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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Include Family Prayer in Your Back-to-School Routines

BY RACHEL GEMO, HEAD OF PARISH SCHOOL



Earlier this year, Steve, a friend of mine shared that his wife was diagnosed with an aggressive form of brain cancer and given a 50% chance of living a year. His wife, Starla, has been in my prayers for courage and healing often since we received news of her cancer. As a person of faith, I'm blessed to have experienced throughout my life the grace, strength and comfort found in regular prayer. Prayer is a simple act that I can do for others and often they don't even know that I'm praying for them. Prayer draws me closer to the people in my prayer – sharing in their joy when there are happy moments; in challenging times, such as this, growing in greater trust in the Lord's plan for each of us. Prayer certainly deepens my personal

relationship with the Lord.

A few weeks ago, Steve reached out to me to talk about his wife's illness and some of the conflicts he felt in his heart. Because I'm a cancer-survivor, he wanted to know what was going on in my head and heart through my own cancer journey so perhaps he could begin to understand his wife better. Starla wants to fight her cancer as much as possible, all the while living life as normally as possible. Steve looks at her life as a countdown clock with a limited number of precious days left. When they spend a Saturday doing laundry and eating cold cut sandwiches, he gets frustrated with her that she's not making the most of time they have left as a family, especially with their 11-year-old daughter.

At some point in our conversation, I asked him if he's a person of faith. He said yes. He described himself as a 6.5 out of 10 on the practicing Catholic scale. He shared that he's just really angry with God, and since the news has gotten progressively worse lately, he stopped going to church.

I encouraged him to use prayer as a way to face her illness together and not to look at the countdown clock because no one is guaranteed tomorrow. Prayer helps us see the simple blessings in doing laundry together and sharing cold-cut sandwiches. Shared prayer deepens the intimacy among family members, in good times and in bad. Prayer helps us talk about our fears and frustrations, especially when things really aren't in our control. Prayer helps us build a trusting heart. A heart trusting in the Lord.

Over the years while working as the Head of School at St. Benedict Prep, I've received devastating news about student, staff and school parents being diagnosed with various diseases and physical disabilities. We come together as a school family and openly pray for health, healing, strength and courage. Praying with students as a community of faith is an incredible but simple gift which I cherish. When the students and adults in our prayers receive God's gift of healing, it truly is a remarkable experience to witness alongside our young people. They get to see the power and grace of prayer – something we don't see regularly on Netflix or social media.

Prayer is the heartbeat of a Catholic school, as well as for a family of faith. It's also one of the best ways to help our young people thrive in a materialistic, egotistic, "anything-goes" world. When we pray together, each member of the classroom or family learns what it means to be intimate with God. When we see answers to prayer, we experience His love and His presence in our daily lives. Prayer builds community and compassion in a school culture. It's certainly a differentiator in the education world.

As the school year starts up this week, I can't help but encourage parents to introduce their children to the mystery, joy, and excitement of prayer if it's not something the family typically practices together. At school, I spend time each August during teacher orientation explaining the importance of prayer experiences throughout the school day and giving examples of how to pray with our young people.

Praying together is one of the most critical things we can do to pass on our faith to the next generation. Children need to see genuine faith acted out in their parents' lives, their teachers' lives, and hopefully their peers' lives. When they do, they'll get the idea that our Heavenly Father can be trusted to guide us through every situation we encounter in life. This can lead to some important and deeply meaningful discussions about spiritual things.

The blessings of prayer don't stop there. In addition to strengthening each person's connection with God, prayer has the side effect of deepening interpersonal relationships. It encourages family members and classmates to become more sensitive to one another's feelings. Prayer is all about intimacy – with the Lord and with one another.

If you'd like to start some "Back to School" prayer practices, you may feel awkward in bringing it up with older children or spouses. Remember, prayer is about relationships, and relationships are something that can't be forced. It's okay to keep early approaches to family prayer as simple as possible. Start by talking about children's accomplishments and positive experiences. Let times of prayer and thanksgiving flow out of sharing the joys.

I've listed some different ways that families can practice prayer together. Try using a few and see which forms your children enjoy. At St. Benedict Prep, we integrate many forms and opportunities for prayer during the school day. It is one way we are able to help create a caring school culture and help students develop empathy and compassion for others.

Just last week, my friend, Steve, texted me to thank me for our talk a few weeks ago. He said it was a great help and the two of them have been able to have some meaningful conversations about tough things. While he didn't come right out and say it, I suspect that prayer is a part of their path forward together. I will continue to pray for both of them. I ask that you, too, keep them in your prayers.

Here are some examples of prayer practices that teachers use in the classroom, that parents may also use with their children:

PRAYER WALL OR BOARD

Transform a wall into a prayer center. Hang a bulletin board on a wall or use thumbtacks and sticky notes to attach pictures and notes to a wall. Put up photos of people to pray for with a note about specific needs. Add pictures of reasons to thank God, such as creation and recent blessings. Stand by the wall and pray over each picture and note. Add a sticker or note when God answers a prayer.

ECHO PRAYER

Echoing a phrase from a psalm or Bible passage uses Scripture to pray. Let one person be the reader to read a psalm or passage. After each verse, have the person state a phrase from the passage and let everyone echo that phrase. (like the responsorial psalm during Mass).

PRAYER WALK

Walk around your neighborhood or park and pray as you walk. Pray before you start and chat a little about what you'd like to pray about as you walk. Stop every little distance and let one family member say a short prayer to thank God for something they see or stop outside the home of a neighbor or friend, and pray for them.

IN THE MOMENT PRAYERS

Be ready to stop and pray as needs arise. These can include routine and spontaneous prayers. Pray with your children before they leave the house or in the car before you drive off. Pray at meals and bedtime. Pray when you hear bad news or a siren. Pray when you hear good news too.

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1-10PM

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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.

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MAIN TENT SPONSOR \$5000 (2)

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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

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Interested in joining our planning committee?

Our next meeting is Tuesday, August 29th at 6 pm at the rectory at 2215 W. Irving Park Rd.

August 20, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 56:1, 6-7 | Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 | Mt 15:21-28

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

The abundance of God's love for us is what stood out for me in our readings today. If we consider the concept of abundance outside the Scriptures, it can be tricky. When we have it, does it imply we have too much when others have too little? If we are speaking of material things, then perhaps. But God's infinite and merciful love for us resound in each of our readings today, and this is cause for joy. In Isaiah, the Lord announces that he will accept offerings from anyone who holds to his covenant, Jewish or not. Saint Paul stresses that God's mercy is for *all*, and Jesus, after some back-and-forth with the Canaanite woman, heals the woman's daughter because of her great faith. God never tires of desiring healing and wholeness for *all* his children, which is a great gift. Let this gift of grace from God be a catalyst for us to reach out in love to others so that we also can come to God's "holy mountain and [be made] joyful in [his] house of prayer."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

How can we reach out in love to others as we called to do? Perhaps we can start with our parish. Is there a ministry we have read about in the bulletin that needs volunteers? Or a coordinator? Perhaps it is time to ask God how we can be his instrument in the world. We can start small. I will never forget when my friend volunteered to run our Vacation Bible School one summer. Of course, she turned to her friends to help her with this daunting task! What she desperately needed was someone to go from classroom to classroom and lead the children in song. Talk about out of my comfort zone! But she gave me the music books and song suggestions, and pretty soon, "This Little Light of Mine" was reverberating through the halls of the school. I learned then and there that kids don't notice the quality of your voice if you are joyful and enthusiastic. They love to sing! Take a chance and get out there. You won't regret it.

PRAY *Lord, Jesus Christ, give me the wisdom to view my hands as extensions of yours. Give me eyes to see all people as you see them. Help me to use my voice to praise you and bring the truth of your goodness to everyone I encounter. Give me the strength to have unwavering faith. Amen.*

“
Jesus
CURED EVERY
DISEASE AMONG
THE PEOPLE.
(Mt 4:23) ”

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Sunday, Aug 20, 2023

That all may be one

The spirit of division is about being right. The spirit of unity is about embracing Christ. In which direction are we heading? Ecumenism seems an almost quaint idea in the 21st-century church. Other issues seem to have become more critical for many than getting Christians on the same page. Yet a divided church is a scandal to a world that questions our sincerity if we can't even agree on Jesus. Dialogue with others without the need to criticize beliefs or change minds. Create opportunities to pray, study, work, and mission together with local Christians. They will know we are Christians by our love.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28 (118). *"For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."*

Monday, Aug 21, 2023

Look beyond the wardrobe

The saying "Clothes make the man" was certainly not true for Pope Pius X. He was born poor, teased at school for his tattered clothes, and sometimes carried his shoes to make them last longer. When he became pope in 1903, remaining as humble as his origins, he said the only thing that had changed about him was the color of his cassock from black to white—a fact he sometimes forgot since he had to be reminded not to wipe his pen on his clothes anymore. Let Pius X remind you to stay true to your authentic self by keeping your life simple.

MEMORIAL OF PIUS X, POPE

TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22 (419). *"If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven."*

Tuesday, Aug 22, 2023

Eight days a week

The Queenship of Mary doubles as a liturgical bookend, concluding eight full days since celebrating her Assumption. In liturgical language, these eight days form an octave. Most simply, an octave extends the celebration of a church feast from a single day into eight. Historically, Christianity inherited the practice from Judaism, which, for instance, celebrates eight days of Hanukkah and circumcision eight days after a boy's birth—the latter being why many baptismal fonts are octagonal. If a week is seven days, then the eighth day begins a new week—the eighth day signaling the start of something new or renewal, just as Baptism makes a person new or "born again." Honor Mary anew by praying the Salve Regina today.

MEMORIAL OF THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 6:11-24a; Matthew 19:23-30 (420). *"For men this is impossible, but for God all things are possible."*

Wednesday, Aug 23, 2023

Go deep

Today is the feast of Rose of Lima, patron of Latin America. You can visit her tomb in the historic center of Lima, Peru, a place teeming with activity. Enter the Dominican monastery where she is buried and leave behind the noise and heat of the street. Descend

a narrow passage; bow your head to clear the low ceiling. You'll emerge into a cool, hushed room with her tomb at the far end. It is a holy place—a place you'd never know if you didn't go deep. How do you get to the deep sacred space within your daily life?

MEMORIAL OF ROSE OF LIMA, TERTIARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16 (421). *"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."*

Thursday, Aug 24, 2023

Pure faith

Tradition has it that Bartholomew was tortured to death for the faith. Scholars believe that he is mentioned in scripture by both his name and by the name Nathaniel. Nathaniel was famously complimented by Jesus for being a true Israelite, with no duplicity. Purity of heart, in fact, is how most holy disciples attain holiness. Through profound connection to God, they avoid guile, duplicity, and other sins that are so easy to fall into when God slides into the background. Saint Bartholomew, help us maintain a clean heart.

FEAST OF BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51 (629). *"Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, 'Here is a true child of Israel. There is no duplicity in him.'"*

Friday, Aug 25, 2023

Women will not remain silent!

Do you know all 333 women of the Bible? There are at least that many, writes Catholic commentator Alice Camille, and each is worth getting to know. Visible presence of women in leadership roles has long suffered from hierarchical structures rooted in patriarchal values. The establishment of the biblical canon reflects this as well with women's voices and stories rarely included except in support roles. Stories such as that of Ruth and Naomi that survived the canonical cutting-room floor are a beacon of light and remind us that despite overwhelming suppression of women's voices, they could not be silenced. How are you called to give voice or to amplify suppressed voices today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Matthew 22:34-40 (423). *"Ruth said, 'Do not ask me to abandon or forsake you!'"*

Saturday, Aug 26, 2023

A ruling from the bench

Jesus speaks of the scribes and Pharisees sitting on the "chair of Moses." Archeologists have uncovered stone chairs in prominent places in ancient synagogues where such leaders presumably sat as they pronounced on all things related to Jewish Law and Tradition. When it came to fulfilling the spirit of the Law rather than just the letter, Jesus called out the hypocrisy of those who did not practice what they preach. In any field—politics, business, religion—leaders need to be judged not by the eloquence of their words but by the integrity of their actions. That goes for all of us, wherever we take our seat!

TODAY'S READINGS: Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Matthew 23:1-12 (424). *"The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses.... but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice."*

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 21
Teacher Meet & Greet (Grades 1-8)
4:30-5:30PM

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



ST. BENEDICT PARISH Religious Education

RE 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 QR Code or by going online to: parish.stbenedict.com/new-page

Complete and submit all the necessary forms pertaining to your child/ren.



COMMUNITIES OF FRIENDSHIP & FAITH INCLUDING PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Volunteers are needed to join one of the 4 SPRED communities at QofA Parish. Please open your heart and entertain a willingness to share Christ in partnership with someone who is other gifted. SPRED offers a way for both partner and Friend to deepen their awareness of God in all of life. SPRED opens the way for our Friends to find their place in the parish community through the gift of accompaniment. Everybody needs to have a friend and the best way to have a friend is to be a friend. If you want to learn more about SPRED for yourself or a family member with special needs, please join us for an evening of information and inspiration.

For further information contact Julia Hess 773-539-7510 or visit www.queenofangelsspred.org

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Parent Mixer!

2023

Friday, September 8th
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Masses for the Week

Saturday, August 19 - Saint John Eudes, Priest, BVM

8:30AM Pablo and Emma Consing - *Lucy Consing*
5PM Xavier D'Silva - *Angela Rebello*
Special Intention for Cassie Taflaw
Sue Parsons - *Jan McNeill*
Patricia Smith - *Sister*

Sunday, August 20 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM Cecilia Consing - *Lucy Consing*
Barbara Lynn Laber - *The St. Benedict Parish Community*
10AM John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*
Ilona Weber - *Family*
Norma Pulido - *The Doran Family*
Patricia Stephan Chapman (Class of '54) - *The St. Benedict Alumni Office*
12PM Fred and Sophia Smith - *The Behzad Family*
Lynne E. Graff - *The St. Benedict Parish Community*

Monday, August 21 - Saint Pius X, Pope

8:30AM William Schroeder - *Family*
Anastacio Dela Fuente - *Linda Dela Fuente*
Sonia Masecampo - *Lazar and Wilma Bityou*

Tuesday, August 22 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30AM Celia M. Baylon - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*
William and Virginia Harbinson - *Family*

Wednesday, August 23 - Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

8:30AM Special Intention for Fr. Steve Kanonik

Thursday, August 24 - Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

8:30AM Kenneth Borowczyk - *Diane*

Friday, August 25 - Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

8:30AM Paul Hester - *JoAnn MacDonald*
Luisa Caraan Flores - *Dorenda Sumatra*
Carmen N. Endriga - *Family*

Saturday, August 26 - Weekday

8:30AM James J. Dinchak - *Friends*
5PM Ronald Egan - *The Egan Family*
Carol Ritscher - *The St. Benedict Parish Community*
Patricia Hardy - *Friend*
Deceased Members of GS Class of 1969 and HS Class of 1973

Wedding Banns

II - Caitlin Beauchamp and Patrick O'Malley
I - Angela Gielniewski and Grant Grevenstuk



Sunday, August 27 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM Linda Jouzaitis - *Family*
Paul Hester - *Judy Hester*
Amanda Kate O'Connell - *John Lynch and Family*
George DeYoung - *John Lynch and Family*
10AM John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*
Suzie Libao - *Bernie Libao*
Loretta Josephine Barkee - *Gloria Ottesen*
Paul M. Rowland - *Bernie McNally*
12PM Living and Deceased Members/Benefactors of St. Vincent de Paul Society
Jose T. Cortes - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*
Special Intention for John Behzad - *Family*
John Arsenia - *Lazar and Wilma Bityou*

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
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Sidney Kennedy	
Pepito Lim	

Baptisms

Sofia Marie, daughter of Scott and Gina Zari



The Science of Hope

You're more likely to reach your goals with high hope. How survivors of domestic violence can apply this to their lives.

Trauma Survivors Can Find Hope in three concepts that make up hopeful thinking:

- **Goals** - Approaching life in a goal-oriented way.
- **Pathways** - Finding different ways to achieve your goals.
- **Agency** - Believing that you can instigate change and achieve these goals.

After setting a goal, such as "I want to find and purchase my own house for myself and my children to live in," it may seem like the pathway is blocked. But how do you afford that? But how do you escape an abusive partner? The pathway may seem blocked, but hope tells us there is always a way around. It may be easier to break down these goals into the steps it will take to get there. Agency is the unending belief that you can conquer each one of those steps. It may mean refocusing on the goal and not the problem. Practice self-care, meditation and gratitude journaling, and avoid negative messages whenever possible.



Why Is Hope Important?

Poet Emily Dickinson told us that hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul and sings the tune without the words and never stops at all. Hope is what perseveres long after trauma ends. It can be the driving force for survivors to continue on, set goals and achieve them.

As a domestic violence survivor, one way you can start to think hopefully is to think about what you do have control over. Do you have control over whether or not an abuser will control, intimidate or harm you anymore? Unfortunately, no. So, that can't be your goal. But your goal could be to move out. The pathway could be contacting a domestic violence advocate to create a safety plan. It could be getting an order of protection so that the abuser stays away from you. Agency constitutes the thoughts you have around this. Instead of saying, "Things will never change," you may start repeating, "I'm ready to have a better life. I can do this."

Abusers Can Rob Victims of Hope

Goal setting is a big part of having hope, but this can be difficult for survivors of trauma, especially domestic violence. An abuser's trademark is often to control every aspect of a survivor's life, which can include gaslighting or brainwashing them into thinking life will never change. They may convince a survivor no one will ever love them or help them except the abuser. The survivor may lose all hope that the future could look different.

Instead, focus on what you do have control over. A small goal. Maybe that's just disclosing to a friend. Maybe that's picking a date to leave by. Whatever it is, hope is fueled by looking ahead to what you can do to change things.

With thanks to domesticshelters.org

Domestic Violence Victim Services:

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Violence Services:**
Various Locations:
Please call
1.312.655.7725

**Illinois Domestic
Violence Hotline:**
1.877.863.6338
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Child Abuse Hotline:**
1-800-4-A-CHILD
(1-800-422-4453)

Coming Up at St. Ben's | AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
20 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass at 8am, 10am, and 12pm in Church Dads Group BBQ 11Am Beaven Hall	21 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	22 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Kindergarten Orientation 5pm Gym WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADES 1-8	23 WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL AND BYE-BYE BREAKFAST KINDERGARTEN 7AM COURTYARD Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	24 WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL AND BYE-BYE BREAKFAST PRESCHOOL 7AM COURTYARD Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	25 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	26 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Reconciliation 11am Church Mass and Mission Appeal 5pm Church GRADE SCHOOL CLASS OF 1969 AND HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1973 REUNION 6PM COURTYARD
27 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass and Mission Appeal 8am, 10am, and 12pm in Church Knights of Columbus Meeting 11am Swering Room	28 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church St. Vincent de Paul Society Monthly Meeting 6pm Sewing Room Knights of Columbus Assembly Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall	29 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Cub Scout Pack 3865 Recruitment Night 6pm Beaven Hall Oktoberfest Committee Meeting 6pm Rectory Meeting Rm	30 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	31 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	1 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction 9am - 12pm Chrch	2 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Reconciliation 11am Church Mass at 5pm Church

Stewardship



SUNDAY & HOLY DAY OFFERTORY WEEK OF AUGUST 6, 2023



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 Weekly Goal: \$13,673

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 Fiscal YTD Goal: \$68,365
 Above/(Below) YTD Goal: (\$9,117)

Learn about the Sapaterre Mission in Haiti - August 26/27

Sapaterre Mission
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Sapaterre Mission is dedicated to providing the best possible academic, physical and social education to the children of Hispaniola to achieve a slow growing transformation from poverty to empowered and caring citizens of the island. Fr. Rodlin will be visiting St Ben's at all Masses on August 26/27 to talk about the importance of the Sapaterre Mission and how you can help. We hope you will join us.



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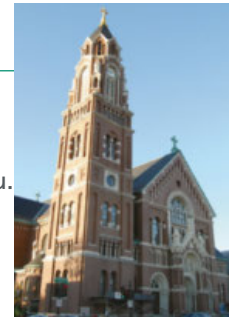


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If you are visiting, we hope you enjoy your stay. We're glad you decided to join us in this celebration. If you are new to the St. Ben's community, welcome home! To become a registered parishioner, complete a Registration Form on our website: parish.stbenedict.com. 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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MASSES AND SERVICES

Sunday Eucharist: Saturday 5PM,
Sunday 8AM, 10AM, AND 12PM
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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.
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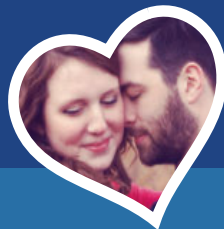


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