

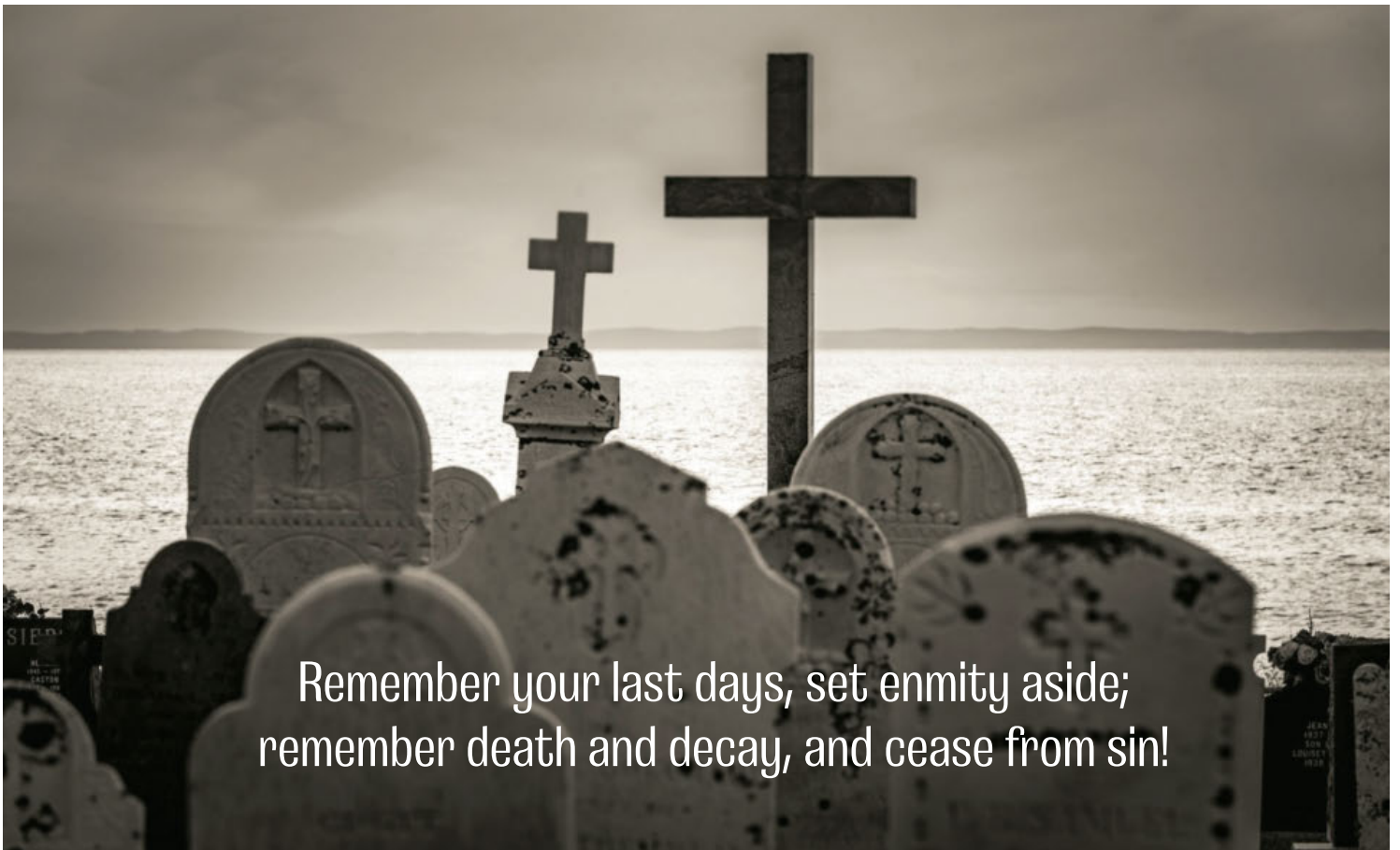
THE STEWARD

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

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Remember your last days, set enmity aside;
remember death and decay, and cease from sin!



This weekend our readings focus on the need for forgiveness. The Gospel and first reading challenge us with the reminder that if we cannot find forgiveness in our own hearts for others, how can we expect God to forgive us. We have heard this presented to us many times through the scriptures. The words and calls are powerful. They can touch us in our hearts because we know how much we need God's forgiveness in our lives, and yet when we are hurt by others, we know how painful that can be and how difficult it is to forgive the other.

We know how important it can be to forgive the other,

because we hear this not just from a religious perspective, we have often been reminded psychologically that if we do not forgive, then that held resentment will eat us up inside. And at the same time the other person that caused the pain might not even be bothered by that event.

So, understanding the importance of being forgiving, how can we accomplish this? What can we do that might make it easier to achieve? We realize that nothing is foolproof, and nothing guarantees we will achieve this. But how can we walk forward on the path?

Our first reading is from the Book of Sirach. It is a part of the

wisdom literature of the Bible. That reading offers a way to look at the issue. Remember that this reading contains wisdom from many years ago and a culture that is different than ours. And yet people then were facing similar difficulties and issues. Dealing with the times we have been hurt would be an experience they would have encountered in their lives just as we do today. What do they recommend?

The reading offers four points:

1. Remember your last days, set enmity aside.
2. Remember death and decay, and cease from sin.
3. Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor.
4. Remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

The first two suggestions deal with the end of life, the second two focus on our relationship with God.

Thinking about the end of life is a traditional way to consider the gift of life and how we want to live it. It is an approach we have often used in faith, but it is also used in philosophy, and psychology. Reflecting on the end of our lives certainly challenges us to consider how we want to live the time we have been given. I am forced to confront the questions of what I want my life to mean. I realize that when my life is coming to its end, I will find myself facing the question of whether I am truly happy with my life, or if I wish I had lived it differently. I know that in the end, others will look back on my life as well, and I think about whether I will be content with the legacy I have left behind.

Yet in the end, I will not only be asking myself if I lived my life in a way that matters to me, but it also forces us to determine how important some things really are and how much time we might want to give them. After all, if I only get so many days or hours, what do I really want to spend that time doing?

As people of faith, one of the most important things I have in my life is my relationship with God. That relationship invites me to live this life with my heart set in a certain direction. Considering the gift of that relationship invites me to consider if I can live up to all the important things God invites me to live in my life.

We might ask how effective these will be. That would be hard to answer. But as people of faith, this is a good place to start, and one which many people in history have found helpful.



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.



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.



Register now to claim your spot early!
Visit tinyurl.com/SvdPBloodDriveOct8
or scan the QR code to register



Kateri Center Presents

Every Child Matters PowWow September 30, 2023

Bunker Hill Grove I
Harts Rd & Touhy Ave

Doors Open 11am
Grand Entry 12:30pm

For more information call 773-883-9100

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE SEPT 23/24

The Knights of Columbus at St Benedict will conduct our annual "Tootsie Roll Drive" after Masses on Sept 23rd and 24th. Your donations fund the operating budget for the local chapter of SPRED, a charity which ministers to Catholics with intellectual disabilities. We thank you for your continued generosity.



September 17, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30—28:7 | Rom 14:7-9 | Mt 18:21-35

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

Forgiveness. It seems like a relatively simple *concept*, doesn't it? We ask our merciful Father for it every day when we pray the Our Father: "... forgive us our trespasses..." Then reality hits, as we remember the second part of that phrase: "...as we forgive those who trespass against us ..." *As we forgive others.* Oh, that long, hard road of forgiveness! Easier said than done. Sometimes those old sayings have some merit, don't they? And when we look at today's readings, there is nothing cryptic about them: forgive *not seven times but seventy-seven times*, let go of wrath and anger, forgive your brother and sister *from your heart*. Yes, forgiveness is a simple concept, but it's not easy. Perhaps the answer is to re-read today's Scriptures and ask the Holy Spirit to give us the strength to put in the hard work if there is someone in our lives to whom we need to offer our heartfelt forgiveness.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Bishop Robert Barron, in his *Word on Fire Bible* on the Gospels, has four suggestions related to this Gospel on how to become "a better forgiver." The one that stood out to me immediately is "forgive offenses quickly." Don't let them fester and "settle deeply into your psyche." This seems like very sage advice because we can all have a tendency to "stew" about things that are bothering us, which rarely makes them better. Bishop Barron's other suggestions are: Pay attention to your own sins, go to confessions regularly, and offer forgiveness through a concrete act or sign. Which brings us back to the simplicity of it all: God will always forgive us, so we must always forgive others. Doesn't it make sense that to live in the house of our merciful Father, we must emulate him and have loving hearts rather than vengeful hearts?

PRAY Examine your heart and take a hard look at whether you are holding on to a wrong that was committed against you. Take it to God in prayer. The more we open our hearts to forgive others, the more at peace we can be. Ponder the last words of today's reading from Sirach:

*Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor;
remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.*

"Forgive us our
trespasses, as
we forgive those
who trespass
against us."

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SEPT 29
3-10PM

SAT
SEPT 30
1-10PM

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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)

- 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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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 followed by the Bundt 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 wristband for all 3 days) \$65 at <https://one.bidpal.net/sboktoberfest23/welcome>, or scan the QR code >



Calling All Volunteers!

We are seeking donations of items and time in 2 or 3 hour shifts depending on the area. We appreciate your generous support! Check out what is available at <https://tinyurl.com/sbokt23signup> or scan the QR code at left. Thank you in advance for your assistance to make this year's event a huge success.

Sunday, Sep 17, 2023

Each one, teach one

Teachers, preachers, and professors have their place. But most of us learn life lessons more broadly. The first school is our home environment. Groups we affiliate with and wider media influences also communicate their values. In 1935, the Vatican called for special acknowledgment of how our parish catechists pass on the faith. While it's right to honor our DRE or religion teachers on this Catechetical Sunday, let's recall too the role of parents and indeed all parishioners in modeling a life rich in love, generosity, compassion, and forgiveness. Catechists literally "echo" the example of Jesus. Deliver your echo boldly!

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 27:30—28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35 (130). *"Peter approached Jesus and asked him, 'Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?'"*

Monday, Sep 18, 2023

Make of your life a mission of peace

In an address to the World Council of Churches in Evanston, Illinois in 1954, Dag Hammarskjöld, the second United Nations secretary-general (1953-61), referred to churches as the "guardians of ... the deepest beliefs and the loftiest dreams ..." of humanity. He died in a plane crash on this date while on a peace mission in the Congo and is the only person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize posthumously. Pope Francis praised him in 2015 for giving his life for "reconciliation among peoples." May the example and inspiration of Hammarskjöld, and the many who work to end conflict in the world, unite the people of God in their pursuit.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10 (443). *"I did not consider myself worthy to come to you; but say the word and let my servant be healed."*

Tuesday, Sep 19, 2023

The real magic of relics

The significance of saintly relics is best understood in light of basic Catholic teaching: Relics aren't talismans born of superstition, nor are they magical souvenirs from worship-worthy saints. Moreover, relics deserve the same basic respect as other human remains. This is key because, historically, relics have been the subject of misunderstanding and abuse, everything from pilgrims who would steal bits of saintly bodies to Martin Luther's objection when relics were sold and hoarded like baubles. God alone works miracles and is worthy of worship. Saints merely agree to be the conduit—in obedience to Divine Love—sometimes paying the price with their martyrs' blood. Consider: The real miracle of Januarius' blood might be that he was willing to sacrifice it.

MEMORIAL OF JANUARIUS, BISHOP, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 7:11-17 (444). *"A great prophet has arisen in our midst and God has visited his people."*

Wednesday, Sep 20, 2023

Be inspired to broaden your concern

On this day in 1918, at the age of 58, Mary Theresa Dudzik entered into eternal life. She accomplished a lot of good in her time on Earth. After immigrating to Chicago from Poland at 21, she would invite poor elderly women and girls to her home. "I felt the misery and suffering of others, and it seemed to me that I could not love Jesus, or even expect Heaven if I were concerned only about myself," she wrote. Dudzik started the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago in 1893, the first order of religious women founded in

Chicago. The community devoted itself to aiding the elderly and those in need. She received the honorary title of "Mother" in 1948 and is now a candidate for sainthood. Learn more about Venerable Mary Theresa Dudzik and her heroic virtue.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 3:14-16; Luke 7:31-35 (445). *"To what shall I compare the people of this generation?"*

Thursday, Sep 21, 2023

Witness value

When the name Saint Matthew comes up, many people recall him as the tax collector apostle who wrote the Gospel of Matthew. Modern scholarship has challenged the belief that Matthew the apostle wrote the gospel with his name on it, and other details of Saint Matthew's death by martyrdom cannot be definitively proven. Maybe having precision about all aspects of Matthew's life is not the most important factor in this feast, however. The church celebrates Matthew for being a faithful apostle and evangelist, things to which every Christian can aspire. Does your life evangelize, that is, bear witness to your belief?

FEAST OF MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13 (643). *"Live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience."*

Friday, Sep 22, 2023

Delve into fresh spiritual classics

The Spirit dwells in each of us and is expressed in myriad ways. The church treasures this rich diversity as "refractions of the one pure light of the Holy Spirit," as the Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it. Too often erased historically, the experiences of women haven't always been allowed to shine as brightly, however. And so we lift up writers such as Monica Coleman, Gloria Anzaldúa, Mary Oliver, Jung Eun Sophia Park, and Phyllis Tickle, renowned spirituality author who died on this date in 2015. Read one of these or another author whose particular "refraction" resonates with your own.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3 (447). *"Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness."*

Saturday, Sep 23, 2023

The essentials of sainthood

Controversy shadowed the life of the mystical Padre Pio, as Pius of Pietrelcina was known. He was said to bear the stigmata, or wounds of Christ, though detractors claimed he manufactured the wounds with carbolic acid. However one views such claims and counter claims, the undeniable fact is that he was a compassionate counselor to the thousands who came to see him during his lifetime, a tireless servant who lived a simple life. At Padre Pio's canonization Mass in 2002, Saint John Paul II said: "The life and mission of Padre Pio testify that difficulties and sorrows, if accepted with love, transform themselves into a privileged journey of holiness, which opens the person toward a greater good, known only to the Lord." You don't have to be a mystic or stigmatist to mirror the ministry of Christ in your own life—all you need is a kind heart and generous spirit.

MEMORIAL OF PIUS OF PIETRELcina, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15 (448). *"And some seed fell on good soil, and when it grew, it produced fruit a hundredfold."*

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

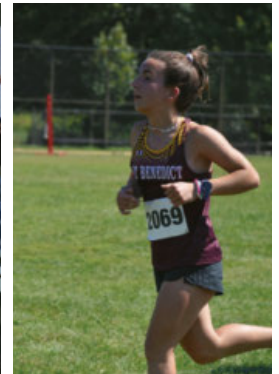


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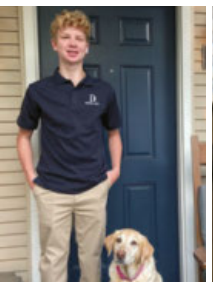
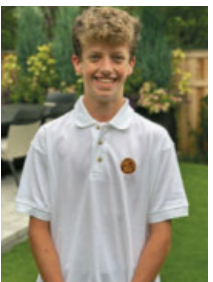
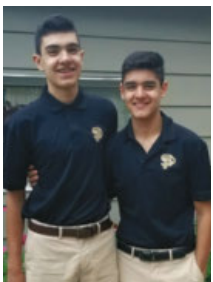
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BENGAL CROSS COUNTRY TEAM ON THEIR 7TH CONSECUTIVE DEPAUL PREP CATHOLIC CUP!

The varsity girls placed first overall in their division and were led by Kate Lawrence in 5th place. Zoe Lee, Ryan Greeby and Ava Mangan also finished in the top 20! The junior varsity girls all finished in first place in their division! Chloe Milton won the race with Maren Castelli, Reese Massick, Zoe Hughes and Kiki Lyons also finishing in the top 10! Amazing job by all of our runners! Congratulations to all of our runners and coaches! The team is back in competition this weekend at the St. Helen Invitational!



Alumni

BEST WISHES TO OUR ALUMNI ON THEIR FIRST DAYS IN HIGH SCHOOL!



Coming Up at St. Ben's | SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
17 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Welcoming Weekend Mass at 8am, 10am, and 12pm in Church Sunday RE Classes 8:15 - 9:45am	18 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Troop 865 Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall Ravenswood Orchestra REHEARSAL 7:30pm SS Library	19 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Pack 3865 Wolves Den Meetings 6pm Beaven Hall	20 Java with Gemo 8am SS Library Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church St. Ben's Womens Club Meeting 9:30am Pine Room-Rectory Advisory Board Meeting 7pm SS Liobrary Gallery Singers Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Choir Area, Church AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	21 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Womens Book Club 7pm Beaven Hall	22 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	23 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Every Child Matters - Awarness - Kateri Pow Wow 11am Gym Reconciliation 11am Church Mass at 5pm Church
24 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass at 8am, 10am, and 12pm in Church Sunday RE Classes 8:15 - 9:45am Tower Arts Recital Hymn Sing 3pm Church	25 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Troop 865 Meeting 7pm Heidenreich Hall St. Vincent de Paul Society Monthly Meeting 6pm Sewing Room Ravenswood Orchestra REHEARSAL 7:30pm SS Library Knights of Columbus Assembly 7:30pm Beaven Hall	26 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	27 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Gallery Singers Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Choir Area, Church AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	28 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Preschool Tours 8:30am SS Library Cub Scout Pack 3865 3rd Grade Meeting 6pm Beaven Hall	29 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  OKTOBERFEST 3 - 10PM COURTYARD	30 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  OKTOBERFEST 1 - 10PM COURTYARD Reconciliation 11am Church Mass at 5pm Church

Stewardship



SUNDAY & HOLY DAY OFFERTORY WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2023



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 Total: \$12,501 (91% of goal)
 Weekly Goal: \$13,673

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Fiscal YTD: \$121,800 (89% of goal)
 Fiscal YTD Goal: \$136,731
 Above/(Below) YTD Goal: (\$14,931)

Masses for the Week

Saturday, September 16 - Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

- 8:30AM Sister Diane Marie Collins - *Scott Arkenberg*
Special Intention for Brett and Judith Curtis -
Maria Luna-Cabrera
- 5PM John, Ann, Mary, and Barbara McDonagh - *Family*
Special Intention for Robert Lucas and Family
Loretta Josephine Barker - *Christa O'Keefe*
and *Marge Lawlor*
Special Intention for Angelina Bityou -
Mom and Dad

Sunday, September 17 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8AM Ilona Weber - *Family*
Sister Diane Marie Collins - *The St. Benedict*
Parish Community
Michael Sheeran - *Bernie McNally*
- 10AM John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*
Francisca Reyes, Victor Goite, and
Dionisio Bandalan - The Goite Family
Deceased Members of the HS Class of 1954
Dradyne Robyne Eudeikis - *Sue Breunig*
- 12PM Billy Hardway, Robert, Tony and Russell Busch -
David Behzad
Deceased Faculty, Staff and Alumni of
St. Benedict High School
Joan Gardner - *The Miller Family*
Rodolfo Zamora - *Normita Zamora and Family*

Monday, September 18 - Weekday

- 8:30AM Charles, Bertha, and Carl Dominik - *Family*

Tuesday, September 19 - Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

- 8:30AM In Thanksgiving for Gloria Hilado

Wednesday, September 20 - Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

- 8:30AM Special Intention for Charito Kang -
The Siao Family

Thursday, September 21 - Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

- 8:30AM Special Intention for Jenny Matykiewicz -
Lucy Consing

Friday, September 22 - Weekday

- 8:30AM Celia M. Baylon - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*

Saturday, September 23 - Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

- 8:30AM Special Intention for Starla Vertucci -
Chris and Rachel Bernhardt
- 5PM The Souls of the Departed Pietschmann Family
Deceased Faculty and Members of the H.S.
Class of 1978
Wendy Foley - *The St. Benedict Parish Community*

Sunday, September 24 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8AM Sister Diane Marie Collins - *Joe and Kathy Minneci*
Luz Resurreccion Vilorio - *The St. Benedict*
Parish Community
Honorata and Edilberto Espiritu, Deogracias
Mendoza, Jr., and Delly Chanyungco - *Family*
- 10AM John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*
Margaret Rizzio - *Chuck and Maggie Rizzio*
Dradyne Robyne Eudeikis - *Sue Breunig*
Paulette DeRock - *Sue Breunig*
- 12PM Maria da Conceicao Ribeiro Lira - *The St. Benedict*
Parish Community
Nicolas G. Dabu, Jr. and *Consolacion D. Dabu -*
Jesus and Lucita Barin

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

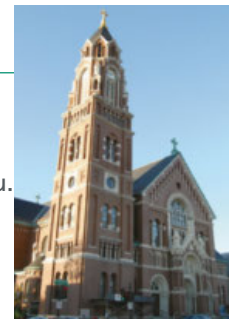


III- Madeleine Hodur and Brian Foss

I - Elizabeth Sara Regalado and Sean Michael Morrissey



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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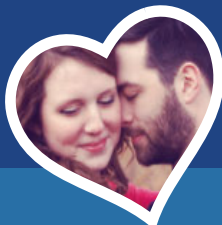
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