

# THE STEWARD

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022

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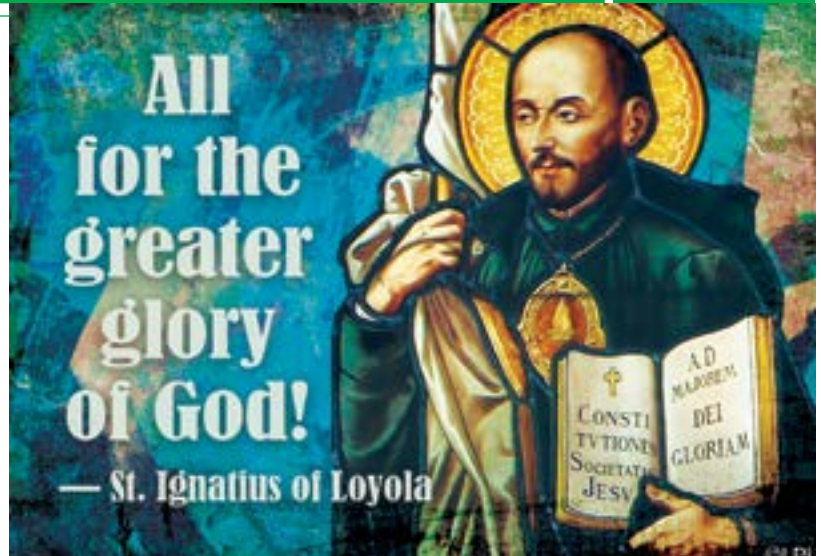
BY FR. TOM REFERMAT, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

A few years ago I had to buy a car. My previous car, which I had for 13 years got into an accident and although it was merely a dent, they “totaled” the car. After purchasing a car, the salesman took me aside and showed me the invoice. On it were the initials: AMDG. I had seen this before, but though it meant something else. The salesman asked if I knew what that meant. I told him that it is the initials of the Jesuit motto: Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam. He told me that the owner of the car dealership was a Catholic who went to a Jesuit school, so always had this put on all his papers. It’s a noble thought.

The motto can be translated as: for the greater glory of God. Saint Ignatius used it when founding his companions for Christ, or society of Jesus, or simply the Jesuits.

I mention this because today is the feast day of the founder of the Jesuits, Saint Ignatius of Loyola. He lived an interesting life. He came from a wealthy family and wished to be a soldier and make it a career. Service to the king and rescuing princesses were his fantasy. During one battle early in his career, he was hit by a canon ball which seriously damaged his right leg. He was confined to bed, hoping for the best but fearing the worst. During his time in the tower of his father at Castle Loyola, he asked for some reading material: romance novels. Given that the castle had no romance novels, he read the only thing that they had: The Bible, and lives of the saints. Although wishing to romanticize his career as a soldier, saving towns from dragons and evil forces, being at the service of the king, and rescuing damsels in distress, he now turned to the lives of the saints. Something struck him in all his readings: although he could fantasize about being a knight in shining armor, he could be that soldier for Christ in reality. It was Saint Francis of Assisi who also wished the same. His fantasies were enjoyable but left him unhappy, while stories of the saints brought great joy and left him wanting more.

So after months of recovery, Ignatius went to the Holy Land and returned to spend some time in prayer. After a year of so, he went to school to learn theology. There he met other students who also were interested in his zeal for Christ. He made them go on a 40 day retreat in silence



before embarking on this new quest. Hence, the beginning of the Society of Jesus.

Some of the stories of the saints that he hung around with and the saints who joined the Jesuits are also inspiring! If you ever have time, I would encourage you to read the stories of the saints. Start with the saint of the day, or choose your favorite.

I remember a holy man I ran into a decade ago. He shared with me that each night before bedtime, he would pick the story of a saint and tell it to his children. They loved him telling stories, and these must have had an impact on them. None of them became a priest or a sister, but all of them are devout Catholics and continue to share that Faith to their children.

One other thought. Speaking of romance novels: have you ever heard of the novel, *The Mass of Brother Michel*? It’s an old book out of print now, but a book that contains a lot of wisdom. I first heard about this romance book in the seminary, when one of my classmates found it and thought every person in the seminary should read it. I dismissed it since it was a work of fiction, but after ordination came across the book and read it myself. Wow! He was right. Let me give you the beginning of the story:

There once was a man who came from a wealthy family. He had everything going for him: he was engaged to be married to a beautiful woman and his family supported him

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so he had no need to work for a living. Tragedy struck and he was thrown from a horse in a terrible accident that left him disabled for the rest of his life. He lost everything. He lost his fiancé, his family stuck him in a monastery and would have nothing to do with him. Thus begins the romance novel. See if you can find it to learn what becomes of Michel.

As I turn towards Saint Ignatius, I find many pearls of wisdom in his life and in what he said. It begins with Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam, but reminds me to do everything for the Greater glory of God. I hope you also have favorite stories of saints that you can share with others. They offer us hope in moving forward and growing in the spiritual life. In the last weeks of summer, if you have some free time, find a good spiritual book, maybe a story of a saint, and immerse yourself in a universe that reminds us of something greater than ourselves. Take some time to develop your spiritual life.

## 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](mailto:m_mcmanus@yahoo.com)) or Deacon Bill ([wfrere@archchicago.org](mailto:wfrere@archchicago.org)).



## Music for July 30/31

**Entrance:** Cantic of the Turning (W 624)

**Gloria:** Mass of Redemption Readings: W 1162

**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:**

No Greater Love (W 698)

**Recessional:** How Can I Keep from Singing? #684

## THIS WEEKEND!

### 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.



### ST. BENEDICT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 15052 IS EMERGING FROM THE PANDEMIC SHUT DOWN.



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### ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

**Do you want to complete your Sacraments of Initiation (First Communion and Confirmation)?**

Please consider joining our RCIA sessions beginning this Fall. If you want more information, please contact Elaine Lindia at [elindia@stbenedict.com](mailto:elindia@stbenedict.com) or (773)509-3806.



SCAN QR CODE  
TO REGISTER.

### REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IS NOW OPEN!

Please visit our RE web page to register and review our class schedules. We are also in need of catechists. If you are interested in learning more about our program or can volunteer in any way, please contact Elaine Lindia at [elindia@stbenedict.com](mailto:elindia@stbenedict.com) or at (773)509-3806.

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the  
Date!

# Oktoberfest '22

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Oktoberfest here at St. Ben's is truly a wonderful family event celebrating the unique community that is our parish. Proceeds helps the parish maintain the campus and supporting our ministries from the school to RE and everything in between. Underwriting an event such as Oktoberfest allows for the event's revenue to go directly to parish needs. Won't you consider becoming a sponsor to help us reach that goal? There is a giving level for every family.



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For questions please reach out to Mr. Accardi at [jaccardi@stbenedict.com](mailto:jaccardi@stbenedict.com) or at 773.509-3832.



July 31, 2022

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23 | Col 3:1-5, 9-11 | Lk 12:13-21

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

Is it me, or does every popular waiting-room magazine feature an article on “how to declutter” in six easy steps? I always read those first, then add them to the unsightly pile of magazines on the end table. The constant, if futile, quest to declutter comes from a deeper place than a desire for a clean house. It feels so liberating to let go of those things that we no longer need. Today’s readings challenge us to look not just outward, but inward, at what distracts us from what really matters. Paul exhorts us to “seek what is above,” letting go of earthly concerns or habits that get in the way of our relationship with God. By putting on a “new self” through prayer, the sacrament of reconciliation and receiving Jesus in the Eucharist, we will become “rich in what matters to God.”

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Personal-finance writers often divide people into two camps: Savers or spenders. I’m definitely a saver! I dutifully contribute to my 401K, stash unexpected windfalls into my savings account, and carefully budget. On the rare occasions when I go out to dinner, I struggle with choosing what to order: It’s a high-stakes decision! Fiscal responsibility is a good thing, but today’s parable challenges me to be just as diligent about investing in my relationship with God, my family, and the people I encounter. We are blessed with so many opportunities to “seek what is above”: It may mean spending the first 30 minutes of the day in prayer, reading books or articles that help us grow spiritually, or joining a parish Bible study. Or even taking a friend to dinner and picking up the tab! In doing so, we are investing in this life – and the next.

**ACTION** Take a look around your house and donate items in good condition to a charity in your community. And then ask the organization if they need any help with a summer yard cleanup or simple tasks around the facility – these are easy ways to involve the whole family in serving others.

**Sunday, Jul 31, 2022**

**Dizzy yet?**

Do you ever feel like the world is spinning out of control? You're not alone: Pope Francis has called this effect of modern culture "rapidification." It's not just you: Things really are happening, progressing, and becoming obsolete faster—including what many of us do for a living. We're not unlike the tragic lamplighter in Catholic author Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's classic, *The Little Prince*. The lamplighter's planet is turning faster, but he still operates at the same mortal speed. He must now respond to 1,440 sunsets where there used to be just one. Now more than ever, we need to honor our Sabbaths and take our rest.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21 (114). *"For what profit comes to [us] from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which [we have] labored under the sun?"*

**Monday, Aug 01, 2022**

**Vocation is deeper than a job**

Alphonsus Liguori is the patron saint of many things, including the work of laypeople. Even though he was a founder of a religious order, the Redemptorists, he was, of course, first a layperson himself—and one with a successful career. A lawyer who didn't lose a case for eight years straight, he still found time in his busy schedule to visit the terminally ill, which is how he discovered his true vocation and became a priest and leading theologian. Liguori might be the first to advise: Take a break from work to give back to the community and you might get your big break in finding your mission.

MEMORIAL OF ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BISHOP, FOUNDER, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 28:1-17; Matthew 14:13-21 (407). *"His heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick."*

**Tuesday, Aug 02, 2022**

**Be present to the presence**

Peter Julian Eymard, the French Catholic priest who founded the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, had a deep love and understanding of the Eucharist. "How kind is our Sacramental Jesus! He welcomes you at any hour of the day or night. His Love never knows rest," he said. "When you visit Him, He forgets your sins and speaks only of His joy, His tenderness, and His Love. By the reception He gives to you, one would think He has need of you to make Him happy." Take such words to heart as we begin the U.S. bishops' new Eucharistic Revival.

MEMORIAL OF PETER JULIAN EYWARD, PRIEST, FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Matthew 14:22-36 or Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14 (408). *"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."*

**Wednesday, Aug 03, 2022**

**Let your life be one of service**

Sor Isolina Ferré Aguayo, M.S.B.T., a Missionary Sister, died on this day in 2000 after a lifetime of service to the poor of her native Puerto Rico and New York. Known as the "Mother Teresa of Puerto Rico," Aguayo served people living on the margins and opened schools and resource centers throughout Puerto Rico and beyond. For her tireless work, she received 17 honorary degrees and more than 50 additional awards including the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1999, bestowed for "her passionate fight

against poverty, violence, and despair in Puerto Rico and Brooklyn, New York, where she worked to reconcile rival gangs in 1950-1960." In endowing the award, President Clinton said Sor Isolina taught people "to see the best in themselves and in their communities." May we all serve so well.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 31:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28 (409). *"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."*

**Thursday, Aug 04, 2022**

**Persistence is a virtue**

Sometimes a vocation comes packaged with obstacles. Perhaps it is God's way of testing our resolve. In any case, John Vianney, born in revolutionary France in 1786, modeled persistence in his determination to become a priest. His religious training was disrupted by the anticlerical reign of terror unleashed during the French Revolution. Priests in hiding who risked their lives to administer the sacraments became Vianney's heroes, and once the church was reestablished, Vianney entered seminary. Today we know him as the patron saint of parish priests. May his story inspire us to overcome obstacles that keep us from our God-given vocation, whatever that might be.

MEMORIAL OF JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 16:13-23 (410). *"You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."*

**Friday, Aug 05, 2022**

**At home in a house church**

Christians first gathered in homes, or "house churches," before there were dedicated religious buildings. Remember the "upper room" where the disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit? It was likely one of the first house churches. As Christians were able to more freely express their faith, churches were built. One of the most historic and significant churches is the Basilica of Mary Major in Rome. It was built out of deep love of Mary and her significance in salvation history. It holds many important relics, works of art, and the sacred experiences of pilgrims since the fifth century.

What is a church that has been especially meaningful for you?

MEMORIAL OF THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF MARY MAJOR

TODAY'S READINGS: Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Matthew 16:24-28 (411). *"See, upon the mountains there advances the bearer of good news, announcing peace!"*

**Saturday, Aug 06, 2022**

**Bury the bomb**

On August 6, 1945 at 8:15 in the morning, an atomic bomb exploded above Hiroshima, Japan, dropped from an American B-29 bomber. In an instant some 70,000 souls were incinerated by the 10,000-degree fireball generated in the blast. By the end of the year, injury and radiation doubled the total number of deaths. Seventy-five years later, Pope Francis declared the use of atomic weapons, even the mere possession of such devices, to be immoral. Reflect on the transfigured Christ who stands in solidarity with the suffering and dead of all crimes against humanity.

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Luke 9:28b-36 (614). *"While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white."*

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



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# Education

## GARDEN CLASSROOM ADDITION

If you walk by the Garden Classroom at the corner of Irving Park Road and Bell Avenue, you will see colorful new additions. St. Benedict Prep preschool students painted garden rocks that provide additional color to the space. The garden of vegetables, herbs, and the strawberry tower is being cared for over the summer by the Middle School Garden Club as a reminder that we are all stewards of God's creations.



## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

On the weekend of August 19th-21st, NorthCenter's Ribfest is back and we have an opportunity to help our local chamber of commerce and benefit as well. NorthCenter Chamber of Commerce's grant program over the years has provided organizations with a contribution from the profits made at Ribfest for groups who provide volunteers for this event.

Our school has received thousands of dollars over the years to help with tuition scholarships and programs such as our H.S. Protégé Program. We have this opportunity again this year if we can help fill two shifts: Sunday August 21st early shift 11:30-3:00 p.m. and Sunday late shift from 5:15-10:15 p.m. Volunteers can be middle school age and older to assist at the gate and family area or over 21 for other areas. Volunteer form can be downloaded from the QR code (right) or found at the church entrances or at the rectory and school offices. Hope you can join in making Ribfest a success and helping our school at the same time.



Please fill out the Volunteer form and drop off at the Rectory or School office during business hours. Questions: Please call Mr. Accardi at (773)509-3832 or email to [jaccardi@stbenedict.com](mailto:jaccardi@stbenedict.com).



# "WE'RE HIRING GREAT TEACHERS!"

## 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](mailto:rgemo@stbenedict.com) to learn more about the position.**

# Masses for the Week

## Saturday, July 30 - Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30AM Christine Albrecht - *Wilma, Emily, Lisa, Tara, Jen, Krista, and Erin*  
5PM John, Ann, and Mary McDonagh - *Family*  
Susano Sanchez Paez - *Ceferina Paez*  
Donald E. Lewan (Class of '39 Grammar School) - *The St. Benedict Alumni Office*

## Sunday July 31 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM Living and Deceased Members/Benefactors of St. Vincent de Paul Society  
Kelley Halper - *The St. Benedict Women's Club*  
Francisco Fortunado - *Cordy Fortunado*  
10AM Gabriel Rebello - *The Mendes Family*  
Susano Sanchez Paez - *Ceferina Paez*  
George Skinner, Jr. - *The St. Benedict Parish Community*  
Brian Martin - *Ken and Pat Woodhouse*  
12PM Christine Albrecht - *Lazar and Wilma Bityou*  
Special Intention for Priscilla Poulos - *Lazar and Wilma Bityou*  
Special Intention for Aurora Sabarre - *Lazar and Wilma Bityou and Family*

## Monday, August 1 - Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30AM Susano Sanchez Paez - *Ceferina Paez*  
Jason Ponce - *Sukhu Family*  
Anita S. Fernandez - *Dorenda Sumatra*

## Tuesday, August 2 - Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop and Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

8:30AM Araceli C. Recede - *Family*  
Susano Sanchez Paez - *Ceferina Paez*  
Anna Consing - *Corazon Pizarro*

## Wednesday, August 3 - Weekday

8:30AM Susano Sanchez Paez - *Ceferina Paez*  
Francisco Fortunado - *Cordy Fortunado*  
Special Intention for Alexander Bityou - *Mom and Dad*

## Thursday, August 4 - Saint John Vianney, Priest

8:30AM Special Intention for Teresita Siao - *Family*  
Susano Sanchez Paez - *Ceferina Paez*  
Jason Ponce - *Aguilan Family*

## First Friday, August 5 - Weekday

8:30AM Celia M. Baylon - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*  
Susano Sanchez Paez - *Ceferina Paez*

## First Saturday, August 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:30AM Special Intention for Carmen M. Clarin  
5PM Henretta Gunsaulley - *Melody Davis*  
Michael Bartley - *Ron and Christa O'Keefe*  
Mike Kathalynas - *Your Cousins, Dick, Eva, Steve, and Mike*  
Maureen Black - *The Hauser Family*

## Sunday August 7 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM Gloria C. Recede - *Family*  
Francisco Fortunado - *Cordy Fortunado*  
10AM Danilo Belicena - *Sally Sobrepena - Belicena*  
Anita Fernandez - *Sally Sobrepena - Belicena*  
Kelley Halper - *Ken and Pat Woodhouse*  
Betty Anderson - *The St. Benedict Parish Community*  
12PM Margaret Maree - *Friends of Jeanette Ruby*  
Carmen Alizea and Carmen Leticia  
Samuel M. Clarin, Jr. - *Connie Galloso and 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.

Beverly Berganos Johnson	Ronald O'Keefe
Carol Brimstin	Colleen O'Keefe Wiora
Carmen M. Clarin	Corazon Pizarro
Frank Flesch	Julie Raheja-Perera
Anne Hoellich	Alex Sandoval
Marilyn Jerger	Cecilia Fell Schott
Mark Jerger	(Class of 72)
Charlene Johnson	Bill Shaver
Patricia Ann King	Karen Sheehan
Jackson James Limburg	Jim Strzalka
Ken McFadden	Leda Wildner
Karen Mocarski	



Mason Mark, son of Christopher and Anna Manila  
Luke Grant, son of John and Molly Power  
Lily Rae Rabin, daughter of Scott Rabin and Jennifer Kurk



# Male Victims of Domestic Violence

From The Domestic Violence Outreach Team of St. Benedict

As part of our continuing mission of creating awareness of the scourge that is Domestic Violence, we turn to the subject of male victims. Historically, domestic violence programs were born from the women's liberation movement of the 1970s, to address the needs of female survivors, who – let there be no doubt – still represent the majority of victims seeking services today. But there is a growing acknowledgement that men can also be victims of domestic violence and must also be able to access resources that provide help.

Domestic violence against men deals with domestic violence experienced by men in a domestic setting, such as in marriage or cohabitation. As with domestic violence against women, violence against men may constitute a crime, but laws vary between jurisdictions. It has taken a long time for the authorities across the country to accept the reality of female vs male violence and many law enforcement officers still react with disbelief or scorn when a male victim presents himself to file charges against a partner.

It is important to remember, however, that some women do have the capability to be violent to their male partners and that males may also experience battering in homosexual relationships. Power and the misuse of power is key to understanding the dynamics of domestic abuse. And both genders are capable of inflicting pain through misuse of power.

Men who report domestic violence can face social stigma regarding their perceived lack of machismo and other denigrations of their masculinity. Since intimate partner violence (IPV) against men is generally less recognized by society than IPV against women, this can act as a further block to men reporting their situation. But that is changing.

The relative prevalence of IPV against men to that of women is highly disputed between different studies, with some countries having no data at all. Some researchers believe the actual number of male victims may be greater than law enforcement statistics suggest due to the number of men who do not report their abuse. For both men and women, domestic violence is among the most underreported crimes worldwide.

Everyone has the right to live free from fear. If you are a victim of Domestic Violence, regardless of your gender, know that there is help. You are not alone.

### Places to Turn for Help:

1. **A close friend or a trusted relative or a clergy member.** This person can support you and help you begin to get professional help.
2. **Male Survivor** helps survivors of male sexual assault and abuse with weekend recovery workshops and a wealth of resources, including therapist, support groups, and resources directories.
3. **Center Against Domestic Violence** in New York City provides non-residential services such as counseling, advocacy, support groups, and legal assistance.
4. **Stop Abuse for Everyone (SAFE)** in Austin, Texas, also provides individual counseling and support groups for male survivors of domestic violence.
5. **Catholic Charities Community Casework and Counseling and Domestic Violence**, 1800 N. Hermitage, Chicago, IL 60622  
Intake: (312) 655-7725
6. **Need help?** In the U.S., call 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) for the National Domestic Violence Hotline or 1-800-656-HOPE for the National Sexual Assault Hotline.
7. **Domestic Violence | Chicago Police Department**  
<https://home.chicagopolice.org/office-of-community-policing/domestic-violence> The City of Chicago Domestic Violence Help Line: 1-877-TO-END-DV 1-877-863-6338 or 1-877-863-6339 (TTY)

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM SERVICES:

**Catholic Charities Domestic Violence Services:**

Various Locations:  
Please call  
1.312.655.7725

**Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline:**

1.877.863.6338  
(Toll-Free, 24-hour.  
Confidential.  
Multilingual.)

**Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline:**

1-800-4-A-CHILD  
(1-800-422-4453)



# Coming Up at St. Ben's | July & August 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>31</b> <b>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Mission Appeal Mass at 8am, 10am, and 12pm Church	<b>1</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  Summer Volleyball Camp 9AM Gym  Summer Basketball Training 6pm Gym	<b>2</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  Cross Country Summer Conditioning 6pm Horner Park	<b>3</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  Summer Volleyball Camp 9AM Gym  Summer Basketball Training 6pm Gym  AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	<b>4</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  Summer Volleyball Camp 9AM Gym  Summer Basketball Training 6pm Gym  Cross Country Summer Conditioning 6pm Horner Park	<b>5</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction 9am - 12pm Church	<b>6</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  Reconciliation 11am Church  Mass at 5pm Church
<b>7</b> <b>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Mass at 8am, 10am, and 12pm Church	<b>8</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	<b>9</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  Cross Country Summer Conditioning 6pm Horner Park  Parish Commission Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall	<b>10</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	<b>11</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  Cross Country Summer Conditioning 6pm Horner Park	<b>12</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	<b>13</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  Reconciliation 11am Church  Mass at 5pm Church  Class of 1970 Reunion 6pm Courtyard

## Sunday Giving



There won't be a weekly/YTD stewardship report for a couple weeks as we close up the books on our fiscal year that ended on June 30, and transition to the new fiscal year. We saw an increase in online donations in the last few days of June - thanks to everyone who logged in to GiveCentral to ensure that their contribution schedules were on track! If you need assistance checking yours, please feel free to contact

Jeanne Anderson (janderson@stbenedict.com or 773.588.6484 x5109.) Thank you for your continuing support of St. Benedict Parish and Preparatory School.

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!

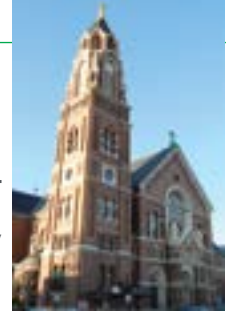
**GiveCentral is our partner for secure electronic giving. Here are three easy ways to get started:**

- > Visit [GiveCentral.org](https://GiveCentral.org) and search for St. Benedict – Chicago under My Charity
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**Questions? Contact our Director of Operations and Finance, Jeanne Anderson, at 773.588.6484 x5109 or [janderson@stbenedict.com](mailto:janderson@stbenedict.com). Thank you for your remarkable generosity to the parish.**

# 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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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**Human Concerns Commission:** TBD  
**Parish Life Commission:** TBD  
**Spiritual Life Commission:**  
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### MASSES AND SERVICES

**Sunday Eucharist:** Saturday 5PM,  
Sunday 8AM, 10AM, AND 12PM  
Live Stream as well, Sunday  
**Weekday Eucharist:** 8:30AM Mon-Sat  
**Holy Day Eucharist:** 6:30AM, 8:30AM  
and 7PM  
**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help:**  
Tuesdays 9AM  
**Exposition and Benediction of the  
Blessed Sacrament:** First Friday of each  
month, 9AM-12PM, in church  
**Baptisms:** Scheduled on all Sundays at  
1:30PM; on the fourth Sunday at one of  
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required.  
**Reconciliation:** Saturdays, 11AM - 12  
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by appointment in the rectory.  
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four months in advance. Participation in  
marriage preparation is required.\* **Rite  
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persons interested in learning more  
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**Handicapped Accessibility:** An elevator is  
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**Mass Intentions:** Mass intentions may be  
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\* Please call the Rectory

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