers a complete curriculum of religious formation for children in grades K-8 on Sunday only from 8:15am-9:45am. Please register by scanning



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Main Tent Sponsor \$5000 (2)	Stage Sponsor \$2500 (6)	"Prost!" Bar Sponsor \$1000 (10)	"Zum Wohl!" Community Sponsor \$500	"Freundschaft" (Friendship) Fan \$250	"Ein Prosit!" Beverage Fan \$150-\$50
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2023 Participation Benefits:

MAIN TENT SPONSOR \$5000 (2)

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- Recognized as Co-presenter of OktoberFest
- Supporter banner on Irving Park Rd. using your artwork provided by the parish

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- Company or Family name listed on Oktoberfest website, event poster, and on Facebook
- Company name and logo with link on website
- Acknowledgement in The Steward weekly parish bulletin and the BUZZ school newsletter
- Host a vendor table inside the Gymnasium to promote your products or services

"EIN PROSIT!" BEVERAGE FAN—VARIED

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- \$100 per case of wine
- \$50 towards beer stein costs
- Company or family name listed on supporter banner, and at the all beverage serving stations

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August 6, 2023

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Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 | 2 Pt 1:16-19 | Mt 17:1-9

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

According to the dictionary definition, to be transfigured is to “transform into something more beautiful or elevated.” This is what we see happening in Matthew’s Gospel today: Jesus takes his closest disciples up the mountain and there he is transformed – he is *transfigured* – before them: “His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.” He is also joined by Moses and Elijah as a sign that he is the fulfillment of God’s promises of old. Jesus completes the old covenant that God made with his people and brings us the new covenant of salvation. The Transfiguration parallels the Baptism of the Lord in that we once again hear God speaking from the heavens to say, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” But during the Transfiguration, God adds the words, “Listen to him.” That’s a command not just for his disciples there on the mountain but for us today as well.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In elementary school, we were often reminded to listen. I remember one teacher who made a point to impress upon our class that listening is different from hearing. It is easy to hear, but to listen, you need to take the time to understand what is being said. In his letter today, Peter is urging us to listen to the prophetic message of Jesus. He says, “You will do well to be attentive to it” and then compares doing so to being “a lamp shining in a dark place.” The world today can be a very dark place, but we don’t have to be content to live in the shadows. By following Jesus’ example and commands, we can bring light – along with hope and joy – to our corner of the world. Sometimes that takes courage, though. It might involve making uncomfortable or unpopular choices, but Peter promises that the “day will dawn.” When that happens, we will undoubtedly see the fruits of our good works in our efforts to build God’s kingdom.

PRAY This week, let us pray in both words and actions as Jesus taught us. If the Lord’s Prayer is not already part of your daily prayer routine, try incorporating it this week. Then, look for ways to follow in the footsteps of Jesus by reaching out to someone who may appreciate a phone call or a visit.



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Sunday, Aug 06, 2023

Improve your vision

Much of the time, we keep our heads down. We focus on the day ahead or the task at hand. We worry about personal relationships gone awry or the pricey cost of living. Transfigured seeing invites us to lift our gaze higher or to grasp truths under the surface of things. The broader, deeper vision reveals to us how to respond effectively to what we see. Saints in every generation have exercised this prophetic vision, recognizing a social problem and then creatively proposing a response. Pray the daily news—and ask for the guidance of a clarifying vision.

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9 (614). *"As the visions during the night continued, I saw: One like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven."*

Monday, Aug 07, 2023

May your faith ripen sweetly

It's about this time of year that grapes in many parts of the world begin a crucial transformation process the French have named *veraison*. It's when grapes start to ripen and change from green to purple—not always at the same time in the same cluster, making for some beautiful color combinations. Mostly likely because of the timing of his feast day, Pope Sixtus II is the patron saint of grape prosperity. Where are you in the midst of your own *veraison* as a Christian? Pray for cause to celebrate your faith bearing ripe fruit.

MEMORIAL OF SIXTUS II, POPE, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 11:4b-15; Matthew 14:13-21 (407). *"They all ate and were satisfied."*

Tuesday, Aug 08, 2023

For want of a better word

When Dominic founded the Order of Preachers in 1216, he'd been appalled by the rise of the Albigensian heresy, denying the goodness of God's creation. Even more appalling was the lack of informed preaching to inoculate the congregation against it. Dominic threw himself into the kind of witness modeled by the Acts of the Apostles, his new religious community adopting the motto "to praise, to bless, to preach." Not surprisingly, the Dominicans have given us eloquent saints, including Catherine of Siena and Thomas Aquinas—even captivating the world in 1963 with a chart-topping pop song, "Dominique." To quote another Dominican, Saint Martin de Porres: "Everything, even sweeping ... could be a prayer, if it were offered to God."

MEMORIAL OF DOMINIC, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 12:1-13; Matthew 14:22-36 or Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14 (408). *"Throughout my house he bears my trust: face to face I speak to him; plainly and not in riddles."*

Wednesday, Aug 09, 2023

The awful truth

The bombing of Nagasaki, which occurred on this day in 1945, was truly awful in all senses of the word. Splitting the atom to unleash its enormous power put the genius and depravity of humanity on full, awe-inspiring display. Though we have many positive uses for atomic energy, its initial use to increase our

capacity to kill on a massive scale is a moral failure that we have yet to overcome. The war machine rages on. What role will you play in helping humanity move toward the good?

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Matthew 15:21-28 (409). *"We have sinned, we and our fathers; we have committed crimes; we have done wrong."*

Thursday, Aug 10, 2023

Where's your treasure?

During the persecution of the Early Church, Saint Lawrence was under a death threat from Emperor Valerian. But his persecutor offered a deal. Lawrence could live if he turned over the treasures of the church. In one of history's most audacious rebukes, Lawrence is said to have gathered the poor and sick and told Valerian: Here is our treasure. For his act of resistance and faith, Lawrence was burned to death. How do you resist injustice? Saint Lawrence, give us courage.

FEAST OF LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26 (618). *"Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life."*

Friday, Aug 11, 2023

Love takes its toll

Inspired by her mentor Saint Francis, Saint Clare and the women who eventually joined her to form the Poor Clares had a "radical commitment to corporate poverty." The women lived simply and spent most of their day in prayer and chores. It was a hard life, but one filled with joy for those who chose it—and continue to choose it. Spend time today pondering this pearl of wisdom from Clare: "Love that does not know of suffering is not worthy of the name."

MEMORIAL OF CLARE, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Matthew 16:24-28 (411). *"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."*

Saturday, Aug 12, 2023

Youthful endeavors

According to the United Nations website, half the people on Planet Earth are under 30 years of age. Yet only 2.6 percent of government lawmakers worldwide are under 30. International Youth Day, observed annually on August 12, is designated by the United Nations to draw attention to cultural and legal issues surrounding youth. Pope Francis teaches in *Laudato Si'*, "What kind of world do we want to leave ... to children who are now growing up?" (#160). International Youth Day recognizes everyone's responsibility to hand on a sustainable, free, and secure Earth to the next generation. What's going on in your community to accomplish this goal?

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Matthew 17:14-20 (412). *"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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ST. BENEDICT PREP 2023
BACK-TO-SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATES

AUGUST 15

HSA Spirit Shop Opens 2-6PM (Gym Lobby)

AUGUST 16

**New Family Night Tour at 4:30PM and
Virtual Meeting at 7:30PM**

AUGUST 17

Preschool Parent Orientation at 5PM (Gym)

AUGUST 17

**Middle School Parent Orientation at 6:30PM
(Gym)**

AUGUST 21

**Teacher Meet & Greet (Grades 1-8)
4:00-5:00PM**

AUGUST 22

First Day of School-Grades 1-8

AUGUST 22

Kindergarten Orientation 5:00 PM (Gym)

AUGUST 23

First Day of Kindergarten

AUGUST 24

First Day of Preschool

Masses for the Week

First Saturday, August 5 - The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major; BVM

8:30AM Celia M. Baylon - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*
5PM Ean Miller - *Marge Lawlor*
Birthday Blessings for Mary and Joseph Cannizzaro - *The Marchlewski Family*

Sunday, August 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord

8AM Gloria C. Recede - *Family*
Ilona Weber - *Family*
Monina S. Cortes - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*
Paul Hester - *Judy Hester*
10AM John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*
Alex Mihalec - *Ken and Pat Woodhouse*
Frank Coconate - *Ellen Roberts and Kim Ritacco*
Luisa Flores - *Sally Sobrepena*
12PM Jose P. Cortes - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*
Gregory Paul Behzad - *The St. Benedict Parish and School Community*
Raye Santiago - *Delia Dino and Family*

Monday, August 7 - Saint Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs, Saint Cajetan, Priest

8:30AM Carlos and Julia Luna - *Maria Luna Cabrera*
Linda Jouzaitis - *Family*
Special Intention for Alexander Bityou - *Mom and Dad*
Special Intention for Louie Poulos - *Lazar, Wilma, Alex, and Angelina*

Tuesday, August 8 - Saint Dominic, Priest

8:30AM Gloria Recede - *Grene Hofilena*
Anita S. Fernandez - *Grene Hofilena*
Moises, Felicidad and Rosalina Alpasan - *Corazon Lopez*

Wednesday, August 9 - Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

8:30AM Delly Chanyungco - *Family*
Teodoro Yangco Sr. - *Family*
Florita Yangco - *Family*
Alfonso Chanyungco - *Family*

Thursday, August 10 - St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

8:30AM John Francis Lawlor - *Marge Lawlor*
Joan Theis - *Pat and Woody*
Jose P. Cortes - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*

Friday, August 11 - Saint Clare, Virgin

8:30AM Victor Ferrera (Class of '61) - *The St. Benedict Alumni Office*

Saturday, August 12 - St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious. BVM

8:30AM Helen Stigilic Moisand - (Class of '60) - *The St. Benedict Alumni Office*
5PM John, Ann, Mary, and Barbara McDonagh - *Family*
Sean Richards - *The Sheaffer Family*
Special Intention for Lazar and Wlima Bityou and Family

Sunday, August 13 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM Special Intention for Ramon Consing - *Lucy Consing*
Eulogio Yangco - *Family*
Hermenegilda Austina Yangco - *Family*
Delly Chanyungco - *Family*
10AM John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*
Special Intention for Lin Sookdee - *Family*
Victor Goite, Francisca Reyes, and Rico Lao - *The Goite Family*
Joan Mae Theis - *Niece, Maureen*
John and Arlene Behzad - *Family*
Federico M. Barin, Sr. - *Jesus and Lucita Barin*
Paz M. Barin - *Jesus and Lucita Barin*
Special Intention for Priscilla Poulos - *Lazar, Wilma, Alex, and Angelina*

Please Pray for Healing

Please call the Rectory at (773) 588-6484 to add your name or the name of an immediate family member for whom you would like the parish to pray for healing. The name of the person will appear quarterly unless otherwise instructed at the time the request is made.

Gloria Arsenia	Pepito Lim
Judy Bartley	Jackson James Limburg
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Profile of an Abuser

Is it possible to spot an abuser before you get involved?

No one ever plans to venture out into the dating world and choose an abusive partner. No one goes on a blind date hoping for red flags that signal this new romantic partner is potentially controlling, obsessively jealous or has a penchant for violence.

And yet, abusive partners will still find so many of us. We look at the most commonly reported early warning signs. We look at the psychology behind an abuser's motivations. And in that sense, we can put together a makeshift profile of an abuser.

Why are People Abusive?

Generally, abusers use abusive tactics to gain and keep control over a partner for personal benefit. An abuser wants a survivor to:

- Comply with their demands
- Allow unlimited access to a survivor's time and attention, money and their body
- Keep the survivor's life centered around the abuser

Childhood domestic violence, or CDV, can also be at play. For many abusers, abuse became normalized to them in childhood. They believe that is how adult relationships play out and they feel justified in controlling others.

The History Many Abusers Share

Domestic violence is a choice that abusers make, regardless of what they've gone through in their own lives, regardless of abuse or mental health issues, and regardless of anything the survivor does or says. Abusers still choose to abuse. But there are a number of factors known to increase the risk someone will abuse. Some include, but not limited to:

- A history of abuse in one's family or past
- Untreated mental illness
- Being physically or sexually abused as a child
- Drug or alcohol abuse

Individuals who have one or more of these traits aren't necessarily going to be abusive, but it's important, as their partner, to be aware of the full picture.

Psychology of Domestic Abusers

What's going on in an abuser's brain that motivates them to be this way? Can it be written off as a disease or attributed as a side-effect to mental illness? In short, no. Mental illness doesn't cause abuse. Plenty of people with mental health issues do not abuse their partners. An abuser who lives with any mental illness simply has two issues—mental illness and propensity to abuse their partner.

Three Personality Types of "Unsafe" People

Abandoners. These are people who start a relationship but can't stick with it. They often leave when you need them the most.

Critics. These individuals are judgmental without being caring. They have no room for grace or forgiveness.

Irresponsible. These people are those who don't take care of their own lives very well. They're like grown up children.

How Abusers Speak

Maya Angelou once said, *"When someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time."* If we think about that in the context of potential abusive partners, then we need to look no further than some of the words they choose to speak.

Phrases like the following, said to actual survivors we spoke with, should raise a major red flag if someone says them to you, indicating a desire to control, degrade or shame a partner:

- "You can go but I don't want you to go."
- "Couples don't have secrets—I need to be able to read your texts or emails whenever I want to."
- "You don't love me as much as I love you."
- "If you loved me, you'd do this."

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Abuse Isn't Your Fault

Hindsight is often so much clearer because we can see the person objectively, without romantic or obsessive feelings of what we believe is love clouding our judgment. It's the reason why it's so much easier to spot abusive behavior in a friend's partner compared to our own partner.



If you come to realize you were completely blindsided by an abuser's tactics of power and control—even if you missed every red flag, stayed longer than you should or went back more times than you wanted to—it's still not your fault. Abuse is a choice an abusive partner makes, not something you deserved because you missed the signs. *With thanks to domesticshelters.org*

Domestic Violence Victim Services:	Catholic Charities Domestic Violence Services: Various Locations: Please call 1.312.655.7725	Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline: 1.877.863.6338 (Toll-Free. 24-hour. Confidential. Multilingual.)	Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-4-A-CHILD (1-800-422-4453)
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13 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass at 8am, 10am, and 12pm in Church Baptismal Preparation 11:15am Pine Room - Rectory	14 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Oktoberfest Planning Meeting 6pm Rectory	15 THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS AT 8:30AM AND 7PM Spirit Shop 2pm Gym Lobby	16 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	17 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Preschool Orientation 5pm Gym Middle School Parent Orientation 6:30pm Gym	18 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	19 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Reconciliation 11am Church Mass at 5pm Church

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ST. BENEDICT PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Early Childhood (Preschool)
Phone: (773) 588-7851
3901 N. Bell Ave, Chicago, IL 60618

Lower School(K-3)
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THE COMMISSIONS OF ST. BENEDICT PARISH

If you are interested in learning more about or joining one of the many ministries at St. Benedict Parish or would like to volunteer time or talent, please call the rectory or contact the following person(s):

Parish Council Chair: Karen Cholipski
Finance Council Chair: Chris Graff
School Board Co-Chairs:
Michael Gerlach
and Lindsay Milanowski
Catechetical Commission:
Kim McMillan
Education Commission: Rachel Gemo,
Rachel Metz, or Mary Deletioglu
Human Concerns Commission: TBD
Parish Life Commission: TBD
Spiritual Life Commission:
Fr. Stephen Kanonik

MASSES AND SERVICES

Sunday Eucharist: Saturday 5PM,
Sunday 8AM, 10AM, AND 12PM
Live Stream as well, Sunday
Weekday Eucharist: 8:30AM Mon-Sat
Holy Day Eucharist: 6:30AM, 8:30AM
and 7PM
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help:
Tuesdays 9AM
**Exposition and Benediction of the
Blessed Sacrament:** First Friday of each
month, 9AM-12PM, in church
Baptisms: Scheduled on all Sundays at
1:30PM; on the fourth Sunday at one
of the Masses. Baptism prep class is
required.
Reconciliation: Saturdays, 11AM - 12
NOON; seasonal celebrations, as posted;
by appointment in the rectory.
Weddings: Arrange with a priest at least
four months in advance. Participation in
marriage preparation is required.*
**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
(RCIA):** For unbaptized persons or
baptized persons interested in learning
more about the Catholic faith and the
process of becoming a Catholic.*
Religious Education: For the religious
education of children attending public
schools please call the Director of
Catechesis.
Handicapped Accessibility: An elevator is
available for all Sunday Masses. Enter the
church thru the East door.
Homebound: Call the rectory to arrange
communion in home for those unable to
attend Mass.
Mass Intentions: Mass intentions may be
requested for someone who is living or
deceased, to commemorate a birthday,
special anniversary, or the anniversary
of a loved one's death.*



ARE YOU TIRED OF THE DAY TO DAY GRIND AND RAT RACE?

Perhaps an occasional down time, is just what the doctored ordered. Consider joining us for some quiet prayer time in a small faith community just twice a month - 1st & 3rd Monday evenings at 7pm. No commitments, no obligations, just an opportunity to join others in the same boat. If this sounds like something that might interest you, please reach out to:

Stephanie - stephaniedragovich@me.com or

Pat - patwoodhouse1@yahoo.com
