

W E L C O M E T O

St. Benedict

FONTANA, WI



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.*

- Lk 4:18

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JANUARY 23, 2022 • THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mon-Thurs8:00 am - 3:00 pm
 Friday..... 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday..... 4:30 pm
 Sunday8:00 am & 10:30 am
 Monday & Tuesday..... 8:15 am

BAPTISMS

Third Sunday of every month

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

RECONCILIATION:

First and Third Saturday of the month..... 9:00 am
 Or by Appointment

ANointING

Last Saturday of the Month
 Following Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday After Mass until 11:00 am

PARISH GIVING REPORT

WEEKLY

Budgeted Amt.....\$5,332.00
 Actual Amt.....\$7,466.12
 Surplus/(Deficit).....\$2,134.12

YEAR TO DATE

Budgeted Amt..... \$255,656.00
 Actual Amt..... \$327,096.36
 Surplus/(Deficit)..... \$71,440.36

COLLECTION REPORT:

1/16/2022

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Envelopes.....\$4,956.00
 Offertory\$1,053.12
 Online Giving.....\$1,457.00
 Capital Imp. \$500.00
 TOTAL.....\$7,966.12

Mass Attendance.....313

WORSHIP & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 22 4:30 pm † Paul Krahn
 Sunday, January 23 8:00 am For All Parishioners
 10:30 am † Stacy Herman
 Monday, January 24 8:15 am † Bill Pichen
St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Tuesday, January 25 8:15 am † Trudy Schubert
 Wednesday, January 26
St. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
 Thursday, January 27
St. Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder
 Friday, January 28
St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Religious and Doctor of the Church
 Saturday, January 29 4:30 pm For All Parishioners
 BVM
 Sunday, January 30 8:00 am † Jack Schneidwind
 10:30 am † Mike Stang

LECTORS

Saturday, 1/29 4:30 pm J. McLafferty
 Sunday, 1/30 8:00 am A. Rosenberger
 10:30 am Family Faith Formation

USHERS

Saturday, 1/29 4:30 pm Volunteers
 Sunday, 1/30 8:00 am Volunteers
 10:30 am Volunteers

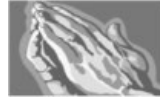
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS OF CARE

Friday, 1/28 10:00 am J. & P. Grove
 Atrium/Sherwood Lodge
 Sunday, 1/30 9:15 am M. Gray
 Golden Years Retirement Village



PARISH NEWS

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



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| Jan Hoagland | Martin Schmidt | |

Lord, also hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, January 24

8:15 am Mass

8:45 am Rosary

Tuesday, January 25

8:15 am Mass

9:00 am - 11:00 am Adoration

Wednesday, January 26

Thursday, January 27

6:30 pm RCIA

Friday, January 28

Saturday, January 29

4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, January 30

8:00 am Mass

10:30 am Mass

7:00 pm AA Meeting

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS
OF OUR PARISH WHO RECEIVED THE
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR
THE FIRST TIME
SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2022**

**Alyssa Goetsch
Olivia Obligato
Brinley Wisowaty
McKinley Wisowaty**

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WINTER WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY

For safety reasons, a winter weather cancellation policy has been implemented. When the Big Foot Area Schools are closed due to weather, the weekday Mass/Word & Communion Service and K-12 Faith Formation activities will be canceled here. The Parish Office will also be closed. To find out if Big Foot Area Schools are closed go to: www.bigfoot.k12.wi.us or tune in to WISN-12 on your TV.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

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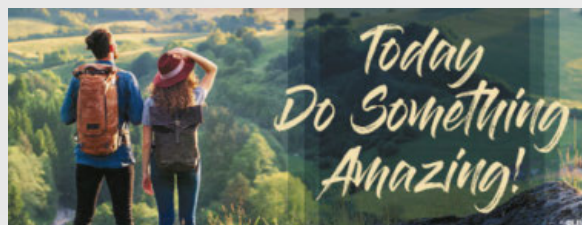
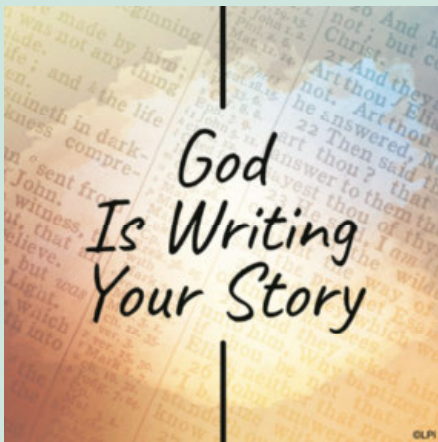
WEEKLY REFLECTION

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

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SOCIAL DISTANCING UPDATE

Dear Parishioners,

For the continued safety of all, and due to the increased number of the Omicron variant of Covid-19 in Walworth County, I made the decision to once again have social distancing on the Blessed Virgin Mary (left) side of church.

The Blessed Virgin Mary side (left), currently has every other pew taped off for social distancing. I ask that if you choose to sit on this side to please wear a mask for everyone's safety. This will continue for the unforeseeable future.

As a reminder, Archbishop ListECKI stated that if anyone does not feel safe worshipping with others due to the Covid-19 Virus, they are able to exempt themselves from the obligation to attend weekend and Holy Day masses.

Stay safe and healthy,

Fr. Mark

EMERGENCY PRAYER CHAIN

The St. Benedict Emergency Prayer Chain is made up of members of our parish family. They would love to assist you and those you know by offering the power of prayer, when you are experiencing a crisis situation. Please email Judy Zebrowski with your intentions, or if you would like to volunteer to join the prayer chain. The email address is emergencyprayerchain@gmail.com

PHISHING SCAM

If you receive an email or text message that appears to have come from Fr. Mark asking you to send money please DO NOT reply. Father Mark will NEVER text or email you asking for money or gift cards in any way.

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION



This week's Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of:

Jan Nawoj



One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "*The Summa Theologiae*." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The *Summa Theologiae*, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



**Spring
forward
into Love.**

GREEN BAY
Marriage
Encounter

Weekend Retreat

Saturday, March 12 - Sunday, March 13

Quad Parish Faith Formation Center
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Register on Eventbrite or GBME.org
Green Bay Marriage Encounter
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MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

"Spring Forward into Love" will be a memorable weekend experience for married couples to explore feelings and enhance communication skills. Take this opportunity to discover together "how your good marriage can be even better" or discover "new pathways to get your marriage back on track".

Join Green Bay Marriage Encounter on March 12 & 13, 2022 in Green Bay at the Quad-Parish Faith Formation Center for an enriching weekend experience you will treasure for a lifetime. Call 920-809-3496 or visit www.gbme.org for more information or to register.



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RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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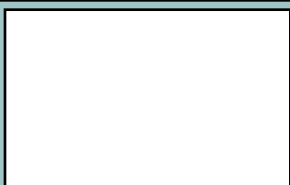
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