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August 21, 2022

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees.
Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may
not be disjointed but healed."*

~ Hebrews 12:12-13

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 and 8:15am Fridays at SJB MPR:

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

Weekdays Mon-Thurs 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, 8/22

8:15 am | Mass
7 pm | Defend Faith
Mission (at SJB)

Tuesday, 8/23

8:15 am | Mass
7 pm | Defend Faith
Mission (at SJB)

Wednesday, 8/24

8:15 am | Mass
7 pm | Defend Faith
Mission (at SJB)

Thursday, 8/25

8:15 am | Mass
6 pm | Choir Practice

Friday, 8/26

8:15 am | Mass
5 pm | Confessions

Saturday, 8/27

8:30 am | Confessions
10 am | Bereavement
Support Group
5 pm | Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 8/21/2022

7 am | Maria Brandenburg (living)
9 am | Paul Fletcher (living)
11 am | Parishioners
5 pm | Marko Valer †

M 8/22 | Ben & Evelyn Korczyk †

Tu 8/23 | Hendry (living)

W 8/24 | Fr. James Aboyi (living)

Th 8/25 | Kyle (living)

F 8/26 | Teachers & Staff of St John Bosco

Sat 8/27 | Peggy Cadaret †

Sunday, 8/28/2022

7 am | Dottie Sullivan †

9 am | Emil Senn †

11 am | Thomas Andrew O'Donnell †

5 pm | Parishioners

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5;
8/22 Mt 23:13-22

(Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary)

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13;
8/23 Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13,
8/24 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

(St. Bartholomew)

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7;
8/25` Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5,
8/26 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13,
8/27 18-21; Mt 25:14-30

(St. Monica)

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29;
8/28 Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19,
22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14



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“Living Our Faith, Building Our Home” Capital Campaign

As of July 2022

Campaign Pledges: \$ 3,548,859

Collected Campaign Pledges: \$ 2,668,028

Presider Schedule*

the Week of

August 22-28, 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. James

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.*

Parish Contributions

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

Regular Contributions for **July 2022**

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

Actual: \$ 73,262*

Budget: \$ 89,038

* Faith Direct & Realm Online: \$ 42,943

Cash Contributions: \$ 4,610

Check Contributions: \$ 25,709

A Reflection by Fr. Manasseh

“STRIVE TO ENTER THROUGH THE NARROW GATE”

The Readings this weekend emphasize the universality of God's reign, the Divine intent to replace the inadequate worship of God by ethnic Israel with perfect worship by all humanity in the future, and the absolute necessity of suffering of some kind as a means of self-training for acceptance into heaven. The First Reading, taken from the Prophet Isaiah, presents the promise of the omniscient God who will gather His faithful from all the nations on purified vessels to Jerusalem where He will be offered true and universal worship. The glory of God will then be proclaimed to all nations. God is the Father of all mankind, he knows us all and is ready to commune with all who elect to establish and sustain the right relationship with Him irrespective of place of origin. He promised to gather his children, scattered throughout the world, so as to reestablish His original plan for mankind. If we understand and accept the universality of God's Grace, we would be favorably disposed towards those who, in many ways, are not like us.

In the Gospel, Jesus is asked if only a few will attain salvation. His response is indirect. He deflects His interrogator's inquisitiveness from "how many" to "can I" enter the kingdom of God. For Jesus, admission into celestial rewards would not be a consequence of mere acquaintances or even the fulfillment of sacred rituals, but of strenuous, persevering and consistent practical witnessing to faith in Jesus. This is why the Second Reading, taken from the letter to the Hebrews which was written at a period of persecution, exhorts the despairing Jewish converts to Christianity to see their suffering as a sign of God's Fatherly love. God disciplines those He loves in order to perfect their faith. The theological interpretation of suffering achieves thematic coherence with Jesus' instruction in the Gospel to "strive to enter through the narrow gate." This clearly means that the path of salvation, rather than being easy, would involve a difficult struggle at the end of which many may fail. The Christian is therefore not expected to worry about how many will make it to Heaven, but should be concerned with "Will I make it to Heaven?"

It is evidently clear, that those who seek to "simplify" the process of salvation by holding and teaching that salvation is by faith alone in such a way that the path of salvation appears to be an easy matter of just believing without corresponding growth in the practical pursuit of righteousness, as well as those who posit that all, in spite of their obstinacy and sinfulness, are irrevocably destined for salvation. All these have fallen into grave error and continue to do the Christian faith great disservice. Salvation has been won for all by the death of Christ on the Cross, but each soul needs to strive hard to appropriate salvation to themselves.

May we be aided by Grace to find and pass through the narrow gate of disciplined discipleship so that we may arrive at our heavenly destination.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh

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*“Go out to all the world
and tell the Good News!”*

~ Psalm 117



1st Ever Sports Night Fundraiser

Save the date for this awesome event happening on **Friday, September 16** at 6 pm in the St. John Bosco MPR. Get ready for food, fun, fellowship and auction prizes where all the proceeds will benefit the parish Building Fund. Some of the prizes include:

- AZ Legends Memorabilia
- AZ Sport Ticket Experience Packages
- Memberships to Local Athletic Facilities
- Restaurant Gift Cards, and More!

Only \$10 per person, children 5 and under are free. Tickets on sale this weekend after Masses.



Update on the Construction of Our New Worship Space

The rain impacted the installation of the stem walls. We anticipate the stem walls to be completed by Tuesday. The underground plumbing should be installed next week, depending on the weather. The underground electrical is scheduled for the following week, also depending on the weather.

The storm drainage solution going under the driveway between the main building and the Annex buildings did not hit the targeted plan of being completed prior to the start of school. This was due to supply chain delays. The material is now in. As not to impact the school's car pool lanes, this work will be done during the Christmas break, starting Dec 19.

This week's photos show the stem walls for:

The bell tower and the gift shop,



the two sacristies behind the Sanctuary, and



the arches on the southside of the building.



Faith Formation and More

Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

Sunday, August 28
*Faith Formation Kick-Off
at Skateland Chandler*

Sunday, September 11
*CGS Begins
EPIC Begins*

Tuesday, September 13
JAM and Journey of Faith Begins



Children's Liturgy at 9 am Mass

Are you looking for a great way to have your child be more engaged at Mass? Liturgy of the Word with Children will resume in September during the 9 am Mass on most Sundays through May 2023. Children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade are invited to listen to God's Word and participate in the Liturgy in a way that helps them understand the importance and sacredness of Mass. No fee is required, but children do need to be registered for everyone's safety. Watch the bulletin for online registration details coming soon!

Would you like to volunteer for this rewarding ministry? Both Leads and Assistants are needed. Time commitment varies: give as little or as much as you can share. Contact Heather Mooney in the parish office at 480.961.1610 ext. 308. Thank you!

Faith Formation News

ONLINE registration for ALL Faith Formation programs continues! (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**
(Sundays & Times TBD)
Level I (Returning Only) PreK-K
Level II (Grades 1st-3rd)



*NOTE: The CGS Atrium is currently closed due to the construction of the Church. Sessions will take place weekly on Sunday mornings in a classroom at St. John Bosco School. Because sessions will not be in the traditional CGS learning model or Atrium environment, Level I (preK-K) is only open at this time for returning children who are already familiar with the Atrium. Limited space is available for both CGS levels.

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.

Current Events & More

Knights of Columbus

Lord, I know I can do better than just taking a hit-and-miss approach to life. I need a game plan. I need YOUR game plan. Help me to see it in your Word, and put it into practice every day.

Announcements:

Thank you to all the Knights and parishioners who attended the Fr. Bob Binta Memorial Mass and Rosary.



Welcome to our new brother Knight Dan Molloy.

Activities in the works:

- **Pray the Rosary - Wednesday, August 31** at 7 pm in the Annex 2 Chapel.
- **Officers' Meeting - Thursday, September 1** at 6:30 pm in Annex 1.
- **Sports Night Fundraiser - Friday, September 16** at 6 pm in the St. John Bosco School Multipurpose Room.
- **Charity-Unity-Fraternity Ceremony - Saturday, September 17** after the 5 pm Mass.
- **Blood Drive - Remember to mark your calendars for Sunday, September 18, 2022**

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

Thank you for your continued donations. Your help is greatly appreciated! This week we would appreciate the following of which we continue to be low in stock:



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| • Salad Dressing | • Laundry Detergent |

Thanks to your generous donations, in July 2022 we helped 64 families with 101 bags of food and \$9,198 in shelter, utilities and other assistance.

Arizona Rosary Celebration

*Invite your family and friends.
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**Sunday, October 16, 2022
2:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.**

Doors open at noon for
confession, adoration, exhibits.

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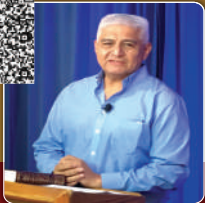
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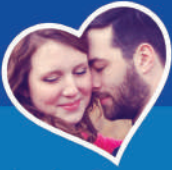
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A Note From The SJB Principal

Dear Parishioners,

The first two weeks of the fall term are now behind us and St. John Bosco students are settling nicely into the school routine. The entire school community gathered together with Fr. James for our all-school Masses, reconnected with old friends and made new ones, and revelled in back-to-school festivities, especially the ever-popular Welcome Back BBQ, complete with the opportunity to drench the principal and other brave teachers in the dunk tank!



Students and teachers alike are enjoying all the new amenities installed over the summer—interactive whiteboards in each classroom, Chromebooks for every Kindergarten through eighth-grade student, outdoor learning centers enhanced by “lush-looking” artificial turf. These upgrades not only strengthen instructional options available to teachers but they also allow more interaction and creativity for students, often leading to heightened self-confidence and learning.

And to accommodate this year's increased enrollment, we welcomed several new teachers and instructional aides to our staff. We are bigger, better, and looking forward to a great new year of learning and growing!

Joyful Blessings,

Jamie Bescak, M.Ed., Principal

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