

# THE STEWARD

AUGUST 23, 2020 | TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” - MATTHEW 16:19

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## WHAT HAVE YOU DONE THIS



BY KIM MCMILLAN, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY



When I was a child it seemed the annual question asked each Fall as school started was, “What did you do this summer?” This summer’s answer would be unique in some ways but also similar in other ways. In the youth ministry office at St. Benedict we actually had quite a few new experiences. For the first time we offered a service week for high school students. Our group spent 5 days serving at Our Lady of the Angels Mission in Humboldt park. Each day we helped in a variety of ways. The ministry to the community that the Mission provides is so important. It was a blessing to be able to serve and work

there. Monday and Tuesday we helped with the packaging and distributing of food in the neighborhood. Because the community is already situated in a food desert and with the pandemic complicating the ability for people to get fresh food, the food distribution is extremely important to the community. We also helped sort through donations of school supplies so the sisters at the Mission could provide these needed supplies to the children. I hope our relationship with Our Lady of the Angels Mission continues to grow in the coming years. We look forward to working with the Franciscans (Sisters) of the Eucharist again, in December and we are already planning to go back

for a week in the Summer of 2021.

Youth Ministry also offered, for the first time, the ALPHA series using Zoom as the setting. Every day we shared the videos and conversations about faith ignited by the series. Even though Alpha for Youth is normally offered in a face to face setting, the group that participated in this series was able to still have thought provoking dialogue with the material and with each other. There was a time when I would have imagined social media and access to the internet would be a deterrent to parish ministry. This summer I found that the internet and Zoom were a saving grace.

For the last two summers we have been able to offer Vacation Bible School to our St. Ben's families. This year we were able to offer it also but, with a little twist. In collaboration with several parishes in our Vicariate we planned and offered VBS on Zoom. With a combination of live sessions and pre-recorded sessions we gathered twice a day with our friends. There were daily songs, we learned about saints, spent time learning about our Blessed Mother and read and shared bible stories. 103 children were able to participate in Vacation Bible School this summer. We especially learned to "Trust in Jesus!"

With the awareness of discrimination and inequality in our world and in our city, I was approached by a high school student wanting to help build a more inclusive community at St. Benedict Parish. This desire contributed to the formation of a group that has been focusing on how to promote inclusivity. From one person's desire to raise awareness and create change we have been moving toward action. Soon the group will be taking over the @stbencym account on Instagram. I can't wait to see what they will be doing. If you know of a high school student with a passion for building a more just world, please email or call youth ministry or follow us on Instagram.

As you can see we had a busy summer in youth ministry at St Benedict Parish. I look forward to setting up a calendar with some of our typical service opportunities for Fall. Please know, we will be looking for adults to help support some of our local service trips. If you are Virtus certified and able to help, please email or

call [kmcmillan@stbenedict.com](mailto:kmcmillan@stbenedict.com)

So,

# WHAT HAVE YOU DONE THIS SUMMER?



ST. BEN'S YOUTH MINISTRY SERVING AT OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS MISSION IN HUMBOLDT PARK

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VIA ZOOM



ST. BEN'S YOUTH MINISTRY INCLUSIVITY GROUP WILL FOCUS ON INCLUSIVITY AND EQUALITY



# WELCOME BACK BENGALS!

HERE'S A QUICK LOOK AT OUR FIRST WEEK BACK AT SCHOOL:

## MONDAY, AUGUST 24TH

First Day of School for in person learning grades 6-8 (8AM to 3:15PM)

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 25TH

First Day of School for in person learning grades 1-5 (along with grades 6-8) (8AM to 2/2:15PM\*)

\*We will begin our 2PM Dismissals on Tuesday for Professional Development

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26TH

First Day of Kindergarten for in person learning (along with grades 1-8) (8AM to 3/3:15PM)

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 27TH

First Day of Preschool for ALL Preschoolers for in person learning (along with grades K-8) (8AM to 3/3:15PM)

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 28TH

NO SCHOOL for Professional Development. Orientation on Remote Learning for all Students will be held virtually. Time TBD.

## ORIENTATION EVENTS

We are finalizing orientations and teacher meet and greet days. We will be sending this information out soon. We expect to have grade level specific orientations for preschool, kindergarten and middle school. We will also have a new family orientation for transfer families grades 1-7.

Finally - be sure to note that there is NO SCHOOL on Election Day, November 3rd as a state mandate.

## HUMAN CONCERNS

### KATERI CENTER BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE-THRU EVENT

This past Monday, August 17th, the Kateri Center was able to serve over 50 Native American students in Chicago with donated school supplies and backpacks via drive-thru pick up.



# STEWARDSHIP

## SUNDAY GIVING

### Sunday Offertory (Mailed-in and GiveCentral)

Amount received for Sunday, August 16:	\$11,005.00 (83% of goal)
Weekly goal:	\$13,250.00
Average amount received per Sunday since COVID-19 "shelter-in-place"	\$10,257.98 (78% of Sunday Offertory goal)

### Forward in Our Faith

Gifts received this week through August 16:	\$1,582.50
Total:	\$4,218,753.59

Our parish is very grateful for the many parishioners and friends of our parish who have continued and increased their generosity over the past few months. So many faithful parishioners continue to turn in their envelopes to the rectory office or have made donations using GiveCentral. Your generosity has allowed the parish to continue paying its employees, maintain our facilities and provide outreach opportunities during this historic time. Thank you to all those who have made sacrifices to make this possible.

The parish has been very strategic in lowering our overhead expenses in an effort to be good stewards of the gifts that we receive. Again, thank you for your generosity to St. Benedict Parish. You and your loved ones continue to be in our daily prayers.



Sign-up today for secure automated giving to St. Benedict Parish and Preparatory School. Simply go to [www.GiveCentral.org](http://www.GiveCentral.org) to start giving by selecting St. Benedict Church - Chicago, or you may also donate by visiting the link on our parish and school website. If you need assistance signing up or have questions about the program, contact our Parish Database Manager, Christine Clardy, at (773) 588-6484 x5113 or [cclardy@stbenedict.com](mailto:cclardy@stbenedict.com) or our Director of Finance, Geoff Pautsch, at x5109 or at [gpautsch@stbenedict.com](mailto:gpautsch@stbenedict.com). Thank you for your remarkable generosity to the parish.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

In last week's Gospel, we heard the story of the Canaanite woman (a Gentile) who appealed to Jesus for help, and her prayer and plea were answered. Part of the message of that is that the Kingdom of God is open to and offered to all peoples.

This week we hear Jesus say to St. Peter in the Gospel from Matthew, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven." An important part of the Vatican flag is two keys. Those keys, of course, represent the keys to the kingdom to which Jesus makes reference. Were you aware that one key is gold and the other silver. Interpretation is that the gold key represents spiritual power and the silver key represents worldly power.

We are also fond of images and more showing Saint Peter at the gates of Heaven deciding who is admitted and who is not. Nevertheless, the keys are reinforced in the Acts of the Apostles, and it is perhaps not that Peter opens the gates of Heaven, but Peter (and Paul as well) through his ministry and explanations make it clear that heaven (the kingdom) is available to all, Jews and Gentiles.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#1023) states, "Those who die in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live forever with Christ. They are like God forever, for they 'see him as he is,' face to face." Pope Francis has spoken on this more than once. Recently, he stated, "The Lord has redeemed all of us, all of us with the Blood of Christ. However, we must meet one another doing good." Our call is clear.



## IN OUR PRAYERS

### *Masses for the Week*

#### **Saturday, August 22 – The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

5PM Ronald Egan - *The Egan Family*  
Sarah and William Gilger - *Family*

#### **Sunday, August 23 – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8AM Consuelo Buenvenida -  
*Mr. and Mrs. Alex Linton and Family*  
10AM Harry Cobb - *Dan and Cindy Schuman*

#### **Monday, August 24 – Weekday; St. Bartholomew, Apostle**

Kenneth Borowczyk - *Diane*

#### **Tuesday, August 25 – Weekday; St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest**

Consuelo Buenvenida - *Mrs. Lyn Alegre and Martin Alegre*

#### **Wednesday, August 26 – Weekday**

#### **Thursday, August 27 - St. Monica**

Jose T. Cortes - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*

#### **Friday, August 28 – St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

#### **Saturday, August 29 – The Passion of St. John the Baptist**

5PM Federico M. Barin - *Jesus and Lucita Barin*

#### **Sunday, August 30 – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8AM Deceased Members and Benefactors of the St. Vincent de Paul Society  
10AM Consuelo Buenvenida -  
*Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Alegre and Family*  
Frances and Tommy Gallagher - *Family*



*Please Pray for Healing*

Please call Elaine Lindia at (773) 509-3806 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 for 2 months unless otherwise instructed at the time the request is made.

Susan Breunig  
Harry Cobb  
Dradyne Robyne Eudeikis  
Kelley Halper  
Ellen Roberts  
Leda Wildner



#### **BAPTISMS** (Since the COVID-19 "shelter-in-place")

Anthony Joseph, son of Anthony and Kimberly Faltin  
Jack Timothy, son of Anthony and Kimberly Faltin  
George Paul, son of Paul and Molly Kennedy  
Gianna Maria, daughter of Nicholas and Christina Weidman  
Camila Violet Verceles, daughter of Michael and Debbie Balbuena  
Amelia Eileen, daughter of Kevin and Tracey Gleason  
Annie Josephine, daughter of John and Julie O'Gara  
Emma Dorothy, daughter of John and Julie O'Gara  
Kiran Jesse, son of Samit and Alison Shah

# PARISH INFORMATION

## COME HOME TO ST. BEN'S!

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 online at <http://parish.stbenedict.com/becoming-a-parishioner/>. 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.



## ST. BENEDICT PARISH AND PREPARATORY SCHOOL

### ST. BENEDICT PARISH

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### THE COMMISSIONS OF ST. BENEDICT PARISH

If you are interested in learning more about or joining one of the many ministries at St. Benedict Parish or would like to volunteer time or talent, please call the rectory or contact the following person(s):

**Parish Council Chair:** Karen Cholipski  
**Finance Council Chair:** Chris Graff  
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Daniel Hughes and Kim McMillan  
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Rachel Waldron, or Mary Deletioglu  
**Human Concerns Commission:**  
Elaine Lindia  
**Parish Life Commission:**  
TBD  
**Spiritual Life Commission:**  
Fr. Stephen Kanonik and Jeremy Kiolbassa

### MASSES AND SERVICES

**Sunday Eucharist:** 5PM Saturday  
7:30AM, 9AM(Choral Mass),  
10:30AM (Family-Centered), 12 NOON,  
and 6:30PM Sunday  
**Weekday Eucharist:** 8:30AM  
Monday – Saturday  
**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 essential. Please call the rectory.  
**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. Call the rectory.  
**Religious Education:** Arrangements should be made for the religious education of children attending public schools with the Director of Catechesis.  
**Handicapped Accessibility:** An elevator is available for all Sunday Masses. Enter the church through the East door. Please call the rectory for weekday availability.  
**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, or to commemorate a birthday, special anniversary, or the anniversary of a loved one's death. Please call the rectory.



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