

THE STEWARD

Fifth Sunday of Easter

MAY 7, 2023

The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly.



Fr. Steve Kanonik, Pastor

This weekend we hear an interesting 1st reading from the Acts of the Apostles. It is the story of the first Deacons. The Diaconate is a great blessing in the Church, which we celebrate even through today.

Notice that the Apostles were in a position where they were trying to preach the Word and give direction and structure to the early Church. However, there was so much that they needed to do, that they were having trouble keeping up with everything. In addition to all their other tasks, the Church was known for its service to those in need. But, the number of those in need was too great, and the Apostles simply could not keep up with everything. Therefore, they asked the community for the names of disciples who could be called forward to serve in the ministry of service. Therefore, we see the beginning of the Deacon.

Now Holy Orders is a Sacrament that helps provide a holy order or structure to the Body of Christ: The Church. There are three ministries in the Holy Orders. We have the Deacon, the Priest, and the Bishop. The Bishop is the successor to the Apostles, and continues that special role of leadership, which guides and governs and teaches the members of the Church. Our local community is the Church of Chicago. Our Bishop is Cardinal Cupich. He is entrusted with that task of guiding and governing this local Church. But, he could not possibly take care of all Catholics in Chicago. He has a number of men who serve in Holy Orders called Priests. Our role is to assist the Cardinal at each local parish. Now the Diocese of Chicago is so large that

the Cardinal needs extra help so he also has other Bishops to assist him called Auxiliary Bishops. Each Auxiliary Bishop watches over a section of parishes called Vicariates.

Each parish has priests to help the Cardinal serve a smaller group of people called a parish. In addition, many parishes have Deacons to assist the local priests. Here at St. Benedict we are blessed with two priests, and we have one Deacon who serves the Church. Now while the priest serves full-time in the ministry of the Church, a Deacon has a job and assists part-time as his life allows him to work. We also have a part-time Deacon at the St. Kateri Center.

This is a good weekend to say a prayer of thanks for our two Deacons who are willing to give of their life in service to our community. The reading from the Acts of the Apostles shows the importance of the Deacons working in the community. But as the Church continues to grow it soon becomes clear that for the Body of Christ to grow in faith, many more ministers will be necessary. Over time the increased ministries that have grown in the life of the Church need more ministers for all of us to live in service to one another. So this weekend, besides taking time to pray for our Deacons, I would ask you to pray and discern two things. Do you feel a call to a ministry?

If you are a man in the community who has served this parish, and feels that God may be calling you to deeper service, I invite you to pray to the Lord to see if you have a call to become a Deacon. This is a multi-year process, which requires

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studies and preparation. If you would like to know more, please talk to one of the priests or Deacons.

While a call to serve as a Deacon is a call to the Sacrament of Holy Orders, there are many other ministries in the Church that allow us to serve the Body of Christ. These ministries all involve some formation and preparation. We are looking at ministries like Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Usher, Minister of Care, or Audio Visual team. We have ministries like Catechist, liturgy team member, or Art and Environment Committee. There are many other possibilities as well. If you would like to consider a particular ministry here at St. Benedict, please talk to one of the priests, or anyone in one of those ministries. We would be happy to explain what the ministry is like and what type of formation might be given for service.

Of course, besides a ministry, there are also clubs and groups that gather to grow in faith and service. The more of us that play an active role in the community, the bigger and more helpful the Body of Christ can become.

To everyone who is an active part of the community: Thank You! To anyone who is considering playing a bigger role in the Body of Christ: Welcome! All service of God and the people is important and worth celebrating.



BUNDLE SUNDAY IS TODAY, MAY 7TH!

Join us TODAY, 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!

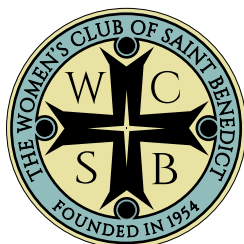
THE WOMEN'S CLUB

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.



By Holy Name Society & Knights of Columbus



When? TODAY, Sunday May 7, 9am to 1:30pm

Where? Beaven Hall

What's to eat or take home?

Freshly Made DONUTS

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What's to drink?

Coffee, Juice, Milk, Hot Chocolate, Tea



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.



May 7, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7 | 1 Pt 2:4-9 | Jn 14:1-12

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


Recently, I went through a period of spiritual dryness, and I questioned my ability to make faith the central tenet of my life. Although I had always loved reading Scripture, I felt I needed reassurance that God was truly present with me. So I did what many people do: I asked God for a sign that he was real. Nothing happened. The sky didn't open; doves and rays of light didn't magically appear announcing God's presence. Although I didn't receive what I envisioned as a "heavenly sign," I looked down at the Bible in my hands and realized that God's word, handed down through the millennia, had been my companion all this time and was indeed the "sign" I was looking for. Which is why Jesus' question to Philip in today's Gospel struck a chord with me: "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me?" If Jesus asked me this same question, I want to be able to answer, "Yes, Lord, I know you through your sacred word, through partaking of the Eucharist and through the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit who is with me each and every day."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

What does "knowing Jesus" mean for me in my everyday life? It means hearing his words and acting on them: "I am the way and the truth and the life ... If you know me, then you will also know my Father." In following Christ, we know that Jesus is in the Father and the Father is in him. Jesus Christ is God! And as we heard in the second reading from Peter, we are not Christians on a lonely road; we are living stones that form a spiritual house. We are "called out of darkness into his wonderful light," as he describes it. Therefore, let us not be afraid to lean on our fellow Christians when we need support. And then, of course, we turn to Jesus, the cornerstone, the bedrock of our faith, and rejoice in his love for us.

ACTION Faith is rarely a straight path – sometimes there are sharp curves, steep hills, or roadblocks. If you feel lost or could use someone to talk to about faith, reach out to your parish and ask about contacting a spiritual director. *Come, Holy Spirit, and fill me with your grace.*



“
I am the way
and the truth
and the life.”

(Jn 14: 6)

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Sunday, May 07, 2023

Appointed to the task

We see them in some of our parishes standing near the presider at Mass: men dressed sort of like priests but with a diagonal or odd-looking stole. What are deacons for, we may wonder?

Deacons assist priests in visiting the sick and provide service in the parish community. They can preach, witness marriages, perform Baptisms, and preside at funeral services outside of Mass. While they're ordained clergy, they may also be married and serve without pay. The permanent diaconate is a special call for those "filled with the Spirit and wisdom." Know someone who fits this description? Encourage him to apply.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12 (52).

"Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task."

Monday, May 08, 2023

Sanctity can't be rushed

Of the approximately 10,000 canonized saints, there are only 11 from the United States, and only three of those were U.S.-born. Of course, part of the reason is that the United States is a relatively young country. Give it time, Blessed Teresa Demjanovich would likely say, because she believed her calling was to remind everyone that they are called, regardless of vocation, to be a saint. Born in New Jersey in 1901, Demjanovich is one of a growing list of American candidates for sainthood and the first to be beatified on American soil. She was a Sister of Charity for only two years before dying at the age of 26. Take to heart her message that everyone is called to a life of holiness and aspire to join her on that list.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26 (285). *"We will come to him and make our dwelling with him."*

Tuesday, May 09, 2023

Advantage from adversity

On this day in 328, 30-year-old Saint Athanasius was elected the new bishop of Alexandria. If that seems young, it was. Even though he helped win the day at the Council of Nicea—taking on Arius and others who denied Christ's full divinity—his elevation as bishop instigated years of struggle with political and ecclesial foes. At issue: Athanasius' stubborn refusal to water down anything in the Nicene Creed. Thus, in the 45 years Athanasius served as bishop, he was exiled a total of five times, 17 years in all. May Athanasius provide a lesson for us all about turning adversity into advantage. While in exile, he did much writing—including a definitive biography of Saint Anthony that would influence other future saints, including Augustine.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a (286). *"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God."*

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

A mighty pen

On this day in 1990 the famed Southern writer Walker Percy died, one of the clarion voices of reason in the troubled climate of his day. He lived through Jim Crow, being born near the height of it, and wrote with the power of his deep Catholic faith to issues of the day. A graduate of medical school, Percy would in the end become

one who probed minds and hearts with the pen—including his own. He famously said, "A fine writer's thoughtful analysis of his own trials and errors is valuable indeed." May we emulate his admirable introspection.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8 (287). *"Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing."*

Thursday, May 11, 2023

Rejoice and be glad!

Doesn't everyone seek a bit of joy? Jesus tells his disciples, "Remain in my love ... so that ... your joy may be complete." Our tradition uplifts those who are joyful even amid setbacks. The concept of the Paschal Mystery points to resurrection—joy—hidden in even the darkest times. Pope Francis often encourages church leaders to show some joy, and he reminds the faithful that God "created us because he wants us to be happy." Jesus' first miracle enabled wedding guests to drink wine and celebrate. Does your faith in God bring you joy? Let others see it.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11 (288). *"I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete."*

Friday, May 12, 2023

Here's to good friends

Saint Teresa of Ávila had a deep understanding of the value of friendship, not only with God but with one another. "What a great favor God does to those he places in the company of good people," she wisely wrote. Negative people can actually affect your well-being on every level: spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically. Numerous studies conclude that surrounding yourself with good people boosts self-esteem, helps you bear stress and grief more effectively, encourages healthy behavior, and increases your chances for a longer and happier life. Your time is a valuable—and limited—resource. Surround yourself with friends and associates who will do you good. Then return the favor.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17 (289). *"I have called you friends."*

Saturday, May 13, 2023

Holy East and West

When's the last time you called a priest "Swami" instead of "Father"? If the priest was today's commemorative, Benedictine Father Bede Griffiths, you would be correct using the title. Griffiths (1906-93), a British-born priest, was sent to India in 1955 to establish a Benedictine monastery. There he studied Indian spirituality and incorporated into the monastery cultural elements of a Hindu ashram. He became known to his congregants as Swami Dayananda, a name that means "bliss of compassion." Watch a three-minute trailer of the film documentary of Father Bede's life and teaching, *A Human Search*.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21 (290). *"Because you do not belong to the world, and I have chosen you out of the world, the world hates you."*

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



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Education

CONGRATULATIONS 2023 CONFIRMANDI

St. Benedict Prep and Religious Education Class of 2023 were welcomed into the Catholic Church during the sacrament of Confirmation last week. Bishop Lombardo confirmed eighty young adults with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to strengthen them in their Catholic life. Confirmation, along with Baptism and First Holy Communion, make up the three sacraments of initiation in the Catholic Church.



LIL' BENGALS ON THE FARM


Preschool students visited Wagner Farm in Glenview recently to discover what life on a farm is like. They learned about chores that have to be done and visited with farm animals, including cows and chickens. What a fun way to learn about farms just outside the city.



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


LIL' BENGALS PLAY & PRAY

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

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

FRIDAYS
11:30AM-12:30PM:
MAY 19, & JUNE 2

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



SHINE JESUS' LIGHT VACATION BIBLE CAMP

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July 17-21
9am-12:30pm

Rising K-4th Grade
\$150 per family
\$80 per astronaut

Bible stories, songs, crafts.
JESUS, and out of this
world Fun!



Teens: How to Talk to Your Parents About Dating Abuse

Think you may be dating an abuser?

Keeping it a secret could put you in more danger



From the Domestic Violence Outreach Team at St Benedict Parish

Maybe you're afraid of what your parents will think. Or, what they'll say. Maybe you feel embarrassed or ashamed to bring it up. But if you're concerned that you might be dating an abusive partner (or just have questions about what a healthy relationship looks like), your parents might be your best allies.

Aside from physical dangers, being the victim of dating violence at a young age puts you at greater risk for lower grades and depression. When you're silent about what's happening, you can end up isolated from your friends, and it can become harder to get out of the situation.

Understanding a relationship with an abusive partner—and how to leave safely—can be difficult, and your parents can help you to figure out your options, or can help you connect with a trained domestic violence advocate to learn about safety planning. Remember, the thing your parents want most is to keep you safe, no matter what that takes.

But even when you know your parents are on your side, it can still be hard to open up to them. Here are a few tips for making the conversation a little easier.

- 1. Find a time and place you're comfortable.** You probably don't want to have a serious conversation about your relationship in the school parking lot, for example. Tell your parents you need some time and would like to speak with them privately. That might mean younger siblings are in bed or at a friend's house. Create the environment you need to feel comfortable.
- 2. Consider giving them some notice.** There's a good chance your parents understand more than you think. But if you're concerned about how they'll react, consider telling them in the morning a little bit about what you want to talk about that evening. That will give them time to process their own emotions and come to you with more resources.
- 3. Get them prepared.** Your parents may have never had this experience before, so you may even want to refer them first to Loveisrespect.org, so that they are prepared to be a better support for you.
- 4. Tell the whole story.** Your parents want to understand what is happening in your relationship. Trust them, and tell them the whole story. This will help them be able to better help you.
- 5. Be honest.** Your parents might ask you about specific events and how they made you feel. They might ask what you want to happen now and how you want them to help you. Be honest about your thoughts and feelings.
- 6. Develop a plan.** If you feel you're at risk for personal harm, talk to your parents about safety planning. What steps do you need to take to stay safe? Should they contact your school? Do you need to change passwords on your social media accounts? Do you need a cell phone for emergencies (if you don't already have one)? Is legal action a path you want or need to consider at this point?

If you still feel you can't talk to your parents, don't go it alone. Talk to an adult you trust—a grandparent, aunt or uncle, a leader at your church, a school counselor or other advisor. You can also find support with [Loveisrespect](http://Loveisrespect.org), an organization specifically created to help young people understand and prevent dating violence. Call their hotline at 866-331-9474, text "loveis" to 22522 or visit loveisrespect.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.

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE : 800-799-7233

CITY OF CHICAGO DV HELP LINE: 877-863-6338

TOLL-FREE 24-HOUR SUPPORT

CATHOLIC CHARITIES 24 HOUR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE: 708-485-5254

Coming Up at St. Ben's | May 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Mass at 8am, 10am, and 12pm in Church Donut Sunday 9am Beaven Hall Mass at 11am St. Kateri Center Convent Chapel	8 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Webelos II Meeting 7pm Cafeteria Troop 865 Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall Ravenswood Orchestra Practice 7pm SS Library	9 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Tiger Scouts Den Meetings 5:30pm Beaven Hall Parish Commission Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall	10 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church 3rd Grade St. Ben's Girl Scouts 3pm Beaven Hall AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	11 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	12 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	13 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church First Holy Communion Masses 10am and 12pm Church Reconciliation 11am Church Mass at 5pm Church
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

Stewardship



Sunday & Holy Day Offertory Week of April 16



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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



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If you would like to contribute to their mission, you may donate online by scanning the QR code, or by sending a check to: Little Sisters of the Poor, 2325 N. Lakewood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614



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

First Saturday, May 6 - Easter Weekday

8:30AM Lucius Guy Hofilena - *Family*
5PM Jean Tashiro - *Jerry Buldak*
Special Blessing for Dr. Angela Duke
and Family - *The St. Benedict Parish*
and *School Community*

Sunday, May 7 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

8AM Gloria C. Recede - *Family*
Special Inteniton for Vanessa Goite
- *The Goite Family*
Ilona Weber - *Family*
10AM John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*
Brian Martin - *Family*
Kelley Halper - *Karen Cholipski*
Tom Toman - *Bernie McNally*
- *Daisy and Tess*
12PM Rudy Chico - *Alex Udvary*

Monday, May 8 - Easter Weekday

8:30AM Juan Guevara Luna - *Leonora Llanes*

Tuesday, May 9 - Easter Weekday

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

Wednesday, May 10 - Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest

8:30AM James Schmitt (Class of '67)
- *The St. Benedict Alumni Office*

Thursday, May 11 - Easter Weekday

8:30AM Doris Kaye - *Angela Rebello*
Dignidad C. Hofilena - *Family*

Friday, May 12 - Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr

8:30AM Zoraida Cahanding (Class of '72)
- *The St. Benedict Alumni Office*

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*

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	Marla Rizzutti
Amy Joy Goldie	Ann Ulrey-Ryan
Tim Gollehon	Alex Sandoval
Anne Hoellich	Cecilia Fell Schott
Art Hundrieser	(Class of 72)
Marilyn Jerger	Bill Shaver
Charlene Johnson	Abraham Sobrepena
Patricia Keating	Eden Sobrepena
Sidney Kennedy	Jim Strzalka
Patricia Ann King	Audrey Venkatesh
Pepito Lim	Leda Wildner



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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would like to volunteer time or talent,
please call the rectory or contact the
following person(s):

Parish Council Chair: Karen Cholipski

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School Board Co-Chairs: Michael Gerlach
and Lindsay Milanowski

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Elaine Lindia and Kim McMillan

Education Commission: Rachel Gemo,
Rachel Metz, or Mary Deletiolgu

Human Concerns Commission: TBD

Parish Life Commission: TBD

Spiritual Life Commission:

Fr. Stephen Kanonik

MASSES AND SERVICES

Sunday Eucharist: Saturday 5PM,
Sunday 8AM, 10AM, AND 12PM

Live Stream as well, Sunday

Weekday Eucharist: 8:30AM Mon-Sat

Holy Day Eucharist: 6:30AM, 8:30AM
and 7PM

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help:
Tuesdays 9AM

**Exposition and Benediction of the
Blessed Sacrament:** First Friday of each
month, 9AM-12PM, in church

Baptisms: Scheduled on all Sundays at
1:30PM; on the fourth Sunday at one of
the Masses. Baptism preparation class is
required.

Reconciliation: Saturdays, 11AM - 12
NOON; seasonal celebrations, as posted;
by appointment in the rectory.

Weddings: Arrange with a priest at least
four months in advance. Participation in
marriage preparation is required.*

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
(RCIA):** For unbaptized persons or
baptized persons interested in learning
more about the Catholic faith and the
process of becoming a Catholic.*

Religious Education: For the religious
education of children attending public
schools please call the Director of
Catechesis.

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

Mass Intentions: Mass intentions may be
requested for someone who is living or
deceased, to commemorate a birthday,
special anniversary, or the anniversary
of a loved one's death.*

** Please call the Rectory*

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