



St. Benedict Catholic Church

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January 8, 2023

The Epiphany of the Lord

"All the nations will worship you, Lord."

~ Psalm 72

Parish Mission Statement

We are a vibrant and welcoming Catholic Church community that recognizes God's presence in all through our love and service.

Parish Vision Statement

Build the Kingdom of God, individually and communally, by fostering discipleship and thanksgiving through:

- the celebration of Eucharist and other sacraments,
- prayer and lifelong Catholic formation,
- service with and for one another and the greater community.

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 5 pm

Fridays 9 am - 3 pm

Closed Daily 12 pm - 1 pm

Mass Schedule

Weekends and 8:15am Fridays at SJB MPR:

Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 7, 9, 11 am, 5 pm

Weekdays Mon-Thurs, St. Benedict Chapel: 8:15 am

Reconciliation

Fri 5-6 pm, Sat 8:30-9:30 am, St. Benedict Chapel

Upcoming Events

For a complete calendar of events, please visit stbenedict.org/calendar

Monday, 1/9

8:15 am | Mass

Tuesday, 1/10

8:15 am | Mass

Wednesday, 1/11

8:15 am | Mass
3:30 pm | Jubilation
Children's Choir

Thursday, 1/12

8:15 am | Mass
6 pm | Choir
Practice

Friday, 1/13

8:15 am | Mass
5 pm | Confessions

Saturday, 1/14

8:30 am | Confessions
10 am | Baptism Class
5 pm | Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 1/8/2023

7 am | Doug Lupinacci (lv)

9 am | Parishioners

11 am | Peter Sterkowitz †

5 pm | Henry & Irene
Arkfeld †

M 1/9 | Bill Gorski †

Tu 1/10 | Parishioners

W 1/11 | Peggy Cadaret †

Th 1/12 | Alan Ploesser †

F 1/13 | Saida Salloum †

Sat 1/14 | Virginia Nemecek †

Sunday, 1/15/2023

7 am | Parishioners

9 am | Shelley Parinello †

11 am | Parishioners

5 pm | Parishioners



Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday: 1/9	Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17 (<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>)
Tuesday: 1/10	Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1/11	Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1/12	Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1/13	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1/14	Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: 1/15	Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Presider Schedule*

*the Week of
Jan 9-15, 2023*

Monday	8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh
Tuesday	8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh
Wednesday	8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh
Thursday	8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh
Friday	8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh
Saturday	5 pm - Fr. Manasseh
Sunday	7 am - Fr. Manasseh 9 am - Fr. James 11 am - Fr. James 5 pm - Fr. Manasseh

**Please note: this schedule is subject to
change without notice.*

Parish Contributions

*A special thank you to
those who are faithfully
contributing*

Regular Contributions for

Nov 2022

Actual: \$ 68,524*

Budget: \$ 71,230

* Faith Direct & Realm

Online: \$ 43,456

Cash/Check: \$ 20,094

(Contributions are recorded
on a monthly basis per
fiscal year
July 1, '22 to June 30, '23)

Construction Project

November 2022 (Month End)

TOTAL COST	\$8,400,000
Total Expenses Paid To Date	<u>\$2,424,873</u>
Remaining Balance of Cost	\$5,975,127
 TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE	
(Cash on Hand & Line of Credit)	<u>\$5,168,220</u>
 Additional Funds Need to Raise	 \$806,907

Welcoming Sunday

This weekend, after the Sunday 9 am Mass, you are invited to come to Welcoming Sunday where you can mix and mingle with our priest, members of the Pastoral Council, Staff and new parishioners. Welcoming Sunday takes place in the St. John Bosco School Courtyard. We hope to see you there!



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A Reflection by Fr. Manasseh

“WE SAW HIS STAR AT ITS RISING AND HAVE COME TO DO HIM HOMAGE.”

This weekend the Church celebrates the Epiphany of the Lord. Epiphany, or Theophany, is the self-revelation or manifestation of God to the world. The first chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel attempts a chronological demonstration of the authenticity of Jesus' Messiahship by tracing His genealogy back to King David, and farther to the Patriarchs, thereby establishing not only Davidic descent but also His unbroken ancestral connection to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The Gospel this weekend introduces the Messiah to the non-Jewish world represented by the Magi. Matthew recounts that after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the east arrived in Jerusalem, the political capital of the southern kingdom, led by a star in search of the “Newborn King of the Jews”. By their visit, God revealed that the Redemptorship of Christ would be inclusive of all people no matter where they called home.

On arriving in Jerusalem the Magi sought the guidance of Herod, an Idumean, who had bribed and manipulated himself into rulership of the Jews. He was already paranoid, notoriously suspicious of anyone whom he imagined would attempt to usurp his ill-gotten power. The word of God does not mention that the star which had hitherto led the Magi stopped, neither does Matthew suggest that they ceased seeing it. Yet, the wisemen made the unwise decision of seeking guidance from an insecure and arguably illegitimate king about a newborn King. By doing so, they practically put the Messiah and the salvation of the world at risk. Similarly, we too have received the Good News of salvation and are on a faith journey through righteousness and towards eternal life. It would be a humongous tragedy if we shifted our focus from Christ and His doctrine of life to Herod's in search of direction.

Herod was threatened by news of the birth of an infant and reacted by scheming to have him murdered. Like Herod, we sometimes feel threatened by the successes and blessings of others. More despicably, some persons even feel threatened by the very existence of babies whose only crime is to exist through conception, and they react by seeking to kill children through abortion. How are we different from Herod if we do practically the same thing he did? How are we different from Herod when we are envious of other people's accomplishments and sometimes wish them ill?

Nevertheless, God demonstrated the futility of human attempts to negate Divine Plan. The Magi, who took their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to Jesus, were warned in a dream to take an alternative route home, thus corrected their earlier mistake and did not return to Herod. No evil can successfully stop God's will. However, it is never too late to make sincere efforts to correct our mistakes and return to the right relationship with God and neighbor when we come to the realization of our error.

May we hasten towards Christ with gifts of ourselves, may we keep our focus on Christ and reject any destructive distractions, and may we be afforded the humility to acknowledge our mistakes and need for a relationship with God and so speedily return to the path of virtue. May I request that we all pray for people who may have participated in an abortion and for an end to this human evil.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh

Current Events and More

End of Year Contribution Statements

We are so grateful for the support we receive each week from our parishioners. It is your gifts that sustain the parish, allowing us to continue being the warm, inviting community that we are.

If you would like to request a copy of your financial contributions for tax purposes, simply complete the form on our website, located by clicking on the *"Request Contribution Statement"* on the home page. (Please note, anyone who has made a single donation of \$250 or more will automatically receive a contribution statement in the mail.)

Beginning the week of **January 30** we will be fulfilling these requests. While we would love to have statements ready earlier than **January 30**, this would not allow enough time to ensure that all financial gifts had been properly recorded.

If you have any questions, please call Mary Jane at the parish office at **480.961.1610 ext. 304**.

Update on the Construction of Our New Worship Space (from Dec 23)

The transept beams have been installed. The mason is working on the roof line of the transepts. They will be complete by December 29. The structural steel for the Nave will begin to be installed on January 9. The storm drain will be completed by December 27. The plumber will be out of the driveway in front of the Annex buildings at that time. The duct work will begin installation after the first of the year.

External and internal construction work has been going on simultaneously. Our first stained glass window has been completed. It is the front external window of St. Benedict. A photo of this is included in this report.

The custom work for our main altar and ambo has begun. The construction of our pews and the sculpting of the St. Benedict statue have also begun. This statue will be in the external front center of the church. The main and the chapel tabernacles, along with the main cross, corpus, and the chapel crucifix, have been ordered.

The audio/video solution has been designed and the equipment has been ordered. The acoustical treatments have been delayed until funding becomes available.

Photos for this week:

- The St. Benedict stained-glass window.
- First interior studs in place for the Narthex east wall.
- "Flying" in the 1st roof beam for the north transept.
- The north transept beam being installed.



Faith Formation and More

Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

Sunday, January 8

*NO Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Children's Liturgy of the Word
NO EPIC*

Tuesday, January 10

*NO JAM
NO Journey of Faith*

Sunday, January 15

*NO Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Children's Liturgy of the Word
EPIC*

Tuesday, January 17

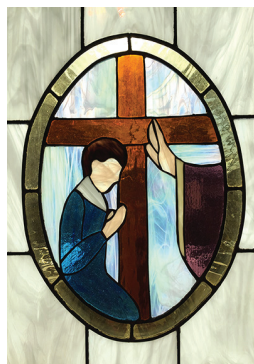
*JAM
Journey of Faith*

First Reconciliation News

The First Reconciliation Retreat is scheduled for **Saturday, January 28** for all children preparing for First Reconciliation at St. Benedict.

We will begin promptly at 9 am in the St. John Bosco multipurpose room. Children will then be invited to make their First Reconciliation, along with their families, on the morning of **Saturday, February 11**. Parents, watch your email for important information regarding both of these dates.

During this final month of preparation, we ask all parishioners in the St. Benedict community to keep these children in your prayers.



Epiphany House Blessing

If you wish, you can celebrate Epiphany at home with a blessing using the initials of the Magi's traditional names (Casper, Melchior, Balthasar), four crosses, and the new year's numerals.

Materials: a piece of chalk and a small container of holy water. Gather with family members, friends, and perhaps some neighbors at the front door.

Leader: In the (+) name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We sign this doorway with four crosses and the numerals of the new year.

[20 + C + M + B + 23]

Leader: Let us pray. May Christ bless this house!

ALL: Amen!

Each room of the house is sprinkled with holy water.

Living room - Leader: Where two or three are gathered in your name, Lord, you are present. Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

Kitchen - Leader: Give us this day our daily bread. Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

Dining room - Leader: Prepare us for the heavenly banquet. Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

Bedrooms - Leader: Stay with us Lord, when night has come. Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

Bathroom - Leader: Cleanse us from all sin. Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

All return to the front door to pray together.

Leader: Let us pray as Jesus taught us:
Our Father . . .

The leader sprinkles all present with holy water.
Bless this household through all days to come,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

ALL: Amen!

Ministries & More

Knights of Columbus

Father, you used the star to led the Magi to the stable. May you use us as Your little lights today as we live in a world that is still covered by darkness. We live in a world that is searching for hope and many still need to make the pilgrimage to the manger, the cross, and to the empty tomb. May our lives reflect your light as we seek to serve where you have placed us to make a kingdom impact. We pray for our world to have a year of epiphanies and receive the gift of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Announcements:

Please consider donate blood **Sunday, January 22**. You can register now by using the displayed QR Code below and using Sponsor code: **stbenedict**



Sunday, January 22
8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Activities:

Council Meeting - Thursday, Jan 12, 7 pm
in St. Benedict Conference Room.

Fourth Degree Exemplification - Saturday, Jan 14,
12:30 pm at Holy Spirit Church.

Blood Drive - Sunday, Jan 22, in SJB parking lot.

Join online to become a Knight of Columbus at www.kofc.org/joinus and enter "Council 12246" and "GKWAP".

Vivat Jesus,

Isauro Amaro, Grand Knight
Fr. Bob Binta Council # 12246
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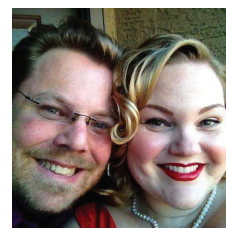


As 2023 begins, we pray for God's continued blessings as we serve those in need. Please consider donating the following so we may help our neighbors. Thank you!

- Canned Chicken
- Salad Dressing
- Breakfast Bars
- Canned Corn
- Cookies
- Applesauce

Thanks to your generous donations, in December 2022 we helped 77 families with 95 bags of groceries, \$1,300 in food cards to purchase Christmas dinner, and \$2,570 in shelter, utilities and other assistance. Also, our parish adopted 21 families (102 people) for the Christmas Adopt-A-Family program. We are blessed.

Sean Needs A Kidney



One of our parishioners is in need of a kidney. He has Alport Syndrome and received a kidney at age 15. That kidney failed in 2016 and he been on kidney dialysis ever since. Currently, having no kidneys, he seeks a transplant for a better quality and length of life. A living donor with blood type "O" would be the best option for long term success. If you can help or know someone who can, please contact Heidi at **380.528.6929** or email Heidihill321@gmail.com.

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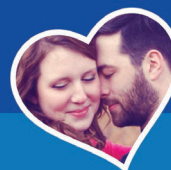


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A Note From The SJB Principal

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord! Now, it's time to take down all our Christmas decorations!

The children are back on campus and settling into the school routine once again. We are looking forward to a lively Catholic Schools Week later this month and all the fun events associated with it. Although we've been enrolling new students throughout the fall and winter – 8 in just the last 2 months! – Catholic Schools Week is when we invite the public in earnest to see our beautiful campus and learn all about what makes SJB a great choice for Catholic education.

Please make it a point to stop by our Open House on **Wednesday, February 1, 5:30 pm to 7 pm**, or **Thursday, February 2, 9 am to 11 am** and enjoy a campus tour.

Joyful Blessings,

Jamie Bescak, M.Ed., Principal

480.219.4848



THE COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN BOSCO CATHOLIC SCHOOL INVITES YOU

Open House

Wednesday, February 1, 2023
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

OR

Thursday, February 2, 2023
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.




- Meet the teachers & learn about our preschool through 8th grade programs
- View our safe, beautiful campus
- Find out how St. John Bosco delivers academic excellence while educating the whole child
- Learn how we make Catholic Education affordable
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