

THE STEWARD

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

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Our readings this weekend are ones to challenge us. In the Gospel reading Jesus begins by letting the disciples know of the fate that is awaiting him. He mentions the mistreatment and death that is coming.

He does also mention his resurrection, but you wonder if the disciples heard him say it. Peter quickly rebukes this message. He cannot believe such terrible things could come into Christ's life. Jesus responds by telling Peter that he is thinking like a human being and not seeing things the way God sees them. He then says that famous line: "For whoever wishes to come after me must take up his cross and follow me".

These are hardly encouraging words. They can make one question if this is such a good idea after all. This way of life sounds very challenging and difficult. Why would anyone want to do this.

Our other readings make it clear that anyone who followed God learned of the struggle that would be a part of their life. Look at our first reading which comes from the prophet Jeremiah. Poor Jeremiah loved God deeply. He kept warning

the Southern Kingdom that they needed to change their ways, or they would be facing exile at the hands of the Babylonians. Their future would be dismal if they did not look to change. He loved God's people as well and hated to see what was going to be their future. But try as he would, he was met by derision, scorn, and attempts on his life. He expressed his frustration in our first reading, even saying to God: "You duped me!" But he knew he had to give the message from God. He said that if he tried to be silent, the Word would be like a fire in his heart.

In the second reading St. Paul says to the Romans that they should offer themselves as a living sacrifice. He tells the community not to conform themselves to the present age but to be transformed by Christ and to transform the world.

Jesus then lays down the reason for being willing to endure "the cross" in our lives. He points out that even if we compromised ourselves so much as to "gain the whole world", we would lose our lives. That is, he was pointing out we would end up giving away our lives because we would no longer be standing for something that mattered. And in the end when all

of this in the world comes to an end, we will stand before God to receive the blessings God will have ready for us. We will see and experience the gifts that we were living for, not temporary fame or money.

This then becomes the challenge we face. Like the disciples we must ask how much I am willing to stand up for what God has taught us and is inviting us to follow. It becomes easy in this

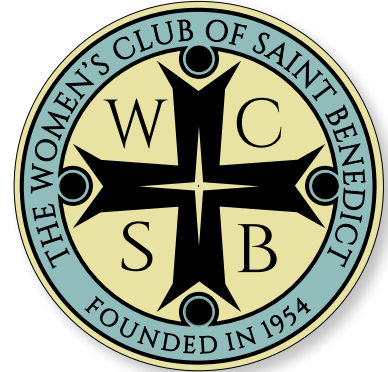
world to compromise ourselves to be successful, or to be liked. But ultimately, we will end up having to face ourselves. Looking carefully at what we have become we will find ourselves asking if this is truly what I wanted to be. Is the way I am living, and what I am living for something I am proud of. Much more important than success, fame, or wealth is integrity and authenticity.



I WANT YOU FOR THE CHOIR!

DATE CHANGE: Wednesday, September 6, 2023
TIME CHANGE: 7:30pm
Meet in the church
For more info, call Scott at 773.206.6785

ALL ARE WELCOME



THE ST. BENEDICT'S WOMEN'S CLUB will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 20th at 9:30 in the Pine Room. All women of the parish are invited to join us.




THE DAILY LUNCH PROGRAM

is in need of beverages. Donations of Juice, Seltzer Water or Water would be needed. Please bring to the rectory, 2215 Irving Pk. Rd between 9:30 and 4:30

SAVE THE DATE - BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. BEN'S - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

St. Vincent de Paul Society will host a blood drive in partnership with Vitalant. Like last time, the blood drive will be in Beaven Hall.



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Prophet Jeremiah, photo by Byzantine Institute staff, CC0

September 3, 2023

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9 | Rom 12:1-2 | Mt 16:21-27

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

I am glad I was duped. Yep, the illusionist in the show we attended had me fooled into seeing something one way and it turns out it was completely false. The show was entertaining, and worth the time and expense we invested to enjoy it. And ... it may be the only circumstance where the word “duped” can be used in the same sentence as “glad.” That certainly wasn’t Jeremiah’s experience! His prayer reflects frustration and hurt, and even a little bit of disgust at how he has been treated because of the Lord: “I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more.” But then, even in his discontent and disillusion, he holds on to the truth. For right after this rebellious admission, he confesses that the need to prophesy “becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.” He knows he was never really duped – there was no lie from the Lord. And the fact is, he believes and trusts in the Lord enough to pray to him in the first place; even in his prayer of lament he is praising the Lord as God and redeemer. Jeremiah’s example is a good one for us: Never lose sight of the Lord as our God. Pray to him; give over our frustrations to him; and allow him to be the fire burning in our heart that we cannot quench.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Reading today’s Gospel leaves me feeling awkward and even embarrassed for St. Peter. Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, calling the first pope Satan and telling Peter to get behind him – *super* embarrassing, especially when Peter had good intentions in trying to protect Jesus. What’s the old saying, “The road to hell is paved with good intentions”? There’s another axiom, a little less dire but just as pointed: “People judge you by your actions, not your intentions. You may have a heart of gold, but so does a hard-boiled egg.” Intentions matter – but how we enact and employ those intentions are important, too. Christ tells us in today’s Gospel, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” Faith in God, believing in his promises, and wanting to obey his commandments are wonderful and essential – and they are the foundation of a life lived for Christ. But they are not the entirety of it, and while denying ourselves and taking up our cross is never easy, it is necessary. “What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” Christ asks. Let’s pray for the grace of pure intentions and the strength to live them in service to the Lord.

PRAY *Heavenly Father, uncover my eyes and reveal any obstacles keeping me from thinking as you do. Give me the courage to overcome these obstacles, and grant me the strength to take up my cross and follow you, even in the face of difficulty. I ask this through your Son, Christ our Lord.*

Sunday, Sep 03, 2023

It's a wonderful life

Our days are engulfed in chaos, conflict, and dispiriting news. Then along comes a director like Frank Capra (1897-1991), churning out what have been called "fantasies of good will," imposing order with his ragged little messiahs who take meaningful stands against king-sized injustices. A self-described "Christmas Catholic," Capra fought his moral battles on the silver screen. He believed each person is "essentially good, a living atom of divinity.... Films must be made to say these things, to counteract the violence and the meanness, to buy time to demobilize the hatreds." Take your stand. Tell a story of hope.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27 (124). *"Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind."*

Monday, Sep 04, 2023

Come aside and rest awhile

In a Prayer for Labor Day, the U.S. bishops invite us to ask God: "Make a place in our hearts for compassion to the men and women who labor tirelessly for basic necessities." Labor has always held a place of dignity within our faith. Scripture tells us that the laborer is worthy of his hire (1 Tim. 5:18), and many a church document, including *Rerum Novarum*, outline the value of workers and their work: "Justice, therefore, demands that the interests of the working classes should be carefully watched over, so that they who contribute so largely to the advantage of the community may themselves share in the benefits which they create." And, today, in honor of our labor, it's time to take a break.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30 (431). *"Is this not the son of Joseph?"*

Tuesday, Sep 05, 2023

The first daughter of charity

It's not every day that a Catholic saint is honored with a United Nations resolution. But then, Mother Teresa is hardly an everyday saint. The U.N. honored the famous nun from Kolkata, known the world over for her hands-on care of the poor, with a resolution in 2013. It declared that on the September 5th anniversary of Mother Teresa's death each year, the world would now observe an International Day of Charity. Let's take her at her word: "Love is not patronizing and charity isn't about pity, it is about love. Charity and love are the same—with charity you give love, so don't just give money but reach out your hand instead."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Luke 4:31-37 (432). *"All of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness."*

Wednesday, Sep 06, 2023

Pray for the persecuted and forgotten

On this day, many Christians of the Eastern tradition celebrate the feast of Saint Donatian and his companions, a group of lesser-known fifth-century martyrs driven out of North Africa by the Arian King Huneric, who persecuted a great many Trinitarians for their faith. Though we may not today face death for our confession, many of our brothers and sisters around the world do, and it is for them that we must pray with the help of Donatian and all who died

for the name of Christ. Even more, we are tasked to help them materially if we can, since—as the Lord says—whatsoever we do for the least of his siblings, we do for him.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44 (433). *"We have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love that you have for all the holy ones because of the hope reserved for you in heaven."*

Thursday, Sep 07, 2023

School days, Golden Rule days

It's back-to-school season. Learning is foundational to our democracy and also to informed faith. In 2,000 years' time, Christianity has overcome countless heresies (a type of twisting of the belief) and accumulated many saints, martyrs, stories, and traditions. With school back in session, consider sending yourself to "school" to learn more about your own religion. Check out study materials from the U.S. Catholic bishops and formed.org, a program both individuals and parishes can use for faith formation. Make a choice to grow in wisdom and understanding.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11 (434). *"Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch."*

Friday, Sep 08, 2023

A nativity set for the ages

The church officially celebrates three Nativities: the Nativity of Jesus, the Son of God (Christmas); the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (24 June); and the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8 September). These events tell us everything we need to know about God, faith, and the path to salvation. Through Jesus' Incarnation, we learn that God is with us—always and everywhere. Through John's witness we come to understand that we are not God—not even close—and we must prepare ourselves to welcome God's great goodness into our lives. And through Mary, we are shown the meaning of true discipleship—how to answer God's call and follow Christ through the joyful, sorrowful, and luminous mysteries of our lives in faith. Celebrate this dynamic trio by living in their light.

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 (636). *"They shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"*

Saturday, Sep 09, 2023

Give us this day some peace

"Racism has been part of the social fabric of America since its European colonization. Whether it be the tragic past of Native Americans, Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, or Blacks, the story is one of slavery, peonage, economic exploitation, brutal repression, and cultural neglect." This observation from the 1979 bishops' pastoral *Brothers and Sisters to Us* is why the church in the United States has established today as a "Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities" to promote healing of the racial divides of our nation. Make an honest examination of conscience regarding your thoughts, words, and deeds toward people of other ethnic and racial backgrounds.

MEMORIAL OF PETER CLAVER, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5 (436). *"You once were alienated and hostile in mind because of evil deeds."*

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



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Oktoberfest '23

FRI
SEPT 29
3-10PM

SAT
SEPT 30
1-10PM

SUN
OCT 1
1-7PM

2023 Sponsorship Opportunities

Oktoberfest here at St. Ben's is truly a wonderful family event celebrating the unique community that is our parish. Proceeds helps the parish maintain the campus and supporting our ministries from the school to RE and everything in between. Underwriting an event such as Oktoberfest allows for the event's revenue to go directly to parish needs. Won't you consider becoming a sponsor to help us reach that goal? There is a giving level for every family.

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)

- All the benefits of a Stage Sponsor, PLUS,
- Recognized as Co-presenter of OktoberFest
- Supporter banner on Irving Park Rd. using your artwork provided by the parish

STAGE SPONSOR \$2,500 (6)

- All the benefits of a "Prost!" Bar Sponsor, PLUS,
- Recognized as the Main Stage Entertainment supporter or solely as Kids Stage Sponsor
- Your company logo or family name on either the Main Tent or Gymnasium Stage banner

"PROST!" BAR SPONSOR \$1000 (10)

- All the benefits of a "Zum Wohl!" Community Sponsor
- Recognized as a bar supporter with company logo or family name on Bar Sponsor banners

"ZUM WOHL!" COMMUNITY SPONSOR \$500

- All the benefits of a "Freundschaft" (Friendship) Fan
- Recognized as a main tent table sponsor with company logo or family name on a table display

"FREUNDSCHAFT" (FRIENDSHIP) FAN \$250

- Promote your company with a 24 x 48 inch banner (provided by supporter) that will be hung around the inside perimeter of the Main Tent
- 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

- \$150 per keg of beer
- \$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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Questions please contact Mr. Accardi at jaccardi@stbenedict.com or at 773.509-3832

Interested in joining our planning committee?

Our next meeting is Thursday, September 7th at 6 pm at the rectory at 2215 W. Irving Park Rd.



MAIN STAGE LINE-UP

FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 29

- 3-6pm:** Jimmy's Bavarians
6pm: Opening Prayer, Fr. Steve
6:30pm: **Masskrugstemmen
(AKA Stein Holding Contest) **
7-10pm: The Chicago Continentals
(Our Alumni Band playing classic hits)

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 30

- 1-2:30pm:** School of Rock
(Classic/Modern Rock)
3-6pm: Mr. Myers (Caribbean Rock)
4pm: **German Costume Contest**
6pm: Evening Prayer, Fr. Steve
6:30pm: **Cake Walk**
7-10pm: Second Hand Soul
(Motown, Funk, Soul)
8pm: **Yodeling Contest **

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 1

- 1-3pm:** Andrew Blomquist
(Acoustic Pop, Rock, Country)
3pm: **Hula Hoop Contest**
3:30-6:30pm: Phoenix (German /American)
6:30pm: Closing Prayer, Fr. Steve

What's back for 2023!

- Fantasy Amusement Carnival Rides & Games
- Himmel's German American Food
- Tortorice's Pizza
- Our "Sweet Shoppe"
- Laser Tag & Bubble Soccer in the Ackerman Center
- Our "Hooligan Dice Game" in the Gym
- Face Painting, DJ Mike, and Photobooth in the Gym
- Pumpkin Painting Patch

What's new for 2023!

- Carnival food and one more kiddie ride in the courtyard provided by Fantasy Amusements
- Video Gaming truck
- Main Stage Fun Activities during band transitions and breaks

GET YOUR MEGA-PASSES TODAY!

(unlimited ride wristb and for all 3 days) \$65 at <https://one.bidpal.net/sboktoberfest23/welcome>, or by using the following QR code >>>



5TH GRADE LEADS BY EXAMPLE

St. Benedict Prep 5th grade students led the Lower School during the first days of a new school year. Kindergarten through 4th grade students rotated through various parts of the campus with 5th grade students teaching and reenforcing positive and appropriate behavior in each location. Thank you, 5th grade, for Learning Fearlessly, Leading Responsibly and Serving Joyfully.



Parents!
Save the Date for **Parent Mixer!**
Friday, September 8th
in the courtyard!
2023



SUNDAY & HOLY DAY OFFERTORY WEEK OF AUGUST 20, 2023



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- > Visit GiveCentral.org and search for St. Benedict – Chicago under My Charity
- > Follow the DONATE links on our parish and school website: stbenedict.com
- > Text the keyword DONATE to our text-to-give number : 773.918.2366
- > Scan the QR code (above right) with your phone or tablet

Electronic Giving: \$7,201
Envelope: \$1,786
Loose: \$1,825
Holy Day: \$60
Total: \$10,872 (80% of goal)
Weekly Goal: \$13,673

QUESTIONS? Contact our Director of Operations and Finance, Jeanne Anderson, at 773.588.6484 x5109 or janderson@stbenedict.com. Thank you for your remarkable generosity to the parish.

Fiscal YTD: \$98,617 (90% of goal)
Fiscal YTD Goal: \$109,385
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For more information, please contact Jeanne Anderson, Director of Operations at 773.588.6484 ext 5109, or at janderson@stbenedict.com, or visit giving.archchicago.org/cga. YOUR GIFT WILL BENEFIT ST. BENEDICT PARISH, CHICAGO.

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Masses for the Week

First Saturday, September 2 - Weekday

- 8:30AM Special Intention for Paul Mateo - *Lucy Consing*
Special Intention for Ceferina S. Paez
- 5PM Steve Carmelo Renteria - *Marge Lawlor and Christa O'Keefe*
Jesse Gorney - *Marge Lawlor and Christa O'Keefe*
Loretta O'Donnell - *Friend*
Bruce Trebes - *Ron and Christa O'Keefe*

Sunday, September 3 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8AM Gloria C. Recede - *Family*
Barbara Laber - *Husband, Karl*
Sanju Diwan - *Bernie McNally*
- 10AM John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*
Ilona Weber - *Family*
John M. Canchola - *The St. Benedict Parish Community*
Anita S. Fernandez - *Gloria Ottesen*
- 12PM Special Intention for David III, Sophia and baby Behzad - *Grandma and Grandpa*
Anita Sobrepena Fernandez - *Dorenda Sumatra*
Patrick Kramer (Class of 2001) - *The St. Benedict Alumni Offcie*

Monday, September 4 - Weekday

- 9AM John Francis Lawlor - *Marge Lawlor*

Tuesday, September 5 - Weekday

- 8:30AM Celia M. Baylon - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*
Bro.Charles Ohzourk, OSF - *Genny Deutsch*

Wednesday, September 6 - Weekday

- 8:30AM Gladys M. Jouzaitis - *The St. Benedict Parish Community*

Thursday, September 7 - Weekday

- 8:30AM Tim Schroeder - *Family*

Friday, September 8 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:30AM Kevin Soczka - *Jan McNeill*
Special Intention for Benny and Maria Mazzone - *Ben Mazzone*

Saturday, September 9 - Saint Peter Claver, Priest

- 8:30AM Sue Parsons - *Jan McNeill*
- 5PM Annamarie Aguilera - *Marge Lawlor*
Anita S. Fernandez - *The Sobrepena - Belicena Family*
Deborah Patricia LeFever - *Christa O'Keefe and Marge Lawlor*
Terri Herman Sandblom - *Lazar and Wilma Bityou*

Sunday, September 10 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8AM Loretta Josephine Barker - *The St. Benedict Parish Community*
Barbara Laber - *Husband, Karl*
Special Intention for Peggy Ciccarelli - *Friends*
- 10AM John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*
Loretta Kelly - *B. Kelly*
Cornelia "Connie" Sullivan - *The Stalla Family*
Violeta Magnabijon - *The Sobrepena - Belicena Family*
- 12PM Jerome and Donna Zagorski - *The Behzad Family*
Florence R. Zartler - *The St. Benedict Parish Community*

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	Jackson James Limburg
Judy Bartley	Giorgio Marconi
Beverly Berganos Johnson	Ken McFadden
Suzanne Brewer	Jose Orellana
Isabella Sofia Casillas	Corazon Pizarro
Vincent Castellano	Julie Raheja-Perera
Carmen M. Clarin	Kevin Risten
Mayden H. Eichendorf	Marla Rizzuti
Michelle Frank	Pietro Rizzuti
Amy Joy Goldie	Ann Ulrey-Ryan
Tim Gollehon	Alex Sandoval
Elain Hijazin	Cecilia Fell Schott (Class of 72)
Insaf Hijazin	Bill Shaver
Nashat Hijazin	Abraham Sobrepena
Anne Hoellich	Eden Sobrepena
Art Hundrieser	Jim Strzalka
Marilyn Jerger	Arthur Varilla
Charlene Johnson	Audrey Venkatesh
Patricia Keating	Leda Wildner
Sidney Kennedy	
Pepito Lim	

Wedding Banns

III - Angela Gielniewski and Grant Grevenstuk
I - Madeleine Hodur and Brian Foss



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass at 8am, 10am, and 12pm in Church	4 LABOR DAY MASS 9AM CHURCH	5 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Middle School Back to School Night 6:30pm Gym Pack 3865 Wolves Den Meetings 5:30pm Beaven Hall SBEEA Meeting 6:30pm SS Library	6 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Spirit Shop 2pm Gym Lobby Elementary Back to School Night 6pm Gym Baptismal Preparation 6:45pm Pine Room - Rectory Gallery Singers Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Choir Area, Church AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	7 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Preschool Tours 8:30am SS Library Grade Rep Kick Off Meeting 6pm SS Library Cub Scout Pack 3865 5th Grade Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall	8 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	9 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Reconciliation 11am Church Mass at 5pm Church
10 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass at 8am, 10am, and 12pm in Church Sunday RE Classes 8:15am Rm 115 - ES Library, Rms 116, 117, & 119 RE Sunday Grades K-8 Family Fellowship 9:30am Beaven Hall Knights of Columbus Meeting 11am Sewing Room Baptismal Preparation 11:15am Pine Room Rectory Cub Scout Pack 3865 Intro Pack Meeting 2pm Beaven Hall	11 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church HSA Meeting 6pm Rm 241 HSA Meeting Rm Troop 865 Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall	12 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Parish Commission Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall	13 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Gallery Singers Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Choir Area, Church AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall 4th Grade St Bens Girl Scout Juniors 3pm Beaven Hall	14 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Cub Scout Pack 3865 3rd Grade Meeting 6pm Beaven Hall Board Orientation Meeting 6:30pm SS Library	15 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	16 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church BABY AND KIDS GARAGE SALE 8AM-2:30PM GYM Reconciliation 11am Church Welcoming Weekend Mass at 5pm Church



Connection Corner

3 BEDROOM APARTMENT FOR RENT

Sunny Second floor, 3 bedroom apartment in Owner Occupied Building (Scott Arkenberg is the Landlord) Upgraded Kitchen and Bath, Mini Blinds, Ceiling Fans, Hardwood Floors, 3 season back porch overlooking a colorful garden and waterfall. For information or to rent, Call Scott 773.206.6785

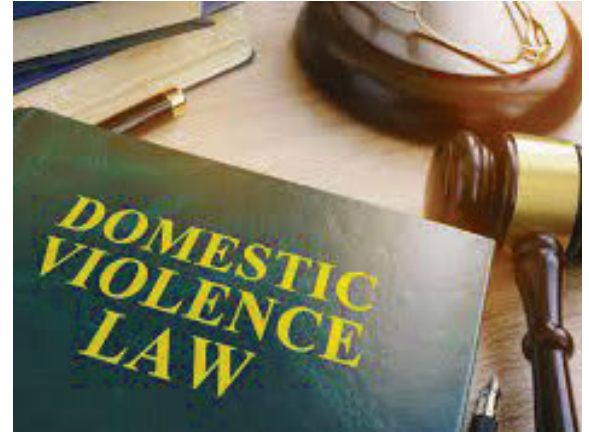
How to Find an Affordable Domestic Violence Lawyer

Finding an affordable domestic violence attorney is a challenge, but it's not impossible, and it greatly improves a survivor's chance of getting justice

Many survivors of domestic abuse will find themselves trying to navigate the court system at some point. Whether it's for an order of protection, a divorce, a criminal case, a child custody arrangement or a civil suit, a courtroom may be in your future. And going at it alone can be overwhelming. Attorneys can be valuable resources as long as you can find one knowledgeable in domestic violence whose fees won't bankrupt you. That can be the tricky part—finding affordable legal aid.

Do I Need a Lawyer For My Domestic Abuse Case?

This is undoubtedly the first question you need to ask yourself. You can represent yourself in court but it takes a lot more preparation and work. It can also be intimidating if you have to face your abusive partner in a courtroom.



As an Abuse Survivor, Where Can I Find Affordable Legal Aid?

The following resources can help you find free advice from qualified legal professionals that can help you determine if you even need a lawyer, what kind of lawyer would be best, advice on how to represent yourself in court, how to fill out forms or file certain motions, how to get restitution (financial compensation for damages or injuries) or answer other questions you have.

- **The Department of Justice** has a list of pro bono legal service providers by state. Just make sure to ask a potential attorney the right questions in order to ensure a good fit with your case.
- **Lawhelp.org** helps connect people throughout the U.S. with legal resources and attorneys, as well as offering free legal guides on a number of topics.
- **Legal Aid Societies** exist in most states to provide free legal services for low-income individuals.
- **Avvo.com** features legal guidance for domestic violence questions and has a directory of lawyers by state or area of practice.
- **The Battered Women's Justice Project** contains a wealth of information and resources for survivors and their attorneys concerning every imaginable aspect of domestic violence. Although the name of the project has the word "women" in it, the materials are relevant to all who are impacted by domestic violence (including trafficking and coercive control).
- **The Syms Legal Momentum Gender Equality Helpline** is a resource for anyone looking for legal help that focuses on sex and gender discrimination, violence or harassment. They cannot assist with family law or protective orders.
- **FreeFrom's Compensation Compass** helps survivors determine what financial restitution they might be eligible for based on their state and the crimes committed against them as the result of an abuser. Financial abuse is one of the main ways abusers keep survivors trapped with them indefinitely, so any way that survivors can become more financially secure will help them get to a safer life more quickly.
- **WomensLaw.org**, a website of the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV), has a list of state laws, local organizations and even court forms that may be able to help you with your specific concerns. Their motto: "Plain language legal information for victims of abuse."
- **The Legal Services Corporation** is a nonprofit established by Congress to help provide financial support for civil legal aid to low-income Americans.
- **The American Bar Association's Free Legal Answers page** allows individuals to ask a legal question and get it answered by volunteer attorneys.
- **The Immigrant Legal Resource Center** offers help to immigrant citizens about their legal rights in a number of different areas including the U Visa program.
- **Indigenous and military service members** are two groups that operate under their own legal systems separate from the rest of the population. Survivors may face different barriers to receiving justice in those legal systems.
- **Your local domestic violence nonprofit** may have more legal resources available specific to your state, and often know attorneys who have worked with other survivors.

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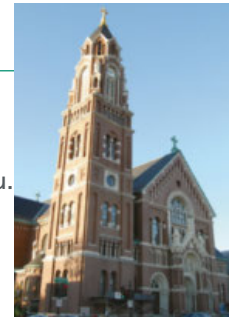


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Team captain Art Hanley is a St. Benedict parishioner and school parent. Congratulations on a great season!

Parish Information



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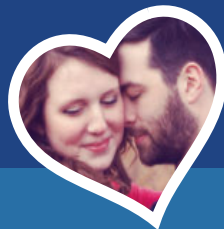


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