



St. Benedict Parish

Atchison, Kansas

St. Benedict Church
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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 27, 2020



Fr. Jeremy Heppler, O.S.B.
Pastor



Deacon Chuck Welte
Permanent Deacon

Holy Mass

Weekday Masses are open. No scheduling necessary.

Monday - Saturday	8:15 a.m.	St. Benedict Church
Saturday (Vigil for Sunday)	5:00 p.m.	St. Benedict Church
Sunday	7:00 a.m.	St. Benedict Church
	8:30 a.m.	St. Patrick's Church
	9:00 a.m.	St. Benedict Church
	*10:30 a.m.	St. Joseph's Church
	11:00 a.m.	St. Benedict Church

***Mass for those practicing extra caution**

Temporary Confession Schedule

Wednesday	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	St. Benedict Church
Saturday	4:00 - 4:45 p.m.	St. Benedict Church

Confession is also available by appointment; please call the parish office.

During this time, Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament occurs in the main body of the church on certain days of the week. Please see parish emails for updated hours.

Do you wish to become a member of our parish? We welcome you!

Please contact the parish office for more information. Registration forms can be found online at our parish website.

Parish Information

Sacrament Information

Baptism

Do you desire to have your child baptized?
Please contact the parish office to coordinate.

Marriage

Congratulations on your engagement! Engaged couples should contact the parish office to make arrangements with the pastor at least six months prior to the wedding date. Couples must be registered parishioners.

Anointing of the Sick

Are you seriously ill or having major surgery soon?
Please contact the parish office to notify our priests.

Holy Orders & Religious Vocations

Are you being called to be a priest, sister, or other religious? Please make an appointment with one of our priests to discuss discerning your vocation.



It is a blessing to have Catholic burial options available to us. To learn more about burials at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, please make an appointment to meet with parish office staff.



There are so many ways to find out what's happening at St. Benedict Parish.

- ◆ Check out our parish website at www.stbenedictatchison.org.
- ◆ You may always view our current and previous bulletins on the parish website.
- ◆ Find us on Facebook; just go to www.facebook.com, and search for our page: St. Benedict Parish—Atchison, Kansas.
- ◆ Sign up to receive email blasts and / or text blasts from St. Benedict Parish; just email jpruneda@benedictine.edu, call the parish office at 367-0671, or stop by the parish office to sign up. You'll get up-to-date, parish-related information delivered right to your inbox!

Important Parish Contacts

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Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mass Intentions

The suggested offering is \$10 per Mass. This is a tax-deductible gift to our parish as well. Please contact the parish office to reserve a date.

Bulletin Submissions

Please submit all bulletin information by 5:00 p.m. two Fridays before the Sunday bulletin. Information may be submitted to Jordan Pruneda: jpruneda@benedictine.edu; 913-367-0671; or stop in at the parish office.

St. Benedict Parish Mission Statement

Using prayer, study, generosity, and evangelization to help the entire Atchison community form their relations with Christ and His Church.

Stewardship Information

Our Weekly Sacrificial Offerings to God

Week	Collection
Dec 05—Dec 11	\$21,266.37

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - Family Connection

In the midst of the Christmas season, it is quite appropriate that our liturgy asks us to pause to consider the Holy Family. In today's Gospel, we hear about how Joseph protected Jesus from danger by relocating the family to Egypt in obedience to God. Following the model of the Holy Family, we might use this feast to recall the responsibility that each family member has to contribute to the good of the family and recommit ourselves to one another.

Gather together as a family to work on a common project. You might prepare a meal together, prepare a special dessert, or perhaps do a craft together. When you finish, talk about how each family member contributed to the common project. Remind one another that each member of the family contributes to the good of the whole family. Recall that Jesus was also part of a family and that this Sunday we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23. Pray together that your family will continue to protect and care for one another as Mary and Joseph protected and cared for Jesus.

Usher Volunteers needed!

We could really use some help with ushering and/or cleaning for the Saturday 5 PM, and Sunday 9 AM and 11 AM masses. If you would like to sign up, or need more information, call the Parish office at 913-367-0671.

See the latest instructions from the Archdiocese regarding the resumption of public Masses:

<https://archkcks.com/coronavirus/resuming-mass>

Church Sanitation Volunteers Needed!

We have three spots available for sanitizing the church! If you sign up you'd be responsible for that day of the week and approximate time (it takes approximately 10 minutes). Contact the Parish Office if interested! There is also a sign-up sheet in the vestibule of the church!

Dates Available:

- Mondays after the 8:15 a.m. mass
- Fridays after the 8:15 a.m. mass
- Saturdays around 3 p.m.

Sacramental Visits for Those Who Cannot Attend Mass

If you cannot or elect not to attend Mass at this time but you would like to receive Anointing of the Sick, Confession, or Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office. Visits may even be limited to offering sacraments at the door of the residence, observing all the usual safety recommendations.

Do You Miss Following Along With The Mass Readings?

Because of not being able to have hymnals and other books in the pews for the foreseeable time, we are not ordering Breaking Breads this upcoming liturgical year. For those of you who like to follow along with the Mass or the readings, you can find the daily Mass readings at usccb.org or the Laudate app (both free). For those who prefer paper copies, some of the most popular choices are the Breaking Bread, the Magnificat, The Word Among Us, and Give Us This Day. (This would be a great gift for a loved one.) Additionally, there are many other print and digital options.

Our Sunday Supplication for this Sunday:

The Our Sunday Supplication are a recommended prayer resource from the Archdiocese. You are encouraged to pray this prayer in your homes and thus be connected to the entire Church at prayer:

<https://stmichaelcp.org/our-sunday-supplication>

On the cover: *"The Holy Family" by Francesco Vecellio painting - between circa 1520 and circa 1525*

Prayer Intentions

Please pray for our deployed,
active duty military family and friends:



Richard Brady	Matt Peltzer
Craig Darrenkamp	Justin Phillips
Brandon Kistler	

Please remember in your prayers
those who are sick or suffering*:

Ron Bell	Nancy Prohaska
Mike Burns	Patty Ralston
Olivia Burns	Deacon Steven Reed
Residents of the	Mark Scheid
Dooley Center	Roberta Scheid
Alan Cummings	Lori Scholz
Janet Elias	Karl Schuele
Chris Elias	John Shankman
Martin Joseph Gering	Ben Voller
Benedict Horvatic	Samantha Weixman
Larry Housh	Lori McKinney Young
Mara Hug	Special Intentions (4)
Infirm Monks	
of the Abbey	
Monika King	
John Maday	
Alison Ostertag	
Ardith Peak	
Rex Polter	



*Prayer list current as of Dec 11

Mass Intentions for Dec 21 - Dec 27

Date	Mass Intentions
Dec 28	† Bob Kistler
Dec 29	Callen Family
Dec 30	Kerr Family
Dec 31	8:15 a.m. Dorothy H Ratcliffe 5:00 p.m. Intentions of Mike & Anita Hopkins
Jan 01	9:00 a.m. † Al & † Louise Pickman, Liv & Dec 11:00 a.m. † Andrew & † Pauline Hrasch
Jan 02	8:15 † Bob Kistler Family, Liv & Dec 5:00 † Lorene Clemens 7:00 † Charles Bellant 8:30 Welfare of the Parishioners
Jan 03	9:00 Richard Draftz 10:30 † Dan Breneiser 11:00 Joe Wurtz Family



Monthly Parish Pro-Life Rosary Jan.3
3 pm-4:15 pm at St. Benedict Church

Attending Mass

Please call the parish office by **Friday at 3:00 p.m.**
at 913-367-0671 to reserve seats for weekend masses.

Mass Intentions

- Please note that every effort will be made to reserve the date requested for Mass Intentions.
- Dates are available on a first come, first serve basis; requesting a date does not mean that date is available.
- Special intentions are automatically removed from the bulletin prayer list 30 days after submission. Contact the parish office to re-submit.
- Mass Intentions fill up *very* quickly and sometimes a year in advance.
- Please be patient when dealing with the parish office.
- Please note that all Mass intentions must be paid in full before being scheduled. Thank you!

CHANGES TO MASS PEW SIGNS

We are moving to a new system of labeling pews for the weekend Masses. You still need a reservation to guarantee a spot.

If you have a standing reservation at a particular Mass, you will still have your assigned pew, but it will now just have a number instead of your name. If you forget your assigned pew, please see an usher, or the seating chart, in the back of the church and they will direct you to your assigned seat.

Our system is set up as follows (numbers start in front):

- Small Pew L 1-10 (Small, left side along the wall)
- C L 1-12 (Center, Left side)
- C R 1-12 (Center, Right side.)
- Small Pew R 1-10 (Small, right side along the wall)

Check the parish email for more information.

Mass, Adoration, and Confession

Adoration and Private Prayer at St. Benedict's

Sundays 12 – 10 p.m.
 Wednesday after the 8:15 mass – 6 p.m.
 Friday after the 8:15 mass – 3 p.m.
 Please leave the kneeler down so we know where to sanitize the church. Thank you!

The Masses for Mary, Mother of God (January 1) will be at St. Benedict Church on:

December 31: 5:00 p.m.
 and
 January 1: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Catholic Charities Needs

Atchison Family Support Center (502 Kansas Avenue – Atchison) 913-367-5070: <https://catholiccharitiesks.org>

Days: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
 Times: 9:00AM – 12:00PM; 1:00PM – 3:30PM
 Shampoo, Hair brushes, Razors, Bar Soap, Tooth Brushes and Tooth Paste

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Friday, January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

“Mary is more blessed in receiving the faith of Christ, than in conceiving the flesh of Christ.”

St. Augustine, *On Holy Virginity*, 3



Year of St. Joseph

In honor of the 150th Anniversary of St. Joseph being named the Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis declared Dec. 8, 2020 - Dec. 8, 2021 as the Year of St. Joseph. See the linked article for a variety of ways to obtain a plenary indulgence in this year. One of those ways is to pray the following prayer on any Wednesday of the year or on Dec. 27, Mar. 19, and May 1.

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;
 O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence;
 O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.

Amen.



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Saint Thomas Becket—December 29



A London-born clerk to Archbishop Theobald of Canterbury, Thomas studied canon law abroad and was ordained a deacon. His support of Henry II’s claim to England’s throne led to his appointment as royal chancellor. He was the king’s great friend until 1162, when, as the new archbishop of Canterbury, he said he changed from being “a patron of play-actors and a follower of hounds, to being a shepherd of souls.” He and the king clashed over many issues, notably the jurisdiction of ecclesiastical courts. Thomas fled to France for six years; soon after his return, Henry’s wish to be rid of this troublesome prelate led to Thomas’ murder by four knights. This medieval martyr starred in two modern plays: Eliot’s “Murder in the Cathedral” and Anouilh’s “Becket.”

CCD Teachers and Substitutes Needed!

We are in search of substitutes and teachers for CCD! If you are interested or would like more information please contact Dan Hager at stbenedictccd@gmail.com or Carol Hager at cj_hager45@hotmail.com



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Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas:
www.archkcks.com/coronavirus

St. Benedict’s Abbey:
www.kansasmonks.org



Funeral Dinner Dishes

If you have a funeral dinner dish in the closet in the vestibule, please be sure to take them home with you in the next week! Any unclaimed dishes will be taken to the thrift store **January 1**.

Lost and Found

There are many items in the lost and found baskets in the back of the church! If you have misplaced something, please check the baskets. Any unclaimed items will be taken to the thrift store **January 1**.

A big thank you to everyone who helped us with our Christmas Masses. We could not have it without your support! Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!



Sunday Rosary Every Week

You are invited to gather together every Sunday at 3pm at the back of St. Benedict’s to pray a public Rosary for our President, for an end to evil and division in our country and for worldwide conversion. We welcome everyone who would like to join us.

What to Do When You Can’t Go to Mass

Consider praying through the Mass using a guide such as *The Magnificat* or visiting www.usccb.org for the daily readings.

January is Poverty Awareness Month

Jan 1 Every January 1 the pope issues a message for the World Day of Peace. Read the 2021 message and use the accompanying resources to reflect on how God is calling you to bring peace and reconciliation to the world. Make a resolution about how you will live out this call in your com

Jan 2 For over 50 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has been working to empower new mothers, immigrants, the elderly, and families to together address the root causes of poverty in their communities. Read about the work of CCHD and how you can join the celebration of 50 years of transformative work.

Jan 3 Solidarity invites us to remember that we are all children of God who share in one another's joy and suffering. Join us for the 2021 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering! This year, we will pray, learn, and advocate together on the disparities revealed by COVID-19 and reimagine new models of

Jan 4 Today is the feast of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first canonized U.S. citizen and founder of the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, which serves and educates children living in poverty. Her work laid the foundation for the American Catholic School system. Her order and Catholic schools continue to help disadvantaged youth flourish through Catholic education.

Jan 5 The Gospel reminds us that we are called to root our lives of faith in the authentic love of neighbor. How can you be in solidarity with your brother or sister in need? Read how Catholics at a parish in New Orleans and their sister parish in Nicaragua help each other in times of need. Compassion has no borders.

Jan 6 The relationship between mental health and poverty is complex. Poverty can often intensify the experience of mental illness and may also increase the likelihood of the onset of mental illness. Read more about how mental health and poverty intersect and how you can get involved.

Jan 7 Poverty is not a catch-phrase—it is a serious reality that many are living. Our faith invites us to respond to the needs of those who are most vulnerable. How can you better respond to the poor in your community?

Jan 8 Louis Damani Jones was the 2020 Cardinal Bernardin New Leadership Award recipient for his commitment to sharing the good news of CCHD through his work in Belleville and St. Louis. How can you get involved in your parish's efforts to address poverty?

Jan 9 Work is much more than simply earning a living; it is a way of using our gifts to participate in God's creation. We are called to uphold the dignity and rights of workers including just wages, humane conditions, respectful treatment, etc. How can you help ensure workers' rights and dignity are respected?

January is Poverty Awareness Month!

During Poverty Awareness Month, join the U.S. Bishops, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and the Catholic community in the United States in taking up Pope Francis' challenge to live in solidarity with the poor! In addition to the calendar, longer daily reflections are also available. All of these resources are also en Español. You can sign up to have the daily reflections emailed to you during Poverty Awareness Month!

Additional Resources can be found at usccb.org

“I want a Church which is poor and for the poor.”
- Pope Francis,
Evangelii Gaudium





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