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July 31, 2022

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“ **Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.** ”

~ Psalm 90:12



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 in August 9 am - 12 pm

Closed Daily 12 pm - 1 pm

Mass Schedule

Weekends at SJB MPR:

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

Weekdays Mon-Fri in Annex 2 Chapel: 8:15 am

Reconciliation

Fri 5-6 pm, Sat 8:30-9:30 am, in Annex 1

Upcoming Events

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

Monday, 8/1

8:15 am | Mass

Tuesday, 8/2

8:15 am | Mass

Wednesday, 8/3

8:15 am | Mass

6:30 pm | Pastoral Council

Thursday, 8/4

8:15 am | Mass

6 pm | Choir Practice

Friday, 8/5

8:15 am | Mass

9 am | Adoration

5 pm | Confessions

6 pm | Benediction

Saturday, 8/6

8:30 am | Confessions

5 pm | Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 7/31/2022

7 am | Damon Haydu †

9 am | Emil Senn †

11 am | Jesus Lopez †

5 pm | People of the Parish

M 8/1 | Maria & Jonathan Dingwall (living)

Tu 8/2 | Ariana Ruiz (living)

W 8/3 | Sergio Aguilar (living)

Th 8/4 | Rocio Ramirez (living)

F 8/5 | Rocio Ramirez (living)

Sat 8/6 | Rocio Ramirez (living)

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday: 8/1	Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79; 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21 (<i>St. Alphonsus Liguori</i>)
Tuesday: 8/2	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16- 21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday: 8/3	Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: 8/4	Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23 (<i>St. John Vianney</i>)
Friday: 8/5	Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd- 36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: 8/6	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36 (<i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>)
Sunday: 8/7	Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Hb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48

"Living Our Faith, Building Our Home" Capital Campaign

As of June 2022

Campaign Pledges: \$ 3,548,859
Collected Campaign Pledges: \$ 2,646,142

Parish CDA Totals July 26, 2022

Number of Donors: 214
Amount Donated: \$99,342
Donation Goal: \$85,000

Presider Schedule*

*the Week of
August 1-7, 2022*

Monday 8:15 am - Fr. James
Tuesday 8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh
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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 **June 2022**
(Contributions are recorded on a monthly basis
per fiscal year: July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)

Actual: \$ 66,781*

Budget: \$ 74,375

* Faith Direct & Realm Online: \$ 46,197

Cash Contributions: \$ 4,193

Check Contributions: \$ 16,391

(Please remember to transfer your
Faith Direct deposit over to Realm soon!)**

A Reflection by Fr. Manasseh

“Think of What is Above, Not What Is On Earth”

In his quest to sieve out meaning in life, Qoheleth, the author of the book of Ecclesiastes mentally interrogated pleasure, wealth, knowledge, labor and other noble endeavors, and came to the sad conclusion that all these were tempor, fleeting and ultimately unsatisfying. He therefore decided that all earthly appendages amount to vanity. This conclusion renders the primitive accumulation and senseless hoarding of earthly possessions, presumed earthly guarantees of security, a complete exercise in futility. True happiness and peace can never be obtained from what we have or achieve.

St. Paul held this truth to be self-evident. He encouraged the Colossians to “*think of what is above, not of what is on earth.*” For the Apostle to the Gentiles, the old self has undergone metaphorical death in every Christian, it is now Christ who lives in us. Thus, the redeemed ought to put to death all mundane residues of the old life like immorality, impurity, sensual passion, evil desire and greed. Paul’s teaching achieves thematic coherence with Qoheleth’s classification of earthly pleasures, knowledge and toil as vanity; it is our pursuit and hoarding of the things of this world that lead us to a pitiable retrogression to unconverted Christianity.

In the Gospel passage this weekend, Jesus tells the parable of the rich fool who planned to hoard and enjoy the proceeds of his labor after achieving a bountiful harvest. We notice that it is not the honest production of wealth in itself that merits him some Divine rebuke from Christ. The rich harvest could have been an indication of his practice of natural virtues: prudence, self discipline and hard work. What earned him condemnation from Jesus was the intent to hoard and selfishly consume his wealth without thinking of others in his community. There is no indication of expressed gratitude and one needs only to note the number of times he referred to himself within the relatively short passage to decipher his horrific selfishness.

God’s blessings to us are not meant to be hoarded or selfishly consumed in self indulgence. Every truly converted Christian is called to be a conduit through which God’s blessings can reach all His children with special consideration for those on the margins of life. God is in the business of blessing His children and we are the “sale agents”, the retailers who take such blessings to everyone.

May grace aid us to grow beyond seeking happiness and peace in the things of this world and may we be afforded the generosity that would habitually move us to see the need of others and share with them that which God has graciously blessed us with.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh

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Ministries and More

Safe Environment Renewal Time

It is now time for the Safe Environment Training renewal for all active ministry volunteers here at St. Benedict and at the school! Go to <https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org>, update your profile information, and take the renewal today.

If you have any questions or needs, please contact the Safe Environment Coordinator for St. Benedict, Debbie Smith, at **480.529.4828** (call or text), or for the school, Teri Aguiar at **480.219.4848** (call).

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

In August, Adoration will be on **Friday, August 5** between the hours of **9 am and 6 pm** in the Annex 2 Chapel. Please come by and spend some time with the Lord, or sign up for a specific time slot at <http://signup.com/go/puKjbJK>. Signing up allows us to make sure that all the time slots are covered.



Memorial Mass for Fr. Bob Binta

All are welcome to come and celebrate a Memorial Mass for Fr. Bob Binta on **Friday, August 19** at 7 pm

in the St. John Bosco Multipurpose Room. Fr. Bob was the Pastor here at St. Benedict for five years beginning in July of 2013. He was later diagnosed with cancer and passed away peacefully on August 20, 2018. Every year we remember our Fr. Bob so save the date to attend this year.



Pastoral Care

Please remember in your prayers **Debbie Malatin** who died recently. We pray that her family and friends will feel God's healing embrace through the prayers and support of our faith community.

Update on the Construction of Our New Worship Space

Currently, the footings are being dug for the new restrooms and the elevator on the northeast side of the building. Rebar is being installed to be followed by a City of Phoenix inspection. Concrete is scheduled to be poured by Thursday, July 28. Work is also occurring inside the building. A section of the concrete flooring has been removed to allow for the foundational support for the stairs to the choir loft on the southeast corner, and the elevated cry room on the northeast corner. Working with the HVAC subcontractor, the GC team has been able to update our HVAC solution to reduce costs for St Benedict. We still do not have a delivery date for the drainage supplies that are needed. This could impact our scheduled plumbing start-date. We continue to work with the plumbing subcontractor to get the product delivered.



Faith Formation and More

Faith Formation News

Registration for ALL Faith Formation programs begins **ONLINE** on **Monday, August 1**. (Register before August 28 and receive an Early Bird Discount of \$5 off per child/teen!)

Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Sessions begin in September and meet most weeks through April 2023. For a complete schedule, visit our parish website www.stbenedict.org

EPIC YOUTH MINISTRY (Grades 9th-12th)

Sundays from 3 pm - 4:45 pm



JAM MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6th-8th)

Tuesdays from 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm



JOURNEY OF FAITH (Grades K-5th)

Tuesdays from 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm



***CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

(Days & Times TBD)

Level I (PreK-K)

Level II (Grades 1st-3rd)



*Please note that the CGS Atrium is currently closed due to the construction of the Church. Registered families will receive session start dates and updates as more information becomes available. Limited space is available for all CGS sessions.

REGISTRATION COSTS for 2022-2023:

\$50 - JAM, Journey of Faith & CGS

\$100 - EPIC Youth Ministry

Financial assistance and scholarships are available for any family in need. We never want cost to prevent your child from participating in faith formation programs or youth ministry events. Contact the parish office for assistance. All families with multiple children have a maximum total registration cost of \$125, regardless of program.

Speakers/Volunteers for Youth Ministry

"He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully ... You will be enriched in every way for great generosity."

(2 Cor. 9:6/11)

The St. Benedict Youth Ministry is looking for speakers to talk with our middle and high schoolers. If you are interested in speaking (or know someone who can), please email Clare at cgisla@stbenedict.org. We are particularly looking for a therapist to talk about personal healing, and other speakers to present short talks about Church teachings on traditional marriage, redemptive suffering, the lives of the saints, and other topics. Please take some time in prayer to consider whether the Lord might be calling you to share your heart and your spiritual journey with our teens!

We are also looking for event coordinators for particular service events, fundraisers, and social nights - find a list of roles on the parish website on the Faith Formation pages under EPIC or JAM. However much of your time you can offer, we will find a role for you!

Looking for Ways to Get Involved?

If you feel called to be more involved with the young people of our parish (pre-K through elementary, junior high or high school), we would love to talk to you about joining our team as a catechist, aide or core leader for 2022-2023! No prior experience is required. You'll receive materials, support and training. Several different ministries with varying time commitments are available.

Our children and teens value the gift of your time and faith whether you are able to commit to a little or a lot of time. And, as a bonus, being involved with the young people often strengthens our own faith.

Interested? Contact Heather Mooney at hmooney@stbenedict.org or Clare Gisla at cgisla@stbenedict.org

Current Events & More

August Office Hours

In August the parish office hours change. The hours are the same Monday - Thursday, 9 am to 5 pm, but on Friday the office will be open from 9 am to Noon. Please make a note of it.

Knights of Columbus

Thank you to all the parishioners who participated in the monthly Rosary last Wednesday, July 27.

"To educate a person in the mind but not in morals is to educate a menace to society." Theodore Roosevelt

Safe Environment Renewal

I would like to remind all our Knights to renew their Safe Environment Training. The renewal process takes about 30 minutes. Please go to <https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org> to update your profile information and take the renewal class and test before the end of the month.

Activities

- **Food Drive** - Donations will be collected this weekend, July 30 and 31.
- **Officer's Meeting** - August 4, 2022 at 6:30 pm in Annex 1 on the church property.
- **Blood Drive** - Remember to "Save the Date" for September 18, 2022, our next blood drive!

Thinking of joining the Knights of Columbus?

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

480.748.1449

grandknight@kofc12246.org



St. Vincent de Paul Update



We hope that everyone is having a wonderful summer! Sadly, this summer has been difficult for many of our neighbors and our pantry has been depleted. We need our parishioners' generous help! This weekend, **July 30-31**, is a SVDP 5th Sunday monetary collection. In addition to our 5th Sunday collection, in partnership with The Knights of Columbus, we will be having a food drive in the courtyard outside of the MPR at each Mass. Please be as generous as you are able so that SVDP may assist our less fortunate neighbors. A HUGE thank you, as always!

Your Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council is a group of 9 elected and appointed members that serve as an advisory group to the Pastor and acts as a communication link between the congregation and the governing body of the church. Each month we have a meeting on the 1st Wednesday at 6:30 pm (except in December).

We would like to invite you to attend as an observer. Please understand that this is an observation role only and not meant to detract from our normal business agenda. Also, although you are invited to attend and observe the entire meeting, there may be times when you will be asked to leave for us to consider topics of a proprietary nature. It is truly our desire to maintain an open and accessible link while furthering our true goal of gratifying the mission of the Church.

Space is limited and the next meeting is this **Wednesday, August 3** at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in observing one of our meetings or simply want more information, please contact Russ Spencer, Council President, at pastoralcouncil@stbenedict.org or the parish office at 480.961.1610 ext. 300.

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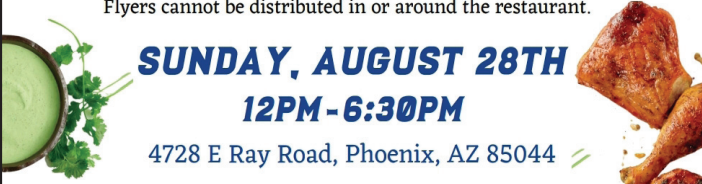
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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH
12PM - 6:30PM**

4728 E Ray Road, Phoenix, AZ 85044



Help Wanted - Part Time

St. Benedict Church is seeking an individual for the position of Stewardship and Engagement Coordinator. This position supports the mission and fundraising activities of the parish and school through positive communications and engagement with others. Part-time (25-28 hours a week), hourly.

Requirements (partial list): Minimum 3 years of relevant fundraising experience, preferably in Church related organization. Active practicing Roman Catholic who is in full communion with the Church. Ability to articulate a clear understanding of the Catholic faith and to serve as a committed witness to its mission. Computer literate. Ability to use Windows-based software (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) as well as proficiency with donor and other Church database systems. Some travel and weekend work may be required. (For the full job description, please go to the parish website at stbenedict.org and click on the link in the banner.

Please send cover letter and resume to: mlivens@stbenedict.org

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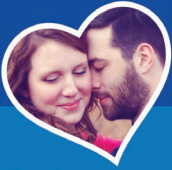
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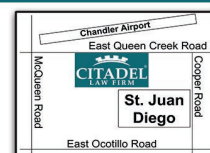
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A Note From The SJB Principal

Dear Parishioners,

Students will be pleasantly surprised when they return to school on Wednesday, August 10 to see dramatic upgrades to their campus. Three large areas of the landscape have been enhanced with gorgeous, green artificial turf to create outdoor learning spaces. Once the summer heat subsides, teachers will have the option of taking advantage of our beautiful, mild October through April Arizona climate to teach selected lessons outdoors. We think the occasional change of scenery and fresh air will invigorate students and teachers alike!



Joyful Blessings,
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