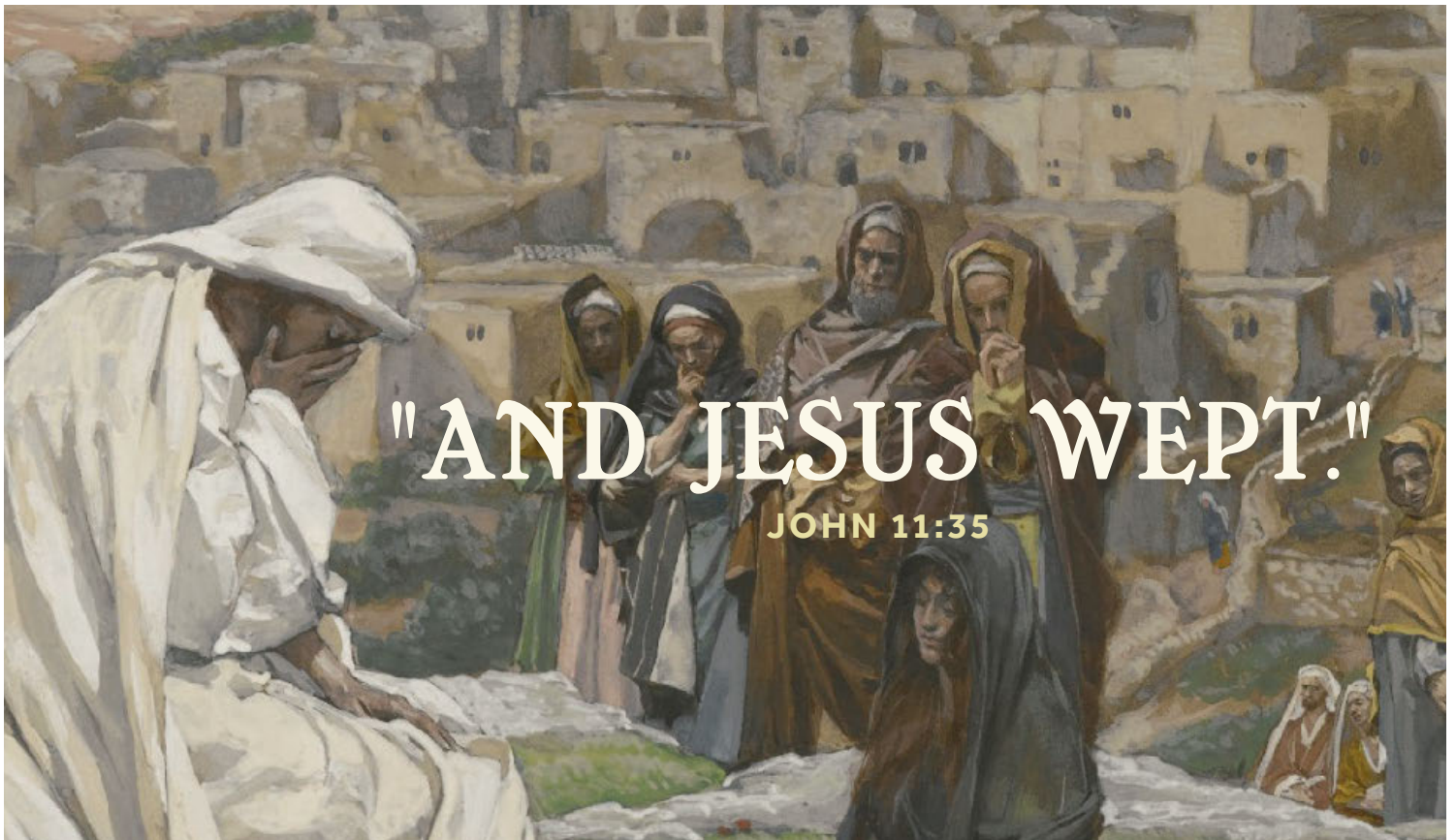


# THE STEWARD

*5th Sunday of Lent*

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023



"AND JESUS WEPT."

JOHN 11:35



**BY FR. STEVE KANONIK, PASTOR**

Our Gospel Story this week is a powerful story about the raising of Lazarus from the dead. We know of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus from other stories in the scriptures, so we know that this family were friends of Jesus.

They send a message to Jesus about Lazarus' serious illness and Jesus answers with the interesting statement the illness was for the glory of God, and it would be so that the Son of God would be glorified through it. We know of course, that these events end with Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead.

These events caused Martha to profess her belief that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Now

obviously, Jesus knew he was going to raise Lazarus from the dead, so he knew the outcome of these events. But, an interesting thing that happens is when Jesus saw Mary and the others who were with her weeping, the text says, "Jesus wept."

This was such a powerful moment that some realized the depth of Jesus' love for Lazarus. But, others questioned why he had not done more for Lazarus if he loved him and his sisters. Why had he not come sooner and done something to heal him.

In many ways, this is the very thing we experience and hear in our own lives. We believe God loves us, and we profess our belief in Jesus as the

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Son of God. But, in all lives there are times of great difficulty and terrible loss. When these things happen, some people find themselves drawn in closer to God. Their faith in God is strengthened, and they feel more loved by God. However, we are even more likely to hear people question. If God loves us so much, why does he allow us to suffer? If God can do anything why did he create a world, where people (even those who follow him), must suffer?

The problem of evil has no simple answer, and what we offer can leave us feeling less than satisfied. While we believe that if we offer up our sufferings, God can use them to bring blessings to others; this still leaves us enduring difficulty in this life.

Part of what we believe is that God did create a world without suffering that we will share in. He created a world where Human life will be complete. And, we believe that he did invite us to share in that world. We call that, Heaven. Our hope rests in the belief that because Jesus died for our sins, we have the forgiveness that will allow us to share in this glory.

In this life, and in this world, we will still need to endure the incompleteness that is the life we live on earth. Although we cannot completely understand what role pain and suffering have in our life here and our journey to eternal life with God, we trust that God can transform this pain and suffering into some force for good. In the meanwhile, the main "answer" we receive is that simple phrase "And Jesus wept."

It affirms our belief that God walks with us through these troubles. He knows deeply how these terrible events affect us and He is there to support us in these times. In our trust and in our offering, God does transform evil to a force for goodness.

The most powerful sign of this is the cross and the death of Jesus. God takes this terrible evil and transforms it into the very means of our salvation. God takes some of the worse of human life and uses it to heal us and bring us to glory with God in heaven.



The Survey ends on March 26th - Please Read and Help!

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

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!



## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

### *Palm Sunday*

SATURDAY, APRIL 1 AT 5PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND AT 8AM, 10AM AND 12PM

### *Holy Thursday*

APRIL 6

Morning Pray Service at 8:30am

Mass of the Last Supper at 7pm

Holy Thursday Bus Tour at 8pm

(must register - see pg 6)

### *Good Friday*

APRIL 7

Morning Prayer Service at 8:30am

Stations of the Cross at 12pm

Mid-Day Prayer at 3pm

Good Friday Service at 7pm

### *Holy Saturday*

APRIL 8

Morning Prayer at 8:30am

Reconciliation at 11am

Blessing of Baskets at 12pm

Easter Vigil at 7pm

### *Easter Sunday*

APRIL 9

Mass at 8am, 10am and 12pm in Church

Mass at 10:30am in Gym

## This week of Lent we are praying for the St. Anthony Mission and School in the Zuni Pueblo of New Mexico

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



**Support St. Anthony Mission and school in the Diocese of Gallup, New Mexico.** St. Anthony Mission and school serves the Zuni Pueblo. Father Patrick McGuire is pastor there. Fr. McGuire is a missionary priest from Scotland. St. Anthony Mission was founded in 1920 with the Catholic school being a source of hope and a unifying institution for the region.

With its ponderosa pines, desert and juniper shrubs, the vast landscape around the church is revered by the local people as “Mother Earth.” Thirty percent of homes here lack access to

potable water. Fr. McGuire always keeps parish facilities readily open and available so residents could draw water.

The locals come to the mission to fill up their containers and trucks with life-giving water. One neighbor brings a container on wheels, filling it with his supply of fresh water for an entire week and then pulling it along the road all the way home. Many like him simply would not survive without our mission.

About 70 percent of the population is unemployed with more than a third living in poverty. Fr. McGuire recounted the suffering of a 17-year-old boy, orphaned when COVID-19 took the lives of both of his parents and left several young siblings in his care. The teen struggled to complete his education in a home without internet or electricity. “We do everything we can to bring some measure of relief,” said Fr. McGuire. “Wrapping it in the



mantel of God’s love made visible through them.”

When asked what he likes most about the Zuni people, Fr. McGuire said, “The strength of family, the extended family. That would be the most obvious one. And then the sense of the divine in life.”

He sees his ministry as reminiscent of apostolic times, “when witness and word were the means of evangelization. Each in his or her own way with our limited resources are finding some means to facilitate the Holy Spirit’s action.”



**Thank you for your support and generosity!**

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# Program Helped Struggling Catholic Schools Survive the Pandemic

Four Native American Catholic schools remain open through expert guidance offered by a Catholic Extension initiative.



In 2017 four Catholic schools serving Native American students in the Diocese of Gallup began a four-year program to help them improve their long-term strategies, finances and enrollment. The schools could not have known just how essential the program would be when the COVID-19 pandemic arrived.

Catholic Extension offers the program to struggling Catholic schools in Extension dioceses through our Catholic School Sustainability Initiative. The program is operated by Catholic School Management Inc., a division of Christian Brothers Services. It works with school leaders to promote long-term viability of schools by improving the effectiveness of school boards, communications, fundraising and enrollment management.

The schools, all located in New Mexico, operate in some of the poorest areas of the United States, where the unemployment rate is as high as 80 percent. They include Sacred Heart Catholic School in Gallup, St. Anthony School in Zuni, St. Joseph Mission School in San Fidel and St. Teresa of Avila School in Grants.

These institutions offer an excellent education and build spiritual foundations for their pupils, who are mostly Native American students. They also incorporate and celebrate native language and cultural traditions in the curriculum.

Catholic Extension has stood in solidarity with these communities during the chaos and uncertainty of the pandemic, which struck these communities particularly hard. Through the generosity of our donors, Catholic Extension provided aid to parishes and schools to allow them to reach out to families with food, learning packets for students and other essential supplies.

Already struggling before the pandemic, student enrollment at the four Catholic schools plummeted as families on the reservations faced some of the highest rates of COVID-19 infections in the country and an inability to conduct remote learning due to poor internet access.

However, these schools were not left alone in these devastating circumstances. Through the ongoing consultation services provided through the Catholic School Management program, school leaders developed strategies to overcome these significant challenges.



Thanks to the initiative, all four schools have remained financially solvent and returned to pre-pandemic levels of enrollment.

Sister Marsha Moon, RSC, principal of St. Anthony School in Zuni, said, "During this in-depth study of our school, we were able to develop a strategic plan, which not only speaks to now, but also projects into the future. This study has given us tools to use in our future self-studies and our school's growth and development." These schools are not alone in their success. Catholic Extension has helped 64 institutions take part in this transformative program. By supporting these Catholic schools on their path to improved financial, marketing and enrollment strategies, our donors have helped thousands of children in poor regions of the U.S. grow and learn in these outstanding, faith-filled educational environments.

## PLEASE CONSIDER A CONTRIBUTION TO CONTINUE THE GOOD WORK OF CATHOLIC EXTENSION

Donation boxes can be brought to church or the rectory beginning on Palm Sunday. Don't have a box, envelopes for this purpose can be found in the baskets at the three displays and exits of the church.

**Father Jack Wall, president of the Catholic Extension Society, will be here to celebrate Mass on Tuesday, May 9th at 8:30 am.** Our school children will present him with what we hope to be a most generous total of everyone's efforts during these 5 weeks of Lent.



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

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



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1840 N. STATE ST.



## Our Storytellers

Ellie McCain

Jeanete Heiner

Amy Quick

Rafael Perello

Kathleen Balscik

John Muldoon

Liz Vincent

Dennis O'Toole

*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

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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 [sarkenberg@stbenedict.com](mailto:sarkenberg@stbenedict.com) to reserve a space. There will be a small charge to cover the cost of the bus.



## LIL' BENGALS PLAY & PRAY

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 [jgallagher@stbenedict.com](mailto:jgallagher@stbenedict.com) or 773-509-3814.

**FRIDAYS: April 14, April 28, May 5, May 19, and June 2**

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

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**SCAN TO  
REGISTER**



March 26, 2023

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14 | Rom 8:8-11 | Jn 11:1-45

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

In today's Gospel, we see so clearly the fully human nature of Jesus even in the midst of him revealing his divine nature in raising Lazarus from the dead. On hearing that his friend Lazarus had died, Jesus "wept," and he became "perturbed and deeply troubled." We see his love for Martha and Mary, and the freedom he gives them to love him fully in return, and to expect things of him. Each of them confronts Jesus, exasperated: Had you come earlier, our brother would not have died! Yet in the same breath, they express their faith that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. As we continue our Lenten journey, we can rest assured that Jesus is never far from us and that he understands our human longings, struggles and pain. Like Martha and Mary, we can place our faith in Jesus here, now and for eternity.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The raising of Lazarus foreshadows Christ's death and resurrection and reminds us of God's enduring power over death. That can, at times, seem a small comfort as we confront our own mortality or mourn the loss of those dear to us. Yet, just as Jesus showed his love for Lazarus, Martha and Mary, we, too, can extend our love and support for others in their grief. We can show our love through our simple presence, a thoughtful card or an offer to pray for the deceased person and their family. In these ways, we can strengthen our own faith and that of others. As we hear in today's Gospel, "Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him."

**ACTION** As we grow closer to Holy Week, now is a good time to participate in the sacrament of reconciliation. Has it been a while? The U.S. Bishops provide a helpful guide on their website: [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).



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**Sunday, Mar 26, 2023**

### Hints of resurrection

While the Hebrew scripture written before Jesus lived doesn't explicitly speak of resurrection in the same way it is spoken of after Jesus is raised from the dead, there are certainly rumors and whispers. Perhaps the most explicit references are in chapter 37 of Ezekiel, where God, working through the prophet, raises a valley of dry bones to new life and promises to restore them to the promised land after their captivity in Babylon centuries before Christ. Saint Jerome called the vision of the valley of bones a "simile" of the Resurrection to come. There's hope for these old bones yet!

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45 (34). *"Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people!"*

**Monday, Mar 27, 2023**

### A profile in courage

In the last week of Women's History Month, here's another Catholic woman who made history: Servant of God Catherine de Hueck Doherty (1896-1985). Born wealthy in Russia, she escaped the Russian Revolution and fled to Canada. During the Great Depression, she founded Friendship House, a Catholic outreach movement to serve the poor and promote interracial friendship—a movement that started in Toronto and spread to Harlem, Chicago, Washington D.C., and Portland, Oregon. As a nation and a world community, we face trials comparable to the ones Doherty faced. She responded with courage, generosity, love, and gospel witness. Let us do the same!

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:1-11 (251). *"Go, and from now on do not sin any more."*

**Tuesday, Mar 28, 2023**

### 'Tis a gift to be simple

Happy birthday to Saint John Neumann today—nicknamed the "little bishop" not only for his stature but for the humility that came from his Redemptorist vow of poverty, which he honored even after becoming bishop of Philadelphia. Neumann's simplicity invites rich reflection for Lent. "Our great mistake is that we allow ourselves to be deceived by the spirit of worldly shrewdness, the desire for fame, and the love of comfort," he wrote to a fellow priest. "The principles of faith fade out of our hearts in proportion as we allow the principles of the world to come in." Simplify your life to make more room for what feeds your faith.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30 (252). *"You belong to this world, but I do not belong to this world."*

**Wednesday, Mar 29, 2023**

### Redemption is at hand

Though they, along with other ancient societies, engaged in some forms of household slavery, Jews as a general rule frowned upon the institution. Slaves who were not Jewish were to be offered conversion to Judaism and if they became Jews, immediately freed. Jews were also required to redeem Jewish slaves from non-Jewish owners. Memory of their own captivity in Egypt and Babylonia loomed large, and they resented Jesus promising to free them. But when Jesus spoke of the truth setting Jews free, he was talking about another kind of enslavement, the kind we all fall

into through unskillful actions, behaviors, habits, compulsions. Look honestly at what might be restricting your inner freedom and ask Jesus to redeem you.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42 (253). *"We are descendants of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How can you say, 'You will become free'?"*

**Thursday, Mar 30, 2023**

### Help your unbelief

Can a believer doubt? It can be a relief to learn that a whole school of thought among Catholic theologians asserts that doubt, while seemingly corrosive, can actually bolster faith in the end. Doubt can lead to exploration, which often leads to better understanding, greater clarity, or sometimes simply a willingness to not know, to live without all questions fully answered, leaning into religious practice with an open heart. Most would call that an adult faith. What questions nag at you? Doubt, dig, and remain open to God.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59 (254). *"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever keeps my word will never see death."*

**Friday, Mar 31, 2023**

### Miles to go

Women's History Month concludes today, but the work of ensuring the rights of women continues. In a November 2022 press conference, Pope Francis acknowledged that more work needs to be done. "We have to tell the truth," the pope said. "The fight for women's rights is an ongoing fight." This includes equality in public life and also "equality of opportunities." How might we each open a door of opportunity for women in our own families, parishes, neighborhoods, schools, or offices?

LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42 (255). *"If I do not perform my Father's works, do not believe me; but if I perform them, even if you do not believe me, believe the works."*

**Saturday, Apr 01, 2023**

### A well-traveled pilgrim helped shape Holy Week

Holy Week begins tomorrow. It's in the description of Jesus' last week—immediately ahead of his death and Resurrection—that all four gospels resemble each other the most. The church's liturgical celebration of Holy Week, however, was a late development. Originally, Christians had only a single *Pascha* liturgy to observe Jesus' suffering, death, and Resurrection. Specific Holy Week liturgies for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, and Good Friday grew from individual shrines in Jerusalem where each event occurred. Thanks to a detailed travel journal, written in 383 by a remarkable woman pilgrim to the Holy Land named Egeria, these liturgies began to take shape. As Holy Week begins, let's not only honor the women at the empty tomb but the woman who helped define Holy Week.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56 (256). *"He prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation, and not only for the nation."*

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



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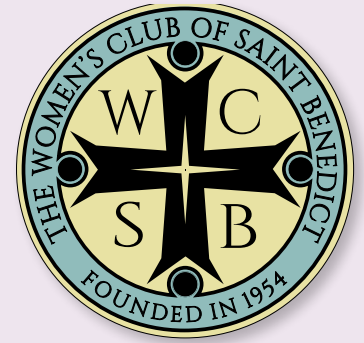
# You Are Invited

Bring a Flowering Plant for Our Parish Memorial Garden.

This Easter we will once again create a Memorial Garden in the church. Bring a flowering plant in memory of a loved one and it will be included in the garden.

All plants should be brought to the church or rectory by Thursday, April 7th.

There will be tags available for you to include the name of your loved one.



## THE ST BENEDICT'S WOMEN'S CLUB

will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 9:30am in the Pine Room.

All women of the parish are invited.

## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

NorthCenter Chamber of Commerce is hosting TinyFest on Saturday, May 20th and Sunday, May 21st in the NorthCenter Town Square at 4100 N. Lincoln Ave.

This "mini" street festival will have entertainment, food and beverages, and activities for all ages. St. Benedict Parish has been asked to recruit some volunteers to man a number of shifts. We would like to get a couple of groups together to fully man the beer tent (group of 6) on Saturday or Sunday. If you are open to joining one of these groups please email Joe Accardi at [jaccardi@stbenedict.com](mailto:jaccardi@stbenedict.com). There are a number of different opportunities to volunteer in other areas as well.

Please check out their sign up genius using the QR code. Thank you for your consideration.



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Launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Stellar will rocket kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun.

Register for 5 days of Vacation Bible School which will run from July 17-21. Vacation Bible School is for students ages: rising kindergartener thru rising 4th grader. This will be a 3.5 hour day running from 9:00am-12:30pm.

Each day our astronauts will learn new songs, participate in STELLAR games, create out of this world crafts and have an amazing adventure learning about God's Love and learning how to shine Jesus' light in the world.

If there are any questions, please reach out to Kim McMillan at [kcmillan@stbenedict.com](mailto:kcmillan@stbenedict.com).

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# 8TH GRADE LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FISH FRY FRIDAY, MARCH 31 | 5-8PM



**5-8PM**

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
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IN BEAVEN HALL**

**Donations:** Adults \$15.00 | Children \$5.00

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

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**7PM**

**8TH GRADE LIVING STATIONS  
OF THE CROSS  
IN THE CHURCH**



**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.



*St. Benedict Parish*  
**Under the BIG TOP Gala**  
*2023*

**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**

**February 13:**

Invitations and tickets go on sale

**Collection items**

Committee collects school & church donations

**Feb.-April:**

Gala Pre-Parties and Committee work\*

**April 10-15:**

Kick-Off Week Silent Auction Preview

**April 15:**

Come one, come all to the Big Top!

**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](mailto:gala@stbenedict.com).**



# Coming Up at St. Ben's | March and April 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>26</b> <b>5th Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Masses at 8am, 10am, and 12pm</b> <b>Church</b> Knights of Columbus 11am Sewing Room Cub Scout Pack 3865 Pinewood Derby 3pm Beaven Hall	<b>27</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church St. Vincent de Paul Society Monthly Mtg 6pm Sewing Room Troop 865 Meeting 7pm Heidenreich Hall Ravenswood Orchestra Practice 7pm SS Library Knights of Columbus Assembly Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall	<b>28</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Tiger Scouts Den Meetings 5:30pm Beaven Hall	<b>29</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Cub Scout Pack 3865 4th Grade Meetings 5:30pm Beaven Hall Gala Meeting 7:30pm SS Library AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	<b>30</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Cub Scout Pack 3865 Wolves Den Meetings 6:30pm Beaven Hall	<b>31</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  <b>Fish Fry</b> <b>5pm</b> <b>Beaven Hall</b> Living Stations of the Cross <b>7pm</b> <b>Church</b>	<b>1</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Reconciliation 11am Church Mass at 5pm Church
<b>2</b> <b>Palm Sunday of the</b> <b>Passion of the Lord</b> <b>Masses at 8am, 10am, and 12pm</b> <b>Church</b> Mass at the Kateri Convent Chapel 11am	<b>3</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Troop 865 Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall Ravenswood Orchestra Practice 7pm SS Library	<b>4</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	<b>5</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Gala Meeting 7:30pm SS Library AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	<b>6</b> Morning Prayer Service 8:30am Church <b>Mass of the Last</b> <b>Supper</b> <b>7pm</b> <b>Church</b>	<b>7</b> Morning Prayer Service 8:30am Church Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction 9am - 12pm Church Stations of the Cross 12pm Church Mid-Day prayer 3pm Church <b>Good Friday</b> <b>Liturgy Service</b> <b>7pm</b> <b>Church</b>	<b>8</b> Morning Prayer Service 8:30am Church Reconciliation 11am Church Blessing of the Easter Baskets 12pm Church <b>Easter Vigil Mass</b> <b>7pm</b> <b>Church</b>

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### Sunday & Holy Day Offertory Week of March 12

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Electronic Giving: \$8,727  
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 Total: \$12,222 (94% of goal)  
 Weekly Goal: \$12,990

Fiscal YTD: \$470,373 (98% of goal)  
 Fiscal YTD Goal: \$480,630  
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 (\$10,257)

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

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# Masses for the Week

## Saturday, March 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord

- 8:30AM Amparo Luna - *Maria Luna Cabrera*  
Special Intention for Carlos Cabrera  
- *Maria Luna Cabrera*
- 5PM Dr. William Bowers - *Rosemary McDonnell*  
Lilia Sandoval Etcitty - *Rich and Linda Peek*

## Sunday, March 26 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 8AM Special Intention for Cecilia Fell Schott  
(Class of '72)
- 10AM Living and Deceased Members/Benefactors  
of St. Vincent de Paul Society  
John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*  
Aurelia M. Clarin - *Connie Goloso and Family*  
Wanda Kempinski - *The St. Benedict  
Parish Community*
- 12PM Robert and Kathleen Matthews  
- *The Galus Family*

## Monday, March 27 - Lenten Weekday

- 8:30AM Gloria Lumbay - *Friends*

## Tuesday, March 28 - Lenten Weekday

- 8:30AM Special Birthday Blessings for Aurora Cortes  
- *Rose Batungbakal*

## Wednesday, March 29 - Lenten Weekday

- 8:30AM Norma Samala - *Corazon Lopez*

## Thursday, March 30 - Lenten Weekday

- 8:30AM Special Intention for Anne Hoellich

## Friday, March 31 - Lenten Weekday

- 8:30AM Jacob and Theresia Jerger - *Family*  
Romeo L. Ramos - *The Ramos Family*

## First Saturday, April 1 - Lenten Weekday

- 8:30AM James J. Dinchak - *Friends*
- 5PM Christine Richter - *Ron Richter and children*  
Matthew Rahn - *Mia, Emma, and Lena Rahn*  
Special Anniversary for Kitty and  
Dave Stephan

## Sunday, April 2 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- 8AM Gloria C. Recede - *Family*  
Ilona Weber - *Family*  
Special Intention for Celan Alo  
- *Daisy and Family*
- 10AM John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*  
Mary L. Pattison - *The St. Benedict  
Parish and School Community*  
Michael Murphy (Class of '77)  
- *The St. Benedict Alumni Office*  
Special Intention for Zenaida Samar  
- *Daisy and Family*
- 12PM Special Intention for Pepito Lim - *Family*

## Please Pray for Healing

Please call the Rectory at (773) 588-6484 to add your name or the name of an immediate family member for whom you would like the parish to pray for healing. The name of the person will appear quarterly unless otherwise instructed at the time the request is made.

Gloria Arsenia	Jackson James Limburg
Beverly Berganos Johnson	Giorgio Marconi
Suzanne Brewer	Ken McFadden
Isabella Sofia Casillas	Ronald O'Keefe Jr.
Vincent Castellano	Corazon Pizarro
Carmen M. Clarin	Erlyn Publico
Mayden H. Eichendorf	Julie Raheja-Perera
Amy Joy Goldie	Marla Rizzutti
Tim Gollehon	Alex Sandoval
Anne Hoellich	Cecilia Fell Schott (Class of 72)
Marilyn Jerger	Bill Shaver
Charlene Johnson	Eden Sobrepena
Sidney Kennedy	Jim Strzalka
Patricia Ann King	Audrey Venkatesh
Pepito Lim	

## Baptisms

Henry David, son of Philip and Elizabeth Battaglia  
Josephine Muriel, daughter of Philip and Elizabeth Battaglia  
Vera Frances, daughter of Philip and Elizabeth Battaglia  
Nina DiMaggio Galullo, daughter of Anthony Galullo  
and Elizabeth DiMaggio  
Theo Velasquez Monaghan, son of Michael Monaghan  
and Jenny Velasquez

# 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## ST. BENEDICT PARISH AND PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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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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would like to volunteer time or talent,  
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following person(s):

**Parish Council Chair:** Karen Cholipski  
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and Lindsay Milanowski  
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Elaine Lindia and Kim McMillan  
**Education Commission:** Rachel Gemo,  
Rachel Metz, or Mary Deletioğlu  
**Human Concerns Commission:** TBD  
**Parish Life Commission:** TBD  
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Fr. Stephen Kanonik

### MASSES AND SERVICES

**Sunday Eucharist:** Saturday 5PM,  
Sunday 8AM, 10AM, AND 12PM  
Live Stream as well, Sunday  
**Weekday Eucharist:** 8:30AM Mon-Sat  
**Holy Day Eucharist:** 6:30AM, 8:30AM  
and 7PM  
**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help:**  
Tuesdays 9AM  
**Exposition and Benediction of the  
Blessed Sacrament:** First Friday of each  
month, 9AM-12PM, in church  
**Baptisms:** Scheduled on all Sundays at  
1:30PM; on the fourth Sunday at one of  
the Masses. Baptism preparation class is  
required.  
**Reconciliation:** Saturdays, 11AM - 12  
NOON; seasonal celebrations, as posted;  
by appointment in the rectory.  
**Weddings:** Arrange with a priest at least  
four months in advance. Participation in  
marriage preparation is required.\*  
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(RCIA):** For unbaptized persons or  
baptized persons interested in learning  
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education of children attending public  
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attend Mass.  
**Mass Intentions:** Mass intentions may be  
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special anniversary, or the anniversary  
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