

ST. BENEDICT PARISH AND PREPARATORY SCHOOL

# THE STEWARD

Third Sunday of Easter

APRIL 23, 2023



*On the  
Road  
Again.*



**Deacon Bill Frere**

I have been blessed to have visited the Holy Land 4 times, the latest just this past February. And while we visit many of the same sites (Jordan River, Nazareth, Church of Holy Sepulchre, Church of Nativity, Cana, Mount Carmel, etc.), the experience is never the same. The reason is simple. We are not the same person; we grow and

change. For myself, that first journey in 2010 was one of wonder and awe, an experience difficult to put into words. At the time, I thought it was a once in a lifetime experience. So wrong! And as the other pilgrimages unfolded, the experience became more and more reflective, more prayerful and meditative. I can still recall

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sitting in an out of the way corner in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and quietly working on the homily I would share the following day at Gethsemane. Such a peaceful moment in such a holy place!

Our life experiences change and so do we! Needless to say, no matter the Holy Land visit, each day involved a healthy amount of walking – following the Via Dolorosa, walking the Rosary Procession at Nazareth, travelling the narrow streets of the Old City, tracing Jesus' steps on the Palm Sunday Road and, for the brave, climbing the path up to Mt. Tabor or Mt. Precipice. Lots of walking! Lots of achy feet at the end of the day! We never had any trouble getting our 'steps' in for the day. And every time, it was a spiritual and a physical journey of faith!

But, in light of today's Gospel, there is one pilgrim walk that continues to resonate with me! The road to Emmaus! The scene of today's Gospel! I admit that this is one of my favorite passages. It is so rich in imagery: the disciples taking that 7 mile journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus in sadness and mourning over the death of their teacher! And when Jesus appears, they don't recognize Him. Instead He walks with them and proceeds to teach them all that the Scriptures said about the Messiah. And when they reach their destination, they convince Him to remain with them. And it is only in the breaking of the bread that they recognize their Lord and Savior.

I spent all of my high school life and part of college living and studying at a seminary nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains in rural Virginia. We had everything you could ever need: Olympic size swimming pool, basketball courts, track, playing fields, classrooms, beautiful chapel, our own infirmary and rec rooms. It was a quiet and secluded life full of homework and prayer. Stuck away on a narrow country road, you entered the grounds at a low brick entry gate and then a short drive up to the campus of buildings.

But what mattered the most to me was that short road, barely a quarter mile in length from the gate to the main buildings, I can't tell you how many times, after a long day of classes, many of us, either alone or with a small group, would walk out to the gate and then back. No matter the reason for the walk, whether it was stress, upset, homesickness, depression, sadness, the need to blow off steam or anger, or the simple need to just get away – by the time I made it out to the gate and back, those negative emotions were gone. It was a journey that calmed my soul and eased whatever burdens I had. It re-energized me to return to seminary life with a

renewed energy and even today I so miss that walk.

But what I didn't realize until much later in life was that, whether I was walking alone or with a friend, there was always someone else alongside me (us). Jesus! For us to get through all those tough times, I realize now that Jesus had to have been there with us, gently guiding us back along the right path. We just didn't realize it! We just didn't see Him there until much later in life.

So it is today with the disciples on their way to Emmaus. They are returning to Emmaus, crushed and saddened by Jesus' death. And yet Jesus walks with them, talks with them, teaches them. But it is only later on, after He has left, that they realized it was Him. Only after they realize their hearts were on fire with His words and in His breaking of the bread, then they slap their foreheads and realize the truth – that Jesus was right there with them. So it is for all of us. No matter how alone we feel, how isolated we are, we truly are not alone. Jesus really is right here with us, walking beside us, guiding us, reassuring us, and comforting us.

It occurs to me that, in today's Gospel, we are witnessing not merely a walk to Emmaus but a liturgical event, a reminder of the Eucharist. The disciples hear passages from the Scriptures and are taught their meaning. They give thanks and pray that the Lord remain with them. And then it all comes to fulfillment as the bread is prayed over, blessed and given to them to eat! And it is at that moment that their eyes are opened and they know they are in the presence of the Lord. And they return to Jerusalem to spread the Good News.

In a way, we make that journey to Emmaus every time we participate in the celebration of Mass. We hear the Scriptures, the presider reflects on their meaning – the Liturgy of the Word. And then Father blesses/consecrates the bread and wine and we receive the Body and Blood of Christ – the Liturgy of the Eucharist. And then we go out into the world with the command to spread the Good News, by our words and our actions.

*So take that walk today  
wherever it may lead you!  
And remember that  
He walks beside you!*

# A VERY SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to our amazing 2023 Gala committee! We appreciate all your hard work and dedication to making our celebration such a memorable event !

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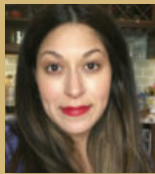
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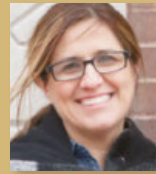
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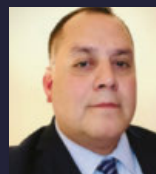
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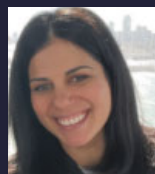
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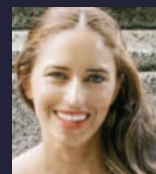
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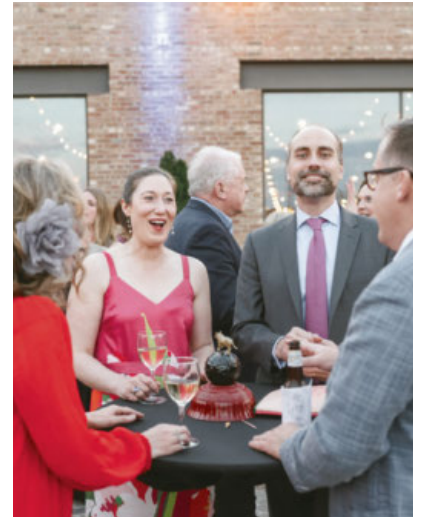


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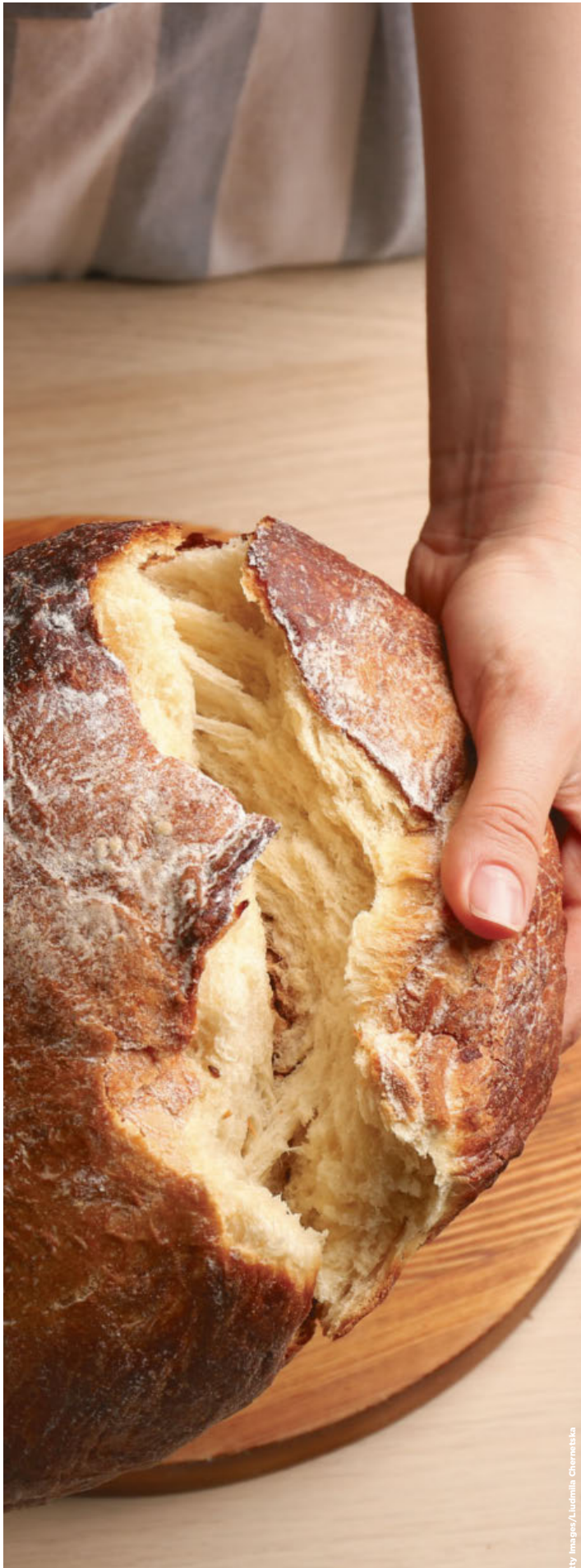




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April 23, 2023

# Third Sunday of Easter

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

Acts 2:14, 22-33 | 1 Pt 1:17-21 | Lk 24:13-35

## **GROW AS A DISCIPLE**

**PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE**

The two disciples had every reason and opportunity to see that it was Jesus walking beside them. They knew that the tomb was empty and the women who had discovered it had relayed what the angel had told them: Jesus was alive. It had only been three days since he had died. Yet, even as he was in their midst, the two disciples' *eyes were prevented from recognizing* it was Jesus. Only when he broke bread with them did they perceive and understand. Jesus walks beside us as well, but perhaps our eyes, like those of the two disciples, are prevented from recognizing him. What clouds our vision? It could be fear, doubt, despair, as on that road to Emmaus. Or maybe it is pride or hardness of heart. Like the early disciples, we must speak to Jesus, and tell him our story. Jesus comes to meet us, and we in turn have an opportunity to encounter him in many ways, most particularly in the breaking of the bread – the Eucharist. No matter how frantic or chaotic our lives may have become, attending Mass serves as an anchor, and a reminder of Jesus' presence with us every day.

## **GO EVANGELIZE**

**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

It took them a minute to “get it,” but once the disciples recognized Jesus they didn't hesitate. They made a hasty return to Jerusalem to share the news with the other disciples: “The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!” Having encountered Jesus in the breaking of the bread, they felt compelled to share the Good News of his resurrection with others. As Catholics, we can ask the Lord for eyes to see Jesus in our daily lives and especially at Mass. Nourished by the Eucharist, we can share our love for Jesus and our hope in the resurrection with others we encounter. Wherever we are and whatever we do, we can rest assured that Jesus walks alongside us.

**PRAY** Pray with the psalmist: “Lord, you will show us the path of life.”

## Sunday, Apr 23, 2023

### Table manners

Someone once said we like our heroes dead more than alive. Cesar Chavez co-founded the United Farm Workers movement but found himself denounced as a communist and surveilled by the FBI during his lifetime. Only after death was his stature recognized, and he was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Encouraged by a priest who fueled him with Catholic social teaching, Chavez was also inspired by the nonviolent resistance of Gandhi. Along with lifelong co-worker Dolores Huerta, Chavez brought national attention to an abused yet fundamental part of our work force. Support farm workers' rights and remember at every table how your food got there.

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35 (46). *"The two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread."*

## Monday, Apr 24, 2023

### Seek what is hidden

Benedictine sister, best-selling author, and spiritual guide Macrina Wiederkehr was called a "master of everyday spirituality." She lived with the monastic community of St. Scholastica in Fort Smith, Arkansas and died on this day in 2020 at the age of 80. On this anniversary of her passing, let her words infuse your own everyday spirituality: "Holiness comes wrapped in the ordinary. There are burning bushes all around you. Every tree is full of angels. Hidden beauty is waiting in every crumb. . . . Real Presence is everywhere, and those with the hearts of children revel in it."

#### EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29 (273). *"This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent."*

## Tuesday, Apr 25, 2023

### Mark left his mark

Mark wasn't a direct disciple of Jesus but was quite active in the Early Church. He was closest to Peter, the latter returning to Mark's mother's house after escaping prison. According to Saint Jerome: "Mark, the disciple and interpreter of Peter, wrote a short gospel at the request of the brethren at Rome embodying what he had heard Peter tell. When Peter had heard this, he approved it and published it to the churches to be read by his authority." Mark's short, action-packed gospel highlights the immediacy of Jesus' actions; Mark also uses the word *eutheos*—Greek for "right away"—more than 40 times. How might the Spirit be tapping you to act with immediacy?

#### FEAST OF MARK, EVANGELIST

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20 (555). *"Jesus appeared to the Eleven and said to them: 'Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.'"*

## Wednesday, Apr 26, 2023

### Don't skip this meal

The Catholic Church teaches that the "Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life." As such, it is essential to feeding our spirit and showing us the way to holiness. The very act of listening to the Word, sharing our gifts, and breaking bread with others during Mass is a foretaste of God's reign, where all are welcome to the table. A U.S. Bishops-sponsored Eucharistic Revival is underway to encourage all to encounter Christ in the Eucharist

and feel healed, converted, and called to spread love of this life-giving experience to others. Learn more about the Eucharistic Revival, which culminates in a 2024 Eucharistic Congress, at [eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org).

#### EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40 (275). *"Jesus said to the crowds, 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger.'"*

## Thursday, Apr 27, 2023

### The real deal

Today's gospel has a eucharistic theme, with talk of "living bread" and "flesh for the life of the world." One way the church emphasizes the Eucharist is its insistence on the Real Presence, that is, the core belief that the bread and wine concealed at Mass truly *are* the Body and Blood of Christ. They are not just symbols but, as Saint John Damascene wrote, the "actual deified body of the Lord." If wrestling with that concept makes your head hurt, know that the church also acknowledges this is a "mystery"—something the mind cannot fully grasp. Leave it to the heart to understand.

#### EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51 (276). *"The bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world."*

## Friday, Apr 28, 2023

### What's in your wallet?

Stored in coin wallets, pockets, purses, jewelry boxes, and glove compartments are many hundreds of little beads. Some are held together by string or wire, others fashioned into metal "decade" rings with laminated instructional cards. No matter what form they take, each reminds us of a special prayer of the Catholic Church, the Rosary. Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, known for his love of the Rosary, always made sure to teach people to pray the Rosary in whatever method best helps them enter into the mysteries of the life of Christ. What's your unique way of praying the beads?

#### MEMORIAL OF LOUIS GRIGNION DE MONTFORT, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59 (277). *"[Ananias] answered, 'Here I am, Lord.'"*

## Saturday, Apr 29, 2023

### Stand firm in your calling

Sometimes in the process of growing up you have to stand your ground with your parents. While they love you and are owed your devotion, they don't *always* know what's best for you. Catherine of Siena had to stand firm against the objections of her parents in order to fulfill her deepest calling, which was to the religious life. A wise choice on her part, and the entire church has benefited enormously as a result. The church has expressed its collective appreciation to her by bestowing the rare title of "doctor of the church" upon her.

#### MEMORIAL OF CATHERINE OF SIENA, TERTIARY, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69 (278). *"You have the words of eternal life."*

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



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# Beauty and the Beast

BY VERA MORRIS  
A ST. BENEDICT PREP 8TH GRADE  
THEATER CLASS PRESENTATION

**6PM**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 16TH**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 17TH**  
KITTLER HALL





# Education

## THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

St. Benedict Prep celebrated its youngest learners recently during the Week of the Young Child. This is a week set aside each year to put a spotlight on the importance of Early Childhood Education. Preschool through first grade students participated in fun activities throughout the week – Tasty Tuesday, Work Together Wednesday, and Artsy Thursday. To end the week, all kindergarten classes attended Friday morning Mass and a special Mass was celebrated for all preschool students. Congratulations Bitty Bengals!







# Classical Guitar Favorites

Thomas Aquino, Classical Guitarist

**Sunday, April 23, 2023 at 3pm  
in Church**



Guitarist Thomas Aquino is from Chicago, Illinois. During his youth, he studied with Jack Cecchini for 10 years. He was awarded the Barbara and David Jacobs Scholarship to attend the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music as an undergraduate. Thomas has taken master classes with leading guitarists such as Christopher Parkening, Jorge Caballero and Adam Holzman. In 2018, he placed 2nd in the classical category of the Wilson Center Guitar Competition. In 2020, he won the Twisted Spruce Competition's Performance Prize. He received his master's and doctoral degrees in guitar performance from the Jacobs School of Music, studying with Maestro Ernesto Bitetti. His doctoral project analyzed the improvisational styles of Charlie Christian and Wes Montgomery, and included four original works modeled after them.



# Hymn Sing

with Alan Hommerding  
Liturgical Publications Editor

**Sunday, April 30, 2023 at 3pm  
in Church**



Alan Hommerding, Liturgical Publications Editor in the WLP division of GIA Publications, has been an editor with World Library Publications (WLP) since 1991. He holds graduate degrees in theology, liturgy, and music from St. Mary's Seminary and University (Baltimore) and the University of Notre Dame.

Alan's hymn text collections are Song of the Spirit (1997) and Breath of Christ (2019). Other books are the recently-released The Pen of a Nimble Scribe: Writing Prompts for the Church Year; collections of prayers Blessed Are the Music-Makers and Proclaim the Gospel in Song. Additional books include Words That Work for Worship, Everyday Psalms: 150 Meditations for Learning and Living the Lord's Song, Following Jesus Every Day: Gospel Meditations for Daily Living, and the book of poems St. Cecilia's Orchestra (with illustrations

by Br. Michael O'Neill McGrath), winner of a prestigious Moonbeam Children's Book Award in 2010. He is also the composer of numerous choral and instrumental works, and was named Composer of the Year in 2019 by the Association of Catholic Publishers.

Alan is a noted speaker in the areas of liturgy and music, as well as having presented workshops, hymn festivals, and organ recitals around the country.



**Free Will Donation to Support the St. Ben's Music**

For more information, contact Scott Arkenberg, Director of Music Ministry at 773.588.6484 ext 5107  
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## OUR LENTEN ALMSGIVING PROJECT COMES TO AN END

Now that Lent has come 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 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.



## BUNDLE SUNDAY IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Join us on Sunday, May 7 from 9am-2pm for the return of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Bundle Sunday! Now is the time to start setting aside items to help us help our neighbors in need.

### WE WILL GLADLY ACCEPT:

- Gently used clothing, shoes, household items
- Furniture
- Small appliances
- Household decorations
- Kitchen utensils, dishes, pots, pans
- Jewelry
- Tools
- Sporting goods, including bikes

**PLEASE, NO TVS,  
COMPUTERS,  
PIANOS, BABY  
SEATS, OR PILLOWS/  
MATTRESSES!**

Clothing should be packed in plastic bags. Household and other heavy items should be boxed. Please wrap glassware and other fragile items in paper or bubble wrap.

The trailer will be parked in the St. Ben's courtyard throughout the day and convenient to Mass times. Volunteers will be available to help load your items. We hope to see you there!



## EASTER EGG HUNT THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus St. Benedict Council #15052 I wish to extend a hearty THANK YOU to those who made our 1st Easter Egg Hunt such a success. Much thanks to Brother Knight Joe Accardi, Rich Nielsen PGK and his father Richard Nielsen, Daisy Schmookler, Rachel Gemo, Maria Tubay, Caitlyn Reyes and especially to all those Easter Egg Hunters. We sincerely appreciate your participation and hope to see you next year. Deacon Dave, EEH Chair



## 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](mailto:jjgallagher@stbenedict.com) or 773-509-3814.

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

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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](mailto:kmcmillan@stbenedict.com). Space will be limited to 50 children.

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



## 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.





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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>23</b> <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> Mass at 8am, 10am, and 12pm in Church  Class of 2019 Get-Together 10AM Beaven Hall  Pack 3865 Meeting 3pm Ackerman Center  Classical Guitar Favorites 3pm Church	<b>24</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  St. Vincent de Paul Society Monthly Mtg 6pm Sewing Room  Webelos II Meeting 7pm Cafeteria  Troop 865 Meeting 7pm Heidenreich Hall  Knights of Columbus Assembly Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall  Ravenswood Orch. Practice 7pm SS Library	<b>25</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  Tiger Scout Den Meeting 5:30pm Beaven Hall  Covenant Teams of St. Andrew and St. Benedict 7pm SS Library	<b>26</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	<b>27</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  1st Grade Daisies 2:30pm Room 317 - Global Lab  <b>CONFIRMATION 7PM IN CHURCH RECEPTION TO FOLLOW 8:30PM GYM</b>	<b>28</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	<b>29</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  Reconciliation 11am Church  Mass at 5pm Church
<b>30</b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> Mass at 8am, 10am, and 12pm in Church  Hymn Sing 3pm Church	<b>1</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  Troop 865 Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall  Ravenswood Orch. Practice 7pm SS Library	<b>2</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	<b>3</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  2nd Grade Brownie Meeting 3pm Beaven Hall  AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	<b>4</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  Cub Scout Pack 3865 Wolves Den Meeting 6:30pm Beaven Hall	<b>5</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  Wax Museum 8am Gym  Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction 9am-12pm Church	<b>6</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  Reconciliation 11am Church  Mass at 5pm Church

## Stewardship



### Sunday & Holy Day Offertory Week of April 9



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**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.**

Electronic Giving: \$7,660  
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 Total: \$9,878 (76% of goal)  
 Weekly Goal: \$12,990

Fiscal YTD: \$520,209 (98% of goal)  
 Fiscal YTD Goal: \$532,590  
 Above/(Below) YTD Goal: (\$12,381)

Holy Thursday: \$648  
 Good Friday/Holy Land: \$843  
 Easter Goal: \$39,000  
 Easter YTD: \$22,176 (57% of goal)  
 Above/(Below) Goal: (\$16,824)

# Masses for the Week

## Saturday, April 22 - Easter Weekday

- 8:30AM Celia M. Baylon - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*  
Special Intention for Elaine LIndia - *Friends*
- 5PM Donna Jarvis - *Christa O'Keefe*  
*and Marge Lawlor*  
Jean Tashiro - *Jerry Buldak*  
Special Intention for Loretta O'Donnell  
John and Ann McDonagh - *Family*

## Sunday, April 23 - Third Sunday of Easter

- 8AM Ross Mannina - *Barbara and Karl Laber*  
Special Intention for Starla Vertucci  
- *Rachel Bernhardt*
- 10AM John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*  
Adelaida Bolinas - *Family*  
Lio Wildner - *Leda Wildner*  
Special Birthday Blessing for Leda Wildner
- 12PM Special Intention for Judith Snarski  
- *Family*  
Christopher Dino - *The Dino Family*  
Benjamin Linatoc Ola - *The Ola Family*

## Monday, April 24 - Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

- 8:30AM Augusto Batungbakal - *Rose Batungbakal*

## Tuesday, April 25 - Saint Mark, Evangelist

- 8:30AM Bob Fahey - *Family*  
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Romana Fuentes - *Lidia Vallejo*

## Wednesday, April 26 - Easter Weekday

- 8:30AM Carmen Lopez Aguilar - *The Vallejo Family*

## Thursday, April 27 - Easter Weekday

- 8:30AM George Keehn (Class of '66)  
- *The St. Benedict Alumni Office*

## Friday, April 28 - Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

- 8:30AM Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hadary, Sr.  
- *Alex Udvary*

## Saturday, April 29 - Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

- 8:30AM Marvelle and Richard Wood - *Family*
- 5PM Marianne J. Mazurek-Kurth  
- *The Thomas J. Czarnik Family*  
Special Blessing for Andrew and  
Matty May and Family - *The St. Benedict*  
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## Sunday, April 30 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 8AM Jackson Kattke - *Rachel Bernhardt*
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Special Intention for Esther Robleza  
- *Daisy and Family*  
Special Intention for Leda Wildner  
- *Daisy and Tess*  
Joseph Del Giudice - *Maria Mazzone*  
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- 12PM Living and Deceased Members/Benefactors  
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# What to Do If an Abuser Threatens Suicide

## Why abusers who threaten suicide may also include a plan to harm you, too

From the Domestic Violence Outreach Team at St Benedict Parish

Threats of suicide can range from overt—*I'll kill myself if you ever leave me*—to subtle—*You won't have to worry about me much longer*. No matter the context, they can be scary and confusing. The last thing you want is for your partner to die by suicide. So what should you do if an abuser threatens suicide?

### Domestic Abusers Use Threats to Control A Victim

Why do abusers threaten suicide? Because abusers often use threats of suicide as a form of power and control. They'll convince you that if they commit suicide, it'll be your fault and how can you live with that? They'll tell you that if you leave, report the abuse or otherwise don't follow their wishes, they'll kill themselves, and you'll be to blame.

Threats like this are a form of **emotional abuse** called **coercive control**. Such statements aren't cries for help. These suicidal threats are being made to manipulate you into doing what the abuser wants. *"Abusers know that by threatening suicide, they are putting their victims in a position where they feel they have no choice but to respond with care, concern and emotional support,"* says clinical psychologist Carolina Estevez. *"This type of behavior can be incredibly effective in controlling a victim's emotions and keeping them locked into an unhealthy relationship. Abusers may use this tactic to avoid any consequences for their abusive behavior since the threat of suicide makes it harder for victims to accept they should leave or seek help."*

### Suicide and Domestic Violence Homicide Are Often Linked

Statistics show that suicide and homicide are often correlated when it comes to domestic violence. Research from the **Kentucky Firearm Injury Statistics Program** showed that in two-thirds of cases where a woman was shot by an abuser, the perpetrator then killed himself. Abusers don't think of killing themselves as severe enough retribution. They'll consider taking someone else's life, like a partner, child or other family member(s). Nearly 60 percent of **mass shooters have a history of domestic violence**, so an abuser may even consider killing complete strangers. Know that if an abusive partner is threatening suicide, your life could also be at risk.

### What Do You Do When An Abuser Claims to be Suicidal?

If ever you feel like your partner is in imminent danger of suicide—i.e. they've said they're planning to die by suicide and they have the means to do so—call 911 immediately. If the threat is less immediate but you're still concerned for their safety, you can call the police non-emergency line and request a welfare check. This will cause officers to go and speak with your partner. They'll assess whether or not he or she is a threat to themselves. Another option is to get advice from a crisis counselor from the **Suicide and Crisis Lifeline** by calling or texting 988. You can also suggest your partner seek help by talking to their primary care provider or a counselor. If you suspect that disclosing your partner's threats will put you in danger, consider first calling your **local domestic violence shelter** and speaking to a trained advocate. They can help you create a **safety plan** or get you into an emergency shelter. Even if you're worried about your partner, your safety needs to come first.

### Suicide Is a Serious Threat No Matter What

If your partner uses threats of violence—including suicide—to control you, that's a huge red flag, even if they never intend to follow through with the threat. Suicidal threats still might be a **sign of increasing violence** within a relationship. Don't ignore it. It's in your best interest to work with a domestic violence advocate to create a safety plan and prepare an escape as soon as possible before things escalate. As for your partner? Ultimately, their actions are not your responsibility.

*"Although all suicide threats should be considered serious, it is not the survivor's responsibility to save their abuser. If someone threatens suicide, it means they need a greater level of care than a partner can provide,"* says licensed psychologist Kimber Shelton. Even if your partner does decide to harm themselves, **know it's not your fault**. *"It is painful and confusing when someone ends their life,"* Shelton says. *"But ultimately, the decision to die by suicide is theirs. It's natural and understandable to feel grief when this happens, but there's no reason a survivor should feel guilt."*

With thanks to domesticshelters.org

**IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, KNOW THAT NO EXCUSE ON THE ABUSER'S PART IS EVER ACCEPTABLE. KNOW ALSO THAT YOU ARE NEVER ALONE AND THAT HELP, ADVICE AND SUPPORT ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE.**

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