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November 20, 2022

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**“ I rejoiced because they said to me,
“We will go up to the house of the LORD.” ”**

~ Psalm 122:1



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.

Upcoming Events

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

Monday, 11/21
8:15 am | Mass

Tuesday, 11/22
8:15 am | Mass

Wednesday, 11/23
8:15 am | Mass
3:30 pm | Jubilation Children's Choir
5 pm | Finance Council

Thursday, 11/24
Thanksgiving Day
(Office Closed)
9 am | Mass

Friday, 11/25
(Office Closed)
8:15 am | Mass
5 pm | Confessions

Saturday, 11/26
8:30 am | Confessions
5 pm | Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 11/20/2022	Th 11/24, 9 am Parishioners
7 am Ed Coyoli †	F 11/25 Ben & Evelyn Korczyk †
9 am Waldo & Virjean Schinzel †	Sat 11/19 Ben & Evelyn Korczyk †
11 am Flotilda Castro †	
5 pm Parishioners	Sunday, 11/27/2022
M 11/21 Jill de Guzman (lvg)	7 am Parishioners
Tu 11/22 Alexia Rodriguez (living)	9 am Ben & Evelyn Korczyk †
	11 am Pete Sterkowitz †
W 11/23 Elizabeth Loh (lvg)	5 pm Robert Golembieski †

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab,
11/21 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
*(The Presentation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary)*

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13;
11/22 Lk 21:5-11
(St. Cecilia)

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9;
11/23 Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11;
11/24 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
(Thanksgiving Day)

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Ps 84:3-6a,
11/25 8a; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab;
11/26 Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9;
11/27 Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44
(1st Sunday of Advent)



Thanksgiving Mass

Begin your day of thanks this week by attending the parish Thanksgiving Day Mass with bread exchange on **Thursday, November 24** at 9 am in the St. John Bosco School Multipurpose Room.

When you come to Mass, bring a wrapped loaf of bread or rolls (baked or bought) and place it at the altar. During Mass, the bread is blessed, then after Mass those who brought a loaf can take a different loaf home to enjoy with their Thanksgiving meal! Please join us, all are welcome.

Presider Schedule*

*the Week of
Nov 21-27, 2022*

Monday 8:15 am - Fr. James

Tuesday 8:15 am - Fr. James

Wednesday 8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh

Thursday 8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh

Friday 8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh

****Saturday** 5 pm - Fr. James

****Sunday** 7 am - Fr. James
9 am - Fr. Manasseh
11 am - Fr. Manasseh
5 pm - Fr. James

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

***Dcn. Ed preaches at all Masses.*

Parish Contributions

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

Regular Contributions for October 2022

(Contributions are recorded on a monthly basis per fiscal year: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)

Actual: \$ 76,964*

Budget: \$ 89,038

* Faith Direct & Realm Online: \$ 46,158

Cash Contributions: \$ 5,238

Check Contributions: \$ 25,568

A Reflection by Fr. Manasseh

"AMEN, I SAY TO YOU. TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE!"

With the celebration of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe today, we shall bring to a close the Church's Liturgical Year. When we come to Church next weekend, we will celebrate the First Sunday of Advent which serves the dual purpose of ushering us into the Advent Season and effectively begins a new Liturgical year, Year "A." The Solemnity of Christ the King was instituted as a feast in the Liturgical calendar by Pope Pius XI in 1925, and in 1970 its observance was moved from October to the last Sunday of Ordinary Time and thus, the end of the Liturgical year. Pius XI had instituted this feast with his Encyclical Quas Primas as a response to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to thrust Christ and His Holy Law out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. The Solemnity reminds us that while kings, kingdoms and governments come and go, Christ reigns forever.

The First Reading provides an Old Testament foundation to Jesus' claim to eternal Kingship. The second book of Samuel recounts how David, ancestor of Jesus, was approached by the rest of Israel, his "bone and flesh," to ask him to become the Shepherd King over them. With this covenant request, David would go on to establish an everlasting dynasty that would prefigure the eternal kingship of his descendant, heir and successor, Jesus Christ. The First Reading also recalls that David, and by extension, his dynasty, was promised by God to be given kingship, not merely over Israel but over all nations, as well.

In the Second Reading, Paul thanks God the Father for giving the Church, the Body of Christ, a share in the kingship of Christ. The Apostle notes that through Him, we who were in darkness, have been delivered and transferred into the Kingdom of Light wherein we have been endowed with redemption and forgiveness of sins. He concludes by stating that through the shedding of His blood on the Cross (His throne), Jesus has reconciled all humanity with God. The Gospel passage presents a unique exercise of His Kingly Power by Jesus, clearly distinguishing between His Kingship and that of the Kingdoms and governments of the world. While He hung on the cross, crucified by those He came to reconcile to God, Jesus was recognized as "King of the Jews" by Pilate, mocked by Jewish leaders and local authorities and ridiculed even by a criminal, one of those crucified with Him. The latter had no idea what a privilege he allowed to pass. However, a second criminal crucified with Jesus rebuked his fellow condemned criminal and seized the opportunity to ask Jesus to remember him in His kingdom. He recognized the universal Kingship of Christ, seized the moment and so enjoyed the singular privilege of becoming the very first person to enjoy the fullness of the fruits of the redemptive work of Christ.

The Kingship of Christ is different from any other kind of rulership in this world. Jesus is a Servant King, a Merciful Judge, His throne is the Cross, the emblem of suffering and shame and so anyone who stands under His banner cannot wish away suffering for the sake of the kingdom and should embrace redemptive suffering in order to stay as subjects of His reign. Acknowledging Christ as King in our lives, homes, Church, community and time is not a matter of verbal declarations but of active witnessing by our life experience. If Christ occupies the most important place in our lives, if we consider His will over and above ours, if we live in accordance with His precepts and teachings, and if we constantly imitate His kindness and sacrificial love duplicating them in our lives, then He truly is King in our hearts.

May we humbly offer our wills in service to the Servant King, may Jesus reign in our hearts, and may we become true instruments of peace, love and godliness in our community.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh

Current Events and More

Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Dear Lord,

On Thanksgiving Day,

We bow our hearts to You in prayer.

We give You thanks for all You have done,
Mostly for the gift of Jesus Christ, Your Son.
For beauty in nature, in which we see Your Glory,
For joy and health, friends, and family.
For our daily sustenance, Your mercy and care,
These are the blessings You kindly share.
So today we offer this response of praise
With a promise to follow You all of our days.

Amen.

(Source: CatholicReadings.org)



Holiday Office Hours

The parish office will be closed on **November 24 and 25** (Thanksgiving and the day after). For emergencies requiring a priest, call **480.961.1610 ext. 317**.

“Coping With Grief During the Holidays”

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, please consider joining us to recognize the uniqueness of grief during the holidays. We will identify some coping mechanisms for grief and discuss the ways to assist children with their grief. Save the date of **Saturday, December 10**, from 10 to 11:30 am in the Annex 1 Conference Room. Please register at pastoralcare@stbenedict.org.



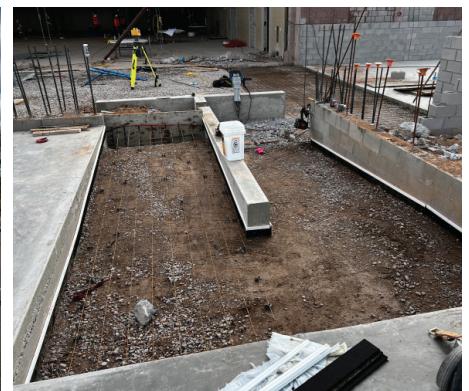
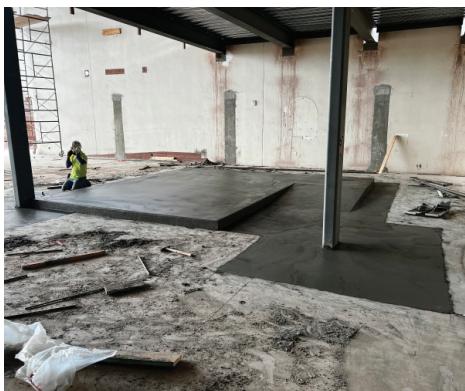
Update on the Construction of Our New Worship Space

Concrete has been poured for the elevated cry room and ramp, along with the floor of the Narthex where the footings have been installed. The floor of the choir loft and the stairs have been poured in preparation of the final flooring. Next week the lower Sanctuary is scheduled to be poured, including the ramp to the Sanctuary. The north transept is also scheduled to be poured.

The mason continues with the construction. The bell tower is at a current height of 40 feet, with 34 more feet to be added. The masonry work on the west end to enclose the building will continue as the concrete areas are poured.

Photos for this week:

- The elevated cry room with the ramp.
- The bell tower with the arches on the east side of the building.
- The preparation of the area for the ramp to the Sanctuary.



Faith Formation and More

Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

Sunday, November 20

*Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Children's Liturgy of the Word
EPIC*

Tuesday, November 22

*Happy Thanksgiving!
NO JAM
NO Journey of Faith*

Sunday, November 27

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

Tuesday, November 29

*JAM
Journey of Faith*

Adopt-A-Family

It's time to sign up for the St. Vincent de Paul Adopt-A-Family Christmas Program!

Adopt-A-Family allows individuals and families to "adopt" families in the area. All you have to do as the Sponsor is provide the fixings for Christmas dinner and gifts for the family members. Sponsoring a family is a wonderful way to keep alive the true spirit of Christmas. It's also a great project for families, friends, neighbors and even co-workers.

For more information, contact Stephanie at svdpatsbenedict@gmail.com



Boot Scoot Thank You

Thank you to the Events Committee, volunteers, and everyone who helped with the BBQ & Boot Scoot possible this year! It was a wonderful time!

Employment Opportunity

The position of Coordinator of Youth Ministry is open.

Under the direction of the Pastor and Director of Faith Formation, the Coordinator of Youth Ministry develops, coordinates and fosters a comprehensive youth ministry program for grades six through twelve. This position develops communication with, and mutual support from, families of youth and partners with other community, Parish and Diocesan youth organizations. The Coordinator of Youth Ministry fosters the goals and objectives of the USCCB document "Renewing the Vision" for youth ministry.

For more information, please go to the parish website at stbenedict.org/employment. To apply send your cover letter and resume to mlivens@stbenedict.org.

St. Benedict Christmas Choirs

Christmas Choirs are now forming. The Children's Choir begins rehearsal on **Wed Dec 7** at 3:30 pm in the SJB Music Room. The Adult Choir begins rehearsal on **Wed Dec 7** at 6 pm in the SJB Music Room. For details, contact Phil Arkfeld at parkfeld@stbenedict.org or call 480.961.1610 ext. 311.

November Gratitude Challenge

How is everyone doing with the Gratitude Challenge this month? Are you surprised at all the things you are grateful for? Imagine having this kind of mindset throughout the year! Next week begins the Season of Advent as we anticipate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Modern Market Fundraiser Results

Thank you to everyone who ordered meals from the Modern Market restaurant during our fundraiser! As a result, over \$226 was raised as part of the October 30th dining event. All proceeds will be applied to the parish Capital Campaign.

Ministries & More

Knights of Columbus

Psalm 127:2

"It is useless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night, anxiously working for food to eat; for God gives rest to his beloved ones."

Jesus, I trust in You...,

Jesus, I trust in You...,

Jesus I trust in You,

Amen!

Announcements

Thank you to all members of St. Benedict Church, the Brother Knights and SVdP members for your support on the food drive. Many families will have a nice Thanksgiving celebration because of your generosity.

Activities

Parish Rosary, **Wed Nov 30**, 7 pm in Annex 2 Chapel

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 "GKWP".

Vivat Jesus,

Isauro Amaro, Grand Knight

Fr. Bob Binta Council # 12246

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St. Vincent de Paul

Our neighbors are still very much in need.

Please be generous with the following donations. We all thank you very much!



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| * Paper Towels | * Body Wash |
| * Laundry Detergent | * Shaving Cream |
| * Dish Soap | * Deodorant |

In October we helped 60 families with 128 bags of groceries and \$7,300 in financial assistance thanks to your generous donations.

Advent Begins Next Week

The liturgical year begins with the Season of Advent and includes the four Sundays before Christmas. The first weeks of Advent are marked by preparing for the second coming of Christ, while also recognizing his presence among us even now. As Christmas draws nearer, our focus shifts to preparing for the Nativity of the Lord.



Advent Wreath: Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose. The progressive lighting of the candles each Sunday symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead. The first candle is Hope, then Love, Joy and the fourth one is Peace.

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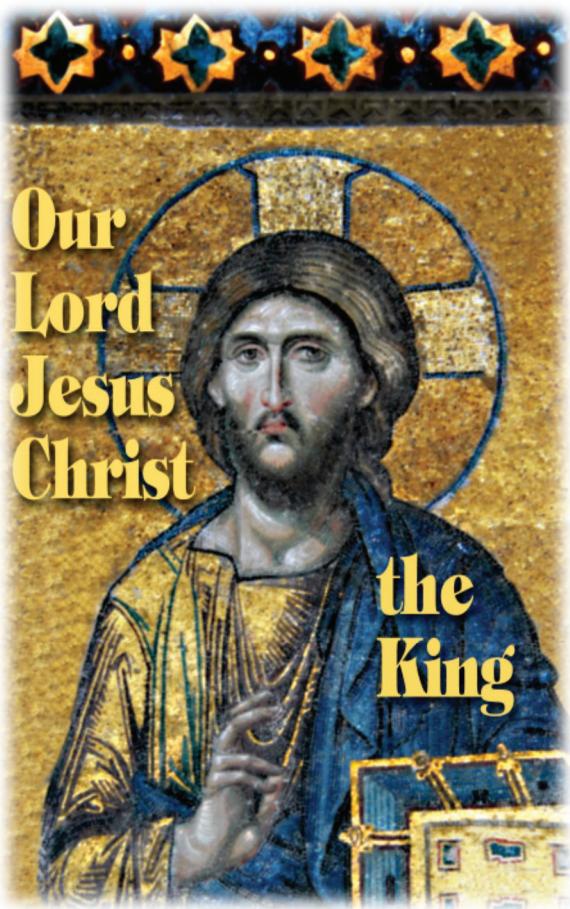
Women's Spirituality... Nora, nmphillips@cox.net

Treasures From Our Tradition

Today's solemnity, the final feast of the Church year, is a youngster as feasts go. In 1925, Pope Pius XI was distressed by global political upheaval and the de-Christianizing of society. That year was a "Holy Year," keyed to the sixteen hundredth anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, when the words "and of his kingdom there will be no end" were added to the Creed. The Pope explained that although most feasts had developed over many centuries, the Church sometimes provided a new feast to address new needs. He pointed to the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, showing Christ's love and compassion in a time when many people embraced a cold and gloomy spirituality. Originally on the last Sunday of October, in the late 1960s the solemnity of Christ the King was moved to the last Sunday of the year.

Fresh from baptism's waters, we are anointed with chrism "as Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king." This feast is a key to our identity. On this feast, we recognize Christ as a king who breaks the usual mold of kingship, and who shapes his kingdom with our hands, our words, our deeds of love and service.

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Jesus, Remember Me

The man who hung on the cross next to Jesus asks him to "remember me when you come into your kingdom." Of all the people who took part in the crucifixion of Jesus, only this man sincerely acknowledges Jesus as King. Only he receives the promise of joining Jesus in paradise that very day. I wonder if he knew what Jesus' kingdom meant?

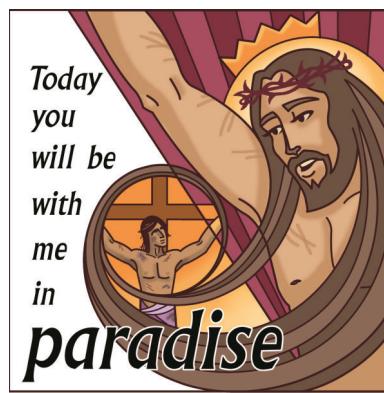
The second reading gives us a better idea of the extent of that kingdom. Paul uses images of things visible and invisible, of dominions, principalities, and powers. While the latter terms refer to types of angels, we can stretch our imagination even further. Notice one short phrase that appears six times in that reading: "all things." So do we really believe that Jesus is King of all things?

Some astronomers say that the universe is infinite. At first I thought, "That couldn't be right; only God is infinite." But it occurred to me that an infinite God would want the universe to be a sign of divine glory, so why couldn't God make an infinite universe? So Jesus is King of that universe. While that sounds impressive, it might tempt us to forget about things closer to home.

If Christ is King of all things, that includes our possessions. We might keep that in mind, not only when deciding how much we give to the poor or to the Church, but also how we use the things we own. The things we watch on TV, the foods we eat, the books we read—all are under Jesus' kingship. Our own bodies belong not just to us, but also to Christ. I might even drive more carefully if I remember that my car belongs to the Lord.

Even our life is under his reign. That can remind us to trust Jesus more, as well as to ask for the guidance of his Spirit in our decisions. If we let the Lord guide our lives, we know that anything that happens to us is either God's will or something that Jesus can lead us through, on our way to paradise.

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God doesn't want our deeds; God wants the love that prompts them.

—St. Teresa of Ávila

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A Note From The SJB Principal

Dear Parishioners,

It's been an exhilarating and productive week and I am incredibly grateful to so many people for their interactions with our visiting accreditation team. On behalf of the Western Catholic Education Association, this visiting Accreditation Team of Catholic educators/administrators conducts a thorough investigation of every facet of our school and curriculum to assure the primacy of faith formation, the rigor of educational excellence, and the vitality that comes through continuous school improvement.

I would like to thank the parents, students, and finance team for their input and time with our campus visitors; thank you to our PTO for providing their usual exceptional hospitality; thank you to Fr. James and the parish staff for their extra support; thank you to our leadership team — Theresa Harvey, Jena Gump, Amy Pratt, and Hogan Macdonald — for their endless hours of preparation; and, of course, my sincere thanks to all of our wonderful teachers for the selfless job they do every day.

At the end of the week, the Accreditation Team determined that St. John Bosco Catholic School is "highly effective" in the capacity to implement and monitor the Action Plan. The success of SJB is attributed to the strong partnership among parents, administration, faculty, and staff.

Improving student learning is an ongoing process, and we will continue to work on our goals as we strive to make a great school even better.

Joyful Blessings,

Jamie Bescak, M.Ed., Principal

480.219.4848

Little Blue Books

The Little Blue Book for the Advent and Christmas Seasons are available to take home. Use these booklets daily to read the six-minute reflections to help you go deeper into this special season. One per family, please.



Save the Date: BINGO!

Looking forward to an event on January 20, 2023... BINGO! Mark your calendars, from 6 to 8 pm in the St. John Bosco multipurpose room, on **Friday, January 20** for a super fun night!

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