



St. Benedict Parish

Atchison, Kansas

St. Benedict Church
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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2021



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



Deacon Chuck Welte
Permanent Deacon

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.

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. 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. *10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. Benedict Church St. Patrick's Church St. Benedict Church St. Joseph's Church 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.

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 jpruned@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!



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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: jpruned@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
Dec 12—Dec 18	\$13,983.50

20 + C + M + B + 21

Instructions for the Epiphany Blessing of the Home

If possible, use blessed chalk, and mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 21 while saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human over two thousand years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then offer the following prayer:

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen

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. Additionally, there are many other print and digital options. **You can also purchase a copy of the 2021 Breaking Bread from the Parish Office for \$10, exact cash only (Limited Available).**

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>

Prayer Intentions

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



Richard Brady
Matt Peltzer
Craig Darrenkamp

Brandon Kistler
Justin Phillips

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

Ron Bell
Mike Burns
Olivia Burns
Dooley Center (Residents)
Alan Cummings
Janet Elias
Chris Elias
Martin Joseph Gering
Benedict Horvatic
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Deacon Steven Reed
Richard Rothermich
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Roberta Scheid
Karl Schuele
Lori Scholz
John Shankman
Ben Voller
Samantha Weixman
Lori McKinney Young

Special Intentions (4)



*Prayer list current as of Dec 20

Mass Intentions for Jan 04 - Jan 10

Date	Mass Intentions
Jan 04	Carlyle Dunshee Family
Jan 05	Mass of Thanksgiving
Jan 06	† Joseph & † Ruthanne Keimig
Jan 07	Mary Therese Hurley
Jan 08	† Dorlene Blodig
Jan 09	8:15 † Ray Clem 5:00 † Randy Dutton 7:00 Welfare of the Parishioners 8:30 Greg & Robin Wagner
Jan 10	9:00 † Lloyd William Rooney 10:30 † Paul Lenherr 11:00 George & Rose Dorst Intentions



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!	

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

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Tooth Brushes

Tooth Paste

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.



Visit These Websites for Important Updates

St. Benedict Parish:

www.stbenedictatchison.org

St. Benedict Parish Facebook Page:

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Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas:

www.archkcks.com/coronavirus

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What's Happening?

Rectory Cleaning Crew Ministry Revamp

We are in need of volunteers to join the Rectory Cleaning Crew Ministry today! We need 4 to 6 volunteers to commit to cleaning the Rectory 2 hours per month. All supplies will be provided, and the location is always the same. Your commitment in providing/maintaining a clean living and working space for Fr. Jeremy and the Parish staff who consistently provide and care for our spiritual needs is all we need. Let's show them our thanks to them through this service opportunity! If you'd like to volunteer, or if you have questions, please contact Shannon Pennington at 913-424-0174 or via email at shannom21@aol.com.

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



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.

Thank you to St. Benedict Parish parishioners who participated in the 2020 Giving Tree project for Atchison Catholic Charities. A total of \$1800 in gift cards was delivered to help those in need. God bless you! Your generosity made a difference!



RCIA Classes Resume January 7

RCIA classes will resume on Thursday, January 7.

Youth Group Christmas Party

The Youth Group Christmas Party is tonight from 7-9 p.m. at St. Joseph Church.

Please bring a gift for an exchange (no more than \$10 is allowed to be spent, and \$0 spent is even better!). The gift can be something funny, a joke, something laying around your house. Be creative! Feel free to bring food or drink to share.

Please know the core team wishes you a very blessed Christmas! You will be in our prayers. Thank you for sending your teens to us. We enjoy them so much and look forward to seeing them soon.



It's time for the Annual Knight of Columbus Free Throw Contest!

When: January 10 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Where: St. Benedict's Catholic School Gym

Who: This is open to all students ages 9-14, boys and girls.

Applications are available at the Parish Office, SBCS and you can sign up January 10 at the competition.

Mask and Social Distancing will be observed. Questions, Contact Pat O'Malley at 716-866-0870

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 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?

Jan 10 Through Baptism, we share in Christ's prophetic mission as people of God "to bring glad tidings to the poor...proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18). Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and how it's been living out this call and working to break the cycle of poverty for over 50 years.

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

Note from Mrs. Schwinn Being part of an elementary school certainly provides many opportunities to experience the true joy of this special time of year.

This time is also filled with preparation for one of the most celebrated events of the Christian faith. Many of these traditions include hints of the true "reason for the season", but are much less apparent in the progressively secular world we now live in. Which is why I am always eager to watch the old Christmas movies and television specials that air throughout this time. Not only do they bring back memories of my own childhood Christmases, but they give me hope that future generations can continue to experience the same emotion and gain the moral messages within these timeless classics. In 1843 Charles Dickens wrote one of the most famous Christmas classics, A Christmas Carol.

The following passage includes one such reminder. The ghost of Jacob Marley speaks to Ebenezer Scrooge and uses his own life as an example of warning to Scrooge:

"Not to know that any Christian spirit working kindly in its little sphere, whatever it may be, will find its mortal life too short for its vast means of usefulness! Not to know that no space of regret can make amends for one life's opportunities misused! Yet such was I! Oh, such was I!"

"But you were always a good man of business, Jacob," faltered Scrooge, who now began to apply this to himself. "Business!" cried the Ghost, wringing its hands again.

"Mankind was my business. The common welfare was my business; charity, mercy, forbearance, and benevolence were, all, my business. The dealings of my trade were but a drop of water in the comprehensive ocean of my business!"

And therein lies a reminder to us all. As a result of his purgatory suspension following death, Marley learns that "mankind is our business". Our life's work should be filled with charity, mercy, patience and kindness toward our fellow man. While we all may be looking forward to a two-week break at this time of year, let us focus more on looking forward to celebrating the birth of our Lord. While it is important that we make the necessary preparations to continue our family traditions, let us spend as much time preparing for the true meaning of Christmas. Let's all strive to make our fondest memories revolve around Christ in our Christmas.





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