

THE STEWARD

DECEMBER 12, 2021 | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



FR. STEVE KANONIK, PASTOR

This weekend we continue the narrative with John the Baptist. Last Sunday we heard a bit of John's message. He called the community to make straight and smooth the path between God and themselves. John pointed out to them that God wanted to come to them. They were to be God's blessing in the world and God was looking to bless the world through them. The first and second readings last week also pointed out the blessing of the community. God was calling the community to straighten the path before them so that God would have an easier time entering their hearts and minds.

In a small section of the Gospel that we skipped over, we hear how John challenged the community. People wanted to respond to the amazing call they were hearing. It was a call to return to God, to be holy, to be God's people.

As we open our hearts during Advent, and as we make straight the paths that can lead God more completely into our hearts and lives, we will probably find ourselves asking the same question the people started asking John. *"What should we do?"*

The answers John gave to those

asking might seem so simple. He was calling people to live God's holiness in their everyday lives. He was not asking them to do anything extraordinary. He did not look for something spectacular from them. Instead, he calls them to do the basic things in their lives very well. John says:

"If you have more than you need, share with those who are in need." "Do not cheat at what you do." "Do not extort someone." "Do not lie about another

person." "Be content with your wages."

The answers John gives do not require heroic effort. The answers he offers just call the people to enjoy what life has given them and to treat each other with kindness. What John is explaining to the people is that their lives are already a gift from God. If they can appreciate what is a part of their lives, and show basic respect to

other people who walk through life with them, they will find happiness and recognize God's love in their everyday lives. Then the simple things of life will be a reflection of the love of God. Then through their lives, the blessing of God will touch the world around us.

John's answers also apply to us.

When you have more than you need, build a longer table, not a higher fence.

- UNKNOWN AUTHOR

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To prepare for God's presence in our lives, we do not need to perform some extraordinary action. To invite God more deeply into our hearts, we need not make a huge sacrifice. Instead, we find ourselves invited to be kind and caring to people around us. We are reminded to live a life by the basic moral code God has given us. And, we are exhorted to be aware of all the blessings that our lives do have, so we find peace in such love from God. If we cannot appreciate all the blessings we do have, we will find ourselves grasping for more. We will feel unfulfilled even if we already have so much more than many people. We will not be open to helping others because we will feel as if we are lacking in our lives.

This week,
let us ask God in our
prayer,

*“Lord,
what can
I do?”*

CHRISTMAS FROM THE TOWER

CANTIQUES DE LA CATHÉDRALE

A CONCERT OF CAROLS FROM FRANCE AND BEYOND...

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 2021 AT 7PM

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SIMBANG GABI 2021

500 YEARS PROCLAIMING JESUS THE WORD MASS: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH AT 6PM

Join the Filipino community for this annual tradition. This Mass is part of a Novena celebrated over nine days in anticipation of Christmas. Because of the pandemic, there will not be a reception this year.

Today!

FAMILY GET-TOGETHER DECEMBER 12TH AFTER THE 10:00 AM MASS HOSTED BY THE DAD'S GROUP

Attention Parents! (and kids!) We hope to offer monthly family hang outs after Mass and talk about ways we, parents, can connect. We will meet in Beaven Hall/Ackerman Center to shoot some baskets and play some games. There will be an art table, some coffee for the adults, juice for the kids, and donuts for all. Please contact Dennis O'Toole with any questions at dennispatrickotoole@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!



December 12, 2021

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a | Phil 4:4-7 | Lk 3:10-18

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Although spontaneous outbursts of joy are not part of our liturgy, today's readings alert us that we have much reason to rejoice. Even in times of anxiety, we can rely on the words of St. Paul, who writes that we can rest assured that "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard [our] hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." As we prepare for his coming during this Advent season, we don't need to leap out of our pews and make a show of our praise (but go for it, if that's your style!). However, in our hearts and in our prayer, we can follow the psalmist's lead and "cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel." We can praise God in many ways, through fervent prayer, simple acts of kindness and, as John the Baptist did so well, sharing the Good News.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

"What should we do?" The crowds asked John the Baptist a deceptively simple question many of us wrestle with today. How do we prepare for Christ's coming? How should we spend the next hour, the day, the next year, the next five? John the Baptist answers without reservation: Share what you have. Don't be greedy. Do not falsely accuse others. In other words, get it together! The Lord is coming. Advent is a wonderful time to do just that, and St. Paul reminds us that we don't have to know all the answers. "The Lord is near," he writes, "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." Last week, the readings encouraged us to discern what is truly valuable in our lives as Christians. Today's readings encourage us to ask the Lord: "What should we do?" Just as John the Baptist showed the people how to prepare for Christ's coming, the Lord shows us how to live out and share our faith through the Scriptures and in the silence of prayer.

ACTIONS Remember the last time you felt unadulterated joy?

For me it was when my son smacked a game-winning goal at a hockey game. As we move through Advent, we can reawaken a sense of childlike joy as we prepare to celebrate Christ among us. As you light the Advent candle, take time to share with one another something that gave you joy within the past week.



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Sunday, Dec 12, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Queen of Mercy, watch over us

Often, we seek guidance, wondering like those around John the Baptist: *What should we do?* The answer's a simple one: show mercy. Our adversaries, family members, and we ourselves may be in need of such compassion. When La Virgen Morena (the Brown Virgin) appeared to Juan Diego in Mexico and left her image on his cactus-fiber cloak, her promise of mercy to all who appealed to her was sealed on the Americas. Our Lady of Guadalupe, now patroness of Mexico and empress of the Americas, extends her reign across two continents and around the globe. Respond with mercy today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18 (9). *"The crowds asked John the Baptist, 'What should we do?'"*

Monday, Dec 13, 2021

MEMORIAL OF LUCY, MARTYR

I can see clearly now

In these darkening days of December, the Scandinavian festival of light held on Saint Lucy's feast day is a cheerful sight to brighten spirits. In these countries—and wherever Scandinavians are found—girls dress as Lucy in long white gowns with wreaths of candles on their heads, carrying sweets in procession as songs are sung. Similar practices can be found in Italy and Croatia. Whether you belong to those ethnicities or not, why not incorporate the festival into your family holiday traditions? Saint Lucy is the patron and protector of eyesight—ask her to help you focus yours, to see more clearly the coming of the radiant king.

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27 (187). *"By what authority are you doing these things? And who gave you this authority?"*

Tuesday, Dec 14, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Carried by love

Saint John of the Cross was named a doctor of the church for his profound, poetic writings on Christian mysticism. As a spiritual phenomenon, mysticism is difficult to explain. Central ideas, though, connect love and suffering. Today, pause to remember the tragic school shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary and contemplate this meditation by John and remember to love: "I saw the river over which every soul must pass to reach the kingdom of heaven, and the name of that river was suffering. And I saw a boat which carries souls across the river, and the name of that boat was love."

TODAY'S READINGS: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32 (188). *"Then will I remove from your midst the proud braggarts, and you shall no longer exalt yourself."*

Wednesday, Dec 15, 2021

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Jesus, our justice and our peace

The coming of Jesus into the world was ultimately the coming of true justice and peace. In today's psalm, these two virtues are said to have "kissed" when the Messiah arrived on Earth. What an incredible image! Every promise of God finds its yes in the One who frees us from sin and death. In the gospel reading, Jesus proves by his miraculous love that he is the long-hoped-for Messiah. Today, remember that as we anticipate Christmas, the

fulfillment of all our hopes and dreams is the justice and peace of Jesus. Perhaps not what we expected, but what we need!

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Luke 7:18b-23 (189). *"Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven."*

Thursday, Dec 16, 2021

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Differently blessed

Today's first reading refers to an idea repeated many times in the Bible: that children are a blessing from God. Catholic teaching on situations where bearing children is not possible is not the inverse, however. The church has never taught that infertility or any other limitation is a punishment or "curse" from God. To the contrary, Catholic tradition emphasizes that persons in every situation or condition deserve our full attention, respect, and caring concern. How can you practice empathy toward those whose family life has taken a less common direction?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 54:1-10; Luke 7:24-30 (190). *"Among those born of women, no one is greater than John; yet the least in the Kingdom of God is greater than he."*

Friday, Dec 17, 2021

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O WISDOM)

Make the wise choice

Today the church begins to sing the O Antiphons to accompany the Advent evening prayer of Mary's Magnificat. These short, sung phrases remind us of our need for salvation and our desire to embody the divine characteristics of our Savior. Today we pray for knowledge. This is not the knowledge that wins arguments around the dinner table, but the knowledge that shines a light on who we are, where we came from, and what we are called to do. It is the knowledge that comes with discernment and brings us peace. May wisdom be our teacher.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17 (193). *"O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!"*

Saturday, Dec 18, 2021

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O SACRED LORD)

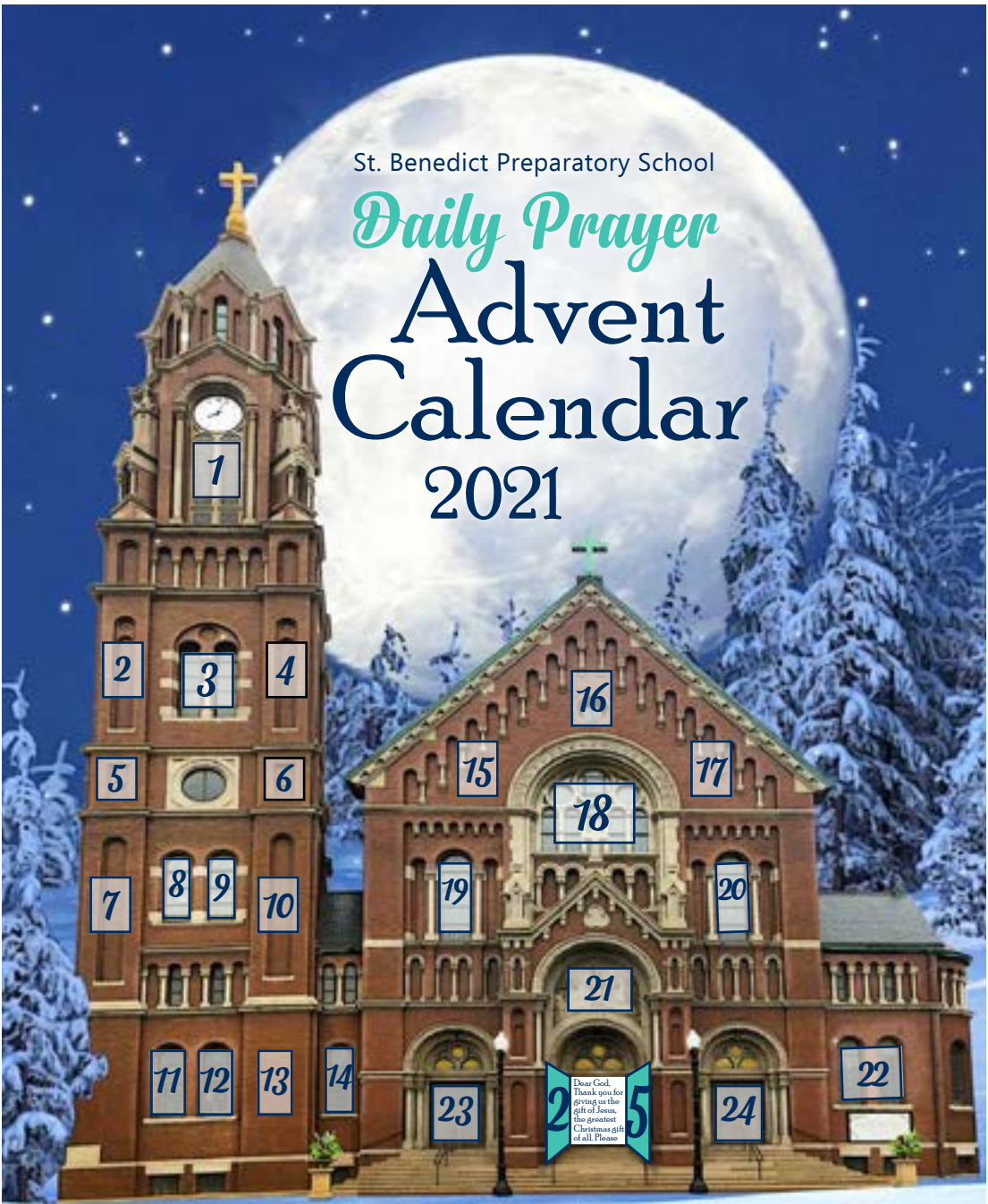
Walk each other home

The theme for this year's International Migrants Day is "Reimagining Human Mobility." U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres calls upon citizens of the world to "seize the opportunity of the recovery from the pandemic to implement safe, orderly, and regular migration and enable migrants to build more inclusive and resilient societies." Today's O Antiphon recalls the migration of Israel from Egypt to Palestine and asks God to guide the movement of peoples. Because we all can trace our ancestry back to migrating people at one time or another, it is appropriate today to pray for people on the move seeking new homes and new lives in new lands.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25 (194). *"And they shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"*



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St. Benedict Preparatory School
Daily Prayer
**Advent
Calendar
2021**

#PRAY25STBENS

St. Benedict Preparatory School is encouraging families to take time away from the hustle and bustle of the secular Christmas world this Advent. Families were provided with an Advent family prayer booklet with daily prayers and reflections on God's word and messages of hope. In addition, weekly prayers will be broadcast on the school's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/StBenedictPrep/. Families are also encouraged to share photos and videos of their Advent prayers using the hashtag #pray25stbens to count down to Christmas in prayer. The school community is using the power of prayer to be a "Christmas People" to the world around us.

This Advent, make each day count!

There is power in praying together.
We join together during Advent to say a daily prayer.



Share your family Advent Prayer tradition by tagging **#pray25stbens** on social media!

Toy Drive Supporting House of the Good Shepherd Donations Needed!

St. Ben's Girl Scouts Brownie Troop #20174 in partnership with St. Ben's Community Outreach is seeking new or gently used toys and pjs for all ages.

Kids aged 10 to 16 are in particular need. Gifts should be unwrapped.

• Kids'-made Christmas card/note are welcome with the gifts as well!
• Kindly request no stuffed animals, masks, or weaponry

Drop off is Dec. 13th-15th. Boxes will be at the elementary, middle school and pre-k main doors.

Save these dates for our remaining SBPS Christmas Concerts!

ST. BENEDICT PARISH PRESBYTERIAN PRESENTS
Christmas 2021

Wednesday,
December 15th
at 10am in the school gym

Ring the Bells!

St. Benedict Preparatory School
Christmas Show 2021
Caterpillars, 1st, & 2nd Grades

Thursday,
December 16th
at 5:30pm in the school gym

Saint Nicholas
The Real Story of the Christmas Legend

Performed by
Grades 3-5
Band, Scouting,
and Story Tellers

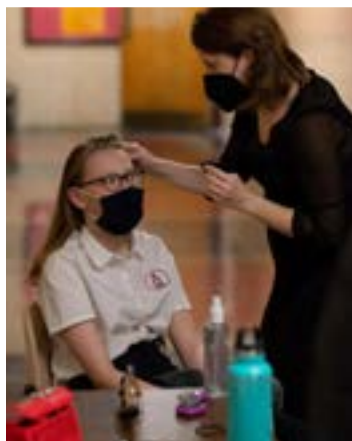
Thursday,
December 16th
at 7pm in the school gym

Join us live, or live stream! Find the link in the Buzz!

Education

CHRISTMAS MUSIC FILLS THE AIR

Middle School Fine Arts students kicked-off the St. Benedict Prep Christmas concert series last week with a presentation of "It's a Wonderful Life Radio Show". SBPS middle school band, strings, choir students performed classic holiday music. In addition, SBPS theater students presented the classic story of "It's a Wonderful Life" in a radio show format. Congratulations to Mrs. Agata Ballenger, Ms. Anna Piotrowski, Mrs. Hannah Thompson, Mr. Jeremy Kiobassa, and all of our St. Benedict Prep Fine Arts students.



Human Concerns

FROM THE DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE OUTREACH TEAM
AT ST. BENEDICT PARISH

A checklist of essentials to take with you when escaping abuse



Walking out the door and away from an abuser—or kicking an abusive partner out the door, if so inclined—is seldom as easy as it sounds. Abusers thrive on power and control, and having their victim leave them is the ultimate loss of control. Hence, abusers will often make it as difficult as possible for survivors to extricate themselves.

But, it is possible. Leaving an abuser can be the most empowering—and life-saving—decision a survivor can make for themselves and any children involved. When you're ready, the key to leaving safely is preparation, and that starts with a safety plan.

It's best to create a safety plan, customized to your unique situation, with the help of a trained domestic violence advocate. Their expertise and know-how will help you leave a dangerous situation in the most calculated and smart way possible. An advocate will help you locate resources in your area, including shelters, counseling, lay legal advice, court assistance and support groups.

ONLY YOU KNOW

Creating a safety plan includes figuring out when to leave, where you're going to go, what you'll take and how to keep these details private from your abuser. These decisions are yours and yours alone to make, as the survivor. Only you can say when is the safest time to leave and only you know where you will feel safest to go to. For some women, this may be a shelter temporarily, while they secure a more permanent living situation. Some survivors leave with only the clothes on their back while others are able to pack a bag ahead of time that they can easily locate, retrieve and take with them when they're ready to escape. WomensLaw.org suggests the following things be included in that bag, but keep in mind, not all of these suggestions will be feasible for everyone and some may even put a survivor in greater danger. Do what you think is best to keep yourself and your children safe.

PACK LIST:

- A spare set of car keys, your driver's license and/or passport(s)
- Credit cards and some cash—enough for transportation, food and lodging for a few days.
Your abuser may cancel your credit cards or try to track you through your credit card use.
- Work permit, green card or immigration papers (if applicable)
- Government benefits card (if you have one)
- Phone numbers for friends, relatives, doctors, schools, taxi services and your local domestic violence organization (taking your cell phone will allow your abuser to track you)
- A few changes of clothing for yourself and your children
- Infant formula and diapers
- Comfort items to help your children feel safe

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Human Concerns

- Pet food, leashes and vet records for any animals you're taking with you
- Any medication or vitamins you typically take
- Important documents, or copies of them, for both you and your children including birth certificates, social security cards, school records, immunizations, pay stubs, bank account information, marriage license, will, mortgage papers, lease agreement, insurance information
- Order of protection (if you are able to secure one ahead of time)
- Any evidence you've been collecting to show you've been abused (photos of injuries, police records, medical records, a journal or log)
- A few personal items you want to keep (photo albums, jewelry, etc.)

Keep your getaway bag in a place where the abuser cannot find it, such as at a trusted friend's or neighbor's house. Also, hide an extra set of car keys somewhere that you can easily access, in case the abuser takes the car keys to prevent you from leaving. If you have pets, take them with you when possible, or think about someone you trust who could take them before or when you leave. Read more about how to protect your furry family members in "Planning for Pet Safety."

Next week's Bulletin will include Part II of this article, which talks about the steps to consider next in your safety plan.

- With thanks to domesticshelters.org

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM SERVICES:

Catholic Charities Domestic Violence Services – Various Locations: Please call 1.312.655.7725
Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline: 1.877.863.6338 (Toll-Free. 24-hour. Confidential. Multilingual.)
Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-4-A-CHILD (1-800-422-4453)



NEXT COMMON PANTRY FOOD COLLECTION DECEMBER 18TH/19TH

ST. VICENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Food drop-off weekends will be the 3rd weekend of the month.

THE NEXT DROP OFF WEEKEND IS DECEMBER 18TH AND 19TH.

Please note: Non-perishable food and personal care items are always welcome but please do not include any recyclables with your donation such as paper and plastic bags. Please also make sure there are not any expired items. Thank you!



Today!

Worldwide Prayer Service & Candle Lighting

to honor and remember children who have gone too soon



**Sunday Evening,
December 12**

6:45 p.m. Program Begins

7:00 p.m. Candle Lighting

*Queen of All Saints Basilica
6280 N. Sauganash Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60646*

Please contact us at
elizabethministry.qas@gamil.com
with questions or to request the
name of a loved one to be read
during the service.



**THE COMPASSIONATE
FRIENDS**
Supporting Family After a Child Dies

compassionatefriends.org

The Elizabeth Ministry of Queen of All Saints parish is honored to host The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting service this year on Sunday, December 12th.

At 7:00 p.m. local time, family and friends around the globe unite in lighting candles for one hour to honor the memories of any child of any age who has died.

Everyone is welcome to participate in all or part of the service as they feel comfortable. All will be invited to light a candle in memory of their loved one, whose names will be read aloud during the service.

No reservation is necessary.

Masks are required at all times.

The service will be livestreamed for those who wish to join us from home. Go to qasparish.org and click Live Stream Mass to join us online.

Sunday Giving

Our parish is very grateful for our parishioners and friends who have faithfully continued to support and even increased their generosity over the past year. Whether you have turned in your envelopes in church, to the rectory office, or made gifts online through GiveCentral, your generosity has allowed the parish to keep its employees whole, ensure our school stays open and safe, maintain our facilities, and provide outreach opportunities during this difficult year. We have been very strategic in lowering our overhead expenses in an effort to be good stewards of the gifts that we receive. Our parish, however, heavily relies on the generosity of its parishioners.



Sign-up today for secure automated giving to St. Benedict Parish and Preparatory School. Simply go to www.GiveCentral.org to start giving by selecting St. Benedict Church - Chicago, or you may also donate by visiting the link on our parish and school website. If you need assistance signing up or have questions about the program, contact our Parish Database Manager, Christine Clardy, at (773) 588-6484 x5113 or cclardy@stbenedict.com or our Director of Finance, Geoff Pautsch, at x5109 or at gpautsch@stbenedict.com. Thank you for your remarkable generosity to the parish.

ST. BENEDICT PARISH HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24 @4PM, 6PM, MIDNIGHT

CHRISTMAS DAY
DECEMBER 25 @8AM, 10AM, NOON, (NO 5PM)

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY, AND JOSEPH**
DECEMBER 26 @8AM, 10AM, NOON

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
DECEMBER 31 @6PM | JANUARY 1 @9AM

EPIPHANY
JANUARY 1 @5PM | JANUARY 2 @8AM, 10AM, NOON

St. Ben's Comic Corner



Masses for the Week

Saturday, December 11 - Advent Weekday; St. Damasus I, Pope

- 8:30AM Maryann Siwek and Deceased Members of the Krall Family - *LuAnn Kowar*
Cecelia Moulton - *Tom Moulton and Lill Stramel and Family*
Gloria Recede - *B. Kelly*
- 5PM Freddie Brandt - *Ruth Raymann*
Jim Powell - *The Powell Family*

Sunday, December 12- Third Sunday of Advent

- 8AM Gloria Recede - *Family*
John Weber - *Jan McNeill*
Special Intention for Lucy Consing - *Friends*
John Fusco - *Florian and Friends*
- 10AM John A. Hauser - *The Padmanabhan Family*
Beniamino Mazzone, Sr. - *The Gumler Family*
Special Intention for Raymond Dominic Cobarde and Jose Bayron, Jr. - *Deditha Cobarde*
- 12PM Lillian F. Stramel - *The St. Benedict Parish Community*
Deacon Gene and Carol O'Hern - *Deacon of St. Benedict Parish*
Gilda Gayares - *Family*

Monday, December 13 – St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

- 8:30AM Special Birthday Blessings for Lucy Consing - *Friends*
Emilio A. Mojica - *Julie Mojica*
Special Healing Intention for Sonia Masecampo - *Lazar and Wilma*

Tuesday, December 14 – St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

- 8:30AM Jaime Aguilar de Guzman, Sr. - *Bella DeGuzman*
Special Intention for Lucy Consing - *Beverly Wallin*
Alberto Donndorff - *Brian Schneider*

Wednesday, December 15 – Advent Weekday

- 8:30AM Special Birthday Blessings for Kathy Minneci - *Friends*
Special Intention for Flor Clarito - *Daisy and Tess*
Special Intention for Colleen Stock - *Lazar and Wilma Bityou*

Thursday, December 16 - Advent Weekday

- 8:30AM Sarah and William Gilger - *Family*
Hermelia Cobarde - *Deditha Cobarde*
James Burke, Sr. - *Family*

Friday, December 17 - Late Advent Weekday

- 8:30AM Special Intention for Jorge Ty - *Family*
Special Intention for Juanita Domagas - *Lucy Consing*
Kathleen P. Colletti - *The Schneider Family*

Saturday, December 18 - Late Advent Weekday

- 8:30AM Juan Guevara-Luna - *Leonora Llanes*
Special Intention for Daisy Schmookler - *Lucy Consing*
Steve Grisuek - *B. Kelly*
- 5PM Gail Ruhnke - *Friend*
John A. Hauser - *The Padmanabhan Family*
Tom Szeszol - *Family*

Sunday, December 19- Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8AM John Weber - *Family*
Gloria Recede - *Family*
Stan Weber - *St. Ben's Friends*
Beniamino Mazzone, Sr. - *The Padmanabhan Family*
- 10AM John Alan Hauser - *The St. Benedict Parish and School Community*
Philip Anselmini (Class of '62) - *The St. Benedict Alumni Office*
John T. Suh - *Catherine Goral*
Robert Drajer - *The Tom Stockwell Family*
- 12PM Jesse Richardson - *The St. Benedict Parish and School Community*
Dradyne Robyne Eudeikis - *Carla Miller*

Please Pray for Healing

Please call the Rectory at (773) 588-6484 to add your name or the name of an immediate family member for whom you would like the parish to pray for healing. The name of the person will appear for 2 months unless otherwise instructed at the time the request is made.

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| Tyler Allen | Geo Macaranas |
| Mike Bartley | Ronald O'Keefe |
| Carole Brimstin | Colleen O'Keefe Wiora |
| Sue Fahey | Julie Raheja-Perera |
| Kelley Halper | Matt Rahn |
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| Marilyn Jerger | Hildegard Ruscheinsky |
| Patricia Keating | Bill Shaver |
| Patricia King | Jim Strzalka |
| Kenny Kopulos | Tom Weirath |
| Mary Leyden | Helene Wieland |
| Jackson James Limburg | Leda Wildner |
| Alpheia Love | |

Baptisms

- Thomas Baer Boniface, son of Thomas Boniface and Sarah Wickman
Charlotte Anne, daughter of Thomas and Susan Zalduendo



PARISH INFORMATION



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 Registration Form on our website: parish.stbenedict.com.** 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. Contact Joe Accardi, Director of Alumni Relations at jaccardi@stbenedict.com. 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 via e-mail to bulletin@stbenedict.com. Flyers should be submitted in camera-ready format and will be used if space permits. If you would like to receive our online weekly newsletter-"The Block", please contact the rectory to be placed on our emailing list. If you have any questions, please call the rectory at (773) 588-6484. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Upper School (4-8)
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Weekday Eucharist: 8:30AM Mon-Sat
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