

THE STEWARD

Sixth Sunday of Easter
MAY 14, 2023

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Scott Arkenberg, Director of Music Ministry

This time of year is always bittersweet for me, having lost my mom in 2001.

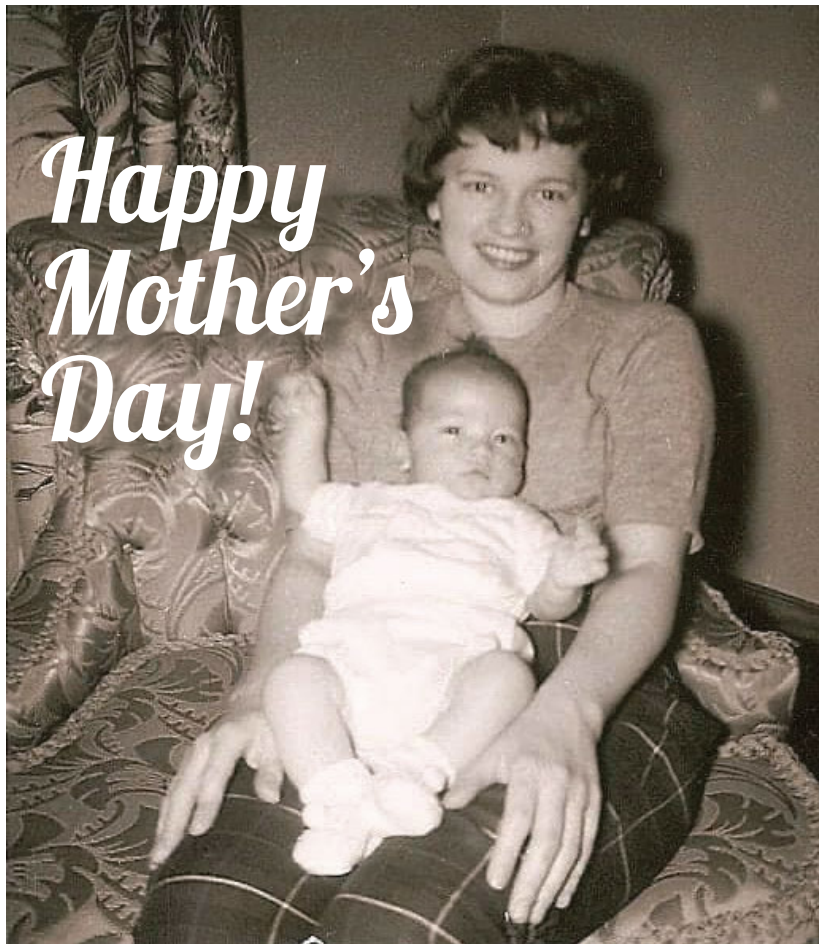
I have such great, happy memories of growing up with my mom. While those happy memories are the dominant feelings at this time of year, there are also the feelings of heartbreak and loss. And, I am sure that many of us experience these same feelings around Mother's Day. Others, may not know their birth mothers, and still others might not have had unhappy memories. Today, I would like to focus on my experience and share some sweet thoughts of a great mother.

As Mother's Day approached that first year after mom's death, my siblings and I were at a loss for what to do. In the past we would always send mom flowers from Sylvia's, the local florist in Arlington Heights. She loved azaleas and received baskets of them from her 3 kids. We also did special brunches in her honor at the Empire Room of the Palmer House or the Drake Hotel. But what to do this first year Mom was gone was going to be difficult to wrap our hearts around.

I suggested that we meet for brunch and talk about the many memories - good and bad - that each of us had experienced. I felt it important to celebrate and remember her—with laughs and tears, stories and events along with the many good recollections. Please know that mom was by no means a saint, but she was our mom and we loved her very much.

The Friday before that first Mother's Day, we each received an anonymous azalea plant in mom's favorite color from the local florist. The card simply read, "*To my favorite child, With Love, your very proud mom!*" We were astounded! And, yes, we were each mom's favorite child.....

Growing up in Arlington Heights was special for each of us kids. Dad had a great job at Montgomery Ward which allowed us to go to a Catholic Grammar School and mom to stay at home. I know that was a rarity and it was not until much later that we realized how important mom being at home was for each of us. She was not a June Cleaver mom. She was just a mom...our mom. It was that smile and hug that we each received when we came back home after a day at school. She was the mom who sometimes baked cookies or a cake. She was the mom that always had a treat for us when we came home.



She took us to choir practices and play rehearsals. She applauded us at our many school events and concerts. She awarded us affection when we had a good report card. She planted flowers with us in the spring and sometimes took us to an afternoon movie at the theater. She was there to celebrate with us, always making us feel the most special in the world. She colored with us and helped us with homework.....except for math. Math was dad's job after he got home.

Mom was there when we fell off



the bicycle; she was "nurse mom" when we skinned our knees or fell off a swing at the park. There was something special of a mom's kiss on your "owee" that miraculously made the pain go away. Mom was special! My brother said that mom was a perfect complement to dad. "Dad planted trees, and mom planted flowers." "Dad taught us the importance of school work, mom taught us to dance!" "Dad taught us to live by the rules, but mom taught us to bend those rules.....a little bit." Mom was special!

My friend, Mary Schmich, wrote a column in the Chicago Tribune on Mother's Day in 2006. It is one of my very favorite articles and it touched my heart. I read it often and give it to grieving funeral families that have lost their mom. I would like to share a few of her thoughts as I close..... "Little questions pile up after mom is gone." She said, "What if we could Google the mind of our lost mother?" Answers to questions we all might have..... "What was the name of that boy who flirted with you in second grade?" "Why do we use Crest toothpaste instead of Colgate." "How do you make that Jello mold?" "What was it like when dad proposed?"

Maybe those answers are not that important. And we might never know the answer. For me, I guess what is really important is the overwhelming love that mom showed to each of us "favorite kids!"

And so today, we remember the many moms who are special to us. Happy Mother's Day to all Mother's, but especially my mom, Jo-An L. Arkenberg. Happy Mother's Day!



ST. BENEDICT GALA COMMITTEE PRESENTS THIS YEAR'S COMMUNITY COOKBOOK!

This wonderful cookbook with submissions from parishioners, alumni, school families, faculty and staff has a tremendous assortment of family favorites

including 10 appetizer recipes, 8 soup and salad recipes, 10 breakfast recipes, 6 side dish recipes, 4 pasta recipes, 17 main dish recipes, and 17 cookie and dessert recipes. This hardcover cookbook includes color photos of our contributing families, dish close-ups, and student artwork. You can order one or more today online by scanning the QR code, or send in cash or check in an envelope marked Gala cookbook with your contact information on the envelope. The envelope can be dropped in the collection or at the rectory or school offices during regular business hours.



THE WOMEN'S CLUB

will hold its May Crowning on Wednesday, May 17th, after the 8:30 Mass. Kim McMillian, the Women's Club 2023 Woman of the Year, will be doing the honors. Please join us in church. This is our last meeting until September. We hope everyone enjoys their summer vacation.



A VISIT FROM FR. JACK WALL

Fr. Jack Wall, President of Catholic Extension, visits St. Benedict Parish to receive parish Lenten Almsgiving Project proceeds for the poor and needy served by Catholic Extension throughout the United States and its territories. Father Jack was the main celebrant for this past Tuesday morning Mass with our Middle School students. He spoke to our young people about the importance of "extending" themselves in service to others as the call of Christ to all the baptized. He thanked the community for the tremendous support of Catholic Extension Society through our prayers during Lent and the almsgiving collected at the end of Lent. Fr Jack blessed medals of St. Benedict that were given to the members of the Middle School Service Committee who led and promoted the Lenten Almsgiving project.



May 14, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 | 1 Pt 3:15-18 | Jn 14:15-21

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

I know a few people whose method of book buying is to read the last few pages of a book first. They want to know if buying, or reading, the book is going to be worth it. As an avid bibliophile I find this to be something I could never do, but I understand their impulse. After all, it makes sense to want to have some kind of assurance that the journey one is taking – whether physical, spiritual, or literary – has a decent “payoff,” as it were. In today’s Gospel, Jesus promises his disciples that when he leaves he will provide “another Advocate” for them. We see this truth in action in the first reading, as with the laying on of hands by the apostles, those who had been baptized in Jesus’ name “received the Holy Spirit.” Christ’s life, death, and resurrection not only conquered death and brought us new life, it made way for the Holy Spirit who has come to dwell among and within us. The Lord has not left us alone. So while we may have a sense of what the sequel to our journey is, we trust the author of our story to help us write the ending of this one.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The love of God and the gift of faith from the Holy Spirit brought the earliest disciples, and us, to the journey – to our own story of a life of discipleship. And while the Bible is indeed “a book,” it is also a compilation of books, letters, and events, and more, that give words to a living history of salvation that began before time and is outside of time and eternal. The Good News cannot be contained in pages – it must be lived, shared, and loved. And yes, it is good to know how it ends, but even that pales in relation to the joy and worthiness of the reading and living of the Word. That is for us to experience, and to share! As much gratification as there is in sharing our favorite new bestseller, we need to double and revamp our efforts when it comes to the Gospel. Give it away freely, to everyone, and shout out the ending. Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! And the Holy Spirit sets us free to love him and one another.

STUDY In order to truly live the Word and spread it to others as Jesus commanded, we must be familiar with the Scriptures. The *Word on Fire Bible*, featuring the Gospels only, is well-designed and includes commentary from Bishop Robert Barron as well as Church Fathers and recent saints and Catholic authors.



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Sunday, May 14, 2023

What keeps us faithful

Catholics tend to be leery of words like "testimony" and "witness" when it comes to the business of sharing our faith with others. We may prefer to keep our profession of faith in a more formal key: say, with a group recitation of the Apostles' or Nicene Creed. Many of us may feel ill-equipped to give a defense of the faith in the debate style known as apologetics. Yet each of us should be prepared to give the reason for our hope to anyone who asks. What keeps us faithful? And how does what we believe influence who we're becoming?

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21 (55). *"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope."*

Monday, May 15, 2023

A patron of plentitude

Isidore, the patron saint of farmers, was a peasant farm worker in Spain around the year 1100. There's a theme of abundance surrounding the stories of his miracles. It's said that at times, an angel was seen doing his work while he prayed, and other times, two angels worked beside him, increasing his output. He made water burst from dry earth to quench the thirsty, and there was always enough in his wife's pot of stew to feed however many hungry people he brought home. When he fed starving animals from his bag of wheat, the same bag produced double the expected amount of flour. When you work, and when you give from the fruits of your work, do so with a prayerful, plentiful heart and think, there's always more where that came from!

MEMORIAL OF ISIDORE, FARMER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4a (291). *"And you also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning."*

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Love triumphs

Joan of Arc was canonized on this day in 1920—making her the only person in history ever to be both condemned and canonized by the Catholic Church. Her triumph: leading the French army to victory over the British. Her tragedy: being burned at the stake, the power of her faith mistaken for witchcraft. Joan's resolve caused Mark Twain to insist, "She is easily and by far the most extraordinary person the human race has ever produced." The centennial of her canonization caused Pope Benedict XVI to insist the "name of Jesus invoked by this saint in the last instants of her earthly life was like the continual breath of her soul." She "understood that Love embraces all things." Love like Joan today.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11 (292). *"Jesus said to his disciples: 'Now I am going to the one who sent me.'"*

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Stop the traffic

Saint Josephine Bakhita, the first black female saint of the modern era, was beatified on this day in 1992, part of a push within the Catholic Church to honor both black Catholics and to signify the horrors of human trafficking. This practice, also known as modern slavery, accounts for the bondage of an estimated 50 million people today, spread over every continent and present in every country. Bakhita herself was kidnapped as a child in Sudan and

later held against her will in Italy before essentially suing for freedom in 1889 and becoming a nun. Her legacy is now global, as she is the patron of all human trafficking survivors. May she inspire us to recognize the silent suffering of so many and work for the freedom of all God's children.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15 (293). *"In him we live and move and have our being; as even some of your poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'"*

Thursday, May 18, 2023

A family reunion

Although Americans tend to not do much beyond Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, in some parts of Europe (Germany, most notably), the day involves special festivities. Because the day celebrates Jesus returning to his Father, it is the German Father's Day, usually celebrated with picnics or outings. Take a moment today to return in prayer to your heavenly Creator.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20 (58) or Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20 (294). *"This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."*

Friday, May 19, 2023

Lessons in hope

Christians are a hopeful people—an Easter people, if you will. In encouraging young people to hold on to hope, Pope Francis advises: "Dream of a world still not seen, but will certainly come one day. Think of those who sailed oceans, scaled mountains, conquered slavery, or made life better for people on earth." Hope allows us to trust in Christ's promises that his Holy Spirit lives within us, that our lives have purpose, and that we can make a difference. Start small. As Saint Augustine advises: "You aspire to great things? Begin with little ones."

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23 (295). *"I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice."*

Saturday, May 20, 2023

Preaching to the heart

Bernardine of Siena (1380-1444), a Franciscan priest, lived at a time in Italy when most preachers proclaimed their sermons from the pulpit during the liturgy and to cloistered clerics. Bernardine was among the first to preach to the public. He was so effective a preacher that cynical civil authorities would invite him to their towns because of the money to be made from the large crowds that gathered to hear him. No matter, Bernardine touched hearts and minds in a priceless way. Seek out preaching that feeds your soul.

MEMORIAL OF BERNARDINE OF SIENA, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28 (296). *"Amen, amen, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you."*

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



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Education

SBPS 3RD GRADE WAX MUSEUM

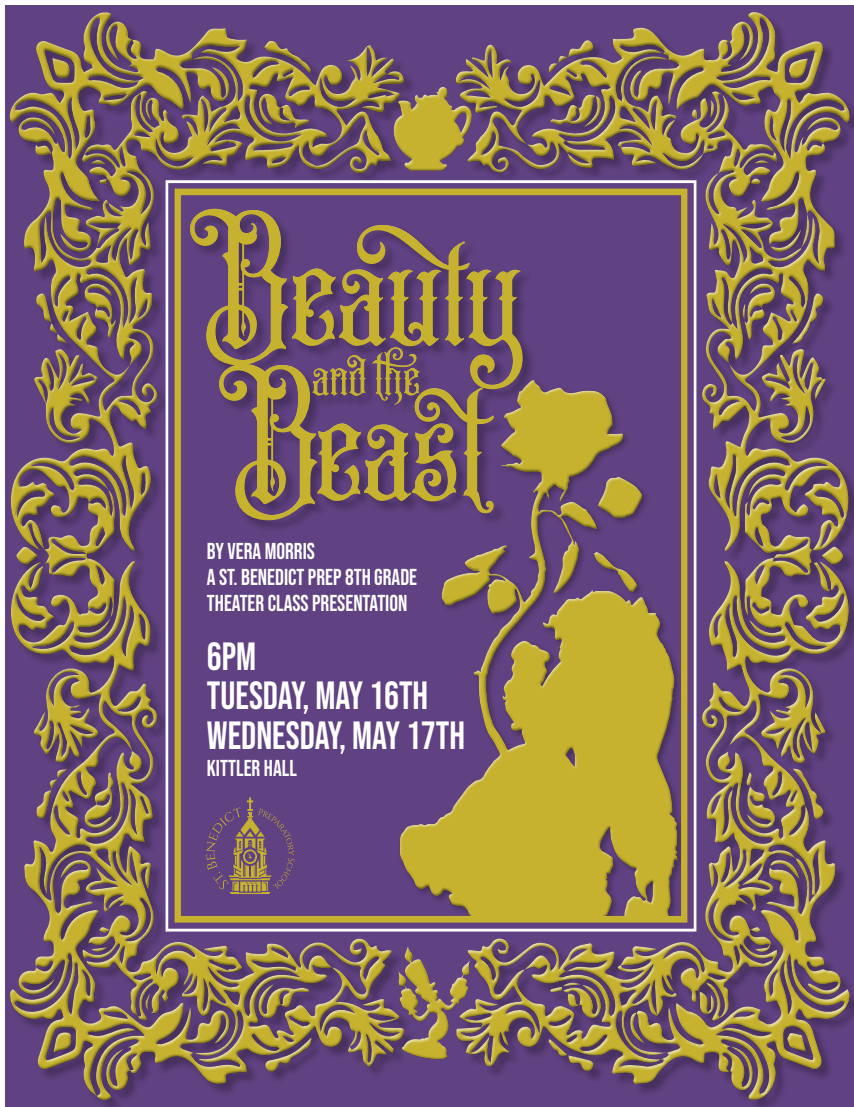
Great job 3rd graders on a fabulous "Wax Museum" last week! From Amelia Earhart to Malala Yousafzai, Ruth Bader Ginsburg to Milton Bradley, even Lionel Messi and Michelle Obama were in the house. Family and friends heard these voices of the past and present, women and men who have and continue to influence young people today.



1ST GRADE BENGALS ON THE GO

St. Benedict Prep 1st grade Bengals visited Kohl Children's Museum in Glenview recently. Students shopped in the Whole Foods Market exhibit, showed off their painting skills in a creative way, and had water fun in the Water Works exhibit. They even had some outdoor fun in the warm spring weather.





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.

FRIDAY MAY 19, 11:30AM-12:30PM

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



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

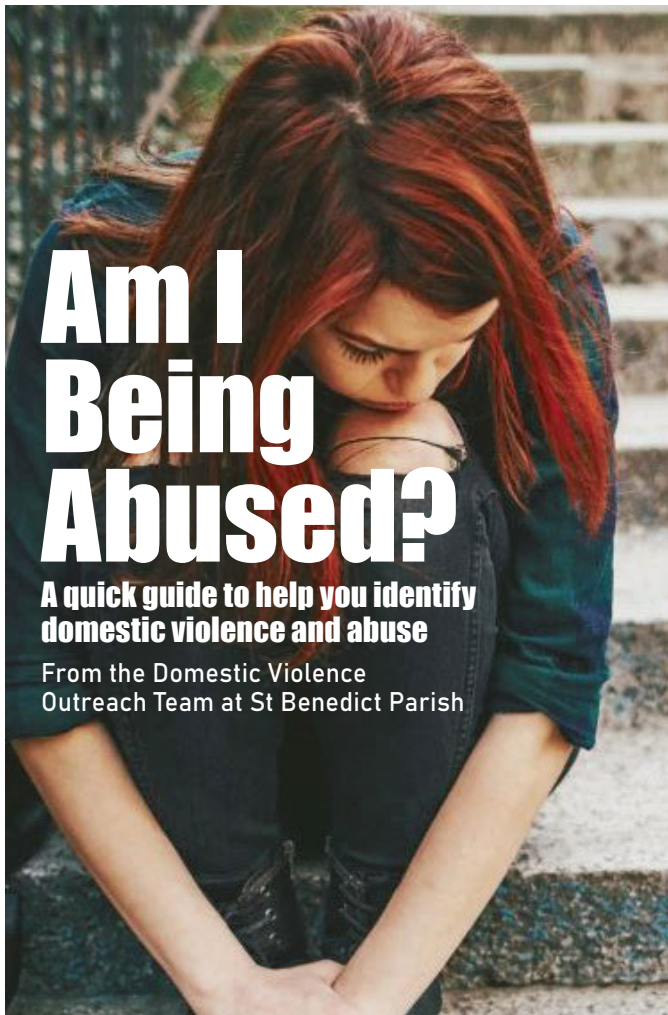
NorthCenter Chamber of Commerce is hosting TinyFest on Saturday, May 20th and Sunday, May 21st in the NorthCenter Town Square at 4100 N. Lincoln Ave.

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.





Am I Being Abused?

A quick guide to help you identify domestic violence and abuse

From the Domestic Violence Outreach Team at St Benedict Parish

If you've ever asked yourself, "Am I being abused?" while desperately trying to convince yourself the answer is "no," you're not alone. Most survivors of domestic violence will say that it was difficult to accept that they were being abused by a partner or family member. Many can't admit they are survivors of abuse until after they've escaped the abuser and some time has passed.

It's devastating to realize that a person you once trusted would manipulate, control or harm you, not once, but over and over again. But it's also a necessary step to ending that abuse.

Below, are examples of various types of abuse and help you identify whether or not what's happening to you is domestic violence.

There are typically five main types of domestic violence, though they can overlap (an abuser can use more than one type at the same time) and meld together (psychological abuse can also be spiritual abuse), making it confusing for a victim to understand exactly what's happening.

An abuser may use the following types of abuse to control a victim:

1. Physical Abuse (hitting, pushing, strangulation, using a weapon)
2. Psychological/Emotional/Verbal Abuse (name-calling, degradation, stalking, threats of violence, isolation)
3. Sexual Abuse (forced sexual contact)
4. Financial Abuse (controlling money, preventing a survivor from having a job)
5. Spiritual Abuse (preventing or forcing religious beliefs)

Is Arguing Considered Abuse?

Couples argue, but couples in healthy, safe relationships also listen to one another and attempt to resolve arguments. When abuse

is present, it can look like arguing but feel far different. If your partner is regularly putting you down, making you feel scared or intimidated, and never apologizes for their actions, you may be experiencing verbal abuse.

Nonphysical abuse often escalates to physical abuse. There are red flags that can warn of this escalation—an abuser who doesn't show remorse for previous abusive tactics like yelling or name-calling, or who continues to not respect your boundaries, or who blames the survivor for their actions, are just a few examples of escalation.

Abuse almost always escalates. Escalation is a choice abusers make when they feel like they're losing control of the survivor or when they want to send a very clear message—they hold the power in the relationship. The longer the relationship continues the more dangerous it becomes for the victim or children.

Abusers often, but not always, follow a pattern with victims. There is nothing a victim does to cause abuse and, likewise, nothing a victim can do to stop abuse besides separating from an abuser. The abuse is never the victim's fault and always the choice of the abuser, even if the abuser tries to blame it on things like drugs, alcohol, mental illness or past trauma.

Sometimes, all it takes to escape an abuser is a strongly worded break-up speech. But more often than not, abusers aren't that willing to release control and things can get dangerous for a survivor.

When you're ready to leave an abuser, reach out to an advocate at a hotline to talk about your options, such as an order of protection, formulate a safety plan and decide how it's safest to leave.

With thanks to domesticshelters.org

<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, KNOW THAT NO EXCUSE ON THE ABUSER'S PART IS EVER ACCEPTABLE.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">KNOW ALSO THAT YOU ARE NEVER ALONE</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">AND THAT HELP, ADVICE AND SUPPORT ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE : 800-799-7233</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">CITY OF CHICAGO DV HELP LINE: 877-863-6338</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><small>TOLL-FREE 24-HOUR SUPPORT</small></p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">CATHOLIC CHARITIES 24 HOUR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE: 708-485-5254</p>
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Coming Up at St. Ben's | May 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
14 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Mass at 8am, 10am, and 12pm in Church	15 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Troop 865 Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall Ravenswood Orchestra Practice 7pm SS Library	16 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	17 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church May Crowning with Women's Club after Morning Mass Church Daisy Girl Scouts Kindergarten 2:30pm Beaven Hall Advisory Board Meeting 7pm SS Library AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	18 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Women's Book Club 7pm Beaven Hall	19 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	20 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church First Holy Communion Masses 10am and 12pm Church Reconciliation 11am Church Welcoming Weekend Mass at 5pm Church
21 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD Welcoming Weekend Masses at 8am, 10am, and 12pm in Church Dads Group Get Together after 10am Mass Beaven Hall Mass at St. Kateri Center Convent Chapel 11am Grandparents Day Open House 11am SS Library Ravenswood Orchestra May Concert 4pm Ackerman Center	22 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	23 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Tiger Scouts Den Meeting 5:30pm Beaven Hall	24 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	25 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church 1st Grade Daisies 3pm Beaven Hall SPRED Spring Planning Meeting 6pm Beaven Hall	26 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	27 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Reconciliation 11am Church Mass at 5pm Church

Stewardship



Sunday & Holy Day Offertory Week of April 23 & 30



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- > Visit GiveCentral.org and search for St. Benedict – Chicago under My Charity
- > Follow the DONATE links on our parish and school website: stbenedict.com
- > Text the keyword DONATE to our text-to-give number : 773.918.2366
- > Scan the QR code (below) with your phone or tablet

<p>Week of April 23</p> <p>Electronic Giving: \$7,791</p> <p>Envelope: \$1,526</p> <p>Loose: \$2,160</p> <p>Total: \$11,447 (88% of goal)</p>	<p>Week of April 30</p> <p>Electronic Giving: \$9,036</p> <p>Envelope: \$1,615</p> <p>Loose: \$1,589</p> <p>Total: \$12,240 (94% of goal)</p>
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Fiscal YTD: \$553,723 (97% of goal)
 Fiscal YTD Goal: \$571,560
 Above/(Below) YTD Goal: (\$17,837)

Easter Goal: \$39,000
 Easter YTD: \$26,257 (67% of goal)
 Above/(Below) Goal: (\$12,743)

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.

Masses for the Week

Saturday, May 13 - Our Lady of Fatima

- 8:30AM James J. Dinchak - *Friends*
John Kelly - *B. Kelly*
- 5PM Annamarie Aguilera - *Mom, Theresa Aguilera*
Kathy Pietschmann
For the Members of the Verschoor/
Orzechowski Families

Sunday, May 14 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 8AM Jose Zarate - *Terencia Z. Limon*
- 10AM Marina Barrientos - *The Barrientos and Kramer Families*
Charlotte Sugrue - *The Barrientos and Kramer Families*
John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*
Special Intention for Ariya Schmookler - *Family*
- 12PM Donna Wawrzyniak and Vignaroli Family - *The Durnin Family*
Special Intention for Liza Martin and Family Ann, Mary, and Barbara McDonagh - *Family*

Monday, May 15 - Saint Isidore

- 8:30AM Special Intention for Amy Joy Goldie

Tuesday, May 16 - Easter Weekday

- 8:30AM Barbara McDonagh - *Family*
Porfirio and Lucrina Llanes - *Leonora Llanes*

Wednesday, May 17 - Easter Weekday

- 8:30AM Bud and Chuck Jerger - *Family*
Barbara McDonagh - *Family*

Thursday, May 18 - Saint John I, Pope and Martyr

- 8:30AM Special Intention for Abraham Sobrepena
Special Intention for Josefino B. Perez - *Lucy Consing*

Friday, May 19 - Easter Weekday

- 8:30AM Special Intention for Art Hundrieser

Saturday, May 20 - Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest

- 8:30AM Special Intention for Giorgio Marconi
- 5PM Special Intention for Elaine Lindia
Robert S. Quattrocchi - *The Michihara Family*

Sunday, May 21 - The Ascension of the Lord

- 8AM Dinorah Bonilla - *Rolando and Maribel Selva*
Elizabeth Waldron - *Tom Waldron*
- 10AM Celerina Sanchez Paez - *Ceferina Sanchez Paez*
Ilona Weber - *Family*
John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*
Mary Mullery - *Bernie McNally*
- 12PM Lilia B. Zabala - *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	Jackson James Limburg
Judy Bartley	Giorgio Marconi
Beverly Berganos Johnson	Ken McFadden
Suzanne Brewer	Jose Orellana
Isabella Sofia Casillas	Corazon Pizarro
Vincent Castellano	Erlyn Publico
Carmen M. Clarin	Julie Raheja-Perera
Mayden H. Eichendorf	Kevin Risten
Michelle Frank	Marla Rizzutti
Amy Joy Goldie	Ann Ulrey-Ryan
Tim Gollehon	Alex Sandoval
Anne Hoellich	Cecilia Fell Schott (Class of 72)
Art Hundrieser	Bill Shaver
Marilyn Jerger	Abraham Sobrepena
Charlene Johnson	Eden Sobrepena
Patricia Keating	Jim Strzalka
Sidney Kennedy	Audrey Venkatesh
Patricia Ann King	Leda Wildner
Pepto Lim	

Baptisms

Cole David Drelicharz, son of David Drelicharz and Jennifer Lavin
Jackson David Drelicharz, son of David Drelicharz and Jennifer Lavin
Claire Charlotte, daughter of Bradley and Laura Lando
Jackson Porter, son of Bradley and Laura Lando





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

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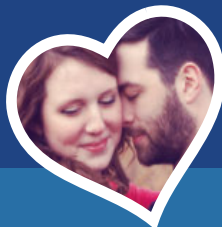
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