

THE STEWARD

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2022

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Thanking God for the little things in life

BY LOUIE KARAGIANNES,
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Just last week, my wife and I celebrated a joyous achievement, our son's first birthday! When I found out that I was going to be a father, I thought back immediately to my childhood. The many things I did with my father and the many learning experiences that came about from them. I thought about what it would be like to hold my child for the first time, baptizing my child in the church, teaching him how to walk, talk, and love others. There was so much I thought I had all figured out, my wife and I planned for 9 months. We did in-depth research, purchased tons of products, spoke to friends and family, prayed, and discussed plans on how we would approach major parenting



decisions. However, in the end, there was no amount of past memory, planning, or preparation that could convey the overwhelming emotion that comes with a new child. There were so many

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thoughts and feelings that went through my head when I welcomed my son into the world, I thought I was going to lose my mind.

There was one thought which has continued to captivate me, for whatever reason I cannot seem to satisfy my thirst for an answer. What is life? We are blessed with a life in this world, from a creator in another world, we have no thoughts, recollection, or idea of who we are or where we come from. We have no idea how the body we have been blessed with works, but yet somehow it does what it has to in order to survive. Remembering the first night I spent next to my son, I didn't sleep more than 30 minutes that night because I was afraid that something would happen to him if I wasn't focused and awake. Two days went by, and I distinctly remember being so anxious and exhausted that I grew nauseous and had micro panic attacks. Finally, my father called me, and I explained to him what I was going through, he marveled at my situation and welcomed me to fatherhood.

Time went on, my son and I learned our new routine. We wake up, he gets food from mom, he observes the world, then goes back to sleep. This continued for a couple months, brief windows of observation, eating and emptying, followed by lots of sleep. I always felt bad for my son because he never knew what he was missing out on, there was a whole world in motion around him, but all he knew was food and sleep. So, what if there was more to life that I was blind to as well? I have a routine, could it be possible that I too was blind to the truth around me? Our God created the entire Universe and all creation, trillions of stars, infinite space, and billions of years in the making – all I know is 26 years ago life started for me and Chicago is where it has taken me.

In January, we all got Covid. My son was 6 months old; he could not crawl but had just learned how to roll over. Suddenly, a child who was getting comfortable in this new world was being introduced to the pain that is involved with being sick. With my wife and I also infected, it was a struggle to say the least. My son would have lots of boogies and required medication to heal. I could only imagine what he was thinking. The confusion and fear, he spent a lot of time holding on to mom over those two weeks. I also was afraid; I unfortunately got the worst of Covid

in the family. There were moments where to breathe was a struggle and coughing seemed to be endless. My fear however was not because of my suffering, but instead was due to the thought of not being here for my son. For life is not eternal in this world, and for the first time in my life, this actually mattered to me. I never feared death in my life, I always had faith that when I died, I would meet my creator; but now, that has all changed. Life has become precious; I want to be here to see my son as he grows and develops.

By the end of February, it came time to baptize my son. This was one of the happiest days of his life for me, because today was the day that my son would join the church. As Father Thomas held my son over the water, my son looked



down and touched the water with his toe. He audibly gasped, everyone smiled with anticipation just as he was fully submerged. Then just as he entered this world from his mother screaming, he entered this church screaming as well! I couldn't help but think how this is not the way he would have preferred to answer God's call to the community, ironically, I don't think anyone is ever thrilled with the call to carry their cross in the end. There were so many moments that day, from the crying as he endured the baptism itself, to the joy and smile as he feasted on delicious food as a reward at the reception. All this made me think about how we respond to God in our life. Most of the time, we do everything in our power to avoid uncomfortable and painful experiences, but ultimately it is the painful moments that bless us the most in life.

Jumping forward one last time, my wife and I found ourselves on a hot day in June building tents, decorating tables, setting up toys, and cooking food. Preparing for friends and family to make their way to our home for a day of celebration. My son turned one and we worked so hard to have the best for him that day. It was



exhausting, my feet, back, and head all hurt. I smelled like a smoker. My hands felt like I was digging ditches all day. My wife and I sat on the floor and tried to justify why one of us deserved to shower first, when all of a sudden, I looked over to my son who was surrounded by tons of new toys. Big toys, loud toys, colorful toys, a children's paradise; but yet, he was playing with a \$3.99 bouncy ball that my wife got from

the Goodwill. We did all this work, he got all these amazing blessings and gifts, and yet it was the most insignificant blessing which made him the happiest. At that moment everything started to make sense.

You see, life is an adventure. It starts slow and confusing, not always sure what to do. Once you are comfortable and secure in a routine, challenges finally arrive. You will need to persevere and fight to stay alive and do well for yourself. But if you answer Gods will and allow him to show you the way, you will be rewarded for the fight you endured. In the end however, all the money, power, and success will not make you happy – for it is the little things that you gather along the way that truly fulfill your life. Being a parent for one whole year has taught me a lot; while I still have much to learn, I am always thankful for the time God has given me and the many blessings I have received along the way.



Music for July 2/3

Entrance: The Summons (W 773)

Gloria: Mass of Redemption Readings: W 1150

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia in C (W 329)

Offertory: Instrumental

Holy, Holy, Holy: Mass of Creation (W 365)

Memorial Acclamation B: Mass of Creation (W 366)

Amen: Mass of Creation (W 367)

Lamb of God: Holy Cross Mass (W 381)

Communion Processional: Bread of Life from Heaven (W 948)

Recessional: Go to the World (W 532)

PLEASE WELCOME REV. FR. PAUL SHIRIMA WEEKEND OF JULY 30-31, 2022

Fr. Paul will be representing the Catholic Diocese of Tanga in Tanzania/East Africa, speaking at St. Ben's at all weekend Masses on July 30 and 31.

Fr. Paul is a bona fidei priest from Tanzania. He was ordained a priest in 2011. Since his ordination, Fr. Shirima has done parish ministry as the associate priest in several parishes in Tanzania, as a teacher at our diocesan junior seminary and as the diocesan youth director. Since August 2021, Fr. Shirima has been a graduate student in Jewish-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ.

The mission needs of our diocese are many, but currently we are very challenged to meet the tuition fees for our 29 diocesan major seminarians who are now in formation and studies in our national Philosophical and Theological seminaries. Any help we can get from this mission appeal (MCP 2022) will be of vital in supporting the formation of these fine young men who will soon move on into priesthood. we can't thank you enough for your consideration in this. Your generous financial and spiritual help will make the difference. Please be generous in your response to Father's appeal.





GOD'S LOVE IS MONUMENTAL! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Go off-road with St Benedict Parish for a Monumental adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, we'll form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead.

OUR 5-DAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL RUN FROM JULY 18-22.

Vacation Bible School is for rising kindergarteners thru rising 4th graders. We will meet Monday through Friday to sing, learn about scripture stories, talk about the saints and grow in faith. Participants will be in small groups, led by our parish youth ministry volunteers. This 3.5 hour day will run from 9:00am-12:30pm.

THE FEE IS \$80/CHILD AND \$150/FAMILY. SPACE IS LIMITED.



COME BACK TO ST. BEN'S FOR THE ALL CLASS REUNION WEEKEND!



PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND JAN 30 - FEB 8, 2023

For we saw His star in the east, and have come to worship Him (Matthew 2:2)

You're invited to join Fr. Steve Kanonik (Pastor, St. Benedict), Deacons Mike McManus (St. Edward) and Bill Frere (Mary, Undoer of Knots, St. Kateri Center) as we visit the places where Jesus was born, preached, died and rose.

We'll celebrate Mass each day at one of the churches that recall the events of Jesus' life, renew our baptismal vows in the Jordan, marriage vows in Cana, sail on the Sea of Galilee and carry a cross through the streets of Jerusalem. Check out the details: <https://bit.ly/3OskBcN>

For additional information, contact Deacon Mike (m_mcmanus@yahoo.com) or Deacon Bill (wfrere@archchicago.org).



HIGH SCHOOL - SATURDAY, JULY 16TH

- Memorial Mass for all our deceased alumni and faculty of St. Benedict at 5 p.m.
- "Cocktail Hour" at 6 p.m.
- Dinner at 7 p.m.
- Award Presentation of Alumni Hall of Fame 2022 Inductees *Nominations still being taken. Submit a nomination to Joe Accardi at jaccardi@stbenedict.com.*

GRADE SCHOOL - SUNDAY, JULY 17TH

- Open Gym / Tours of the School from 4-8 p.m.
- Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

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July 3, 2022

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:10-14c | Gal 6:14-18 | Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

So what comes to mind when you imagine your dream road trip? A well-planned route with scenic stops, nice hotels, good restaurants and quirky sights along the way? Jesus may be my copilot, but given his words in today's Gospel I'm not sure I'd want him to be my travel agent! As he sends the 72 ahead of him, he gives them no illusions about the mission that lies ahead: "Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals." Settle for the first house that welcomes you, regardless of the amenities. Eat and drink whatever they offer. Give those you encounter a greeting of peace and remind them the kingdom of God is at hand. As always, Jesus gives these travelers all they will need to share the Good News with others. They return rejoicing! The early disciples refute my "travel agent" doubts, as they show us by example to place our trust in God and take nothing for the journey except our faith and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, we can rest assured that our "names are written in heaven."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I'm a planner. When we went to Disney World, my sons split off from me after I unveiled an app that would show us exactly which ride or attraction to hit based on crowd numbers, time of day and other variables. I loved that app! So had I been one of the 72 we read about today appointed by Jesus to spread the Gospel in pairs, hopefully my companion would not have abandoned me because of my insistence on planning. Ultimately, our journey of faith - as we share it with others and walk toward the kingdom ourselves - is not something we can choreograph. The more we plan and the more baggage we carry, the less likely we are to hear God's voice cutting through the noise. By stripping away the nonessentials, we can place our trust in the Lord, who will show us the right path. When we place our lives in the service of the Lord, the harvest will be abundant.

PRAY Many U.S. dioceses will be welcoming newly ordained priests this month. Pray for them as they begin their ministry, and pray for more vocations.

Sunday, Jul 03, 2022

We are blessed

This land is a favored patch of Earth. "From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam," as Irving Berlin's anthem goes, may God bless this place we call the United States of America. Berlin's song is both patriotic and prayerful, which is why it's sometimes sung in church. He originally wrote it for a play, then set it aside for 20 years, resurrecting it as the Third Reich came to power and the world needed an inspirational song. (Woody Guthrie didn't like it and wrote "This Land Is Your Land" in response.) However you choose to sing it, croon a song of gratitude for your country.

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TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 66:10-14c; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 (102). *"Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent."*

Monday, Jul 04, 2022

Red, white, blue, and Catholic

Catholics were a small minority in America's colonial period—at the end of the Revolutionary War, there were only about 25,000 Catholics in the United States out of a total population of 3 million. Catholics faced persecution, first in the original colonies, and then in the new country that was ironically founded in part on freedom of religion. Today there are 70 million Catholics in the United States, or 22 percent of the population, and for many years Catholics have made up about a third of the U.S. Congress—more than any other denomination. With the values of our faith, Catholics have made countless contributions to the betterment of our country through myriad kinds of service—what's yours?

OPTIONAL PROPER MASS FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY (USA)
(887-891)

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Matthew 9:18-26 (383). *"Courage, daughter! Your faith has saved you."*

Tuesday, Jul 05, 2022

Sweet is the rose

Saint Elizabeth of Portugal belongs to a saintly tradition called a "miracle of the roses." Elizabeth was caught smuggling provisions from the family larder to give to the poor, food hidden under her cloak to elude disapproving relatives. When confronted by a suspicious husband and ordered to reveal what she was hiding, roses tumbled from her wrap instead of bread. Many saints, including Juan Diego, Dorothy, and Rita of Cascia also had miraculous encounters with roses. Pope John Paul II once pointed out that the thorns of these roses remind us of worldly trials—but their enduring fragrance represents the love of Christ.

MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL, QUEEN, THIRD ORDER FRANCISCAN

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:32-38 (384). *"The crowds were amazed and said, 'Nothing like this has ever been seen.'"*

Wednesday, Jul 06, 2022

Tap into the riches of diversity

On this day in 2017, the most recent gathering of the National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC) began in Orlando, Florida. The NBCC was founded by African-American Catholics as a successor to Daniel Rudd's Colored Catholic Congress movement, which had been dormant since 1894. Since 1987, the NBCC has gathered black Catholics from around the United

States every five years for fellowship and to discuss a pastoral plan to be published by the Congress after each meeting. The NBCC is governed by the nation's black bishops, a group active since the first ones were appointed in the late 20th century. May we all draw deeply from the wellspring of our cultural heritage to enrich the church.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Matthew 10:1-7 (385).

"You descendants of Abraham, his servants, sons of Jacob, his chosen ones! He, the LORD, is our God."

Thursday, Jul 07, 2022

Adventures in pursuit of the reign of God

Today's gospel begins with Jesus' command that his apostles declare the "kingdom of heaven is at hand." Pope Francis has noted that seeking the reign of God involves boldness and adventure. Seeking the Kingdom, he once told a Sunday Angelus audience, is the "opposite of a dull life: it is a treasure that renews life every day and leads it to extend towards wider horizons."

Those seeking the reign of God, he continued, "have a creative and inquisitive heart" leading them to "new paths" for loving God, neighbor, and themselves. Has your quest for the Kingdom taken you on unexpected journeys?

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 11:1-4, 8c-9; Matthew 10:7-15 (386).

"Jesus said to his Apostles: 'As you go, make this proclamation: 'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"

Friday, Jul 08, 2022

Branch out

Chances are you're spending some time outside this summer, enjoying the glories of nature. One ancient tree worth noting is the cedar, which has deep spiritual roots in Hebrew and Christian tradition. The height and breadth of the mighty cedar of Lebanon are associated with the greatness of God. It is long-lived, evergreen, fruit-bearing, and a place of refuge—all characteristics of Yahweh and Mary, in her role as Mother of God and protectress of the church. The next time you feel vulnerable or distant from God, call to mind the grand cedar and know that divine comfort awaits if only you seek its reach.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 14:2-10; Matthew 10:16-23 (387). *"He shall strike root like the Lebanon cedar, and put forth his shoots."*

Saturday, Jul 09, 2022

Creed and culture are not the same

European missionaries were pouring into China during the 19th century, bringing with them not only the Christian religion, but also the European culture that they believed was part and parcel of the practice of the faith. Chinese reception of Christianity was mixed. Many Chinese saw it as a cultural invasion since some missionaries condemned customary Chinese practices like veneration of ancestors as demon worship. Augustine Zhao Rong represents 87 Chinese Catholics and 33 Western missionaries who were killed during a period of anti-foreigner resentment that followed. Be mindful that your evangelizing always be accompanied by respect and sensitivity.

MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG, PRIEST, MARTYR, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 10:24-33 (388). *"It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher."*

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



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Adult and Child Catechesis

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION 2022-2023



It is finally time to register for this coming year's Religious Education Program at Saint Ben's! Our classes will be held on Sunday's from 8:15 am - 9:45 am, or if you prefer on Wednesdays from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm. Although we are still hoping to have 2 options for classes, please know that if the class counts are not sufficient, we may ask you to change to the other option. We will need to receive your registration form BEFORE September 1, 2022. Registering before September 1st will guarantee your child(ren) a place in a grade-level class and that he/she has a book for the first day of classes.

We will continue to use books from the Alive in Christ program, which has videos and other virtual components to help guide the children in our faith community to a deeper relationship with Christ. The Blessed program from Dynamic Catholic will be used for First Reconciliation and First Communion preparation and the Chosen series will be used for Confirmation preparation.

The link to register on line is: <https://parish.stbenedict.com/new-page>. Or, simply scan the QR code below.

When you click on that link, you will also see links to view the current tuition rates and a link to Give Central where you can make your payment. There is also a link to an Emergency Release form which we need from each family. In addition, there is a link on the Religious education page for a Photo Release form so we are aware of your wishes about photos. Please make sure you provide a current email and phone number when you register and remember to hit the "Submit" button so we are sure to receive your registration.

You will also see a link for a Volunteer Form. Our hope is that parents will be encouraged to provide assistance as catechists. We will be recruiting at Mass and in our email blasts, but we do need any help that may be available so we can offer both Wednesday and Sunday options for class. If you can help in this way, please let me know right away so I can meet with you and review the wonderful resources we have to use in the classroom.

Our Religion Education Program is an 8-year process by which the children learn and grow in faith through the primary and middle school years. We encourage you to continue on your child's catechesis and enroll today. I look forward to a fruitful year as we continue our program. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. Thanks!



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The Religious Education office is looking for catechists or co-catechists to teach a group of children or teens on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings.

Please contact Elaine Lindia for more information at (773) 509-3806 or at elindia@stbenedict.com. Thank you in advance for considering being part of a vital Catholic educational experience that helps build the foundation of a child's faith.



Are you seeking a personal relationship with Christ?

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

If you are interested in becoming Roman Catholic, know someone who is interested, or would like to complete your Catholic Sacraments, we will be beginning a process soon called the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

The process spans several months as a small group of "inquirers" begin to journey together as they learn, grow, pray, and build a personal relationship with Christ culminating in the reception of the Sacraments. If this sounds like something you are interested in, there is no obligation or cost, just contact Elaine Lindia at 773-509-3806 or at elindia@stbenedict.com for more information on the process.

Education

ST. BENEDICT PREP SUMMER CAMP 2022

The school year has come to an end but the learning and fun still continues through the summer at St. Benedict Preparatory School. Summer enrichment camps allow students to explore areas of interest with inter-active activities. Weekly themes have included Summer Weather, Animal Adventure, Space is the Place, and Dinosaurs.



Education

SBPS MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER GARDEN CLUB

Summer vacation is in full swing but a group of St. Benedict Prep middle school students have been back on campus tending to the campus gardens. Students are spending part of their summer serving our community and taking care of God's beautiful creation. You can see the results of their work in the Children's Planting Garden at the corner of Irving Park Rd and Bell Ave and the Memorial Garden on Bell Ave near Bryon Ave. Thank you to all of our St. Benedict Prep gardeners.



UNIQUE RELIGION TEACHER POSITION AVAILABLE AT ST. BENEDICT PREP

SBPS is looking for a middle school religion teacher to cover a maternity leave. This position would be suitable for a retired professional who loves his/her faith, a parishioner in-between paid positions or even a parent of younger children looking to earn a little extra income. The curriculum/program is set and there would be regular support and planning meetings with the lead teacher.

This position would begin August 11, 2022 and end mid-January. Daily hours are M-F from 7:30AM to 3:30PM. Candidates need to be Catholic, possess a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree and clear a national background check.

Interested candidates may email Head of School, Ms. Rachel Gemo, at rgemo@stbenedict.com to learn more about the position.

Human Concerns



How to Escape an Abuser with Your Children

There is a way to escape with your children despite threats, fear from abuser

Threats are used on many survivors of domestic violence by a controlling partner. They are manipulation tactics, but also very real threats that, unfortunately, can come true. So how do you leave safely with children?

Understand Your State's Child Custody Laws Before you go, it's a good idea to understand your local parental and custody laws from a domestic violence advocate or through an attorney, since laws do vary by state. You can also find a summary of custody laws online. After you flee to a shelter, you should follow up as soon as possible with an attorney to chart the best course of legal action going forward. Usually, the shelter can help you with connecting to legal advice, often free or low-cost.

How Does a Restraining Order Affect Child Custody? Children can be included in orders of protection. This can mean the abuser won't be able to threaten you with kidnapping or have visitation until you both go back into court to work out the details of the arrangement, but laws do vary by state, so make sure to ask the court or an attorney what those are.

If Possible, Prepare Before You Escape Talk to an advocate to create a safety plan. Locate a shelter near you where advocates are usually available 24/7 to help survivors create safety plans, which is a blueprint for how and when to leave safely. Leaving can be the most dangerous time for survivors, so, if possible, plan ahead of time where you'll be going (a shelter, friend's house the abuser doesn't know, a hotel or short-term rental or another option) and how to get there safely. You can involve your children in safety planning as well.

Keep records A journal or diary that documents the dates of the abuse (whether physical, psychological or emotional, financial or any other type of abuse), details on each episode, phrases used by the abuser, images, and names of any witnesses can be helpful when you go to court for custody or an order of protection. Be sure you keep your diary safe from the abuser at all times.

Pack a bag Keep it in a place other than your home (your work or a friend or relative's house). This should include your children's birth certificates or immigration papers, social security cards, backup supplies of necessary medications, diapers, formula and some cash.

Going to Court Comes Next A child custody agreement must eventually be made in family court. Matters such as joint or sole custody and visitation rights need to be decided. While it may seem unfair and burdensome to have to engage in a custody battle after experiencing abuse, it is a normal part of the process when parents of children go separate ways. It's important that the protective parent be prepared for this as much as possible. Child custody laws vary by state and courts should consider potential dangers to the children or trauma from witnessing past violence when making custody determinations.

With thanks to domesticshelters.org

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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
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Sunday Giving

Sunday Offertory (Mailed-in, In-Pew and GiveCentral)

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| Amount received for Sunday, June 26: | \$10,425 (79% of goal) |
| Weekly goal: | \$13,250.00 |
| Fiscal Year Sunday Offertory: | \$622,811 (90% of goal) |
| Fiscal Year Goal (starting July 1): | \$689,000 |
| Behind Goal: | (\$66,189) |



We've now reached the end of our fiscal year. Currently, we're projecting a deficit of more than \$65,000 for our combined offertory collections. Reasons for this are many, including church attendance that's still in COVID-recovery mode, as well as inflation and economic uncertainties.

One of the great things about GiveCentral is its 'set and forget' convenience. The downside of that can be we don't always notice when our donations stop for one reason or another, such as an expired card or closed bank account.

We're asking everyone to please log in to your GiveCentral account in the next few days to ensure your recurring donations are in line with your planned giving, and if not, make up the shortfall or even increase your donations if you're able.

If you need assistance checking your online giving history or making changes to payment methods or giving schedules, please email Jeanne Anderson at janderson@stbenedict.com or call 773-588-6484.

Thank you!

GiveCentral is our partner for secure electronic giving. Here are three easy ways to get started:

- > 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



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.

Coming Up at St. Ben's | July 2022

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 8AM, 10AM, and 12PM Church | 4 Independence DAY Mass 9AM Church | 5 Daily Morning Mass 8:30AM Church Pilates with Ms. Hyland 12:30PM Beaven Hall | 6 Daily Morning Mass 8:30AM Church Conscious Discipline Workshop 9AM SS Library AA Group Meeting 8PM Beaven Hall | 7 Daily Morning Mass 8:30AM Church | 8 Daily Morning Mass 8:30AM Church | 9 Daily Morning Mass 8:30AM Church Reconciliation 11AM Church Mass at 5PM Church |
| 10 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 8AM, 10AM, and 12PM Church | 11 Daily Morning Mass 8:30AM Church Summer Basketball Training 6PM Gym | 12 Daily Morning Mass 8:30AM Church | 13 Daily Morning Mass 8:30AM Church Pilates with Ms. Hyland 12PM Beaven Hall Summer Basketball Training 6PM Gym AA Group Meeting 8PM Beaven Hall | 14 Daily Morning Mass 8:30AM Church Summer Basketball Training 6PM Gym | 15 Daily Morning Mass 8:30AM Church | 16 Daily Morning Mass 8:30AM Church Reconciliation 11AM Church Mass at 5PM Church Alumni Reunion Mass at 5PM in Church Reception to Follow in Courtyard/Gym 6PM |

Masses for the Week

First Saturday, July 2 - Weekday

8:30AM Special Intention for Ronald O'Keefe
5PM Sheri Gilkerson - *Friend*
Frank Anichini - *Melissa Mulhern*
Brian Martin - *Christa O'Keefe and Marge Lawlor*

Sunday July 3 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM Paul Hester - *The MacDonald Family*
Gloria C. Recede - *Family*
John Weber - *The Weber Family*
10AM Carl Dominik - *Sharon and Don Wilson*
Danilo Belicena - *Sally Sobrepena-Belicena*
Anita Fernandez - *Sally Sobrepena-Belicena*
Arthur Couch - *Carol and Jules and Family*
12PM Karoline and Juergen Wiedel -
The St. Benedict Parish Community
James Ward - *Ramona Mendes*

Monday, July 4 - Weekday

9AM Special Intention for Ellen Roberts - *Lucy Consing*
John, Ann, and Mary McDonagh - *Family*
Special Intention for Jorge and
Aurora Cortes - *Glorieta Gaston*
Edna Cabrera - *Estrella Torre*

Tuesday, July 5 - Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest, Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

8:30AM Araceli Recede - *Family*
Celia M. Baylon - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*
Edna Cabrera - *Estrella Torre*

Wednesday, July 6 - Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

8:30AM Benjamin M. Baylon - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*
Edna Cabrera - *Estrella Torre*

Thursday, July 7 - Weekday

8:30AM Stan Weber - *St. Ben's Friends*
Edna Cabrera - *Estrella Torre*

Friday, July 8 - Weekday

8:30AM Don Wiskes (Class of '57) -
The St Benedict Alumni Office
Edna Cabrera - *Estrella Torre*

Saturday, July 9 - Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs, BVM

8:30AM John A. Hauser - *Jennifer and Chuck Mustari*
Edna Cabrera - *Estrella Torre*
5PM Duke Egan - *The Egan Family*
John A. Hauser - *The Suh - Hauser Families*
Kathleen H. Pietschmann - *The St. Benedict Parish Community*
Kelly Halper - *Gail Csapo*

Sunday July 10 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM Stan Weber - *St Ben's Friends*
John Weber - *The Weber Family*
Edna Cabrera - *Estrella Torre*
10AM Francisca Reyes, Victor D. Goite, and
Glen Goite - *The Goite and Reyes Family*
Brian Martin - *LuAnn*
John Hauser - *Aunt Mary and Uncle Mark*
Olimpio A. Bolinas, Jr. - *Family*
12PM George Skinner (Class of '66 Grammer
School) - *The St. Benedict Alumni Office*
Efren Gruezo Jr. - *Faustina Gruezo*

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.

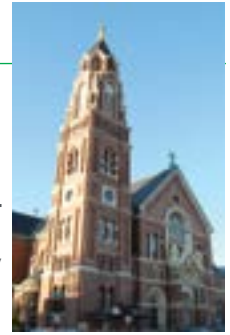
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Baptisms

Gabriela Sanghrajka Ching, *daughter of Bosco Ching and Sonia Sanghrajka*
Musso Monaghan, *son of Michael and Maeve Masini*
Klaus Fitzgerald Meyer, *son of James Meyer and Heather Fitzgerald*
Jackson Henry Rezmer, *son of Dennis Rezmer and Tracey Damore*

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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MASSES AND SERVICES

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

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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):**

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about the Catholic faith and the process
of becoming a Catholic.* **Religious
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call the Director of Catechesis.

Handicapped Accessibility: An elevator is
available for all Sunday Masses. Enter the
church through the East door.**

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
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