

# THE STEWARD

JANUARY 2, 2022 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

“To be like the Magi, we must search deeply for the truth, and be willing to follow it wherever it might lead us.”

- FR. STEVE KANONIK



FR. STEVE KANONIK, PASTOR

This weekend we continue our celebration of the Christmas Season with the Feast of the Epiphany. The Christmas Season lasts until the celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which will take place next Sunday. This middle part of the season feels a little different because for most of us, we will quickly be back into the normal routines of our work schedules as the lighter Christmas schedules conclude. In addition, we are starting a new calendar year. This is a time when we set new goals for ourselves, and are usually excited about starting some new directions in our lives. The Christmas season is not complete just yet.

The Feast of the Epiphany remembers

the visit of the Magi. When the Magi visit, it is seen as the revelation of the gift of God to the entire world. The Magi are the representation of all people throughout the world. In this story, we can see an important contrast.

On the one hand, we have King Herod and the chief priests and scribes. This group has been gifted by the Scriptures and God's guidance through the prophets. This is their heritage, their story, their culture. They should know all about this gift and be ready to greet the Christ with great rejoicing. However, as we see, they are not prepared for this special event and look at it through the eyes of local politics and power. They do not show a deep enough spiritual inner life or vision. They are not

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able to grasp what is actually happening and how they can participate.

On the other hand, we have the Magi. They do not know the Jewish story. They do not know of the Law and the Prophets. They do not have even a hint of who Jesus actually is. They identify him as the newborn king of the Jews. This too is more of a political view, and yet it is the only way they know how to view these events. However, what is important to recognize is that they were aware of the rising of the star. They were paying attention to the signs of the times. They realized that something very special had happened. One of the most important things is that they followed up on what they observed. They wanted to find out about this gift.

King Herod and the other leaders in the community should have been able to recognize these signs as well. They did not. Maybe they were too confident in their heritage. Maybe they had just grown complacent and were not paying attention to all the events that had happened around them. Regardless, this contrast places a challenge before us.

For all of us who say we believe, we know that God has greatly blessed us. We have the Scriptures to guide us. We have the Sacraments to strengthen and nourish us. We have the history of the Church to teach us. We have many saints and other spiritual leaders to help us reflect on our spiritual journey. And, we have the structure of the Church to give us guidance as we live our lives.

This bounty of riches should be guiding us, and helping us to recognize where the Lord is present in our lives. It should allow us to be able to point out this gift to others, especially those who do not know the Lord or where to find him in their lives. Our question this week is to consider which of the two groups we more resemble. Are we more like King Herod and the chief priests and scribes who have been blessed with much but are not using those gifts well to recognize God's presence in our lives and able to point that presence out to others. Or, are we more like the Magi who are willing to search deeply for the truth, and are willing to follow it wherever it might lead us.



## **NEXT MONTHLY SUNG VESPERS & VINO, JANUARY 23RD AT 7:30PM AT ST. ANDREW PARISH**

Join us for the solemn celebration of Vespers, followed by a light reception and beverages. This event is sponsored by the Young Adult Ministries of St. Benedict and St. Andrew Parishes. All ages invited! Music provided by Schola Cantorum Benedicti.

### **WHAT IS VESPERS?**

Vespers is part of The Liturgy of the hours, which is also known as The Divine Office. The Liturgy of the Hours is a prayer that takes place over the course of a day. The various parts of the day are marked by different prayers, each one known as an "hour". Vespers is the penultimate hour and is celebrated at or near sunset. The service begins with a Lucernarium or Service of Light. This tradition has roots in the early church as the faithful would light their lamps as the sun began to set. The service continues with the praying of the Psalms. The Psalms are sung or recited by all gathered, followed by extended periods of silent prayer. Much like the readings at Mass, the psalmody changes with each day. The high point of Vespers is the Magnificat, which happens near the end of the service and is sung or recited in its entirety.

### **YOUNG ADULTS - JOIN US ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE CHURCH!**

The young adults will meet 15 minutes before the service on the right side of the church and sit together. We'll then all head over to the reception together and enjoy some beverages and conversation. We hope to see you!

### **DATES AND LOCATIONS**

- 1.23.22 at 7:30pm | St. Andrew 3546 N. Paulina
- 2.20.22 at 7:30pm | St. Benedict 2215 W. Irving Park
- 3.20.22 at 7:30pm | St. Andrew 3546 N. Paulina
- 4.24.22 at 7:30pm | St. Benedict 2215 W. Irving Park
- 5.22.22 at 7:30pm | St. Andrew 3546 N. Paulina
- 6.19.22 at 7:30pm | St. Benedict 2215 W. Irving Park

January 2, 2022

# The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6 | Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Mt 2:1-12

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

My husband is a bird watcher by day and a stargazer by night. I confess it drives me a little bonkers on our evening dog walks. I tend to want to keep moving; between him and our dog (who seems to want to sniff every mailbox), it's the pedestrian equivalent of stop-and-go traffic. Hearing about the journey of the Magi, however, reminds me to pause and look, too. Just as they saw the star rising and followed it to Jesus, we, too, can seek God in our surroundings, our relationships, and the beauty of creation – the next step is to follow where God leads us. As Pope Benedict XVI wrote, the Magi represent “the journeying of humanity toward Christ.” (*Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives*) We may falter from the path from time to time, but Isaiah’s prophesy reminds us of our destination: “You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow.”

## **GO EVANGELIZE**

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The Epiphany is early this year, falling right on the heels of New Year’s Day. If we haven’t made our New Year’s resolutions yet, now is a good time to do so. In addition to typical resolutions such as reducing clutter or getting fit, we can set some spiritual goals as well. The definition of epiphany (lower case) is “a moment in which you suddenly see or understand something in a new or very clear way.” As we reflect on today’s readings, let us ask the Holy Spirit to provide us an epiphany – into how we can grow closer to Jesus during this year ahead. Just as their encounter with the infant Jesus caused the Magi to be transformed from outsiders to faithful believers, and to take a different route home, our encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist is meant to transform all of us, and set us on a new path to light and life.

**RESOLVE** New Year’s resolutions are great! Why not add a couple of spiritual resolutions to the list – perhaps to pray the rosary more often, spend time in eucharistic adoration, or go on that retreat you have been meaning to attend. Ask the Holy Spirit for inspiration and see where it leads.



Catholic Stock

## Sunday, Jan 02, 2022

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### The sanctity of home

"Home is where the heart is" is an ancient proverb. Many folks find their deepest level of satisfaction and fulfillment in family life. But home is also where the *hearth* is: the place to which we come in from the cold to restore ourselves, where we put up our feet, sigh, and relax. Our homes are sacred to us; why not commend them to God? On Epiphany, we're invited to gather with our loved ones to bless the door, walls, and table of our dwelling. Compose your own blessing together or visit the USCCB's Blessing of the Home and Household on Epiphany for the rite of home blessing.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12 (20). "The star they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was."

## Monday, Jan 03, 2022

MEMORIAL OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

### Initial reflections

Do you have anything monogrammed with your initials, perhaps towels or clothing? While monogramming is decorative, it also marks your belongings as yours. Jesus has a monogram too: "IHS," which stands for the first three letters of the Greek spelling of the name of Jesus. Later the monogram was associated with the Latin phrase *Iesus Hominum Salvator* (Jesus Humankind's Savior). There is power in the very name of Jesus and so Catholics venerate it. Perhaps you've seen this monogram on altars or vestments. Jesuits use the IHS monogram as the emblem of their society. You can bear his monogram too—by calling on his name and showing to the world that you belong to him.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25 (212). "And great crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan followed him."

## Tuesday, Jan 04, 2022

MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS

### Fed by the bread of life

Raised Episcopalian, Elizabeth Ann Seton knew about Jesus multiplying loaves. On Sundays, she was a devout communicant at historic Trinity Church on Wall Street. But it wasn't until Elizabeth went to Italy with her children and husband in 1803, attending Mass with Catholic friends, that she was drawn to the Real Presence in the Eucharist. "How happy would we be, if we believed what these dear souls believe," she wrote, "that they possess God in the sacrament, and that He remains in their churches and is carried to them when they are sick!" In honor of Mother Seton, the first U.S.-born saint, resolve to receive Communion more often this year.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44 (213). "He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people."

## Wednesday, Jan 05, 2022

MEMORIAL OF JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP

### Get to know your neighbors

Today we celebrate the feast of Saint John Neuman, the first Redemptorist priest ordained in the United States and the first male U.S. citizen named a saint. Neumann, who emigrated to the United States from Bohemia as a young man desirous of being a missionary, is revered for his tireless work among immigrants in

the Northeast. He had a talent for understanding people and knowing what would bring them peace and comfort. Seek to emulate this holy man, who one of his fellow bishops observed, "had a solution for every question posed," and an "unruffled composure, which betokened deep humility and perfect self-control. I always regarded him as a saint."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52 (214). "If we love one another, God remains in us, and [God's] love is brought to perfection in us."

## Thursday, Jan 06, 2022

MEMORIAL OF ANDRÉ BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS

### The comeback kid of Québec

Saint André Bessette's remarkable life began when he was born into poverty in 1845. Orphaned by age 12, considered a failure in school, he practiced unskilled trades until his pastor encouraged him to join the Congregation of the Holy Cross. The congregation reluctantly admitted him, concerned about his frail health. Brother André defied expectations, living to age 91 and becoming famous throughout Québec for the many healings people experienced after visiting him in his role as a humble doorkeeper. Why not ask Brother André for his intercession, be it for mental, spiritual, relational, or physical healing?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 4:19—5:4; Luke 4:14-22 (215). "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."

## Friday, Jan 07, 2022

MEMORIAL OF RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT, PRIEST

### Make straight your path

Through its long history, the church has been careful to make a distinction between the canons, or rules, of the church and the laws of the state. The canons, from the Greek *kanon* for "straight," were meant to guide Catholics toward the mission of the church—to keep them on the straight and narrow of faith, so to speak. There are 1,752 canons, many that pertain to all of us. For example, Canon 210: "All the Christian faithful must direct their efforts to lead a holy life and to promote the growth of the church and its continual sanctification, according to their own condition." In honor of the patron saint of canon lawyers, Saint Raymond of Peñafort, do your best to follow the rules of the church and give witness to God's saving love.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16 (216). "God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son."

## Saturday, Jan 08, 2022

SATURDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

### Increasing Christ

Tomorrow, the Baptism of the Lord, marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. The days, dates, and seasons of the church's liturgical calendar focus the whole People of God on the same celebrations. During Advent we prepare. In Christmas we welcome. Lent is a time of reflection and repentance. Easter is new life. In Ordinary Time we celebrate the ongoing effects of God's grace. So when "Silent Night" or "We Three Kings" is sung throughout the world, the air fills with the grace generated by God in our hearts. Sing a Christmas hymn today and know that the stars are singing with you.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30 (217). "He must increase; I must decrease."



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# Education

## ST. BENEDICT PREP STUDENTS SING IN THE HOLIDAYS!

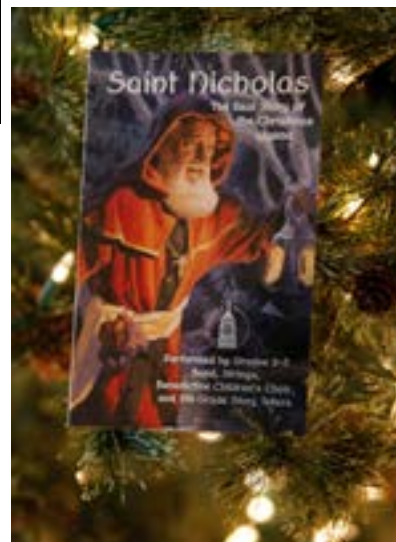
St. Benedict Prep students helped ring in the holidays as they performed at the annual Christmas concerts prior to Christmas break. Preschool songs included Christmas Bells, His Name Was Jesus, Away in a Manger, and The Greatest Gift.



Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade's theme, "Ring the Bells", included O Christmas Tree, Rise Up Shepard and Follow, Ding Dong Merrily on High, and Carol of the Bells.



Students in grades 3-5 presented Saint Nicholas: The Real Story of the Christmas Legend. Readings, band and strings performances, and traditional Christmas hymns sung by the Benedictine Children's Choir highlighted the evening. Congratulations to all students and staff for another year of festive concerts.



# Education



## MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE KINDERGARTEN DAISY SCOUTS AND 6TH/7TH GRADE CADETTES!

Our Scouts and Cadettes put together reindeer bags (socks, hand/toe warmers, tissue, snack, etc) for a local medical center. It was such a fun project and great to see the kids all working together!



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## Connection Corner

### Snow Removal Needed

A St. Ben's area neighbor is looking for someone to remove snow this winter at his home \ business place at 3718 N Monticello Avenue. He is willing to pay up to \$100 for someone who is reliable and can have it done early in the mornings. In addition to the business it is imperative that his place be shoveled so that he can take his mother to dialysis. **His name is Robert and they can reach him at 773 595-5594.**

This year, as you hang the twinkling lights and decorate your mantel with sprigs of holly, remember that not everyone has gotten the message that it's a season of peace. Unfortunately, the holidays can be an even more dangerous time than normal for those at risk for domestic violence.

From the financial stress of gift buying to an overall increase in alcohol consumption, to a flurry of emotions—and sometimes stress—that accompany a plethora of family togetherness time, there are many reasons why the chance of intimate partner violence can increase during the holidays.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline reports a five to 25 percent decrease in calls throughout the holiday season (Dec. 15 to Jan. 1), differing from the Idaho study somewhat, followed by a five percent uptake in calls after the holidays.

Whether survivors don't want to disturb family cohesiveness on these days, or can't find a private time to make a call for support, advocates say the decline in calls isn't necessarily an indication that violence ceases on these days, reporting that calls will often increase above normal levels the days and weeks following a holiday. Many times, say advocates, survivors of abuse don't want to disturb family rituals or separate children from their family during a holiday, regardless of abuse that may be occurring.

### What can you do?

If you're currently with an abusive partner, reach out to a trained domestic violence advocate—you can find one near you by entering your city or ZIP on the [domesticshelters.org](http://domesticshelters.org) find help page. You don't need to figure out an escape plan right away—you can simply call to talk. If you can't call safely from home, call from a trusted friend's house, your doctor's office or a public library.

If you suspect someone in your life is the victim of an abusive partner, watch for red flags, such as possessiveness, rigid gender roles, and overt control of deliberately humiliating one's partner in front of others. To support a victim, The National Domestic Violence Support Hotline advises friends and family members be non-judgmental and supportive.

*"Don't tell them what they need to do. Don't badmouth the abuser. It's also important to remember that friends and family should take precautions to make sure they remain safe. Sometimes when word gets back to the abuser that a friend or family member is offering advice or asking questions about the abuse, they could be putting themselves in danger."*

- With thanks to [domesticshelters.org](http://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)

# Sunday Giving

## Sunday Offertory (Mailed-in, In-Pew and GiveCentral)

Amount received for Sunday, December 19:	\$12,662.83 (96% of goal)
Weekly goal:	\$13,250.00
Fiscal Year Sunday Offertory:	\$292,263.26 (88% of goal)
Fiscal Year Goal (starting July 1):	\$331,250.00
Behind Goal:	(\$38,986.74)

*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.*

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## Spiritual Dream Group

### NEXT SESSION - MONDAY 1/17 | 7-9PM

In this group we learn to become like a container of sacred space as a group to provide a secure connection between the individual's inner world and the outer world. Spiritual dream work affirms that our (nocturnal) dreams offer us support in our spiritual journey. This work helps us towards living a guided life from within with the support of others and it helps us to recognize the symbolic language of the soul. All dreamers are welcome and there is no prior experience necessary. I encourage anyone who has been interested in their dreams but has not had the opportunity to share and explore them further to attend. This ongoing group will meet on the third Monday of each month at 7 pm until 9 pm remotely on the Zoom video conference platform.

Please contact Rachel at [rachelwinborn@gmail.com](mailto:rachelwinborn@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.



*"If you want your kids to be children of faith, BEGIN BY PLANTING THE SEED OF PRAYER and watch a beautiful relationship with God bloom inside them."*

Parents, get a sifter and join us for

## Into the Heart of the Father

Deepening our understanding of how Family Life, guided by prayer, brings us closer to God.

**Saturday Jan 22**  
6-8pm in Beaven Hall  
Light meal and wine served.  
Parents only please.  
See you there!

*"I want to help people receive and respond to the life of Christ by growing in communion with God and each other."* - Lenny DeLorenzo

Through speaking and written word, Lenny beautifully demonstrates how a Christian culture, with its way of seeing the world, is necessary to liberate us from the anxious narratives of our time and glimpse God's way of being, which we are constantly invited to share.

Leonard J. DeLorenzo, Ph.D., is the director of undergraduate studies at the McGrath Institute for Church Life where he also serves as academic director for Notre Dame Vision. He holds a concurrent teaching appointment in the Department of Theology. Leonard now lives with his wife, Lisa, and their six children in South Bend, IN, where they are actively parishioners of Saint Joseph parish.



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# Masses for the Week

## First Saturday, January 1 - The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

- 9AM Dradyne Robyne Eudeikis - *Carla Miller*  
5PM E & A Szeszol - *Family*  
Mr. and Mrs. James Pietschmann - *Christine*  
Lore Enseldorf - *Mary and Rose Unger*

## Sunday, January 2- Epiphany of the Lord

- 8AM Paul Hester - *The MacDonald Family*  
Beniamino Mazzone, Sr. - *The Gumler Family*  
Percy Edwards - *Ben Mazzone*  
Special Intention for the Padmanabhan Family:  
Caroline, Ram, and Joey - *The Hauser Family*  
10AM Gail Ruhnke - *Friend*  
Danilo Belicena - *Sally Sobrepena-Belicena*  
Anita Fernandez - *Sally Sobrepena-Belicena*  
Alexander Baca - *Joe Accardi and Family*  
12PM Special Intention for Carole Brimstin

## Monday, January 3 – Christmas Weekday; Holy Name of Jesus

- 8:30AM Special Intention for Al Schoen - *Daisy and Family*  
Special Intention for Paul and Christine Horwath - *The Bityou Family*

## Tuesday, January 4 – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

- 8:30AM Special Intention for Kathy Pietschmann - *Friend*

## Wednesday, January 5 – St. John Neumann, Bishop

- 8:30AM Angela Kale - *Chris Michihara*  
Special Intention for Mitzi Ray Ordon - *Family*

## Thursday, January 6 - Christmas Weekday; St. Andre Bessette, Religious

- 8:30AM Danilo Celiz Belicena - *Dorenda Sumatra*  
Michael Cotter - *Family*  
Leslie Hofilena - *Grene Hofilena and Family*

## First Friday, January 7 - Christmas Weekday; St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest

- 8:30AM Special Intention for Pat Woodhouse - *Lucy Consing*  
Danilo C. Belicena - *Lucy Consing*  
Special Intention for Lazar Bityou - *Wilma*

## Saturday, January 8 - Christmas Weekday

- 8:30AM Joseph Babbo Family - *The Sadofsky Family*  
Fanny Gerlesberger - *Jeanette Heiner*  
Serafin Lopez - *Corazon Lopez and Family*  
5PM Carl Dominik - *Sharon and Don Wilson*  
Special Intention for Loretta O'Donnell - *Friend*  
In Thanksgiving for Al and Gloria Hilado

## Sunday, January 9- Baptism of the Lord

- 8AM Percy Edwards - *Joe and Kathy Minneci*  
Gloria Recede - *Maribel Selva*  
Christine Del Giudice - *The Mazzone Family*  
10AM Jarius Anthony  
Luisa Flores - *Sally Sobrepena-Belicena*  
Virginia Reynolds - *Ellen Reynolds*  
Danilo Belicena - *Daisy and Tess*  
12PM Benjamin Franklin Hutto, Jr. - *The St. Benedict Parish Community*  
Special Intention for Rowena Moraga - *Gloria Hilado*  
Kathleen Mangiaracina - *The Geldmyer Family*

## Please Pray for Healing

A long-standing tradition at St. Ben's has been listing the names of those who have requested our prayers for healing in the weekly bulletin. That venerable tradition continues. The Pastoral Staff wants to ensure that the wishes and the privacy of the ill are respected and that the information is accurate, timely, and confidential.

After careful consideration, the Pastoral Staff decided to give a fresh start to our "Please Pray for Healing" list quarterly. And so, on January 16 – as the Church begins 2022, the list of the sick in the bulletin will be updated every quarter.

Those who are sick or their immediate family need to call with their personal request for public prayers for healing from the faith community of St. Ben's. Next week's bulletin will include the new beginnings of the "Please Pray for Healing" list. It will be in the bulletin every week throughout the upcoming liturgical year and updated quarterly. Please telephone the Rectory at 773-588-6484 with your request for prayers of healing – or, to say they are no longer needed. Thank you.

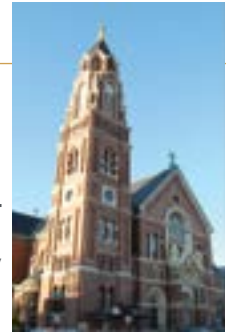
Tyler Allen	Kenny Kopulos	Julie Raheja-
Mike Bartley	Mary Leyden	Perera
Beverly Berganos	Jackson James	Matt Rahn
Johnson	Limburg	MaryAnn Revis
Carole Brimstin	Alpea Love	Al Schoen
Sue Fahey	Geo Macaranas	Bill Shaver
Kelley Halper	Ken McFadden	Jim Strzalka
Anne Hoellich	Ronald O'Keefe	Tom Weirath
Marilyn Jerger	Colleen O'Keefe	Helene Wieland
Patricia Keating	Wiora	Leda Wildner
Patricia King		

## Baptisms

Nora Jane, daughter of Joseph and Jennifer Piehl  
Cora Ellen, daughter of William and Stefanie Sachs IV  
Owen Raymond, son of William and Stefanie Sachs IV



# 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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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