

# St. Benedict Catholic Church

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August 28, 2022

## Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“ You have approached Mount Zion  
and the city of the living God. ”

~ Hebrews 12:22a



### Parish Mission Statement

We are a vibrant and welcoming Catholic Church community that recognizes God's presence in all through our love and service.

### Parish Vision Statement

Build the Kingdom of God, individually and communally, by fostering discipleship and thanksgiving through:

- the celebration of Eucharist and other sacraments,
- prayer and lifelong Catholic formation,
- service with and for one another and the greater community.

### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 5 pm  
Fridays 9 am - 3 pm  
Closed Daily 12 pm - 1 pm

### Mass Schedule

Weekends and 8:15am Fridays at SJB MPR:  
Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 7, 9, 11 am, 5 pm  
Weekdays Mon-Thurs in Annex 2 Chapel: 8:15 am

### Reconciliation

Fri 5-6 pm, Sat 8:30-9:30 am, in Annex 1

### Upcoming Events

For a complete calendar of events, please visit [stbenedict.org/calendar](http://stbenedict.org/calendar)

**Monday, 8/29**  
8:15 am | Mass

**Tuesday, 8/30**  
8:15 am | Mass

**Wednesday, 8/31**  
8:15 am | Mass  
7 pm | Parish Rosary

**Thursday, 9/1**  
8:15 am | Mass  
6 pm | Choir Practice

**Friday, 9/2**  
8:15 am | Mass  
9 am | Adoration  
5 pm | Confessions  
6 pm | Benediction

**Saturday, 9/3**  
8:30 am | Confessions  
10 am | Bereavement  
Support Group  
5 pm | Mass

### Mass Intentions

**Sunday, 8/28/2022**

7 am | Dottie Sullivan †  
9 am | Emil Senn †  
11 am | Thomas Andrew  
O'Donnell †  
5 pm | Parishioners

**M 8/29** | Jean Benware †

**Tu 8/30** | June Biggs  
(living)

**W 8/31** | Sr. Alexis  
DeMagdeline  
(living)

**Th 9/1** | Jamie Biggs (living)

**F 9/2** | Ricardo Ruiz  
(living)

**Sat 9/3** | Gilda MacDonald †

**Sunday, 9/4/2022**

7 am | Aceves Family  
(living)

9 am | Ron Sroka †

11 am | Cheah Siew Kim  
& Anthony Loh †

5 pm | Rich Libonati †

**Liturgy & Administration**

**Scripture Readings**

**Monday:** 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102;  
8/29 Mk 6:17-29  
*(The Passion of St. John the Baptist)*

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14;  
8/30 Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21;  
8/31 Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab,  
9/1 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28,  
9/2 39-40; Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21;  
9/3 Lk 6:1-5  
*(St. Gregory the Great)*

**Sunday:** Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17;  
9/4 Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33



**“Living Our Faith,  
Building Our Home”  
Capital Campaign**

*As of July 2022*

Campaign Pledges: \$ 3,548,859  
Collected Campaign Pledges: \$ 2,668,028

**Presider Schedule\***

*the Week of  
August 29 - September 4, 2022*

**Monday** 8:15 am - Fr. James

**Tuesday** 8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh

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**Thursday** 8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh

**Friday** 8:15 am - Fr. James

**Saturday** 5 pm - Fr. James

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

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

**Parish Contributions**

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

Regular Contributions for **July 2022**

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

**Actual: \$ 73,262\***

**Budget: \$ 89,038**

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

Cash Contributions: \$ 4,610

Check Contributions: \$ 25,709

## A Reflection by Fr. Manasseh

### THE GREATER YOU ARE, THE MORE YOU MUST HUMBLE YOURSELF.

The fall of man in the Garden of Eden was orchestrated by the sin of pride. Man wanted to be like God, in fact, to be God unto himself and this led humanity to disobedience. It was only through the humility of Christ, who though was in the form of God did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, was all humanity gifted redemption. Humility is therefore the only medication that adequately attends to the injury of vice occasioned by pride. St. Augustine of Hippo says, *“It was pride that changed Angels into devils; it is humility that makes men Angels.”* The person who finds that to rise one should first descend, and to build a tower that would pierce the clouds the builder must first lay a deep foundation, has truly acquired priceless wisdom and enlightenment.

This is why in the First Reading this weekend, Sirach places meekness even above charity. For where is the flavor of charity if giving is done in arrogance and pride? For Sirach, the humble person finds favor with men, and God reveals the mysteries of the kingdom only to the humble.

In the Gospel, Jesus cautioned His Disciples on the temptation to seek self-adulation when he saw people taking choice seats at a feast. He used the opportunity to advise His disciples to be humble in service to one another, even when carrying out charitable works. For Jesus, giving with one hand with the intention of receiving with the other does not fit well with Kingdom virtues.

We live in a world where people crave attention and acknowledgement for every accomplishment, even when it is supposed to be a discreet charity. The desire for affirmation and applause seems to have possessed too many souls. We are reminded today that whatever we are, and whatever we have, has been given to us and so we are nothing but grateful and humble receivers of God’s gratuitous gifts.

Let us hear St. Augustine again: *“Humility is the foundation of all the other virtues; hence, in the soul in which this virtue does not exist, there cannot be any other virtue except in mere appearance.”*

May we be aided by Grace to learn humility from Christ, Himself, so that our love of God and service to our neighbor will always be fruitful.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh

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## Ministries and More

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



In September, Adoration will be on **Friday, September 2** between the hours of **9 am and 6 pm** in the Annex 2 Chapel. All are welcome to come by and spend some time with the Lord. You can also sign up for a specific time slot at <http://signup.com/go/puKbjk>. Signing up allows us to make sure that all the time slots are covered.

*“God, in your goodness,  
you have made a home for the poor.”*

~ Psalm 68

### Baptism Class

The next Baptism Class at St. Benedict will be on **Saturday, September 10** from 10 am to Noon in the Annex 1 Meeting Room on the church property. (Restrooms available at the school.) For questions or to RSVP, contact Ed or Linda at [edlinda@cox.net](mailto:edlinda@cox.net).

### Pastoral Care

Please remember in your prayers **Gene Schuld** who died recently. We pray that his family and friends will feel God's healing embrace through the prayers and support of our faith community.

### New Parishioners

- Richard Barlow
- Theresa Biggs
- Adriana Camargo
- Rose Lynn C. Chaaban
- Colleen Kline



### Safe Environment

Safe Environment renewal is due by **August 31**. Go to <https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org>, update your profile information and take the renewal today. Text Debbie if you have questions at **480.529.4828**.

## Update on the Construction of Our New Worship Space

The accomplishments last week: the completion of the masonry stem walls, extended existing electrical stubs at the northeast corner beyond the north building expansion area, and began the underground plumbing at the north building expansion for restrooms.

Work scheduled for this week: additional demolition of the masonry below grade at the existing removed west wall, complete the installation of the interior footings, complete the installation of the underground plumbing and electrical within the building. (The work, mentioned above, is in anticipation of pouring the floor slabs the first week of September.) Meeting with steel and metal stud framing subcontractors to coordinate deferred roof truss structural design with embeds.

Photo for this week:

New restroom underground plumbing.



## Faith Formation and More

### Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

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

**Sunday, September 11**  
*CGS Begins  
EPIC Begins*

**Tuesday, September 13**  
*JAM and Journey of Faith Begins*

### Urgent Need for Children's Liturgy Volunteers

Please help us continue this wonderful ministry during the 9 am Mass! Without enough Catechists and Aides, we cannot offer Children's Liturgy on a weekly basis beginning in September.

Both Leads and Assistants are needed and the time commitment varies - the more volunteers we have, the fewer weeks you would serve. Resources and training are provided. Please prayerfully consider being part of this rewarding program and contact Heather Mooney at [hmooney@stbenedict.org](mailto:hmooney@stbenedict.org).

Liturgy of the Word with Children invites children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade to listen to God's Word and participate in the Liturgy in a way that helps them understand the importance and sacredness of Mass. Children are dismissed at the beginning of Mass, then return before the Liturgy of the Eucharist.



### Four Days Left for Early Bird Discount!

ONLINE registration for ALL Faith Formation programs continues! (Register by August 31 and receive an Early Bird Discount of \$5 off per child/teen!)

Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Sessions begin in September and meet most weeks through April 2023. For a complete schedule, visit our parish website [www.stbenedict.org](http://www.stbenedict.org)

**EPIC YOUTH MINISTRY (Grades 9th-12th)**  
Sundays from 3 pm - 4:45 pm

**JAM MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6th-8th)**  
Tuesdays from 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm

**JOURNEY OF FAITH (Grades K-5th)**  
Tuesdays from 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm

**\*CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**  
(Sundays & Times TBD)  
Level I (Returning Only) PreK-K  
Level II (Grades 1st-3rd)



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

REGISTRATION COSTS for 2022-2023:

\$50 - JAM, Journey of Faith & CGS

\$100 - EPIC Youth Ministry

Financial assistance and scholarships are available for any family in need. We never want cost to prevent your child from participating in faith formation programs or youth ministry events. Contact the parish office for assistance. All families with multiple children have a maximum total registration cost of \$125, regardless of program.

## Current Events & More

### Knights of Columbus

*"The last shall be first, and the first shall be last."*

We nod in agreement presuming to be among the last who will one day be first. What if I am among the first who is going to be last? Our habits fuel our results in all parts of life. Taking care of our mind, body and spirit allows you to operate at your highest potential. Keep in mind these healthy habits: meditate, read, exercise, rest, eat healthy, write, get sunlight, and stay hydrated.

#### Announcements:

On **Friday, September 16** the parish is holding a Sports Fundraiser Night! We need sports-related donations to make this event a success. Any memorabilia or sporting event tickets are welcome. Tailgate items, gift cards, memberships to local athletic facilities, personal trainers, yoga studios, etc.

#### Activities:

- Pray the Rosary - **Wednesday, August 31** at 7 pm in the Annex 2 Chapel.
- Officers' Meeting - **Thursday, September 1** at 6:30 pm in Annex 1.
- Officers' Installation Ceremony - **Saturday, September 3** at 6 pm.
- Charity-Unity-Fraternity Ceremony - **Saturday, September 17** after the 5 pm Mass.

Thinking of joining the Knights of Columbus?

Join online to become a Knight of Columbus at [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus) and enter "Council 12246" and "GKWAP".

Vivat Jesus,

Isauro Amaro, Grand Knight

Fr. Bob Binta Council # 12246

480.748.1449

[grandknight@kofc12246.org](mailto:grandknight@kofc12246.org)



### St. Vincent de Paul

We are in need of continued donations in our SVDP pantry due to increased neighbor usage. Please consider donating. Thank you!



- Spam
- Hamburger Helper
- Canned Peas
- Cookies
- Chef Boy R Dee Items
- Kleenex

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

### 1st Ever Sports Night Fundraiser

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

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

Only \$10 per person, children 5 and under are free. For more information or tickets, contact Cathy at **480.296.3679**.

### Legion of Mary

Many thanks to the Legion of Mary for their presentation last weekend. If you are interested in signing up, or would like more information, contact Ann Marie Adams at **480.688.2096**, email [annieg7477@cox.net](mailto:annieg7477@cox.net).



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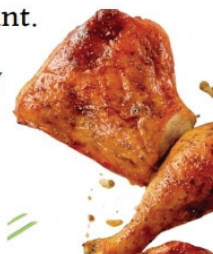
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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH  
12PM - 6:30PM**

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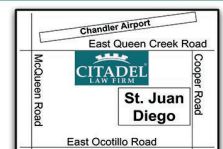
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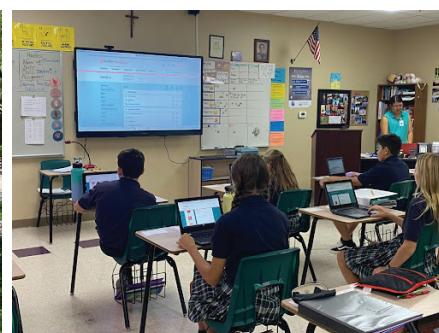
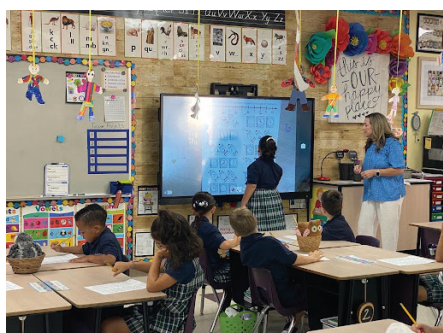
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## A Note From The SJB Principal

Dear Parishioners,

The 2022-2023 school year is off to a great start! All of our teachers have prepared engaging lessons utilizing our new interactive OneScreen boards, outdoor learning spaces and learning tools to meet the needs of all learners.



I am also happy to present our 2022-23 Campus Ambassadors. As a result of answering rigorous application questions, teacher recommendations, overall academic performance and strong participation in both on-campus and off campus service activities, each of these students has been selected to be a St. John Bosco Campus Ambassador.



We hold our Campus Ambassadors to the highest standards at all times because they are representatives of our St. John Bosco student body. They will assist in promoting SJB at local parishes, assisting with campus tours throughout the school year. Our Campus Ambassadors will also lead Monday morning Rosary beginning in September.

Joyful Blessings,  
Jamie Bescak, M.Ed., Principal  
480.219.4848