

# THE STEWARD

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

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No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.  
**Matthew 6:24**



BY ELAINE LINDIA,  
DIRECTOR OF CATECHESIS

You cannot serve both God and mammon. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that you cannot serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

A "master" can be anything that enslaves us and Jesus' call to follow Him is a call to abandon all other masters. Jesus' teaching on not being able to serve two masters is part of His Sermon on the Mount. When we look at the earlier passages of Scripture that come before Matthew 6:24, we are able to decipher why we cannot have two masters. Jesus tells us that where we store up treasures for ourselves is where our hearts will be.

In other words, where we put our hearts and invest our time is where our treasure will be. The attitude of the heart is what is in focus here. Our hearts cannot be completely devoted to God if our hearts are focused on money, passions, selfish desires, or anything else.

As disciples of Christ, we have to examine ourselves. We have to honestly ask ourselves, "What is the master of my life?" Is God truly the master of our lives or is it something else? These are tough questions. One way to begin to focus on answering them is to look at how we are spending our time and what are our priorities in life. Do we put God first, loving Him with our whole heart, mind and soul? Or, are we focused on other priorities, those of the world in which we live? In today's secular society, we are easily distracted

with other priorities...the desire to be successful, the desire for more power, wealth, happiness? In my study of Ignatian spirituality, one of the teachings is to look at what he calls "disordered attachments." The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius teach us how to identify our disordered attachments, and how to pray for the grace to release them. The resulting freedom lightens our load, and opens our heart to God more fully.

Another way of looking at this is as an entanglement. When Jesus first calls the disciples by the Sea of Galilee, the Gospels say the fishermen "dropped their nets," to follow him. Those nets are a great emblem for all that keeps us entangled in life.

Letting go of these entanglements can help lead us to true spiritual freedom. Spiritual freedom is an interior freedom, a freedom of the mind and heart. People who are spiritually free know who they are—with all of their gifts and limitations—and are comfortable with who they are. They are able to discern God's presence; find meaning in their lives, and make choices that flow from who they are, whatever the circumstance.

As we begin this new year of Religious Education, I am so grateful to all those that have decided to join our team, being part of this wonderful ministry to share their faith with our young people. Each year, the Catholic Church in the United States designates the third Sunday in September as "Catechetical Sunday"—a day on which to celebrate and pray for the Church's mission to teach the Gospel to all people. This year's theme is "This is my body given for you." With these words from the Gospel (Luke 22:19), the Lord Jesus offers us the gift of himself in the Eucharist. This theme reminds us that the object of all catechesis is Jesus himself. The role of the Catechist is, first of all, to be a disciple and one who draws close to Jesus in the Eucharist, and then to be a witness to others and a companion as they too come to know Jesus and to encounter him in the sacraments.

We also honor all parents as they truly are the "first catechists" passing on their faith to their children. We are thankful for all the families that have made the choice to ensure their children are formed in the faith. Catechesis will not be effective unless it is preceded and accompanied by fostering the personal relationship of children with

Jesus Christ. Nothing and no one can replace the influence of parents on those entrusted to their care.

Join us in prayer this weekend for a blessed school year, one that will inspire our young people to live out their faith and grow in their discipleship.

**TODAY!**



## Catechetical Sunday 2022

September 18th

*Luke 22:19*

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. This year, we will celebrate the entire weekend starting on Saturday September 17th. All those who serve as catechists, teachers, youth ministers will be called forth for a special blessing at the 5 pm Mass. In addition, we will include a "Back to School Blessing" for children/families, honoring the fact that parents are the first catechists. The Masses will be followed by a reception in Beaven Hall. We will also do this blessing at the 10 am Mass on Sunday, September 18th, followed by a reception in Beaven Hall hosted by our Dad's group. Please join us!

Receptions for Catechists and Families for Catechetical Sunday 5pm Saturday Mass with Pizza Treat in Beaven following the Mass, and 10am Sunday Mass with

September 18, 2022

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

# Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4-7 | 1 Tm 2:1-8 | Lk 16:1-13 or Lk 16:10-13

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

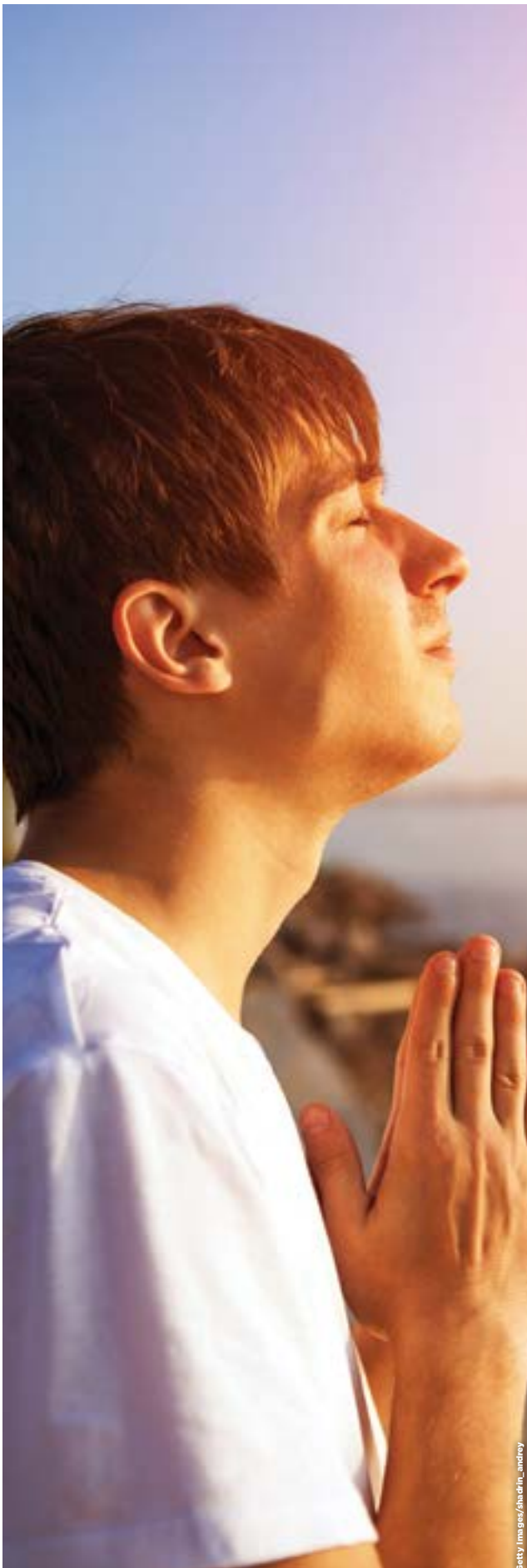
Our body language says a lot. Crossed arms can signal anger or defensiveness, while arms outstretched imply openness. It's unlikely Timothy researched nonverbal cues, but his encouragement to pray while "lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument" is good advice. I think this posture can carry into other areas of our life, including our relationship with money and/or possessions. If we cling to these, we risk closing ourselves off to life's true riches: our faith and our relationships, for example. As we learn in today's Gospel, we cannot serve both God and mammon. In our culture, it's easy to get caught up in accumulating more possessions or holding tight to what we have. Jesus challenges us to place our trust in God rather than the ups and downs of the stock market or our bank account. Let us, instead, approach Jesus in prayer, arms wide open.

## **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I rarely miss a planned morning workout. I carefully lay out my clothes, go to bed early, and set my alarm. It helps to meet up with a friend for that added layer of accountability. These are all "small things," but they indicate my investment in the activity and help me build trust in myself and within my friendships. I wonder if we can't do the same when it comes to staying spiritually fit. For me, being "trustworthy in very small matters" is a bit like my workout routine. We don't need grand gestures to keep our relationship with Jesus strong: setting aside time in the morning to focus on prayer; going to Mass even when we don't feel like it; talking with a friend about ways to grow spiritually. In his letter, Timothy reminds his followers that prayer and devotion are "good and pleasing to God our savior." Should we become discouraged, we can find comfort in knowing that God wills everyone to be saved. Through prayer and seemingly small changes in our routine, we can challenge ourselves and encourage each other to make our relationship with Jesus our first priority.

**ACT** Think about your daily routine. What small change can you make to enhance your relationship with God? It may be as simple as saying a good-morning prayer or beginning a list of people and things for which you are grateful.



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## Sunday, Sep 18, 2022

### Tell the greatest stories ever

On this Catechetical Sunday, we lift up those who give instruction as religion teachers, homilists, RCIA directors, spiritual writers, and retreat leaders. Catechism doesn't have to be dull. Fantasy writer George McDonald made spiritual realities come alive. His stories inspired C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, Mark Twain, and J.M. Barrie to do the same. Want better leadership in government, businesses, parishes? Look for good storytellers. As Pope Francis said in his 2020 address to communicators, "Each of us knows different stories that have the fragrance of the Gospel, that have borne witness to the Love that transforms life. These stories cry out to be shared!"

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13 (135). *"I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered . . . for kings and for all in authority."*

## Monday, Sep 19, 2022

### See the miracles in everyday life

Little is known about the life of Januarius, a bishop and martyr who died in the year 305, but he's famous for a miracle that continues to happen all these centuries later. Three times a year in the cathedral in Naples, Italy, the faithful gather to witness a sample of his blood, kept in sealed glass, liquify and even bubble. There is no definitive explanation, and the blood cannot be studied since the vial is not allowed to be opened out of fear of permanent damage. Sound incredible? Some say yes. But does it even compare to the extraordinary tenets of your faith? Now that's something much more consequential to marvel—every day of the year.

MEMORIAL OF JANUARIUS, BISHOP, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Proverbs 3:27-34; Luke 8:16-18 (449). *"For there is nothing hidden that will not become visible, and nothing secret that will not be known and come to light."*

## Tuesday, Sep 20, 2022

### Companions on the journey

South Korea has one of the largest Catholic populations in all of Asia. Andrew Kim Tae-gön—the first Korean priest—played a role. As did Paul Chông Ha-sang, a lay Catholic born of a martyr who was martyred himself. In fact, the birth of the Korean church is a laypeople's triumph. Pope John Paul II stressed this fact during his 1984 canonization of Tae-gön, Ha-sang, and 101 other martyrs: "Even though the Christians in the first half century had only two priests from China to assist them for a time, they deepened their unity in Christ through prayer and fraternal love. . . . The splendid flowering of the Church in Korea today is indeed the fruit of the heroic witness of the Martyrs." We, too, are called to be companions to the martyrs in building up the Body of Christ.

MEMORIAL OF ANDREW KIM TAE-GÖN, PRIEST, AND PAUL CHÔNG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Luke 8:19-21 (450). *"My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it."*

## Wednesday, Sep 21, 2022

### Even tax collectors need a patron

Though we don't know much about the apostle Matthew—even whether he was the actual author of the gospel that bears his name—we do know that he was a tax collector. And because of

this, he was *persona non grata* in the Jewish community. It was the occupying Romans who demanded those taxes, so Matthew and his fellow taxmen were seen as collaborators. From the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus laid out the invitation to break out of righteous categories and see beyond narrow prejudices. A reminder for us to do the same.

FEAST OF MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13 (643). *"I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."*

## Thursday, Sep 22, 2022

### Celebrate Earth, our common home

Many Catholics are still getting used to the Season of Creation, which spans the period from September 1 (World Day of Prayer for the Care for Creation) to October 4 (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi). Initiated in 1989 and embraced by Catholics in 2015, this ecumenical season is meant to celebrate care for our common home. Leaders encourage the faithful to pray and take action to honor and preserve our planet. With more than a week left of the season, there's time to celebrate in your own style: be it a prayerful outdoor time, an environmental letter to a legislator, or a look at the ecology encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. [Seasonofcreation.org](http://Seasonofcreation.org) offers even more ideas.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9 (452). *"But Herod said, 'John I beheaded. Who then is this about whom I hear such things?'"*

## Friday, Sep 23, 2022

### Scripture makes Billboard's Top 10

We don't often see Bible songs hit the pop music charts. But a song by singer-songwriter and social activist Pete Seeger did just that. Written in the late 1950s, the song "Turn! Turn! Turn!" would explode to international popularity in 1965 when recorded by the Byrds. Not bad for lyrics written well over 2,000 years ago! The song is based on the book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. Not every popular use of the Bible turns out well, but Seeger's did, perhaps because he left the verses largely intact. Consider other scripture passages that are music to your ears.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22 (453). *"There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every thing under the heavens."*

## Saturday, Sep 24, 2022

### The clock is ticking

The Spanish philosopher Miguel de Unamuno is quoted as having said the entire gospel came down to this phrase: "Wake up!" That's something we can all keep in mind and take to heart when we find ourselves simply going through the motions, sleepwalking through the day. The Benedictines put it another way: "Keep death ever before you." Now that's a wake-up call if there ever was one! Do something good, kind, generous—and do it today, while there is still time!

TODAY'S READINGS: Ecclesiastes 11:9—12:8; Luke 9:43b-45 (454). *"Pay attention to what I am telling you."*

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



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# Coming Up at St. Ben's | September and October, 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>18</b> <b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Welcoming Weekend Mass at 8am, 10am, and 12pm Church  Knights of Columbus General Meeting 10am Sewing Room  Mass at 11am St. Kateri Center Convent Chapel  Dad Group and Catechetical Celebration 11am Beaven Hall  Cub Scout Pack 3865 Welcome Back Meeting 3pm Beaven Hall	<b>19</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  Troup 865 Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall  Ravenswood Orchestra Practice 7pm SS Library	<b>20</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	<b>21</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  Choir Rehearsal 7pm Church  Advisory Board Meeting 7pm SS Library  AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	<b>22</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	<b>23</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	<b>24</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  Reconciliation 11am Church  Mass at 5pm Church
<b>25</b> <b>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Mass at 8am, 10am, and 12pm Church  Piano Recital 3pm Church	<b>26</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  Webelos II Meeting 7pm Cafeteria  Troup 865 Meeting 7pm Heidenreich Hall  Knights of Columbus Assembly Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall  Ravenswood Orchestra Practice 7pm SS Library	<b>27</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  Oktoberfest Meeting 6pm SS Library	<b>28</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  Choir Rehearsal 7pm Church  AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	<b>29</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	<b>30</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church   Oktoberfest Celebration 3-10pm Courtyard	<b>1</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  Reconciliation 11am Church   Oktoberfest Celebration 1-10pm Courtyard  Mass at 5pm Church



The Rectory Lunch Program is in need of sandwiches, chips, drinks (water, sparking water etc), and treats. Any questions please call Ellen Roberts at the Rectory (773-588-6484).

## Music for September 17/18

**Entrance:** God of Day and God of Darkness (W 854)

**Gloria:** Mass of Redemption, Janco

**Readings:** W 1183

**Psalm:** Ps. 113, Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord (W 1183)

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia in C (W 329)

**Offertory:** Instrumental Music

**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:** Take and Eat (W 9940)

**Recessional:** God, Whose Purpose is to Kindle (W 797)



EVERY CHILD MATTERS

< Undated before and after photos of young Thomas Moore at the Regina Indian Industrial School. PHOTO BY GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

**Prayer Service**  
seeking Repentance and Healing in regard to Residential Schools on **September 18th** at 4pm in St. Benedict Church at 2215 W Irving Park Road, Chicago, IL 60618

There will be music and drumming.  
We will be moving outside for a fire, prayer and tobacco burning.

Please wear orange symbolizing solidarity with Every Child Matters.  
Wearing orange commemorates the residential school experience and is a witness and honor to the healing journey of the survivors and their families, and a commitment to the ongoing process of reconciliation.

**TODAY!**



**EVERY CHILD MATTERS POW WOW**



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# Education

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## CHICAGO AUTHOR VISITS ST. BENEDICT PREP

St. Benedict Prep 4th & 5th graders were treated to an informative presentation from a local author last week. Lindsay Currie visited SBPS on the publication date of her newest book, *The Girl in White*. This book is one in a series of spooky chapter books written for intermediate grades. In addition to reading from and signing her new book, she shared her journey to becoming an author and valuable tips on writing. Thank you to The Book Stall in Winnetka for sponsoring this event.



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## FALL ATHLETICS MASS AT ST. BEN'S



The torrential rains last Sunday couldn't keep our school's Cross Country Team, Running Club, Girls Volleyball Team, and Boys Flag Football Team, from coming out for our Fall Athletics Mass at 10 a.m. We continue to pray for their success both on the field and at school this year. Go Bengals!



The 56th Annual Parish OktoberFest returns to the courtyard at St. Ben's. We hope you will join us on:

**Friday, September 30**  
3-10 p.m.

**Saturday, October 1**  
1-10 p.m.

**Sunday, October 2**  
1-7 p.m.

Join us for great food, drinks, carnival rides, live music and kids entertainment all weekend long!

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 of \$35,000? There is a giving level for every family.



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Trinity High School for Girls  
Jim Vahey  
The VanDegrift Family  
Alison and Ryan Hayman

**"EIN PROSIT!" BEVERAGE FANS:**  
Liz and Dean Evans  
Janet Gallagher  
Cassidy and Zachary Torres  
The Warmbir Family  
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# This Year's Entertainment Line-Up

## MAIN TENT

### FRIDAY

3-6 pm --- HANDSOME MAN'S GENTLEMEN'S CLUB  
Acoustic Rock

7-10 pm --- THE CHICAGO CONTINENTALS  
German and American Classic Rock

### SATURDAY

1-3pm --- DOPE MONEY DUO  
Peter Kattner III '10 and George Schneider '10,  
German & American Hip Hop

3-6 pm --- 9 BILLION O'CLOCK  
Classic rock. Everything from Green Day,  
Rolling Stones, Tom Petty, etc.

7-10 pm --- PETROCKS  
Fun danceable music – Journey, Elton John,  
Madonna, U2, Queen, etc.

### SUNDAY

1-3 pm --- Live Rock Music with acoustic guitarist,  
ANDREW BLOMQUIST

3:30-6:30 pm --- JIMMY'S BAVARIANS  
Traditional German- American Band

## GYM

### FRIDAY

4 pm --- Music Fun with own very own Music Teacher,  
MRS. JOHNSON

6-9 pm --- KARAOKE WITH DJ MIKE

### SATURDAY

FACE PAINTING AND PHOTO BOOTH

### SUNDAY

FACE PAINTING

1-3 pm --- SCHOOL OF ROCK

3-5 pm --- CIRQUES EXPERIENCE  
Circus Wheel Fun

5 pm --- Cirques Experience Performance

## Alumni Spotlight

Our Alumni Spotlight continues this week with **MAEVE HENEGHAN, GRADE SCHOOL CLASS OF 2018,**

who is now a freshman at Yale University. If that isn't enough of a Bengal success story, proud parents Megan and Jim Heneghan shared how Maeve recently was part of the US Rowing Youth National Championship Team from Chicago taking the gold medal this year. Maeve began rowing at Chicago Rowing Foundation in 7th grade in their middle school program. CRF will be celebrating their 25th anniversary in 2023. Last year the girls varsity 8 boat took the bronze medal at the US Rowing Youth National Championship and this year their boat came in 1st!! It's a huge honor for the club. We are so proud of her and all her accomplishments and wish her continued success.



## More from Around the Block



The "Mustard Seed Choir" has begun singing monthly at Saint Ben's. We welcomed them last Saturday for the first time! The group sang for 25+ years at Saint Michael's, but Covid cancelled their Sunday evening mass. No accommodations were made for them to sing at another mass, unfortunately. Scott welcomed them with open arms and they will be singing monthly at our Saturday 5pm mass. They will sing 10/29 and 11/12.

## PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

JAN 30 - FEB 8, 2023



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)).**





## Sunday & Holy Day Offertory Week of September 4, 2022

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Total Electronic Giving: \$7,858  
Total Envelope: \$1,377  
Total Loose: \$2,265  
Total Holy Day: \$5  
Total: \$11,504 (89% of goal)  
Weekly Goal: \$12,990

Fiscal YTD: \$116,089 (89% of goal)  
Fiscal YTD Goal: \$129,900  
Above/(Behind) YTD Goal: (\$13,811)



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.

## LEGACY PLANNING: TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIGHER PAYOUT RATES!

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For more information, please contact St. Benedict Parish Director of Operations, Jeanne Anderson at [janderson@stbenedict.com](mailto:janderson@stbenedict.com), or visit [giving.archchicago.org/cga](https://giving.archchicago.org/cga). To receive a free, no-obligation personalized illustration of how you could benefit from a Charitable Gift Annuity, contact Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.5404 or [kcampbell@archchicago.org](mailto:kcampbell@archchicago.org).



### The Anne and Bruce Hunt Garden Project

Your financial support will allow us to enhance and extend the efforts and dedication of Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, so that visitors may find serenity and joy within our beautiful gardens for generations to come. If you are able to help, please scan the QR code to make a donation to our garden fund. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Thank you!





# Masses for the Week

## Saturday, September 17 - Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, BVM

- 8:30AM Special Intention for Patricia Mulvaney Lyons - Margaret Lawlor  
Rodolfo J. Zamora - *The Zamora Family*
- 5PM John, Ann, and Mary McDonagh - *Family*  
Anita Fernandez and Danilo Belicena - *The Sobrepena Family*  
Larry Mulligan - *Sofia, Scott, and Sam Latz*  
Violeta Magnabijon - *Sally Sobrepena - Belicena*

## Sunday September 18 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8AM Special 50th Wedding Anniversary for Ofrecino and Trinidad Tudela - *The Tudela Children*  
Alfonso D'Amato - *The Mazzone Family*  
Beniamino Mazzone, Sr. - *The Mazzone Family*
- 10AM Francisca Reyes, Victor D. Goite, and Trinidad Glasparil - *The Goite and Reyes Family*  
Charles, Bertha, and Carl Dominik - *Family*  
Anita Fernandez and Danilo Belicena - *The Sobrepena Family*  
Special Intention for Dolores and Terry Mielzynski
- 12PM Dennis Ryan (Class of '59) - *The St. Benedict Alumni Office*  
Glorieta Gaston - *Corazon Lopez*

## Monday, September 19 - Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

- 8:30AM Jose and Teresita Ramos - *Leonora Llanes*

## Tuesday, September 20 - Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

- 8:30AM In Thanksgiving for Charito Kang - *Siao Family*

## Wednesday, September 21- Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

- 8:30AM Glorieta Gaston - *Leonora Llanes*

## Thursday, September 22- Weekday

- 8:30AM Celia M. Baylon - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*  
Serafin Lopez - *Corazon Lopez*  
Glorieta Gaston - *The St. Benedict Counters*

## Friday, September 23 - Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

- 8:30AM James Pitera, Jr. (Class of '81) - *The St. Benedict Alumni Office*

## Saturday, September 24 - Weekday

- 8:30AM Janice Niemi - *The St. Benedict Parish Community*
- 5PM Joey and Michael Gibbons - *Family*  
Silveria Sabijon - *Ceferina Sanchez Paez*  
Andrew Masca (Former St. Ben's Faculty Grade & High School) - *The St. Benedict Alumni Office*

## Sunday September 25 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8AM Jeff Hopkins - *Joe and Kathy Minneci*  
Special Intention for Wendy Martello - *Daisy*  
Special Intention for Leda Wildner - *Daisy and Tess*  
Special Intention for Jenny Lee - *Daisy and Family*
- 10AM Jerry Byrne - *Mike and Margaret Burns*  
Helene Jerger - *Family*  
Lottie Paradise - *The Roberts Family*  
Julia Samson - *The St. Benedict Parish Community*
- 12PM Living and Deceased Members/Benefactors of St. Vincent de Paul Society  
Nicolas G and Consolacion D Dabu - *Jesus & Lucita Barin*  
*Susano Sanchez Paez - Ceferina Sanchez Paez*

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Charlene Johnson	Bill Shaver
Patricia Ann King	Karen Sheehan
Jackson James Limburg	Jim Strzalka
Giorgio Marconi	Leda Wildner
Ken McFadden	

## Baptisms

- Louise Rose Edwards, *daughter of Kip Edwards and Kate Karczewski*
- Fox Joaquin Luevano, *son of Jaime Luevano and Maureen Faydash*



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

From the Domestic Violence Outreach Team at St Benedict Parish

### DO WOMEN WHO STAY IN ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS LIKE

**THE ABUSE?** This may seem like a strange question but many people who don't understand domestic violence may actually ask this. Make no mistake: No one wants to be hurt, beaten or made to feel inferior. Women stay in abusive relationships for a number of reasons. Women may have nowhere to go. They may believe that it is better for their children to stay in a stable home. For many women, the reason they stay is because of fear. Statistics show that 75% of women who are murdered by their batterers are killed when they leave or after they leave the relationship.

**WHY DO PEOPLE BECOME BATTERERS?** There is no single reason for abuse. Violence is a means of trying to exercise power and control over someone else. Many batterers were victims of abuse as children or came from families in which spousal abuse was prevalent. It is important to remember, however, that not all people who were victims of abuse as children will turn into batterers.

**CAN YOU IDENTIFY A POTENTIAL BATTERER WHEN YOU MEET HIM/HER?** Just as there is not one reason for abuse, there is not one type of batterer. Many batterers are highly successful professionally and in other areas of their lives. With history and society to support their beliefs, they may have little remorse or regret over battering.

**ARE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE "WEAK PEOPLE"?** The fact that people experience domestic violence doesn't make them inherently "weak.". Through manipulation and coercion, abusers often chip away at the victim's self-esteem. Sometimes this process happens so subtly that the victim is unaware of the psychological, emotional and other types of abuse that often precede a physically violent attack. In addition, it is important to note that many victims grew up in homes where there was excessive violence and turbulence. They may have seen their parents abuse alcohol and drugs, and consequently blamed themselves for the dysfunction and unhappiness.

**WHAT DO ABUSED WOMEN WANT AND NEED?** The first thing that an abused woman needs is to be safe. If she is in danger it is very difficult to think beyond the immediate crisis. She does not need someone to tell her to "snap out of it" or to insult her for being in her position. Basically, a victim needs support, someone who will listen to her, and she needs information about services. Above all, she needs respect.

**IS IT TRUE THAT MOST VIOLENT RELATIONSHIPS GO THROUGH CYCLES – FROM TENSION BUILDING TO AN ACTIVE BATTERING INCIDENT, LEADING TO THE HONEYMOON OR REMORSEFUL STAGE?** This pattern, called the "Cycle of Violence", came from the battered women's movement in the 1970's. The idea has changed over the years because many women found that their relationships did not go through these phases. For some people there is no honeymoon phase. Others do not see the tension building. Women's rights activists today have changed the model, renaming it the "Campaign of Violence". The new name suggests that the violence is ongoing and multi-faceted, taking a variety of forms.

**ARE MEN VIOLENT BECAUSE THEY LOSE CONTROL?** No. Domestic violence is not a form of losing control; it is an attempt at gaining control. Most acts of violence are premeditated, occurring behind closed doors. It may seem as though the batterer is losing control because of his angry behavior. To that end, most batterers are very good manipulators. They know how to convince others and their victims that they are not at fault for their actions.

**IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LESS OF A PROBLEM BETWEEN SAME-SEX COUPLES?** Studies show that violence in same-sex relationships is as common as it is in heterosexual relationships. Sometimes the violence is less noticeable because of preconceived notions about gender roles. When men fight, people tend to view it as natural, because "boys will be boys". Women, because they are stereotyped as sensitive and passive, are not expected to be violent.

**DO DRUGS AND ALCOHOL CAUSE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?** The need to exercise power and control is the cause of domestic violence. Drugs and alcohol enable people to lose their inhibitions, and cloud sound judgment. As a result, violence may be exacerbated by the use of these substances. It is important to remember, however, that it is not the cause.

**WHAT CAN I DO IF I, OR SOMEONE I KNOW IS BEING ABUSED?** There are many options available to people who need help. You can look in the local phone book or in a community services directory for the phone number of a shelter and counseling services closest to you. You can talk to someone you trust, or call any 24-hour hotline. See the numbers listed below.

- With thanks to Domesticshelters.org

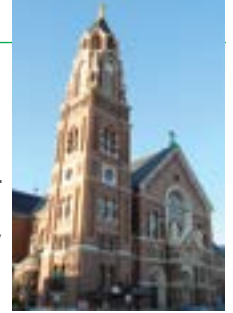
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### MASSES AND SERVICES

**Sunday Eucharist:** Saturday 5PM,  
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**Weekday Eucharist:** 8:30AM Mon-Sat  
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**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help:**  
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# Spiritual Dream Group

**NEXT SESSION - MONDAY 9/19 | 7-9PM**

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