

The Steward

*"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
-- John 14:6*

Celebrating the Young Child

By: Rachel Waldron, Head of Early Childhood

As the Spring season seems to finally have sprung, we find ourselves preparing to get things ready for the end of a very successful school year! We recently celebrated the confirmation of our eighth graders and First Holy Communion of our second grade students. At the end of April we also celebrated a very special week for the Early Childhood students. We celebrated the Week of the Young Child. This week, sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), is celebrated nationwide as a spotlight on the important role of Early Childhood Education. Here at St. Ben's we are blessed with a large population of three, four, five and six year old students. We currently have over 315 students enrolled in Preschool and Kindergarten! The purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus attention on the needs of young children and their families and celebrate such programs. It is a time to recognize that early childhood years lay the foundation for children's success in school and later in their lives. During this week we took time to celebrate our students, teachers and families through many fun events.

The theme of the Week of the Young Child was Early Years are Learning Years. Each day the Early Childhood program focused on a subtheme of the week to help to celebrate the many aspects of the early learning years. We chose to focus on themes such as Play: Where Learning Begins, Teaching and Teachers Matter, Encouraging Health and Fitness, and Strengthening Families. The Preschool classes each took a field trip to the Wagner Farm where they learned all about life on a farm. The Kindergarteners took a field trip to the Fire Station to get a firsthand look at how firefighters do their jobs!

Throughout the week, each of the classes chose one of the Early Childhood teachers to celebrate by making banners and cards and showing their appreciation. We are very fortunate to have 18 wonderful Early Childhood teachers. The students shared in open gym time with a partner class. Benny the Bengal, our school mascot, made a visit to each classroom to celebrate our St. Ben's spirit!

For our focus on families and literacy, parents helped to create a class book by sharing the reasons their child is special. The students were encouraged to bring their family's favorite story to share with their friends. We also welcomed all of St. Benedict Prep's administrators, Ms. Gemo, Ms. Mickelburgh, Mrs. Feely, Mr. Accardi and Mr. Potempa, to be guest readers. The students loved to hear their favorite stories, as well! Overall, the week was

quite a success. It is wonderful to have the support of the St. Ben's community in getting out the message of the importance of Early Childhood Education and we look forward to many more years of educating young children in our community.

Most recently in the Preschool, the students welcomed their moms into their classroom for Muffins with Mom. It was a morning for the children to invite their moms into their class for songs, crafts and chance to spend some quality time together. The children worked together with their teachers to bake the blueberry and chocolate chip muffins that were shared. There were many smiling faces and laughter to be heard.



Finally, in just a few short weeks we will be wrapping up the school year. The Kindergarteners will celebrate with a Promotion Ceremony on June 4. The Preschoolers will have a family celebration on the last day of school to welcome the summer with a pizza party and their parents. The St. Benedict community is very fortunate to have a thriving Early Childhood program, we are very thankful for all of the ongoing support of the parishioners. Please keep our Early Childhood students and all St. Benedict Prep students in your prayers as we come to the end of another successful school year, as we will be sure to keep you in ours!

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Are You Hearing Wedding Bells?

To arrange a wedding, contact the rectory at least four months in advance of your desired wedding date. Participation in marriage preparation is essential and all couples must attend a Marriage Information Meeting here at the parish. Marriage Information Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of every month at 7 pm. For information, call the rectory at (773) 588-6484.



Baptisms

Baptisms are on **Sundays at 1:30 pm** and at one Mass on the fourth weekend of the month. Parents must be registered parishioners. Baptism preparation class is required, usually before the birth of the child. This class is offered twice a month—the first Wednesday at 7 pm and the second Sunday of the month after 10 am Mass. Please call the rectory to register, 773-588-6484.

This Week at St. Ben's

May 2014

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 18 School Art Show After 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses Church Basement Parish Library Open After 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses Parish Library SPREDS First Communion Reception 1 PM Church Basement Cub Scout Pack #3865 2 PM Beaven Hall and Ackerman Center Choral Festival Concert 3 PM Church Youth Group 7:30 PM Gym and Cafeteria | 19 MS Awards Ceremony 11 AM Church HS Awards Night 5 PM Church Boy Scout Troop 865 7 PM Church Basement RCIA Catechetical Session 7 PM Sewing Room Ravenswood Community Orchestra Rehearsal 7:30 PM SS Library Holy Name Society Meeting 7:30 PM Beaven Hall | 20 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 7 PM Sewing Room High School Parent Network Meeting 7 PM SS Library BINGO 7 PM Gym | 21 Awards Day Grades 1-5 1:15 PM Church Zumba 6:30PM Beaven Hall Bible Study 7 PM Pine Room Women's CRHP Meeting 7 PM Meeting Room Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Choir Area Church | 22 Market Day 2:45 PM Beaven Hall Weight Watchers 6:30 PM Church Basement | 23 | 24 Bitty T Ball 9 AM Ackerman Center Zumba 10 AM Cafeteria |
| 25 Mass at 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM & 6:30 PM | 26 Memorial Day Mass 9 AM Church | 27 Cub Scout Tiger Den Meeting 1st Grade 6 PM Beaven Hall Cub Scout Wolf Den Meeting 2nd Grade 6 PM Church Basement Spiritual Life Meeting 7 PM Meeting Room BINGO 7 PM Gym Cub Scout Webelos II Den Meeting 5th Grade 7 PM Beaven Hall Marriage Information Meeting 7 PM Pine Room | 28 DePaul Spring Recital 6 PM Kittler Hall Zumba 6:30PM Beaven Hall Bible Study 7 PM Pine Room SBPS Advisory Board Meeting 7 PM SS Library Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 PM Sewing Room Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Choir Area Church | 29 Weight Watchers 6:30 PM Church Basement | 30 | 31 Bitty T Ball 9 AM Ackerman Center Zumba 10 AM Cafeteria Mrs. Marge Lawlor & Dr. Mary Sue Wielgus Retirement Party 5 PM Mass with Reception to follow in the Gym |



Totus Tuus

Summer Catechetical Youth Program

St. Benedict
June 22nd – 27th

What is Totus Tuus?

Totus Tuus is a week-long “parish mission” whereby seminarians and college students proclaim the Gospel through Catechetical instruction, Mass, the Sacraments, skits, games and more!
Currently in over 30 dioceses!!

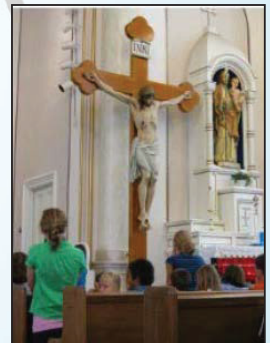


Grades 1-6
Monday 23 – Friday 27
9:00 AM to 2:30 PM
Cost: \$50 per child
(T-shirt Included)

Grades 7-12
Sunday 22 - Thursday 26
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Cost: \$10 per teen



Daily Mass
at 11:15 AM



Totally Yours



Totus Tuus, a Latin phrase meaning “totally yours” was the motto of the late, great Pope John Paul II. Taken from St. Louis de Montfort’s work, *True Devotion to Mary*, it signifies our desire to give ourselves entirely to Jesus Christ through the hands of our Blessed Mother Mary. It also expressed our effort to give all that we have to every young person we encounter.



To register or for more information please contact:
Nancy Ucen at Nuczen@stbenedict.com or Fr. Jason Malave at Jmalave@stbenedict.com

To fill out the registration form online, go to our website:
www.stbenedict.com

"Did you know... the Secondary School at St. Benedict Prep is a huge proponent of experiential learning? For instance, next month the Italian Renaissance and Culture class will be headed to Italy for a trip from Milan to Rome learning about history, culture and religion."



St. Benedict Students - Final Poetry Slam

On May 8, St Benedict Preparatory School students competed in the final poetry slam. After successfully winning first and second places in their individual grade levels: 6-8 grades, 9-10 grades and 11-12 grades, St. Benedict poets took their art form to the final slam hosted by a Chicago Young Author, Lamar Jordan. As an instructor for Chicago Young Authors, Lamar Jordan supports "self-expression and literacy among Chicago's youth through creative writing performance and publication. The organization and its leadership believe that through their words, young people can promote tolerance and remove barriers, transforming their lives and society." Lamar is also a multiple year winner of Louder Than a Bomb, one of the largest poetry slam festivals in the world with over 750 students participating from 100 schools.

Jorden began the St. Benedict Final Poetry Slam with a performance poem entitled Blink that highlights the saving power of slams. St Benedict poets then took the stage to perform their original work: **Jude Greiner (6th grade)**, **Cathal O'Connor (7th grade)**, **Makeba Tsibu (10th grade)**, **Matthew Jose (10th grade)**, **Robert Segovia (11th grade)**, **Carlos Rodriquez (12th grade)**

Lamar Jordan and Ashley Cox judged the student performances and selected the first and second place winners.

Portfolio Night

What a great turnout we had for Portfolio Night on Thursday, May 8th! Parents sat down with their child who held a student-lead portfolio conference, reflecting a near school year of learning and growth.

Portfolio Night at St Benedict Preparatory School has four primary goals:

1. Demonstrate student growth in the St. Benedict Preparatory essential skills
2. Showcase ability in both mastery of content and skills
3. Evaluate cumulative achievement,
4. Provide an opportunity for students to engage in reflective practice about their strengths and weaknesses.

Congratulations to all the students for their hard work and amazing achievements throughout this school year!



Congratulations to our first place winner, Matthew Jose, who wrote *Last Chance*, dealing with the loss of a sister. Congratulations to the second place winners: Jude Greiner, author of *Words*, and Cathal O'Connor, author of *Dash*.

Student Art Exposition - May 18th

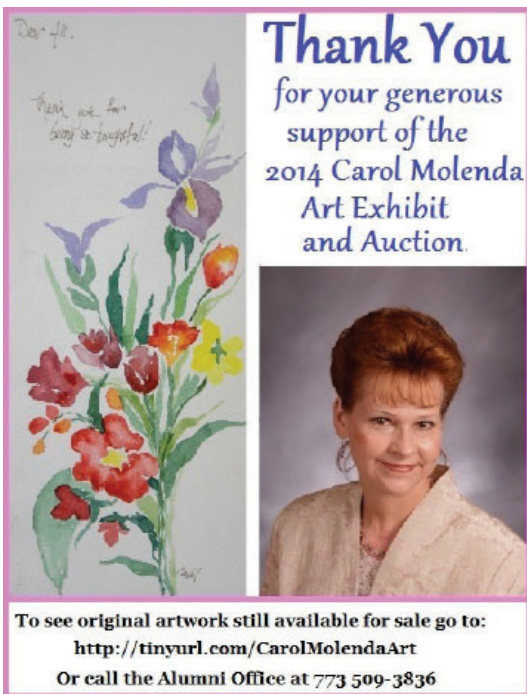
Please join us after all Masses for the St. Benedict Student Art Exposition which is located in the church lower level. Unique and engaging artwork from grades K-12 will be displayed.

Help Us Celebrate the Retirement of Mrs. Marge Lawlor and Dr. Mary Sue Wielgus!

We want to honor and celebrate two amazing women who have played major roles in the growth and spirit of our parish and school. Mrs. Marge Lawlor has been our Elementary School Receptionist for over 35 years, and Dr. Mary Sue Wielgus has been our Director of Religious Education for almost 14 years!

Date: Saturday, May 31, 2014 Time: 5 PM Mass, followed by a Reception in the Gym

Thank you for so many great memories! We will miss you!!



Thank You
for your generous
support of the
2014 Carol Molenda
Art Exhibit
and Auction.

To see original artwork still available for sale go to:
<http://tinyurl.com/CarolMolendaArt>
Or call the Alumni Office at 773 509-3836

Zumba Classes at St. Ben's

St. Benedict Parish is hosting a Zumba class every Wednesday and Saturday. The Wednesday class is from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm in Beaven Hall and the Saturday class is from 10:00 am - 11:00 am in the cafeteria. Contact certified Zumba instructor Cassie Tafilaw at ctafil1@comcast.net with any questions.

Zumba Updates:

- Zumba is taking a "spring break" the week of June 1st; there will be NO Zumba classes on Wed. June 4th and on Saturday June 7th.
- Zumba will resume on Wed. June 11th and will kick off the first Zumba Toning Class. Participants are encouraged to bring 1 to 3 lb. weights to class. Filled water bottles, and canned goods can be substituted as weights.

Burger Night! American Legion Tattler Post #973

Join us for *Burger Night* Friday May 30. Cost is \$6.00 per person and includes an appetizer, salad, choice of potato salad or baked beans and 1/2lb. burger. This post's ultimate goal is to provide services to the veterans.



Please come and support the vets.

Date: Friday, May 30th Time: 5 PM - 8 PM

Place: American Legion Tattler Post 973 located at 4355 N. Western.
Questions? Please call 773-784-6571.



ONLY \$20

Whether it's in the kitchen or at the barbeque, show your pride and Tie One On For St. Benedict

To place an order for your St. Benedict Parish & Preparatory School apron go to:

<http://tinyurl.com/SB-Aprons>

or contact the St. Benedict Preparatory School Alumni Office

 773 509-3836  Alumni@StBenedict.com

All proceeds go to the High School Scholarship Fund

While Supplies Last!



The Common Pantry's Most Wanted List

Our next food collection for the Common Pantry is May

17 & 18. Non-perishable food items as well as toiletries can be left in the St. Benedict Shrine on the third Sunday of the month. **Items most in need include:** Cereal, Tuna, Oatmeal, Chicken or Vegetable Broth, Canned Fruit, Easy Prep Meals (such as Rice-A-Roni), Pasta, Rice, Vegetable Oil, Pancake Mix, Dry or Canned Beans, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Bar Soap, Can Openers, Zip Lock Bags (any size). Your support of The Common Pantry is needed and appreciated.



Respect Life Month

On Sunday, May 18th, bottles for *The Baby Bottle Project* benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland will be available at the doors of the church. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing & monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid. Each year the three locations together have over 5,000 appointments with expecting mothers. By God's Grace, The Women's Centers have saved over 36,000 babies—and their mothers—from abortion since opening in 1984.

Please fill your Baby Bottle with your spare change, and return it the weekend of Father's Day, Sunday, June 15th. This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for The Women's Centers. Please note the Baby Bottles cost almost \$1.00 per bottle and are recycled afterwards so please return upon completion of the project. Thank you for helping defend life, and remember to keep all pro-life undertakings in your prayers.

The Challenger Division

The Challenger Division is a baseball league for children with mental and physical disabilities. In this league, each player has a "buddy," a volunteer who helps him/her learn the game of baseball and stay safe on the field. We are trying to reach out to area high schools to encourage students to join our program as buddies. We have found that high school-aged kids really get a lot out of becoming a buddy for our league. They learn a lot about themselves and help someone have a fun day at the baseball park.

If you have any questions regarding our league, or any other general questions, please call 773.391.7123.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Help Us Help Others

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit entered the disciples and they were brave enough to begin preaching the gospel to all nations. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul preaches to all peoples by demonstrating Christian love for all, regardless of their religion, ethnic origin or status, because the Society members see the face of God in the poor they serve. You too can become a true disciple of God by joining the Society.

The Archdiocesan Chicago Council Society of St. Vincent de Paul serves Cook and Lake counties and has more than 3000 Vincentian volunteers operating out of 117 local churches.

Volunteering for SVdP is a rich and rewarding experience. As a volunteer, you will benefit from the satisfaction of helping others, sharing your skills, and teaching others. **Please call (312) 655-7182 or visit www.svdpchicago.org** to learn how you can make a difference through membership, volunteerism or donations.



National HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, May 18 2014

Did you know that there are over 1 ¼ million people in the United States living with HIV? 1/4 of them DO NOT KNOW that they are infected with the virus. Stigma, discrimination and shame---these continue to prevent people from talking about HIV, getting tested or seeking treatment. If you do not know that you are infected with HIV, you could be spreading it to others. The only way to know if you have HIV is to get tested.

Free and confidential or anonymous testing is available in a community near you. To find the nearest site you can call: 1-800-232-4636, The National HIV/AIDS Hotline 1-312-948-6500, Catholic Charities or Visit: www.catholiccharities.net/hiv, www.hivtest.org, www.cityofchicago.org, Chicago Dept. of Public Health, www.cookcountypublichealth.org, Cook County Dept. of Public Health, www.health.lakecountyil.gov/Pages/Default.aspx Lake County Health Dept.

May 18th is HIV Vaccine Awareness Day. Despite ongoing research, there still is no vaccine to prevent HIV/AIDS. This day is a great reminder for us to pray for the success of the thousands of people who are working to help find an HIV prevention vaccine.

The disease has no cure. There is no vaccine to prevent it; and it will not go away! However, HIV/AIDS can be prevented!!

For more information, please contact the Catholic Charities HIV/AIDS Liaison to the Archdiocese of Chicago at 312-948-6500.

2014 is the Year of the Family. How is your marriage vocation? How is your marriage contributing to the welfare of your family? Together we are making marriages and families in our Church stronger & healthier.



Marriage Encounter (WWME)

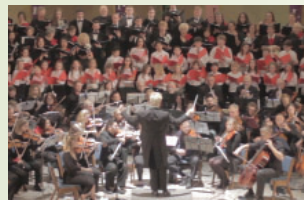
Looking for the perfect weekend to bring husband and wife closer together? This is it! The emphasis of Worldwide Marriage Encounter is "communication" between husband and wife, who spend a weekend together, away from the distractions and tensions of everyday life and concentrate on each other. Couples who make WWME weekends rediscover the joy, intimacy and romance in their relationships. It's not a retreat, marriage clinic, or sensitivity group. It's a unique approach aimed at revitalizing Christian Marriage. Rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day and the best friend you had when you were first married! Join the millions of couples worldwide who have learned how to keep their marriage vibrant and alive! **Upcoming weekends: June 20-22, August 8-10 & October 10-12. Contact: Kris & Jim McCulloch, (630)577-0778, jkmculloch945@sbcglobal.net**

Retrouvaille...A Lifeline for Marriages

The word Retrouvaille (re-tro-vi with a long i.) is French for *rediscovery*. This program helps couples heal and renew their marriages and offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Constantly fighting? Thinking about separation or divorce? Thousands of couples in cold, unloving relationships have successfully overcome their marriage problems by attending the program. Some couples come during the initial signs of a marriage problem and others are in a state of despair. The Retrouvaille Program is a weekend experience combined with a series of 6 post-weekend sessions. *The tools learned here will help put your marriage in order again and give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way.* **Upcoming weekends: June 6-8, August 1-3, September 26-28 & December 5-7. Contact: Robin & Phil Kain, (773)544-0498, robin.kain@yahoo.com**



Choir Members Needed!



Music is a gift from God. It expresses ideas and emotions that transcend words and leads us to the realm of higher things, and is an integral part of the sacred liturgy. We are blessed to have a dynamic and growing music ministry to lead our congregation in song. All choirs sing through the academic year (September - June). All parents and high school age students are invited to become part of the Adult Choir. All talent levels and abilities welcome! No audition necessary. We are especially in need of men to fill out the tenor and bass sections. Choir rehearsal will take place on

Wednesday from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in church.

ST. BENEDICT CHORALE The St. Benedict Chorale is an auditioned ensemble that sings at the 5:00pm mass once a month. Rehearsals are scheduled as needed. We currently have the following openings: 1 Alto, 2 tenor, 1 bass. **Contact Jeremy Kiolbassa, Director of Music, for more information at (773) 588-6484 x208 or via email at jkiolbassa@stbenedict.com.**

Youth Choir Members Needed!

All children in grades 3-8 are invited to become part of the St. Benedict Youth Choir. We rehearse on Wednesdays at 5pm in the church. **Contact Jeremy Kiolbassa. at (773) 588-6484 x208 or at jkiolbassa@stbenedict.com.**

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, September 14, 2014, at 2:45 PM, at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State Street, Chicago, IL.

Couples married in 1964 and interested in attending this celebration, should contact the St. Benedict Parish Office at 773-588-6484 by June 12, 2014.

For further information, call the Marriage & Family Ministries Office at 312-534-8351 or visit the website: www.marriageandfamilyministries.org.



Continuation of the Bible Study

We are happy to report that the Bible Study is going to continue thru the end of May. We have a great core group of attendees that want to continue. The sessions are engaging and interactive. You are sure to learn something that you did not know about the passion narratives and/or the bible. All are invited. You do not need to have attended earlier sessions. Jump in at any point. The schedule is as follows:

- May 21 = Passion according to John
- May 28 = Scripture and the Art of Lectio Divina

The bible is so core to our faith yet so many Catholics know so little about the bible or how to read the bible. Please consider joining us for one or two sessions to enrich your faith.



**SAVE THE DATE!
JULY 18-20!**

**Congratulations to the
BenFest T-Shirt Contest Winning Entries!!**

Emma Owens (2nd Grade)

Maggie Owens (2nd Grade)

Zoey Mulderink (3rd Grade)

Katherine Thompson (4th Grade)

Flyers for purchasing your festival t-shirts are available in the Rectory.
T-shirts are \$15 for kids and \$20 for adults. Don't miss out on the 2014 BenFest T-shirts...order yours today!

**Thank you to the 10 families that have
sponsored BenFest 2014!**

To date, we have secured \$2,300 in family sponsorships.

The BenFest committee still needs your help!

For more information on how your family can be a part of BenFest please visit www.GiveCentral.org
and search for the items titled 'BenFest'. BenFest Family Sponsorship

For more information, visit www.benfest.com or like us on Facebook!



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St. Benedict Common Pantry Food Drive

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**Parish Savings, Educational Endowment
and Building Funds**

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| Build our Future monthly parish collection and 10% fundraiser contribution | \$50,103 |
| New Family Fee for Facility Improvement..... | \$65,620 |
| 2013 and 2014 Ball and Auction "Fund a Need" for Security enhancements | \$51,750 |
| Savings earmarked for Facade repair and Master Plan..... | \$247,285 |
| Bequest Savings..... | \$46,879 |
| Catholic Educational Endowment | \$70,454 |
| Total savings for construction & the future = | \$532,091 |



Treasure

Weekly Report for May 10th & 11th

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| Sunday Collection..... | \$ 7,739.34 |
| Amount needed weekly..... | \$11,730.77 |
| Amount budgeted (YTD)..... | \$527,884.65 |
| Amount Collected (YTD) thru 5/4/14..... | \$572,172.71 |
| Amount above budget..... | \$44,288.06 |

Please Pray for Healing

Please call Mike O'Malley at 773-509-3806 to add your name or the name of an immediate family member for whom you would like the parish to pray for healing.

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| Weston Abplanalp | James Maltezos |
| Jane Abrahamson | Corazon Marasigon |
| Anna Aguilera | Amy Mateo |
| Raven Barron | Benjamin Mazzone |
| Concepcion E. Bernabe | Judy McDonnell |
| Deacon Phil Bertolani | Robert McGinn |
| Marina B. Buizon | Elaine Nelson |
| Joey Burke | Joseph Neumann |
| Ricardo Cataylo | Lorraine Neumann |
| Eugene Caulfield | Judi Newbold |
| Mary McDonagh Chaput | Nina Paciotti |
| Chris Coulon | Teopista Pellerin |
| Susan Cronin | Mary Phillips |
| Susan Duffy | Christine Pietschmann |
| Louise Efroninis | Kathleen Pietschmann |
| Rita Gumler | Catherine Polster |
| Eleanor Haberkamp | Rowan Quinain, Sr. |
| Elise Herald | Gloria C. Recede |
| Joseph Hijazin | Martha Ruscheinski |
| Tawfeeq Hijazin | Maralyn Samp |
| Art Hundreiser | Denise Schilz |
| Karen Iacovelli | Angie Shandor |
| Dorothy Jacob | Lisa Sherbondy |
| Nancy Kallao | Grant Smith |
| Theresa Kattner | Jane Steinmetz |
| Ed Kestler | Jon Steinmetz |
| Susan Kestler | Nancy Sternik |
| Leslie Kufner | Jim Stralka |
| Maryanne Kufner | Luka Tomasicyk |
| Suzie Libao | Rick van der Zanden |
| Jim Loomis | Rose Ann Vargas |
| Juliette Lyng | Sofia Vitale |
| Violeta S. Magnabijon | Helene Wieland |
| Marlyn Malave | Mary Sue Wielgus |

Baptisms

Alexander John, son of Matthew & Kelly Bauer
Brendan Mateo, son of Roberto & Keelin Philippe

Wedding Banns

III-Aerobell Anne M Estrella & Gregorio Maria Dino
I-Elise Knighton & Thomas Wippel



Our Armed Forces

Please pray for the safe return of all men and women in the armed forces - especially those in our parish family.

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| Nicholas Bednarz | Ivan Morales |
| Joe Butler | David Murcio |
| Christian Morales Canas | Scott Murray |
| Kevin Cronin | Kirk Perisin |
| Michael De Quattro | Kevin Powers |
| Christopher Haire | Leigh Anne Swafford |
| Jim Heilemann | Marco Vallejo |
| Neal Knudsvig | |

Masses for the Week

Sunday, May 18 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

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| 8:00 am | Bob Kestler - Mary Lou Kestler Bob Noesen - Natalie Johnson |
| 10:00 am | Allan Boz - Family Special Intention for Concepcion Bernabe and Marina Buizon - Milagros Almendras & Family Antonio Arsenia - Eden Sobrepena |
| 12:00 pm | Josephine Wischler - Sanders Family Ben & Maria Oliva - Ben Oliva May Friel - Pat & Sinead Gallagher & John McBride's Football Club |
| 6:30 pm | |

Monday, May 19 - Easter Weekday

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| 8:30 am | Special Intention for Buddy Unger - Friend |
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Tuesday, May 20 - St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

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| 8:30 am | David Tyrell - Halper & McInerney Families Mary Hayes - McDonagh Family (Chicago & Galway, Ireland) |
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Wednesday, May 21 - Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

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| 8:30 am | Neal Knudsvig - Friend |
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Thursday, May 22 - Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

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| 8:30 am | Mariam Cammallarie - Fr. Jason and the St. Benedict Parish Community |
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Friday, May 23 - Easter Weekday

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Saturday, May 24 - Easter Weekday

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| 8:30 am | |
| 5:00 pm | Benefactors of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Nora Lydon - Kathleen Lydon Ann McDonagh and John McDonagh - Family |

Sunday, May 25 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

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| 8:00 am | Gregoriot & Marciana Macaspac - Family Bob Noesen - Joe & Kathy Minneci Deacon Pete Kattner - Mary Ann |
| 10:00 am | Edmund McNaughton - Theresa McNaughton Special Intention for Concepcion Bernabe and Marina Buizon - Milagros Almendras & Family Vincente Lucas - St. Benedict Parish |
| 12:00 pm | Joseph & Augustina Oliva - Ben Oliva Michelle Jordan - Sons Ernest Raatz - Family |
| 6:30 pm | Special Intention for Mary Sue Wielgus - Jack Brophy |

Rest in Peace

Ed Donahue
Irene Krey
Elizabeth McDonnell
Bruce Mueller



Come Home to St. Ben's!

If you are visiting, we hope you enjoy your stay. We're glad you decided to join us in this celebration.

If you are new to the St. Ben's community, welcome home! To become a registered parishioner, complete a Census/Registration Form (available at the rectory). One of our Ministers of Hospitality will be glad to assist you.

If you are a former parishioner or a graduate of our schools, we are glad to see you

back home. We hope you will return often.

Our weekly bulletin, *The Steward*, tells you about parish life. Submissions for the bulletin are generally due by Friday at 9 am of the week previous to publication. Electronic submissions are preferred: on a cd/dvd from a Windows-based program or via e-mail to bulletin@stbenedict.com. Paste the text of your submission into the body of the message, if possible. Please include a brief explanation in the subject line

of all e-mails. Flyers should be submitted in camera-ready format and will be used if space permits.

If you have any questions, please call the rectory at (773) 588-6484. We look forward to hearing from you.



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Rev. Rodlin Rodrigue, *Associate Pastor*, ext. 207 / 345
Michael O'Malley, *Pastoral Minister*, ext. 206
Mary Sue Wielgus, *Director of Catechesis*, ext. 339
Becky Suarez, *Business Manager*, ext. 203
Ellen Roberts, *Parish Manager*, ext. 200
Barbara Schneider, *Accounting Manager*, ext. 209
Jeremy Kiolbassa, *Music Director*, ext. 208
Heath Winborn, *Director of Operations*, ext. 212

St. Benedict Preparatory School

Rachel Gemo, *CEO*, (773) 463-6797, ext. 404
Joe Accardi, *Mission Advancement Officer*, ext. 324

Early Childhood (PK-K) - (773) 588-7851

3901 N. Bell Ave, Chicago, IL 60618
Rachel Waldron, *Head of Early Childhood*, ext. 601
<http://sbps.stbenedict.com>

Elementary School (1 - 5) - (773) 463-6797

3920 N. Leavitt, Chicago, IL 60618
Nancy Feely, *Head of Elementary School*, ext. 400
<http://sbes.stbenedict.com>

Secondary School (6 - 12) - (773) 539-0066

3900 N. Leavitt, Chicago, IL 60618
Erika Mickelburgh, *Head of Secondary School*, ext. 317
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The Commissions of St. Benedict Parish

If you are interested in learning more about or joining one of the many ministries at St. Benedict Parish or would like to volunteer time or talent, please contact the appropriate person below or call the rectory.

Catechetical Commission: Mary Sue Wielgus
Education Commission: Rachel Gemo, Rachel Waldron, Nancy Feely, or Erika Mickelburgh
Human Concerns Commission: Michael O'Malley
Parish Life Commission: Fr. Jason Malave
Spiritual Life Commission: Fr. Rodlin Rodrigue

Masses

Sunday Eucharist: Saturday - 5 pm; Sunday - 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon, and 6:30 pm
Weekday Eucharist: 8:30 am (M - Sat)
Holy Day Eucharist: check with rectory
Family Mass: one Sunday per month at 10 am

Devotions

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Tuesdays - 9 am
First Friday Devotion: *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:* 9am in church. *Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:* 2pm in church.

Sacraments

(Please call the rectory)

Baptisms: Scheduled on all Sundays at 1:30 pm; on the fourth Sunday at one of the Masses. Parents must be registered parishioners. Baptism preparation class is required, usually before the birth of the child.
Reconciliation: Saturdays, 11 am - 12 noon; seasonal celebrations, as posted; by appointment in the rectory.
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): For unbaptized persons or baptized persons interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and the process of becoming a Catholic.
Weddings: Arrange with a pastoral staff member at least four months in advance. Participation in marriage preparation is essential.

Services

Rectory: The rectory's hours are 8:30 am - 8 pm (M - Th); 8:30 am - 6 pm (F); 9 am - 5 pm (Sat); 9 am - 1:30 pm (Sunday).
Religious Education: Arrangements should be made for the religious education of children attending public schools. Please call the Director of Catechesis.
Prayer Requests: If you are ill or have a relative who is ill and would like to be included in the list of prayer requests, please call the rectory.
Handicapped Accessibility: An elevator is available for all Sunday Masses. Enter the church through the East door. Please call the rectory for weekday availability.
Homebound: Call the rectory to arrange communion in home for those unable to attend Mass or to request a visit by the parish nurse.
Mass Intentions: Mass intentions may be requested for someone who is living or deceased or to commemorate a birthday, special anniversary, or the anniversary of a loved one's death. Please call the rectory.

Catholic Charities Annual Senior Unity Mass 2014

Date: Thursday, June 5, 2014

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Where: Holy Family Church*, 1080 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL 60608 (**IMPORTANT: this is a CHANGE in LOCATION from previous years*)

Catholic Charities invites all senior citizens to the 41st Annual Senior Unity Mass. This **FREE** event includes a social gathering and box luncheon immediately following Mass in the basement cafeteria of Holy Family Church. Lunch is limited to the first 350 people who RSVP. Parking is available in the large lot next to the church.

To **RSVP** for lunch and for additional details about the Senior Unity Mass, please contact Christine Natarelli at (312) 655-7010, cnatarelli@catholiccharities.net.



12th Annual Catholic Charities After Supper Visions photography exhibit - June 6 & June 7

The 12th Annual Catholic Charities After Supper Visions photography exhibit is Friday, June 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, June 7, from 1 to 3 p.m. at 721 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago. The free, family-friendly event features photography from 60 artists. These photographers are not professionals, but guests at Catholic Charities Tuesday Night Suppers. The photographers are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The prints and note cards on display are available for purchase at the exhibit and online at aftersuppervisions.com, with 70% of the sale profits going directly to the artists. Many of the artists use the profits to help with security deposits for apartments, paying utility bills, buying food or purchasing digital cameras to encourage their new passion. For more information on the After Supper Visions photography exhibit, please call 312-655-7758 or visit www.aftersuppervisions.com.

Senior Center Fund Raiser

North Center Senior Center located at 4040 N. Oakley serving over 2000 seniors monthly is looking for items for their annual LITFEST, Book Sale, Raffle and Tea on Sunday June 22. Items needed are all things tea – tea cups, tea pots, tea cozies, clean vintage linen, teaspoons, tiered serving plates, candles, good books and new, slightly used but not abused items and white elephant items to be used for raffle, spa items and kitchen items. Items can be dropped off anytime at the center in a bag or box to the Attn: Liza Martin with your name, address and phone #. Pick-up available also.