

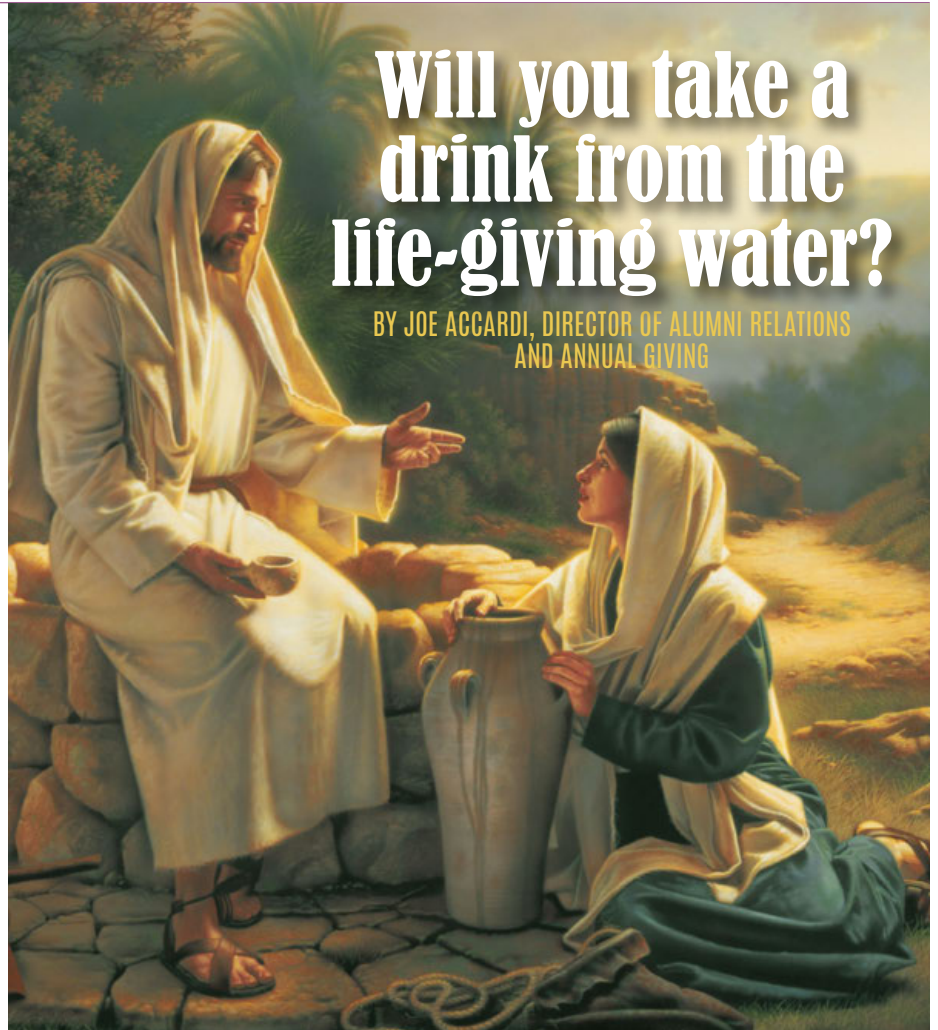
THE STEWARD

3rd Sunday of Lent

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023



Today's Gospel story tells the story of the encounter a Samaritan woman has with Jesus at Jacob's Well. It is a great story that deals with everything from the Samaritan/Jewish rift that existed 2000 years ago to finding truth unexpectedly and the result of spiritual growth in one's faith. This is another of those great shock value stories in the Bible. Here the woman who encounters Our Lord just shows contempt and indignation towards Jesus. She knows He's a Jew; she knows of the Jewish disdain for her people and how they choose to worship God, she also knows that the Jews were never to speak to Samaritans. This intrigues her and the more and more that she gets to conversing with Jesus, she changes her tune. So does Jesus. He is very abrupt with her when He asks the favor of the initial drink. But later the compassionate side, His Sacred Heart, which is unbounded in love for the lost and forsaken, takes charge. Jesus decides to take a break from the journey to Jerusalem to the end we all know which is Calvary. He makes time for this woman who, and here is the shocking detail, has not been the model wife having had 5 husbands and the one she was with now isn't her husband. The unexpected truth comes out. Jesus knows He needed to play that card with her to begin her conversion and the conversion of the people of her town. The Samaritan townpeople also intrigued by initial shocking story come to believe in Christ and tell the woman so. What about the apostles during all this? Does the phrase "out to lunch" sound appropriate? They have been living with Jesus for 3 years now,



Will you take a drink from the life-giving water?

BY JOE ACCARDI, DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS AND ANNUAL GIVING

listening to Him teach, and witnessing every kind of miracle from the multiplication of loaves and fishes to the raising of Jarius' daughter from the dead. And they still question why he is talking to her and if he has had food. Why not? Jesus always was going beyond the law of the Jewish religion of His time. They still have a hard time understanding what He is all about and His mission so He then spells it out, but I can see Him shaking His head. But just as He is loving to that woman

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at the well so is He with the motley group of apostles He chose to take on the world after His Resurrection. He knows the potential for a faith-filled life as long as the person is willing to take it on and the potential for greatness once that person begins to act on the faith they have. So He explains, "I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together."

I often wonder what happened to those Samaritans turned "Christians" or "believers in the Christ". Did they become one of the first Christian communities? Is this one of the groups that St. Paul would later engage with as he began his evangelization outside of Jerusalem. They might be the blood ancestors of the Christians who still live outside of Jerusalem in the Holy Land today. No matter if they are or are not the blood ancestors, they still possess the truth of the Gospel that the ancestors came to believe in. And it gives them the courage they need as the minority in a land where Jews and Moslems outnumber them greatly. And they wouldn't have it any other way for they are at peace with God.

How appropriate today's Gospel is to coincide with our focus for the Third Week of Lent in regards to our Almsgiving Project supporting the missions of the Catholic Extension Society. What group today needs to have that encounter with Jesus more than ever, that life-changing, make you want to stop and think about your future, encounter with God?? Our young people!!

So that is why I am writing this Sunday Sharing to highlight a place where encountering Jesus in a different way can be that stop and think moment for young people: **Legendary Lodge in Seeley Lake, Montana**. The Catholic Extension Society is assisting Legendary Lodge with their youth ministry camps to continue to provide those encounters with Jesus that can result in a more faith-filled life, one more engaged in service to their local Church, one that may lead to a vocation to become a religious sister or diocesan priest. As Christ says in the Gospel, "the harvest is ripe,...one sows and another reaps." Parents have planted the seed of faith, now for teens getting ready to be confirmed and older teens becoming young adults, Legendary Lodge provides that "encounter at Jacob's Well with Christ". Through their program at camp they provide the setting where God surrounds them with His beauty of the mountains and forests of Montana so they can come to enjoy building friendships with not only their peers but with Christ as well. The challenge presented is to live out a Christian life "on the other side of the lake" back in their home parishes and school communities. Legendary Lodge camps are filled with adventure, friendship and plenty of fun. Campers are encouraged in Discipleship, to learn about their Faith and encounter God's profound love.

For the counselors and leaders at Legendary Lodge, it's their goal that this experience does not leave when camp is over. They work closely with the Bishop Austin Vetter of Helena, area priests, youth ministers and parents to ensure the themes and ideas discussed are built upon throughout the year. Based on the impactful camp experience, parishes are seeing their youth continue church involvement year-round. The Diocese of Helena's youth ministry program is truly connecting the dots between small, rural faith communities and the universal Church. The powerful momentum built throughout the diocese by their youth programs looks to form tomorrow's leaders of the Church.

Read more about Legendary Lodge and Catholic Extension's support of youth ministry in the diocese of Helena, Montana, and a vocation journey that was affirmed at Legendary Lodge on the following pages.

We hope you will be generous with your Lenten Almsgiving and support the youth ministry in the diocese of Helena, Montana.



This week of Lent we are praying for Legendary Lodge Youth Ministry in Seeley Lake, Montana



Support Legendary Lodge in the Diocese of Helena, Montana grow. Your efforts will ensure that many more generations of Catholic campers can come to know Christ at summer camp at Legendary Lodge.

Legendary Lodge offers a robust youth ministry program that is “connecting the dots” between small, rural faith communities and the universal Church. Legendary Lodge is often referred to by locals as “the jewel of the diocese.”

The

beautiful campground is located on a pristine river valley nestled between Montana mountains. Each summer, nearly 900 children travel to the campsite for a unique Catholic experience. The mission of Legendary Lodge has remained constant - to guide and accompany young disciples as they encounter Christ in prayer, sacrament, community, and the beauty of God's creation. Focused on faith formation, the camp provides a week of prayer, fellowship, adventure, and joy. These cherished experiences persist as building blocks of faith, service and generosity that last long into adulthood.



All camps are staffed by outstanding Catholic young adults who express their faith and personally model for the campers examples of knowing and serving Christ. A time-honored tradition at Legendary Lodge is that each night a camp counselor tells an interesting story or a testimony about their personal faith. Based on the impactful camp experience, parishes are seeing their youth continue church involvement year-round.

The dream at Legendary Lodge has always been to expand the camp to increase the number of campers they can accept each summer. You can help make that dream come

true for Legendary Lodge! **Let's help more Legendary Lodge campers grow in their faith!**

Thank you for your support and generosity!

St. Benedict parish and school community is partnering with Catholic Extension this Lenten season to support their work throughout the country.

... Oliver's Success Story

One example comes from the Catholic Extension blog which recounts the story of Oliver, a camp counselor at Legendary Lodge. While the sun set behind the mountains, a campfire was carefully lit by the water's edge. Bleachers circled the fire pit and were quickly filled with campers excitedly laughing and talking amongst themselves. Each night, a camp counselor tells an interesting story or a testimony about their personal faith. After a few ice-breaking campfire songs, we learned it was Oliver's night to share his faith testimony, and everyone hushed to listen.

Oliver explained his personal journey and ultimate decision to attend seminary school in the fall at St. John Vianney Theological Seminary. He said that he felt a natural calling to the priesthood during his youth, but "didn't have friends interested in discussing their faith," and he put those thoughts



on shelf. When Oliver attended a small Catholic college in Helena, he became immersed in campus ministry, and found many other youths interested and engaged in their Catholic faith. During this time, Oliver was pursuing a career path in medicine; he also hoped to have a family some day. Throughout this time, he knew he was still interested in the priesthood, but "I was always waiting for my big sign," he said.

Then, while visiting the Vatican with classmates from college, it happened. While his close friends knelt down and prayed at St. Peter's tomb, Oliver stood quietly in the back and felt a great love open from deep within him. "At that moment, I was overwhelmed with my love for the Eucharist," he explained through tears. "It still chokes me up today—I'm getting used to being this emotional when I speak about it." Oliver's overwhelming experience led him to contact Fr. Marc Lenneman, a trusted priest and mentor with whom he spoke with often. Fr. Marc, who was present at the fire that night, knew Oliver from his college campus ministry and is also the Chaplain at Legendary Lodge. After prayer and reflection, Oliver fully realized and "opened himself up" to his true calling, the priesthood. It was not an easy process, but he now feels God's plan has been fully revealed to him.

After Oliver's heartfelt story, many others opened up around that very fire and spoke about their hopes, dreams, fears and faith. Humorous stories and laughter intertwined with the deeply personal and profound.

I want to think that this story of the campfire sharing is similar to what happened in that Samaritan town long ago. So just as in the Gospel, the unexpected truth comes forth, the stories are told and recounted, Jesus is found to be the Christ, and the future is brighter.



The Disciple Maker Index Survey is Open! Please Read and Help!

IT'S OFFICIAL!

Please help us, participate by completing a 10-15 minute survey, as soon as possible.

The survey will only be available beginning today and will end March 19. We ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Father Steve and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Thank you for helping with this important project!

GO TO THE SURVEY >>>



St. Andrew and St. Benedict
Combined Parish Mission

Encounters with God

Personal stories and conversations of how God is present and transforms lives.

Inspired by The Moth Podcast, a nonprofit organization that celebrates the commonality and diversity of human experience through the art and craft of true, personal storytelling.

March 26-28

March 26 | 4pm

St. Andrew Parish
3546 N. Paulina Street
Chicago, IL

March 27 & 28 | 7pm

Mrs. Murphy's Irish Bistro
3905 N. Lincoln Ave
Chicago, IL



St. Andrew Parish
1880 - 1886 - 1887



A limited menu will be available for purchase... free will offerings for food will be accepted

Meet a few of our Storytellers



DENNIS O'TOOLE
St. Ben's Parishioner, parent of 3 children at SBPS, and head of the St. Ben's Dad Group



KATHLEEN BALZCIK
SBPS Graduate, Youth Ministry participant currently attending DePaul College Prep



JEANNETTE HEINER
Long time St. Ben's parishioner and member of The Gallery Singers

Moths represent transformation, resurrection, wisdom, concealment, determination, vulnerability, and weakness. In symbolizing change, the spiritual meaning of a moth is accepting that change instead of hiding from it, having faith that you will eventually see the light.

SAINT HEDWIG

SAINT JOSAPHAT

SAINT CLEMENT

Holy Thursday Bus Tour Pilgrimage to Seven Churches

SAINT STANISLAUS KOSTKA

BUS LEAVES SAINT BENEDICT CHURCH AT 8:30PM SHARP FROM FRONT STEPS

WE RETURN APPROXIMATELY 11:30PM

HOLY TRINITY POLISH MISSION

SPACE IS LIMITED - RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY AT [SARKENBERG@STBENEDICT.COM](mailto:sarkenbergs@stbenedict.com)

SAINT HYACINTH BASILICA

THERE WILL BE A MINIMAL CHARGE TO COVER THE RENTAL OF THE BUS

SAINT ANDREW



SEVEN CHURCHES BUS TOUR

Holy Thursday is the feast that marks the end of Lent and the beginning of the Holy Triduum, which also includes Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. At this Mass of the Lord's Supper Catholics remember the Passover meal, when Jesus instituted the sacrament of the holy Eucharist by sharing bread and wine with his disciples, saying, *"Do this in memory of Me."*

At the end of the Holy Thursday Mass, the Eucharist is placed on a temporary "altar of repose" away from the sanctuary. It is customary for the faithful to process together to this altar and spend time in quiet prayer and adoration. In the Roman Missal, it states: *"The faithful are invited to continue adoration before the Blessed Sacrament for a suitable length of time during the night, according to circumstance."*

The Seven Churches Visitation is a tradition that grew out of this time of prayer and adoration. Catholics remember when Jesus asked his disciples to stay and watch with Him while they were in the garden. This tradition of mindful watching is a sort of pilgrimage to various altars of repose, in different churches that correspond to each of the seven places, or "stations," that were made by Jesus between the Last Supper in the Upper Room to His crucifixion on the cross.

Please join us on Holy Thursday beginning at 8:30pm as we begin our 7 church pilgrimage. We will visit Saint Hedwig, Saint Josaphat, Saint Clement, Saint Stanislaus Kostka, Holy Trinity Polish Mission, Saint Hyacinth Basilica and Saint Andrew. Space is limited. Please contact Scott Arkenberg sarkenbergs@stbenedict.com to reserve a space. There will be a small charge to cover the cost of the bus.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INVITES YOU TO THE LAST LENTEN ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FISH FRY!

FRIDAY, MARCH 31 @5-8PM

DONATIONS:

Adults \$15.00 Children \$5.00

Dinner includes fish, French fries, coleslaw, mac 'n cheese, dessert and a drink

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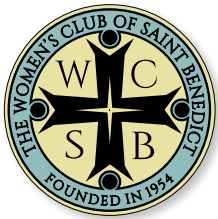


Taizé Prayer

*Around
the Cross*

Thursday
March 23, 2023
at 7pm

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THE ST BENEDICT'S WOMEN'S CLUB is holding their next monthly meeting on **Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 9:30 in Heidenreich Hall**. Please park in the church parking lot and enter Heidenreich Hall through Door #3, under the bridge. Heidenreich Hall is elevator-accessible. Someone will be at the door to let you in. If there are questions please contact Caroline at carolinepadmanabhan@gmail.com. We will be doing a service project this month. All women of the parish are invited.

PRO – LIFE ALERT LIST

Occasionally as the Pro-Life coordinator for our parish I get "alerts" from the Archdiocesan Office of Human Dignity and Solidarity. These alerts are in the form of requests to call our legislators to vote for or against legislation that impacts Pro Life issues. If anyone would wish to be on this Alert list to please send me your email address or if you don't have an email address your telephone number. I will Blind Copy the list so that your email address will be hidden. **Please send to dreyes@stbenedict.com**. As always please keep in your prayers those who work in the Pro-Life field and for the victims of "Pro Choice" policies.



THE ST. BEN'S LUNCH PROGRAM IS IN NEED OF DRINKS SUCH AS:

sparkling water | juice | soda | water

We are currently ok with sandwiches and chips.
Thank you for your generosity.

March 12, 2023

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7 | Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 | Jn 4:5-42

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Even St. Teresa of Calcutta experienced a period of “spiritual dryness.” We pray, we go to Mass faithfully, we serve others – yet at times God’s presence may seem elusive. Like the Israelites, we may ask, “Is the Lord in our midst or not?” As we enter the third Sunday of Lent, today’s readings assure us that God remains with us even during those times we may feel spiritually parched. In Exodus, water flows from a rock to satisfy the people. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the Samaritan woman at the well: “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman, a sinner and an outcast, recognizes Jesus as Messiah, and it changes her life. Even when we don’t “feel” God’s presence, we can rest assured that Jesus stands beside us. He is our redemption and our Hope, and “Hope does not disappoint.”

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In today’s Gospel, Jesus breaks with custom by talking to a woman – a Samaritan woman, no less. He “sees” her – knowing she has been married five times before and is living with a man not her husband. Yet he chooses to reveal to her his identity as the Messiah and offers her “living water.” But it doesn’t end there. The woman at the well goes forth and shares her experience with others. Many more came to believe in the Messiah based on her testimony. What an unlikely disciple! We may feel that we, too, are unlikely disciples: We are sinners, we’ve made mistakes, perhaps we feel we are unworthy to “represent” Jesus to others. But nothing is further from the truth. Jesus invites us not only to partake of the living water but to share it with others so that all may believe.

ACTION Put a note on your mirror or bedside: “Hope does not disappoint.” Each morning, remind yourself that Jesus is the source of our hope, and try to think of ways to share this hope with others.



Sunday, Mar 12, 2023

Truth be told

Pontius Pilate famously asked Jesus, “What is truth?” Pilate didn’t stick around for the answer (which in itself says a lot), but if he had, he might have heard something like the definition the Catechism of the Catholic Church provides: “Truth as uprightness in human action and speech is called truthfulness, sincerity, or candor. Truth or truthfulness is the virtue which consists in showing oneself true in deeds and truthful in words, and in guarding against duplicity, dissimulation, and hypocrisy.” Now we have a sense of what it means to imitate Christ in all things.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

TODAY’S READINGS: Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42 (28). *“God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth.”*

Monday, Mar 13, 2023

On the frontiers of servanthood

When you think of the legendary figures of the Wild West, Billy the Kid, Buffalo Bill, Annie Oakley, Geronimo, and Sitting Bull come to mind. But how about Sister Blandina Segale? Add her to list—because she had encounters with many of those men and women, and her life was also the stuff of lore. Born in 1850, this Italian-American Sister of Charity of Cincinnati traveled alone through the American frontier to serve the poor and sick (including saving the life of a seriously wounded Billy the Kid), to advocate for Native American civil rights, and to fight against lynching (including protecting a contrite murderer from a mob). This Catholic Sisters Week (March 8-14) count Segale, honored by the church with the title servant of God, among the heroic sisters who have your gratitude for spreading the faith.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY’S READINGS: 2 Kings 5:1-15b; Luke 4:24-30 (237). *“Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place.”*

Tuesday, Mar 14, 2023

No room for hate

Fannie Lou Hamer died this day in 1977. But she nearly died in 1963, in a Mississippi jail cell—so badly beaten, as a civil rights advocate, that her cell mate didn’t think she’d survive the night. But Hamer asked her to join in singing the hymn “Walk With Me, Lord” and lived to see another day. In fact Hamer lived to testify, on television, before the 1964 Democratic National Convention. A tireless campaigner for women’s voting rights, she was also inducted into the National Women’s Hall of Fame. Follow Hamer’s lead in fostering forgiveness: “I feel sorry for anybody that could let hate wrap them up. Ain’t no such thing as I can hate anybody and hope to see God’s face.”

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY’S READINGS: Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35 (238). *“Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him?”*

Wednesday, Mar 15, 2023

Printing the truth is worth the struggle

On this week in 1827, *Freedom’s Journal* began publication as the first African-American newspaper in history. Founded by Protestant minister John Wilk and leading free black men in New York City, the paper would set off a revolution in U.S. media, resulting in similar papers being established nationwide, forming the black press. Daniel Rudd founded the first black Catholic

newspaper in 1885, and the explosion in African-American conversions to Catholicism in the 20th century can be attributed in large part to these newspapers advertising better conditions in the northern United States (where Catholic parishes and schools happened to be plentiful). The black press continues today in many American cities and represents one of the nation’s original justice-focused professional institutions. Consider supporting a local—or national—black news outlet today.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY’S READINGS: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19 (239). *“Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.”*

Thursday, Mar 16, 2023

Let God carry it

The comedy-drama *The Banshees of Inisherin* features a man gloomy about his eventual death going to Confession over a period of weeks. Each time, the priest asks, “And how is the despair?” implying despair itself might be seen as a sin—rather tough but also tender in the way the priest wants to understand the whole man. The church upholds hope as a virtue and warns against despair because it can leave no room for God’s grace. That said, our faith leaders have long shown compassion for the complexities of depression in its many forms. Whatever your emotional state, consider turning today’s burdens over to God.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY’S READINGS: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23 (240). *“But if it is by the finger of God that I drive out demons, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you.”*

Friday, Mar 17, 2023

As luck would have it

The Lord expects great things from us: namely, to love God with our whole heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Are humans really capable of such love? Irish writer Oscar Wilde had his doubts: “I sometimes think that God in creating man somewhat overestimated his ability.” We human beings do tend to make a mess of things when left to our own devices, but luckily for us, we have a loving God who sent Jesus to show us the way to love, and the Holy Spirit to keep us on the path of love. In honor of Saint Patrick, remember to draw on the Trinity as you continually recalibrate your trajectory toward love.

MEMORIAL OF PATRICK, BISHOP

TODAY’S READINGS: Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34 (241). *“Straight are the paths of the LORD, in them the just walk.”*

Saturday, Mar 18, 2023

The fragrance of forgiveness

Cyril, a fourth-century bishop of Jerusalem and a doctor of the church, was instrumental in forming the church’s doctrinal understanding of the Holy Spirit. He wrote, “The Spirit comes gently and makes himself known by his fragrance. He is not felt as a burden for God is light . . . The Spirit comes with the tenderness of a true friend to save, to heal, to teach, to counsel, to strengthen and to console.” The formula for absolution in the sacrament of Reconciliation identifies the Holy Spirit as sent “for the forgiveness of sins.” Celebrate the sacrament at your church this afternoon.

MEMORIAL OF CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY’S READINGS: Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14 (242). *“O God, be merciful to me a sinner.”*

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



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OFFERING MEANINGFUL RETREATS IS ONE EFFECTIVE WAY TO HAVE YOUNG PEOPLE REFLECT ON THE GIFT OF THEIR FAITH AND HELP THEM EXPLORE IN AGE-APPROPRIATE WAYS WHERE THEY ARE ON THEIR FAITH JOURNEY.

As our 8th graders prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in April, the parish is offering a Confirmation retreat in March for our Confirmandi. This year, we have NET ministries facilitating this retreat.

One of the terms of the agreement with Net Ministries is that the parish is responsible for housing the missionary team. If you are willing to be a host home for the missionary leaders, please email Elaine Lindia at elindia@stbenedict.com. Having missionaries in your home is a great way to support the work of your church and offering hospitality to young people who are giving a year of life in service to the church. It also makes for interesting company in your homes!

The parish is able to provide all meals for the team members here at the parish, but we do need help finding 3 families to host the members.

There will be 3 men and 5 women coming for the retreat. They need to be in groups no smaller than 2 people which means that we need a host home for the 3 men and 2 host homes for the women, one for 3, the other for 2.

The requirements are as follows:

Every team member has his or her own sleeping bag and mat, pillow, towel, and toiletries so floors, couches, or air mattresses work just fine. They will need access to a bathroom and shower.

The missionaries will need housing on the evenings of 3/24 and 3/25.

Ms. Gemo has housed NET Ministries missionaries in the past. Feel free to reach out to her if you have any questions. They really are low maintenance and easy to house.



LIL' BENGALS PLAY & PRAY - FRIDAY, MARCH 31ST

Play & Pray with your young cub (6 months – 2 years old) at St. Benedict Preparatory School. Play & Pray provides you the opportunity to socialize, build community, and connect with members of our parish and school. Sessions are held in the Preschool Gross Motor Room with padded floors and age-appropriate play equipment.

Parents and children only please.

Questions? Contact Janet Gallagher, Director of Enrollment & Marketing at jjgallagher@stbenedict.com or 773-509-3814.

St. Benedict Preparatory Preschool
3901 N Bell (corner of Byron and Bell)
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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The 22nd Annual Gala "Under the Big Top"

to be held at Rockwell on the River on April 15th! You will be hearing a lot in the coming weeks about this event fundraiser – our largest of the year!

Did you know?
This is our 22nd annual Gala and it used to be called Ball and Auction. Join us for our church and school's largest fundraiser.



Lookback at Gala 2022:
Last year's Gala was a record breaking success bringing in over \$350,000 profit to the school which roughly broke down to: \$110,000 to the Fund-A-Need Tuition Assistance, \$24,000 to Facility Improvements, and \$218,000 to Operating Expenditures.

It will be a night to remember!
This year's Under the Big Top will be a fun night for everyone to dress up (black tie optional) and enjoy circus performers, live music, incredibly unique auction items, and great food. It's sure to be a night to remember while supporting St. Ben's mission and programs.

**SATURDAY,
APRIL 15, 2023
AT ROCKWELL ON THE RIVER**



Ways your generous donation can make a difference!

TEACHER TICKETS

As a thank you to our faculty, parish and school staff, and volunteer catechists, we collect contributions so they can attend the event at no charge. We raise over \$15,000 each year so they can attend. Teachers in turn provide "teacher treats" experiences that are auctioned at the event so our students can have a special time with their favorite teachers (Over \$25,000 raised in 2022). Forms to come home the week of February 6th. Thank you for your consideration.

WINE PULL/BOURBON PULL

A fun part of the evening is our Wine Pull which has over 100 bottles of select red, white, and sparkling wines valued at \$30 minimum, and bourbon valued at a \$40 minimum. Each year the wine pull alone raises \$2,500 for our school. We are excited to also offer a bourbon pull this year! Consider donating a bottle or two in the weeks ahead.

SCHOOL PROJECTS

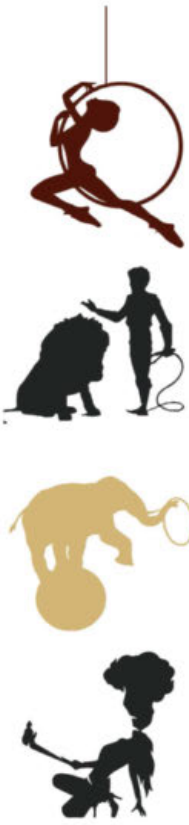
We are changing things up this year and offering School Projects available to everyone instead of the class projects specific to grades. This year we will be selling a hard cover/coffee table style cookbook features recipes and photos from our very own families. Please submit your recipe at the link provided in the St. Ben's Gala Weekly Email. We will also be selling 2023-2024 calendars featuring pictures of the students and all the dates you need to know for the upcoming school year. Another project will be one of a kind puzzle pieces to purchase and have your student paint during a workshop with Mrs. Stancin, our Art Teacher. These puzzle pieces will be a permanent installation in our school hallways. Stay tuned for these amazing projects the night of the Gala.

POST PARTIES (formally known as After Parties)


Post Parties are another fun part of our Gala fundraising. In fact, in 2022, Post Parties brought in over \$30,000 for the school. Post parties are held after the Gala on a future date. These parties happen through spring, summer and fall and they are hosted by generous families at school. You may have heard people talking this year about the Clam Bake, the Ladies Golf Outing, Trivia night, or the Gingerbread Decorating Contest to name a few... These were all Post Parties.

Here is how they work: The hosts decide on the theme, location, and number of guests that can attend. Then tickets go on sale the day of the Gala. So if you are looking forward to attending a Post Party this year, keep your eye out on the day of the Gala, some go fast!

*Interested in joining a great group of volunteers planning the event? Committees include venue and entertainment planning, solicitation of sponsorships and auction items, school project creation and silent & live auction packaging.
Contact Amy Cuples, Kat Neehan, and Becky Schick at gala@stbenedict.com.



Coming Up at St. Ben's | March 2023

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 12 3rd Sunday of Lent Masses at 8am, 10am, and 12pm Church Knights of Columbus 11am Sewing Room Ravenswood Orchestra March Concert 3pm Ackerman Center Youth Ministry Lent Event for RE 4:45pm Kittler Hall | 13 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church | 14 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church | 15 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Women's Club Meeting 9:30am Heidenreich Hall | 16 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church | 17 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  Stations of the Cross 7pm Church | 18 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Reconciliation 11am Church Welcoming Weekend Mass at 5pm Church |
| 19 4th Sunday of Lent Welcoming Weeekend Masses at 8am, 10am, and 12pm Church Dads Group Get Together after 10am Mass 11am Beaven Hall Mass at Kateri Center Convent Chapel 11am | 20 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church HNS Monthly Meeting 7pm Sewing Room Webelos II Meeting 7pm Cafeteria Troop 865 Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall Ravenswood Orchestra Practice 7pm SS Library | 21 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church | 22 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Daisy Girl Scouts Kindergarten 2:30pm Beaven Hall Cub Scout Bears 5pm Beaven Hall Advisory Board Meeting 7pm SS Library AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall | 23 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church First Grade Daisy Scouts 2pm Room 317 - Global Learning Lab Gala Meeting 6pm SS Library Cub Scout Pack 3865 Wolves Den Meetings 6:30pm Beaven Hall Taize Prayer Service 7pm Church | 24 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Stations of the Cross 7pm Church | 25 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Reconciliation 11am Church Cub Scout Pack 3865 Pinewood Dirby Setup 3pm Ackerman Center |

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Sunday & Holy Day Offertory Week of February 26

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Masses for the Week

Saturday, March 11 - Lenten Weekday

8:30AM Special Intention for Leda Wildner
5PM Richard Wood - *Family*
Bud and Chuck Jerger - *Family*
Special Intention for Robert Quattrocchi
- *Chris Michihara and Family*

Sunday, March 12 - Third Sunday of Lent

8AM Helene Lorraine Wolfe - *Melissa Mulhern*
10AM John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*
Susano Sanchez Paez
- *Ceferina Sanchez Paez*
Linda Jouzaitis - *Mom and Family*
Karen Mocarski - *The St. Benedict*
Parish Community
12PM Coleman "Sonny" McDonough, Jr.
- *The St. Benedict Parish Community*

Monday, March 13 - Lenten Weekday

8:30AM Elizabeth Barg - *Daughter*

Tuesday, March 14 - Lenten Weekday

8:30AM Special Intention for Ariya Schmookler
- *Family*
Birthday Blessings for Aurora and
Jorge Cortes - *Paz Endrigo*

Wednesday, March 15 - Lenten Weekday

8:30AM Special Intention for Patricia Ann King

Thursday, March 16 - Lenten Weekday

8:30AM James J. Dinchak - *Shirley Bednarek*

Friday, March 17 - Saint Patrick, Bishop

8:30AM John Patrick Lawlor - *Marge Lawlor*
John Francis Lawlor - *Marge Lawlor*
Crispina Sanchez Paez
- *Ceferina Sanchez Paez*
Felipe Espaldon - *Family*

Saturday, March 18 - Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop

8:30AM Mary Meyer Pinchot (Class of '57)
- *The St. Benedict Alumni Office*
5PM Theresa "Terrie" Latino
- *The St. Benedict Parish Community*
Peter Fallest - *Chris Michihara and Family*
Fr. Jim Friedel - *Nancy Hoffmann*
Special Intention for Irene Esqueda
- *The Cromwell Family*

Sunday, March 19 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

8AM Ilona Weber - *Caroline Padmanabhan*
Special Intention for Rachel
10AM Mary Flatley - *B. Kelly*
John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*
Kelley Halper - *Karen Cholipski*
- *Ceferina Sanchez Paez*
Pauline Couch - *Jules and Carol*
VanRengen and Family
12PM Special Intention for Joseph Fragale
Special Intention for John Zarlengo
- *The Saccaro Family*
Milagros Ola - *Daughter, Gloria Hilado*

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.

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| Gloria Arsenia | Ken McFadden |
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| Vincent Castellano | Julie Raheja-Perera |
| Carmen M. Clarin | Marla Rizzutti |
| Mayden H. Eichendorf | Alex Sandoval |
| Irene Esqueda | Cecilia Fell Schott |
| Amy Joy Goldie | (Class of 72) |
| Anne Hoellich | Bill Shaver |
| Marilyn Jerger | Eden Sobrepena |
| Charlene Johnson | Jim Strzalka |
| Patricia Ann King | Audrey Venkatesh |
| Jackson James Limburg | Leda Wildner |
| Giorgio Marconi | |

Baptisms

Henry George, *son of Colin and Emily Houlihan*

Loving God,

Please take the troubles of the day away from me,
so that I may experience your peace as I enter my home.

Thank you for my wonderful family and friends
who fill me with joy.

Help me to be a loving family member, a true friend,
and a good neighbor.

May your love shine through me.

Amen

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
about or joining one of the many
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following person(s):

Parish Council Chair: Karen Cholipski
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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.
Homebound: Call the rectory to arrange
communion in home for those unable to
attend Mass.
Mass Intentions: Mass intentions may be
requested for someone who is living or
deceased, to commemorate a birthday,
special anniversary, or the anniversary
of a loved one's death.*

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VOCATIONS ACTIVITIES

How can you support Fr. Tim Monahan, Director of Vocations?

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