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Palm Sunday

ST. BENEDICT PARISH 2023

THE STEWARD

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

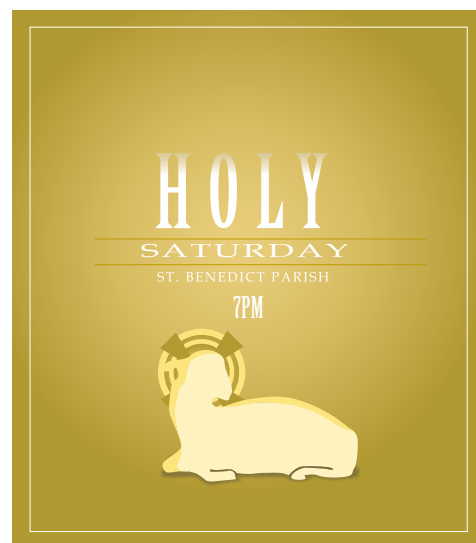
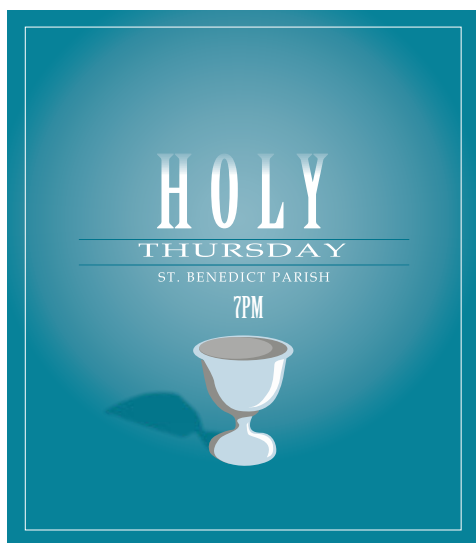


BY FR. STEVE KANONIK, PASTOR

This weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday. With this celebration we enter the end of Lent. It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of the Lenten season. It feels like we just began this journey and today we enter the final few days of this Lent. I hope that for each of us, our journey through this Lent has helped us grow more fully into the person we know that God created us to be. On Monday through Thursday Morning, we wrap up Lent. So, whatever we wanted to focus this season on, it is time to increase our efforts to use these last days of Lent most creatively and

Last Supper and the Gift of the Eucharist. During The Last Supper, we remember how the Lord focused a life with God on the way of service and love to others. We do this by reenacting Jesus washing of the feet of his disciples. We call this part of the service The Mandatum. It is our mandate, our mission to love each other by the way we treat and help each other, especially the neediest in our midst.

On Friday evening we continue the celebration with the remembrance of the suffering and death of Our Lord. We recall the Passion and death, and then take time to venerate the Cross, because it is the most powerful sign we have of



productively. No matter how well or poorly we have used these past weeks, we still have this time to use the season to grow personally. This is important because we are about to enter the Holiest time of our Liturgical year. We call these three days, (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday): The Triduum.

Regardless of how busy your life has been. Even if you have not been able to get to Mass as often as you would like. Despite the fact that you might not have been able to pray as often as you would have intended. I would encourage you to focus these three Holy Days on your relationship with God.

The Triduum is one long service broken into three parts, celebrated over three days. The main service we celebrate each evening at 7 p.m. On Thursday evening we recall The

God's love for us and service to all. In venerating the cross we also hope to rededicate ourselves to a way of life like Christ. We continue by receiving the Eucharist for strength for our journey. And then we end the service by heading home to rest and continue the celebration on Holy Saturday. Notice that there is no "Mass" celebrated on Good Friday. This is because we are in the middle of our ongoing three-day service. The service of Friday doesn't actually have a beginning or end since it is the middle of the whole Triduum celebration.

Finally on Saturday, we bring the service to its completion with the great celebration of the Easter Vigil. This is a multi-part service. It begins with the service of the new light. We are reminded that Christ is

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the light of God who came into our world, and that we as Christians (other Christs) are to be torches to carry His light to the whole world. We then focus on the scripture story of salvation history. Renewing our Baptismal commitment and our intentions to live as Christ for the world, we pray for ourselves and others in the world, and then once again receive the Eucharist to strengthen us for the journey. Finally, we bring the celebration to a close, with a dismissal that ends with a loud and joyful, Alleluia! And off we go to live this new way of life.

Over these three days we will offer several other prayer opportunities. Each morning we start with morning prayer at 8:30 a.m. Notice that this will not be Mass since we are in the middle of the three-day service. On Thursday evening following our celebration, we recall that Jesus spent the night in jail, and we visit our Lord. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue until Midnight. And we offer the visitation of the 7 Churches. To participate in that, please call the rectory. On Friday we will also pray the Stations of the Cross, and take time in prayer at 3 p.m. which is the traditional time of the Death of our Lord. Saturday allows time for prayer in church, Confessions if anyone would like to avail themselves of a final opportunity for Reconciliation before Easter, and the Blessing of Baskets, which is the traditional blessing of the first foods of Easter.

You will find the full schedule of all our services in the Bulletin, and on our website. Or you can call us at the rectory. I pray that this next week will be one that is spiritually refreshing for everyone in our parish family.



SAINT HEDWIG

SAINT JOSAPHAT

SAINT CLEMENT

*Holy Thursday
Bus Tour
Pilgrimage to Seven Churches*

SAINT STANISLAUS KOSTKA

HOLY TRINITY POLISH MISSION

SAINT HYACINTH BASILICA

SAINT ANDREW

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

WE RETURN APPROXIMATELY 11:30PM

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

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

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.



St. Benedict Parish
1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Saturday, April 8 - Beaven Hall - 11am SHARP

Sponsored by St. Benedict Council #15052
of the Knights of Columbus
BYOB Bring Your Own Basket or Bag
Ages: 1 day up to 7 years old

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.

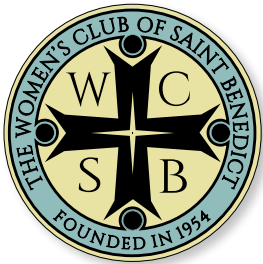
All plants should be brought to the church or rectory by
 Thursday, April 7th.
 There will be tags available for you to include the name of your loved one.

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. 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.



THE ST BENEDICT'S WOMEN'S CLUB - NEXT MEETING 4/19

The St. Benedict's Women's Club will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 19th, at 9:30 in the Pine Room. For our April service project we will be collecting new and/or used plastic food containers for The House of the Good Shepherd, a parish ministry. All women of the parish are invited to join us.

At our March meeting we made 56 jars of Bean Soup, which were delivered to the Mission of Our Lady of the Angels in West Humboldt Park.



You are invited!

Join us as we watch and discuss
Into the Breach.

Through small group discussions,
we'll learn how to be stronger
fathers, better husbands,
and men fit for the breach.



ST. BENEDICT PARISH
SUNDAY, APRIL 16 AFTER
NOON MASS
BEAVEN HALL
90 MIN. PRESENTATION
FAMILIES INVITED.
LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

*"And I sought for a man among
them who should build up the
wall and stand in the breach
before me for the land."*
Ezekiel 22:30



The Breach In The Church

In the past two decades, more than 14 million Catholics have left the faith. In the face of these losses, Catholic men are called to put aside any hesitation to live a life of mission. We must enter into the breach.

Called to Conversion

Christ calls us to a life of continued formation so that, with grace, we can seriously engage the war for our souls. That's why the Knights have produced *Into the Breach*, a video series inspired by Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted's apostolic exhortation of the same name.

Ready for Battle

Prepare yourself for the spiritual battle raging around you. To step into the breach requires every man to have faith and take action. The *Into the Breach* series challenges men to seek greatness and to be heroically virtuous, to have a character marked by goodness and truth, strength and courage.

Building a Brotherhood

"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another" (*Proverbs 27:17*). Through shared experience and small group discussion, men build a brotherhood through *Into the Breach*, strengthening them in their mission as disciples.

INTO THE BREACH



OUR LENTEN ALMSGIVING PROJECT COMES TO AN END

Now with Lent coming to an end, we are asking all our parish families to return their Lenten Offering Box over the next two weeks by bringing them to Mass and putting them in the baskets at the altar or return it to the rectory or school offices during regular business hours. If you misplaced the Lenten Offering Box or never received one, consider taking an envelope made by our school children found at all the entrances of the church and contribute to the Catholic Extension Society as part of your Lenten Almsgiving. PLEASE REMEMBER to put your family's name name on the box/ Ziploc bag or envelope.

FATHER JACK WALL, PRESIDENT OF THE CATHOLIC
EXTENSION SOCIETY, will be here to celebrate Mass on

Tuesday, May 9th at 8:30 a.m. 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. Many thanks to our Middle School Service Committee for the promotion of this project. Thank you for your support of all those who work with the poor and needy.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

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 page 3)

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



YOUR CHILDREN WILL GO OUT OF THIS WORLD FOR THIS STELLAR ADVENTURE!

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 kmcmillan@stbenedict.com. Space will be limited to 50 children.

Scan the QR CODE above to enroll your child in this Vacation Bible School adventure to equip them to "SHINE JESUS' LIGHT"!

ON THURSDAY, MARCH 23RD, WE JOINED AS A COMMUNITY FOR TAIZE PRAYER.

Taize prayer is meditative common prayer—meaning that there is no formal presider. We "do" this prayer together, in community. Please join us next time for this incredibly moving experience.



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 jjgallagher@stbenedict.com or 773-509-3814.

FRIDAYS 11:30AM-12:30PM : April 14, April 28, May 5, May 19, & June 2

St. Benedict Preparatory Preschool
3901 N Bell (corner of Byron and Bell)

SCAN TO REGISTER >>>





April 2, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Is 50:4-7 | Phil 2:6-11 | Mt 26:14—27:66

GROW AS A DISCIPLE

PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

As we begin Holy Week, we hear Matthew's account of the Passion. We see Jesus' humanity as he experiences *sorrow and distress* in the hours before his death. Three times, he asks the Father to "let this cup pass from me, yet, not as I will, but as you will." In our own human experience, I am guessing many of us have asked the Father to "let this cup pass" – for in addition to life's joys, we will all experience setbacks, struggles, and suffering. By example, Jesus shows us that we can turn to our Father, trusting in his will for us. Let this be a reminder in this holiest of weeks that we can bring our suffering and our doubts to the Father, knowing that the joy of Easter will come.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The final words of today's Gospel [shorter version] are those of the centurion and the men keeping watch over Jesus: "Truly this was the Son of God!" Let us keep in mind this central proclamation of our faith while attending Triduum services this week. On Holy Thursday, we remember the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood, celebrating Christ's outpouring of love for us. On Good Friday we venerate the cross as we solemnly recall the passion and death of Jesus. And of course at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday, we celebrate the story of our salvation, culminating in Jesus' resurrection. As Christians, we know that the cross will give way to the empty tomb and the promise of new life in Christ. Let our voices be strong this week as we echo the centurion's words above, and may Jesus' name be praised forever!

PRAY Praying the Stations of the Cross allows us to walk with Jesus through his passion and death. Make that journey with Jesus this week.

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Sunday, Apr 09, 2023

From hole to whole

Accounts vary. Sometimes Easter dawns with helpful instruction-bearing angels and a palpable earthshaking. In other narratives it's almost a stealthy affair: a yawning open tomb, the shroud deserted, its meaning unclear. So too we experience the Easters of our lives in a variety of ways: fervent or undecided, joyful or indifferent or possibly even sorrowing. The empty tomb is an invitation to faith, an absence that can be filled any number of ways. We pray for each other this day, that what is empty in any of us may be filled with hope and trust.

SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (EASTER SUNDAY)

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; Victimae Paschali Laudes; John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10 (42, 41) or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35 (46). *"There was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven . . . rolled back the stone, and sat upon it."*

Monday, Apr 10, 2023

God brings all things to completion

Who doesn't sometimes get impatient with God's plan for them? Consider that the waiting can not only be useful but also beautiful. "Trust in the slow work of God," wrote Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (who died on this day in 1955). He would know—this French Jesuit priest was forced to leave his teaching post and withdraw controversial statements in 1925 and was further condemned by the church posthumously in 1962. Decades later, leading cardinals started to see his ideas differently—favorably—and so did Popes Benedict XVI and Francis. "It is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability," Chardin wrote—so, like him, accept "feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete."

MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15 (261). *"And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them."*

Tuesday, Apr 11, 2023

Wage peace

One of the most significant pillars of Catholic social teaching turns 60 today: *Pacem in terris*—in English, "Peace on Earth"—the encyclical written by Pope John XXIII to address the menace of nuclear war and the need to uphold international human rights, including racial equality and women's rights. Significantly, it stands as the first encyclical addressed to both Catholics and non-Catholics alike, drawing worldwide admiration for the church's willingness to confront the social and economic costs of the Cold War. "The social progress, order, security, and peace of each country are necessarily connected with the social progress, order, security, and peace of all other countries," he wrote. Let peace begin with you today.

TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18 (262). *"Mary went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord,' and then reported what he had told her."*

Wednesday, Apr 12, 2023

Leave the battlefield behind

Most people know that the Civil War, which began on this day in 1861, was largely an unjust war fought in defense of slavery in the Southern United States (then, for a time, the Confederate States of America). What many do not know is that the first skirmish of the war,

the Battle of Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina, was led in part by a Catholic, Confederate Brigadier General P. G. T. Beauregard, a Creole Catholic born and raised on a plantation in Louisiana. After the failures of the Confederacy in the war, Beauregard returned to civilian life in his home region, advocating for black civil rights (including voting), societal unity, and also became an admirer of Abraham Lincoln. May we model repentance in the face of our sins and work always for the common bonds of humanity.

WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35 (263). *"While he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened."*

Thursday, Apr 13, 2023

Accountability matters

When the risen Christ appears to his dumbfounded disciples, he reminds them "that repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached in his name." Even the church itself must repent sometimes. The Catholic Native Boarding School Accountability and Healing Project is such an undertaking. Few expect rapid change, but this group of religious, church officials, and laypeople have named a "sin" the church's role in the federal efforts to dismantle Native American culture through boarding schools. That's a start. Learn more on this topic so you can be part of the healing.

THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48 (264). *"Then he said to them, 'Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts?'"*

Friday, Apr 14, 2023

Time for breakfast

Comedian Steven Wright may have been on to something when he quipped: "I went to a restaurant that serves 'breakfast at any time,' so I ordered French toast during the Renaissance." For Christians, who wouldn't choose a morning meal prepared by Jesus on the banks of the Sea of Tiberias? In one of the most memorable stories in the Gospel of John, the disciples are treated to just such an amazing repast. The risen Christ's tender care to ensure that the disciples have a good breakfast is both achingly sweet and altogether practical. He knew that to continue his mission, the disciple would need not only the warmth of his love but the strength and focus a hearty breakfast provides. Take care of your physical and spiritual health so that, you too, may be prepared to carry on Christ's loving mission each day.

FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14 (265). *"Jesus said to them, 'Come, have breakfast.'"*

Saturday, Apr 15, 2023

More than mere appearances

It turns out that Jesus appeared in different forms after his Resurrection. In John's gospel Mary of Magdala, arguably one of the Lord's closest friends, thought he was the gardener. In Luke's gospel two disciples invite him to their house for dinner and haven't a clue who he is. In today's gospel from Mark, we read that "he appeared in another form." Makes you wonder whether it might still be going on. Jesus did say that we engage him in the least of others. In what form will the risen Christ appear to you today?

SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15 (266). *"After this he appeared in another form."*

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

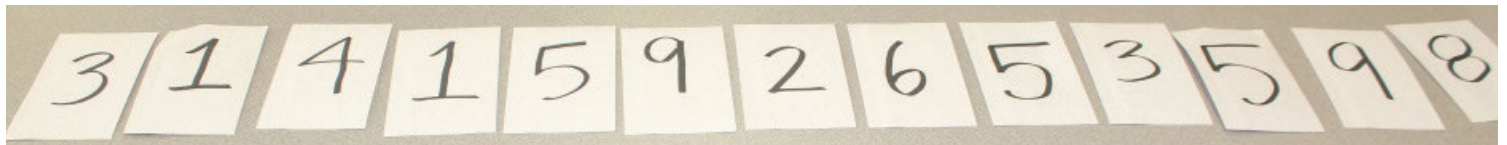


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Education and VBS

HAPPY PI DAY

St. Benedict Prep had a belated Pi Day celebration recently. Middle School students participated in various activities celebrating the mathematical sign pi. Typically observed on March 14, the date represents the first three digits of pi (3.14) and also happens to be Albert Einstein's birthday. Festivities finished with what else? Pie!



SBPS VISITS THE CHALLENGER LEARNING CENTER

St. Benedict Prep 5th grade students visited the Challenger Learning Center in Woodstock recently. Students learned about living and work environments in space. The Learning Center is a living memorial to the Challenger crew that died on January 28, 1986.



Human Concerns

What Is Elder Abuse?

A comprehensive guide to understanding domestic violence as seen in the elderly

From The Domestic Violence Outreach Team at St. Benedict Parish



Hundreds of thousands of people 65 and older are victims of elder abuse each year. At least one in 10 older adults living at home are abused, neglected or exploited every year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), but incidence rates are likely much higher, considering elder abuse often goes unreported to adult protective services organizations.

Types of Elder Abuse

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) defines six types of elder abuse:

- Physical abuse: Inflicting pain or injury through such actions as slapping, hitting, bruising or restraining. Physical abuse can also be inflicted through medication tampering—giving too much or withholding medication.
- Sexual abuse: Any nonconsensual sexual contact, whether comprehended or not.
- Emotional or psychological abuse: Inflicting mental anguish or distress through verbal or nonverbal acts such as threatening, intimidating or humiliating.
- Neglect: Failure to provide food, clothing, shelter, healthcare or protection.
- Financial abuse: Illegal use, misuse or concealment of funds, property, assets or benefits for someone else's gain.
- Abandonment: Desertion of a vulnerable adult.

Who Is at Risk For Elder Abuse?

Elder abuse, as with all forms of domestic violence, can happen to anyone. Seniors of all ages, races, ethnic backgrounds, education levels and socioeconomic status can become victims of abuse. Older women are more likely to be abused than men, according to the NIA. But the CDC reports that physical abuse among senior men is on the rise, having increased 75% between 2002 and 2016 as compared with a 35% increase for senior women.

Other risk factors include:

- Being dependent on a caregiver for daily living activities, such as getting dressed, bathing, eating and taking medicine
- Having a physical disability
- Having dementia or memory problems
- Lack of support from other family or friends

Who Commits Elder Abuse?

Anyone can be a perpetrator of elder abuse. The person most likely to abuse a senior is a caregiver, whether that's an intimate partner, adult child, other family member or a paid caregiver.

Factors that make a person more likely to abuse an elderly individual include:

- Mental health problems
- Drug or alcohol abuse
- Exposure to abuse as a child
- Inadequate coping skills
- Financial dependence on the person being cared for
- Lack of caregiver support or access to respite services

Recognizing Elder Abuse

Unfortunately, a senior who is being abused may not come forward for a variety of reasons, such as fear of retaliation by the abuser, being financially dependent on the abuser or not knowing they're being abused. But no one deserves to be abused or neglected, which is why it's important for others to speak up if they suspect an older adult is being abused.

Anyone can report suspected abuse to adult protective services. If you believe the victim to be in imminent danger, call 911.

Domestic Violence Victim Services:

Catholic Charities Domestic Violence Services:

Various Locations:
Please call
1.312.655.7725

Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline:
1.877.863.6338
(Toll-Free, 24-hour, Confidential, Multilingual.)

Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline:
1-800-4-A-CHILD
(1-800-422-4453)

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.



Coming Up at St. Ben's | April 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Masses at 8am, 10am, and 12pm Church Mass at the Kateri Convent Chapel 11am	3 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Troop 865 Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall Ravenswood Orchestra Practice 7pm SS Library	4 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	5 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Gala Meeting 7:30pm SS Library AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	6 Morning Prayer Service 8:30am Church Mass of the Last Supper 7pm Church	7 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 Good Friday Liturgy Service 7pm Church	8 Morning Prayer Service 8:30am Church Reconciliation 11am Church Knights of Columbus Easter Egg Hunt 11am Beaven Hall Blessing of the Easter Baskets 12pm Church Easter Vigil Mass 7pm Church
9 Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord Mass at 8am, 10am, and 12pm in Church Family Mass at 10:30am in the Gym	10 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Troop 865 Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall Ravenswood Orchestra Practice 7pm SS Library	11 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Tiger Scouts Den Meeting 5:30pm Beaven Hall	12 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church 3rd Grade St. Ben's Girls Scouts 3pm Beaven Hall Cub Scout Pack 3865 4th Grade Meetings 5:30pm Beaven Hall Gala Meeting 7:30pm SS Library AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	13 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Strings Recital Concert 6pm Kittler Hall	14 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	15 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Reconciliation 11am Church Welcoming Weekend Mass at 5pm Church ST. BEN'S GALA 2023 6pm Rockwell on the River

Stewardship



Sunday & Holy Day Offertory Week of March 19

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- > Visit GiveCentral.org and search for St. Benedict – Chicago under My Charity
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Electronic Giving: \$7,561
 Envelope: \$3,077
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 Total: \$13,293 (102% of goal)
 Weekly Goal: \$12,990

Fiscal YTD: \$483,666 (98% of goal)
 Fiscal YTD Goal: \$493,620
 Above/(Below) YTD Goal: (\$9,954)

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

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*

Monday, April 3 - Monday of Holy Week

- 8:30AM Karen Mocarski - *Jack and Janice Mocarski*

Tuesday, April 4 - Tuesday of Holy Week

- 8:30AM Steve Schmidt (Class of '65)
- *The St. Benedict Alumni Office*
Anastacio Dela Fuente - *Adelina Vergara*

Wednesday, April 5 - Wednesday of Holy Week

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

Thursday, April 6 - Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

- 8:30AM Morning Prayer Service
7pm Special Intention for Ben Mazzone

First Friday, April 7 - Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord

- 8:30AM Morning Prayer Service
7pm Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 8 - Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

- 8:30AM Morning Prayer Service
7pm Beniamino Mazzone, Sr. - *Ben Mazzone*

Sunday, April 9 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

- 8AM Kelley Halper - *Karen Cholipski*
Linda Jouzaitis - *Family*
Ilona Weber - *Family*
10AM John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*
Bill Cromwell and John Larson
- *The Cromwell Family*
Pura B. Baylon - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*
Susano Sanchez Paez
- *Ceferina Sanchez Paez*
10:30AM - *IN THE GYM*
Special Intention for Tim Gollehon - *Family*
Special Intention for
Beverly Berganos-Johnson - *Family*
12PM Jose T. Cortes - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*

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	Giorgio Marconi
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Pepito Lim	Leda Wildner
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Parish Information



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

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THE COMMISSIONS OF ST. BENEDICT PARISH

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

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
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Homebound: Call the rectory to arrange
communion in home for those unable to
attend Mass.

Mass Intentions: Mass intentions may be
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special anniversary, or the anniversary
of a loved one's death.*

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