

ST. BENEDICT PARISH AND PREPARATORY SCHOOL

THE STEWARD

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022

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When our bulletin editor, Maria Tubay, reminded me this past week that it was my turn again to present this week's Sunday Sharing I was unaware that it was so close to my recent Sunday Sharing article two weeks ago. So this week's Sunday Sharing easily takes on the title of "Gemütlichkeit" Part II. What an easy Sunday Sharing to write, now that Oktoberfest 2022 is a recent memory. The readings of this Sunday speak of those cleansed of leprosy and their reaction after receiving that grace from God. Naaman shows his gratitude for being cured and goes even further asking for dirt from the site of the miracle so that he can properly offer sacrifice to the true and living God. In the Gospel we hear of the Samaritan coming back to offer thanks to Our Lord for being cured. But Christ asks, "Ten were cleansed, were they not?

Where are the other nine?" As I reflected on the Gospel verse I thought why would Jesus ask? Being Christ, He already knows. I believe as the Master and Teacher, He asks purposely to get the Apostles to think. To reflect and have a good grasp on what becomes motivation for both individual believers and communities of believers. The real question here is how do we respond to God's blessings in our lives? Our Lord knows that to build up the Christian community, everyone would need to answer this question. How one answers that question becomes part of what motivates that believer to then serve others, to be Christ for others, and to be better Christians.

This is why today's article is "Gemütlichkeit" Part II. Two weeks ago I explored how our parish exhibits a unique sense of community which in the

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German language translates to "Gemütlichkeit". And this past weekend's Oktoberfest was another edification that our parish community continues to be that welcoming and inviting, fun-loving, and family-oriented community. It was so evident that as the parish worked to bring Oktoberfest together from the beginning of its planning to the end of tear-down on Sunday night, our community answered the question of how do we respond to God's blessings in our lives?

The answers came back that at St. Ben's, members of our parish and school community show their gratitude to God for His infinite blessings in terms of time, talent, and treasure:

- **Time** in terms of countless hours and hours spent by our committee members meeting, planning, making connections, taking care of everything from permits to the bienenstich served in the dessert tent and everything in between.
- **Talent** from a host of new and old volunteers to adjust to a new tent style and electrical needs, brainstorming and facilitating new aspects to the event from improved security to fun aspects such as the Friday night DJ for Middle School kids and the Cirques Experience Fun Wheels.
- **Treasure** in terms of the entire three-day event being completely underwritten by sponsorships and wristband sales before we opened on Friday afternoon to ensure a tremendous success.

These are but a few of the examples of responses. As parishioners young and old, alumni living in the area and those who travelled to come back to St. Ben's for this, current and former school parents got together and reconnected we heard all weekend about the success of the ministries of this parish. Most notably through an extraordinary number of stories of how grateful parents and the students themselves are, thanks to the stellar job our parish school has done preparing our young people for success in the modern world over the last 120 years. Gratitude for that preparation that helped them to do well in high school, to finish college, to begin families of their own, begin careers and businesses, all blessings from God.

And they all come back home to St. Ben's to enjoy the fest back to the place where it all started for either their children or for themselves. For it wasn't that long ago that they were a wide-eyed student sitting behind a desk in a classroom that looked out on the courtyard that hosted a festival of fun

honoring our German roots and planting the seeds of "Gemütlichkeit", the sense of community whose heart is about bearing witness to the love of God and our fellow man.



THE ROXWORTHY FAMILY TAKE A BREAK FROM VOLUNTEERING TO ENJOY THE MUSIC IN THE MAIN TENT



ALL SMILES FROM OUR VOLUNTEERS IN THE BEER TENT!



GOD BLESSED US WITH PERFECT WEATHER TO BREAK OUT THE GERMAN TRADITIONAL DRESS



THE RIDES LIT UP THE NIGHT



CIRQUES EXPERIENCE WAS AMAZING ON SUNDAY



VOLUNTEERING IN THE BEER TENT WAS A GREAT WAY TO SPEND A SUNDAY NIGHT, THANKS TO THE SCHICK FAMILY BABY-SITTER.



PARISHIONERS OUT FOR A FUN NIGHT

Oktoberfest 2022



MIKE TEOLIS '71 AND THE CHICAGO CONTINENTALS WERE A HIT ON FRIDAY'S ALUMNI NIGHT.

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PETER KATTNER III '10 AND GEORGE SCHNEIDER '10 PERFORMED AMERICAN HIP HOP MUSIC ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON IN THE MAIN TENT AND SUNDAY AFTERNOON IN THE GYM AS DOPE MONEY DUO.



PAT '60 AND KEN WOODHOUSE ALONG WITH RITA KATTNER '62 VOLUNTEERED AS CASHIERS IN THE BEER TENT.



EVERY NIGHT HAD A GOOD TURNOUT OF ALUMNI FROM EVERY DECADE GOING BACK TO THE 1950'S



OUR MOST RECENT ALUMNI, MEMBERS OF THE GS CLASS OF 2022 CAME BACK TO VISIT THEIR OLD STOMPING GROUNDS

Danke Sehr! Thank you very much!

A tremendous thank you to all our guests and patrons who attended over the three days of Oktoberfest making it one of the most successful ever.

We especially want to recognize our committee of dedicated individuals who in a two-month period pulled off another fabulous 3-day festival collaborating, connecting, and pitching in wherever and whenever, as well as their spouses who "held down the fort" at home while they were meeting, planning, setting up and tearing down over these last 8 weeks. We are so grateful for their sacrifice in time, talent and treasure to have made this year's Oktoberfest such a hit! Gott segne dich! God bless you! Fr. Steve

Co-Chairs: Tara DeFreytas and Tom Burns

Committee Members: Natalie Battaglia, Erin Carman, Amy Cupples, Molly Eskew, Frank Flesch, Dean Giannasi and Diane Kuinius, Dave Rook, Ben Roxworthy, Karla Stearns, Jen Stull, Doug Vandegrift

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A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR TEAR DOWN CREW WHO WORKED LONG AFTER OKTOBERFEST WRAPPED UP ON SUNDAY NIGHT

Coming Up at St. Ben's | October, 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 8am, 10am, and 12pm Church	10 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	11 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Parish Commission Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall	12 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Women's Club 9am Pine Room 3rd Grade St. Ben's Girls Scouts 3pm Beaven Hall Choir Rehearsal 7pm Church AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	13 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Cub Scouts Pack 3865 - Wolves Den Meetings 6:30pm Beaven Hall	14 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	15 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Reconciliation 11am Church Welcoming Weekend Mass at 5pm Church
16 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Welcoming Mass at 8am, 10am, and 12pm Church Mass at Kateri Center Convent Chapel 11AM	17 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Troup 865 Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall Holy Name Society Meeting 7pm Sewing Room Ravenswood Orchestra Practice 7pm SS Library	18 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Cub Scout Pack 3865 Tiger Scout Meeting 5:30pm Beaven Hall	19 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Advisory Board Meeting 7pm SS Library Choir Rehearsal 7pm Church AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	20 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	21 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	22 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Reconciliation 11am Church Mass at 5pm Church



The Rectory Lunch Program is in need of sandwiches, chips, drinks (water, sparking water etc), and treats. Any questions please call Ellen Roberts at the Rectory (773-588-6484).

CHOIR PRACTICE CONTINUES

Wednesday Night, 7pm
New Members are encouraged and welcomed!

773.206.6785

Music for October 8/9

Entrance: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (W 616)

Gloria: Mass of Redemption, Janco

Readings: W 1192

Psalm: Ps. 98, The Lord Has Revealed to the Nations His Saving Power (W 1192)

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia in C (W 329)

Offertory: Amazing Grace (W 650) or
CHOIR ANTHEM AT 10am

Holy, Holy, Holy: Mass of Creation (W 365)

Memorial Acclamation B: Mass of Creation (W 366)

Amen: Mass of Creation (W 367)

Lamb of God: Holy Cross Mass (W 381)

Communion Processional: Draw Near (W935)

Recessional: Let All Things Now Living (W 636)

October 9, 2022

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 5:14-17 | 2 Tm 2:8-13 | Lk 17:11-19

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

Back in 2018, a Christmastime video about gratitude went viral. A young Dad wakes up covered in wrapping paper to discover his similarly adorned wife and kids. He runs through the house, “unwrapping” the electricity, running water, his shoes ... and a car! Today’s Gospel reminded me of this, and of all the times the Lord has provided: whether it is something ordinary like food in the fridge or something extraordinary like the birth of our sons. But how often do I acknowledge that all these gifts come from God? I am guessing all 10 of the lepers in today’s Gospel felt much gratitude and joy after they were healed. But only one, a foreigner no less, returned to Jesus to give thanks to God. Likewise, today’s readings remind us to return to God with gratitude for all the blessings in our lives – both extraordinary and ordinary.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Hearing the account in Kings today, I picture Naaman plunging into the Jordan – not just once but seven times! What if he’d stopped after one, or two, or four? We hear in the Gospel of 10 other lepers, all of whom raised their voices shouting “Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!” In both cases, those seeking healing showed faith in God, persevering against all odds. This perseverance also is evident in the second reading, where Saint Paul bears great suffering for the sake of the Gospel and the salvation of others. These readings challenge us to persevere in our faith – through prayer and our witness to others we encounter. God will not always answer our prayers the way we want or expect – at least not the first time. We need to jump back in like Naaman, trusting that God will give us what we need.

PRAY We quickly turn to God when things go wrong. Next time something good happens, turn to God with the same urgency and say a prayer of thanks.



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Sunday, Oct 09, 2022

The price we're willing to pay

He failed at many things: marriage, business, sobriety. He was involved in dark dealings: espionage, black market trading, opulent living, the Nazi party. Yet we know Oskar Schindler mostly for his mantle of protection over some thousand Jewish workers in his enamelware factory. Schindler originally hired Jews because they were cheap labor. In the long run those cheap workers cost him a fortune. What changed an amoral businessman into a celebrated humanitarian? Schindler saw through the lie of his culture and it repulsed him. As his grateful beneficiaries put it: "Whoever saves one life saves the world entire."

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19 (144). *"But the word of God is not chained."*

Monday, Oct 10, 2022

Help foster sound minds

Today, on World Mental Health Day, we can look to Catholic teaching on mental health for help in raising awareness of mental health issues, eliminating stigmas surrounding it, and supporting those who need help. Pope Saint John Paul II said, "Christ took all human suffering on himself, even mental illness," and "it is everyone's duty to make an active response" of charity to those who suffer from mental illness. Pope Benedict called for better medical treatment for the mentally ill as people made in the image and likeness of God. Want to start a mental health ministry in your parish? Visit the Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers at catholicmhm.org for guidance.

TODAY'S READINGS: Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Luke 11:29-32 (467). *"Just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation."*

Tuesday, Oct 11, 2022

Happy birthday, Vatican II

Sixty years ago today, Pope Saint John XXIII opened the Second Vatican Council—that watershed gathering that gave us Mass celebrated in our own languages, a deeper respect for other religions, and the epiphany that laypeople are as vital to the church as its most lauded saints and clerics. In the words of Saint John XXIII, the church "allow[s] all who are enlightened by the light of Christ to understand well" their "lofty dignity and their purpose." But also, she "spreads everywhere the fullness of Christian charity . . . promoting concord, just peace, and the brotherly unity of all." Ask Saint John's intercession for our church, still in the midst of growing pains.

TODAY'S READINGS: Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41 (468). *"In Christ Jesus, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love."*

Wednesday, Oct 12, 2022

Always move on faith

On this day in 1932, Xavier University of Louisiana—founded seven years prior as the nation's first black Catholic university by Saint Katharine Drexel—moved to its current location in the Gert Town neighborhood of New Orleans. Facing similar racist scrutiny as when she and her Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament originally established the school, Saint Katharine purchased the new property through an agent to avoid detection. Today the campus boasts a main building, convent, and library complex listed on the

National Register of Historic Places, and an administration building that is a city of New Orleans landmark. May we all display such holy boldness in our work for justice.

TODAY'S READINGS: Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46 (469). *"For the LORD watches over the way of the just, but the way of the wicked vanishes."*

Thursday, Oct 13, 2022

Forgive us our trespasses

It has now been a few months since Pope Francis apologized in Canada for the church's role in running boarding schools that profoundly hurt indigenous people. His message was both embraced for its acknowledgement of wrong and criticized for not being enough. Papal apologies are relatively new, beginning with Pope John Paul II apologizing in the 1980s for the church's role in the slave trade. Since then, popes have asked forgiveness for sexual abuse, treatment of Jews, and inaction during the Holocaust. An apology is a first step toward repairing a wrong. Reflecting on your own life, have you taken that step when needed?

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 1:1-10; Luke 11:47-54 (470). *"Woe to you, scholars of the law! You have taken away the key of knowledge."*

Friday, Oct 14, 2022

Hints of heaven

On crisp fall days, walking through a path of fallen leaves, looking up at a bright blue sky, many a wayfarer has contemplated what heaven will be like. "Will I be reunited with loved ones? Will I feel joy? Will I receive justice? Will all my questions be answered? Will I meet the heroes of history and understand the mysteries of the universe? Will I see the face of God?" Of course, the specifics aren't clear, but what we do know is that Jesus promises us peace (John 14:27) and rest (Matt. 11:28); has prepared a place for us (John 14:2) that is filled with rewards (Matt. 5:12); and has assured us that "there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed." Sounds like the right place to be. Keep up the good work and you are well on your way!

MEMORIAL OF CALLISTUS I, POPE, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7 (471).

"Whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light."

Saturday, Oct 15, 2022

Two saints for two centuries

It's not hard to confuse the two Carmelite saints who have similar names. There is Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, a doctor of the church, who lived in the 19th century. Also known as Thérèse of Lisieux or, affectionately, as the Little Flower, she was a French Discalced Carmelite nun. Then there is today's saint, Teresa of Jesus, a Spanish Carmelite nun and influential mystic, known as Teresa of Ávila, who lived in the 16th century and is also a doctor of the church. She was instrumental in the reform of the Carmelite order, which eventually resulted in the establishment of the Discalced Carmelites, to which the Little Flower belonged some 300 years later. They both would be happy to hear from you in prayer today.

MEMORIAL OF TERESA OF JESUS, CARMELITE NUN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12 (472). *"I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others the Son of Man will acknowledge before the angels of God."*

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



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Holiday Pops
Chicago is
back and will
take place
on Saturday,
December
10, 2022, at
7:30pm.

**At Saint Benedict Church,
2215 West Irving Park
Road, Chicago IL**

All the timely musical treasures of
Christmas will be featured in this
year's concert! And YOU can be a part
of it's magic!

**Stefan Holt of NBC5 will
be our guest host.**

The 47-piece Southport Symphony
Orchestra is back playing holiday
favorites like Leroy Anderson's
"Sleigh Ride," "Let it Snow, Let it Snow"
and "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

Are you excited yet?

Will YOU consider being a part of
the Festival Chorus to make this
Christmas one to celebrate and remember?

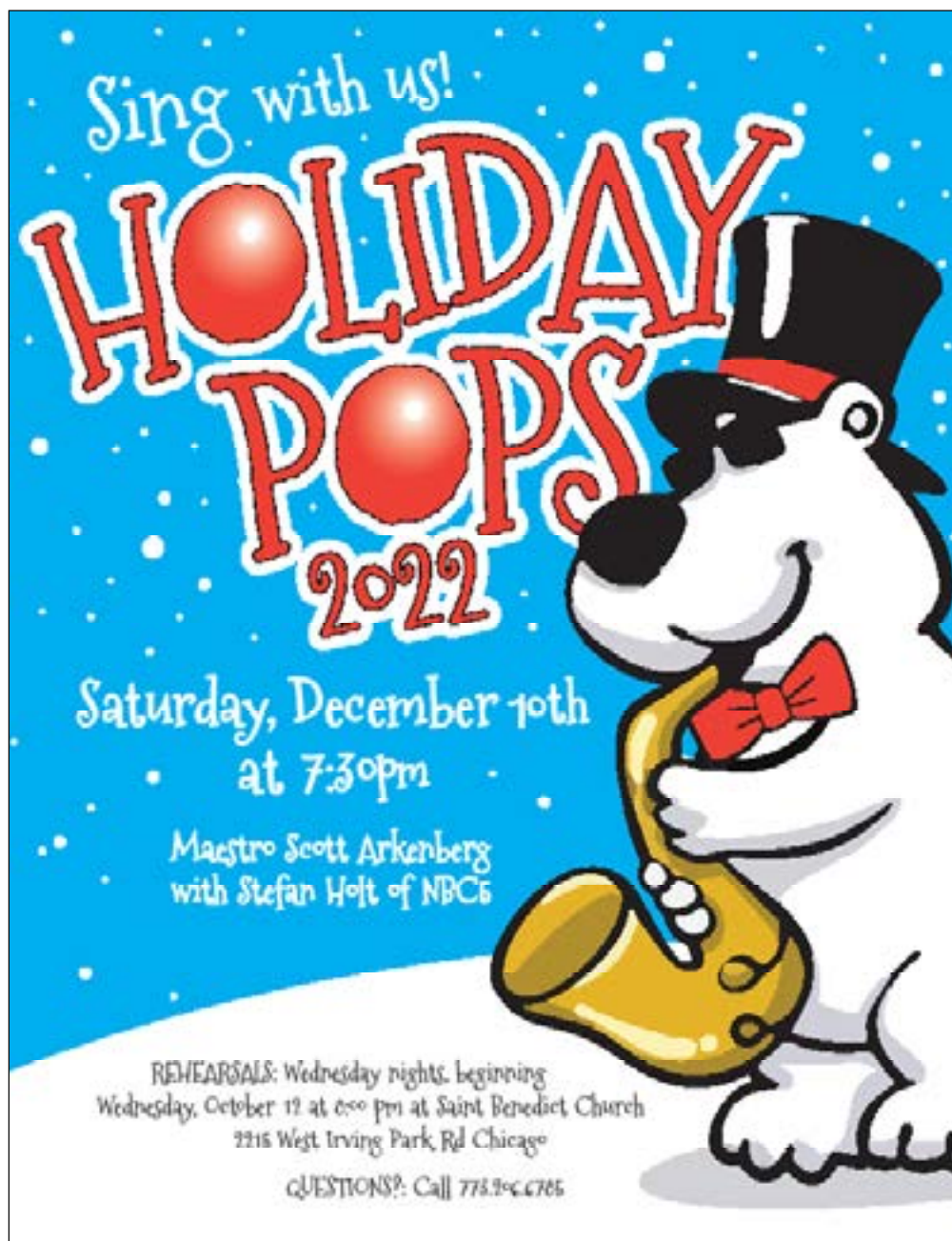
Our first rehearsal will take place on Wednesday, October 12, 8 - 9:30pm in the church.


Rehearsals will continue on following Wednesdays as well.....so, if you cannot make the first.....plan on another.

For more information, please do not hesitate to email me at sarkenberg@stbenedict.com or text via my cell phone, 773.206.6785.

Please consider joining this year's *Holiday Pops*! if you cannot join us this year, please share this with a friend and help share the joy.

Cheers!
Maestro Scott Arkenberg





CELEBRATE ALL SAINTS DAY!



DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE SAINT
and JOIN THE SAINT PARADE on
OCTOBER 30TH at the 10:00
MASS

Everyone is Invited to Participate



Spiritual Dream Group

NEXT SESSION - MONDAY 10/17 | 7-9PM

In this group we learn to become like a container of sacred space as a group to provide a secure connection between the individual's inner world and the outer world. Spiritual dream work affirms that our (nocturnal) dreams offer us support in our spiritual journey. This work helps us towards living a guided life from within with the support of others and it helps us to recognize the symbolic language of the soul. All dreamers are welcome and there is no prior experience necessary. I encourage anyone who has been interested in their dreams, but has not had the opportunity to share and explore them further to attend. **This ongoing group will meet on the third Monday of each month at 7 pm until 9 pm remotely on the Zoom video conference platform. Please contact Rachel at rachelwinborn@gmail.com if you plan to attend.**

**ON SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 29TH FROM
3:00-4:30
IN THE ST. BEN'S
COURTYARD**

Trunk or Treat is a way to gather outside for some Halloween Fun, with other families. People are asked to sign up to decorate the trunk of their car. Families and children can come to the courtyard and visit the cars for a piece of candy or other Halloween treats. Costumed teens will be offering a chance for kids to play games and create Halloween Crafts.

All are invited to come in costume and join the fun.

Families do not need to sign up to attend.

TEENS NEEDED FROM 2:30-4:30.
DRESS IN COSTUME AND HELP AT THE TRUNK OR TREAT! SIGN UP HERE > > >

**DECORATE YOUR CAR FOR THE TRUNK OR TREATERS
AND PASS OUT CANDY FROM 2:30-4:30! SIGN UP HERE >>>>>>>>>>**

Email kcmcmillan@stbenedict.com for the answers to any questions.





FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

St. Benedict Prep families celebrated the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi this week with a special blessing for pets. Father Steve offered prayers and blessings, reminding us of St. Francis' love for animals and nature. Many four-legged friends were in attendance, as well as hermit crab. St. Francis is the patron saint of animals and the environment.



We are proud to be a National Blue Ribbon School!

ST. BENEDICT PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Wed, Nov 2
6:30-7:30pm | Grades K-7

Wed, Nov 9
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Sunday & Holy Day Offertory Week of September 25, 2022

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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.

Electronic Giving: \$7,728

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Loose: \$2,692

Total: \$12,228 (94% of goal)

Weekly Goal: \$12,990

Fiscal YTD: \$155,271 (92% of goal)

Fiscal YTD Goal: \$168,870

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The Anne and Bruce Hunt Garden Project

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Masses for the Week

Saturday, October 8 - Weekday

8:30AM Frances and Jim Cushing - *B. Kelly*
Danilo Belicena - *Dorenda Sumatra*
5PM John Patrick Lawlor - *Marge Lawlor*
Maria Aurea B. de Guzman -
Bella Bondad de Guzman
Alex Gumler - *The Gumler Family*
Danilo Belicena - *The Sobrepena and*
Belicena Family

Sunday, October 9 - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM Danilo Belicena - *The Sobrepena and*
Belicena Family
10AM Danilo Belicena - *The Sobrepena and*
Belicena Family
Cesar Arellano - *The Arellano Family*
Kristine Joy - *Sally Sobrepena-Belicena*
Anita Fernandez - *Daisy and Tess*
12PM Glorieta Gaston - *The St. Ben's*
Women's Club
Special Intention for Nachman Bogen -
Linda Peek

Monday, October 10 - Weekday

8:30AM Mary Chaput McDonagh - *Family*

Tuesday, October 11 - Saint John XXIII, Pope

8:30AM Special Intention for Audrey Venkatesh

Wednesday, October 12 - Weekday

8:30AM Special Intention for Giorgio Marconi

Thursday, October 13 - Weekday

8:30AM Glorieta Gaston - *Lucy Consing*
In Thanksgiving for Beniamino Mazzone

First Friday, October 14 - Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

8:30AM Special Intention for Ariya Schmookler - *Family*
Glorieta Gaston - *Lucy Consing*

Saturday, October 15 - Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:30AM Kenneth Borowczyk - *Diane*
Francisca Reyes, Victor D. Goite, and
Leonie Bajamunde - *The Goite and Reyes Family*
Glorieta Gaston - *Lucy Consing*
5PM John, Ann, and Mary McDonagh - *Family*
Special Intention for Dolores and
Terry Mielzynski

Sunday, October 16 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM Linda Jouzaitis - *Family*
Special Intention for Matthew and
Patti Fritzsche - *Joe and Kathy Minneci*
10AM John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*
Glorieta A. Gaston - *The St. Benedict*
Parish Community
Melquiades Maldonado - *The St. Benedict*
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Susano Paez - *Ceferina Paez*
12PM Special Intention for Julie Reheja-Perera
Myrna Barrido - *Family*

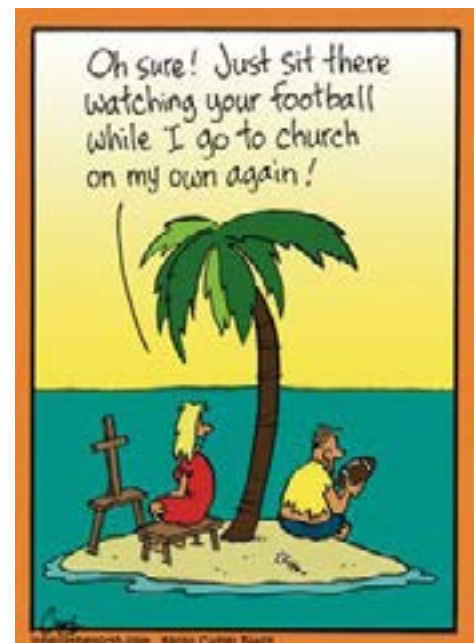
Please Pray for Healing

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.

Beverly Berganos Johnson
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Anne Hoellich
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Mark Jerger
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Jackson James Limburg
Giorgio Marconi
Ken McFadden

Karen Mocarski
Corazon Pizarro
Julie Raheja-Perera
Alex Sandoval
Cecilia Fell Schott
(Class of 72)
Bill Shaver
Karen Sheehan
Jim Strzalka
Audrey Venkatesh
Leda Wildner

COMIC CORNER





October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

From the Domestic Violence Outreach Team at St Benedict Parish

To kick off the month the Domestic Violence Outreach Team at St. Benedict's is holding a **SPECIFIC** drive to assist the House of the Good Shepherd. Founded in Chicago in 1859, the House of the Good Shepherd has opened its doors and hearts to women and children who face unimaginable trauma and fear. Their holistic transitional housing and family violence recovery programs empower women and children to leave behind the cycle of violent homes, step out of poverty, and embrace a future full of hope and independence. Make no mistake: Domestic Violence affects all cultures, all educational levels, all socioeconomic groups, all religions. All. And they turn no one away. But people living in poverty have far fewer options.

House of the Good Shepherd's target population is economically and educationally deprived persons from the poorest neighborhoods in Chicago's inner city and throughout the greater Chicagoland area. Many of those they serve are profoundly troubled and face staggering psychological and mental challenges. Most have little or no source of income and no place to live other than to return to an abusive relationship. House of the Good Shepherd welcomes survivors of violence and abuse regardless of race, ethnic origin, economic status, marital status, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, or physical, cognitive, or developmental ability. All are offered love, compassion, and respect. House of the Good Shepherd has also served families from 29 different countries around the world, including clients from Central and South America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

You can help their efforts to support survivors (we prefer not to say, "victim") by providing material support in the form of much needed items to help women who often have to flee in the middle of the night when their partner is asleep. The need is great. **Here is a list of items The House of Good Shepherd specifically needs this month:**

- Baby Wipes
- Laundry Soap/ Fabric softener sheets/stain remover
- Cleaning items (spray cleaners, magic sponges)
- Shaving cream for women
- Baby Bath products
- Personal hygiene products (Maxi Pads)

If you would like to take part, please drop **ANY OF THESE SPECIFIC ITEMS** in the boxes marked "Donations for The House of Good Shepherd" located in the church's vestibule. **Please DO NOT drop off any other items not listed above, as this is a specific drive for specific needs. Please DO NOT drop off any clothing items.** Thank you very much for your support in our efforts to bring awareness and support to this very important cause.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM SERVICES:

**Catholic Charities
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Various Locations:
Please call
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**Illinois Domestic
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**Childhelp National
Child Abuse Hotline:**
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(1-800-422-4453)

Parish Information

If you are visiting, we hope you enjoy your stay. We're glad you decided to join us in this celebration. If you are new to the St. Ben's community, welcome home! **To become a registered parishioner, complete a Registration Form on our website: parish.stbenedict.com.** One of our Ministers of Hospitality will be glad to assist you. If you are a former parishioner or a graduate of our schools, we are glad to see you back home. We hope you will return often. Contact Joe Accardi, Director of Alumni Relations at jaccardi@stbenedict.com. Our weekly bulletin, The Steward, tells you about parish life. Submissions for the bulletin are generally due by Friday at 9 am of the week previous to publication. Electronic submissions are preferred via e-mail to bulletin@stbenedict.com. Flyers should be submitted in camera-ready format and will be used if space permits. If you would like to receive our online weekly newsletter-"The Block", please contact the rectory to be placed on our emailing list. If you have any questions, please call the rectory at (773) 588-6484. We look forward to hearing from you.



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THE COMMISSIONS OF ST. BENEDICT PARISH

If you are interested in learning more
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following person(s):

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Education Commission: Rachel Gemo,
Rachel Metz, or Mary Deletiglu

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 preparation 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 through 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
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special anniversary, or the anniversary of
a loved one's death. *

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