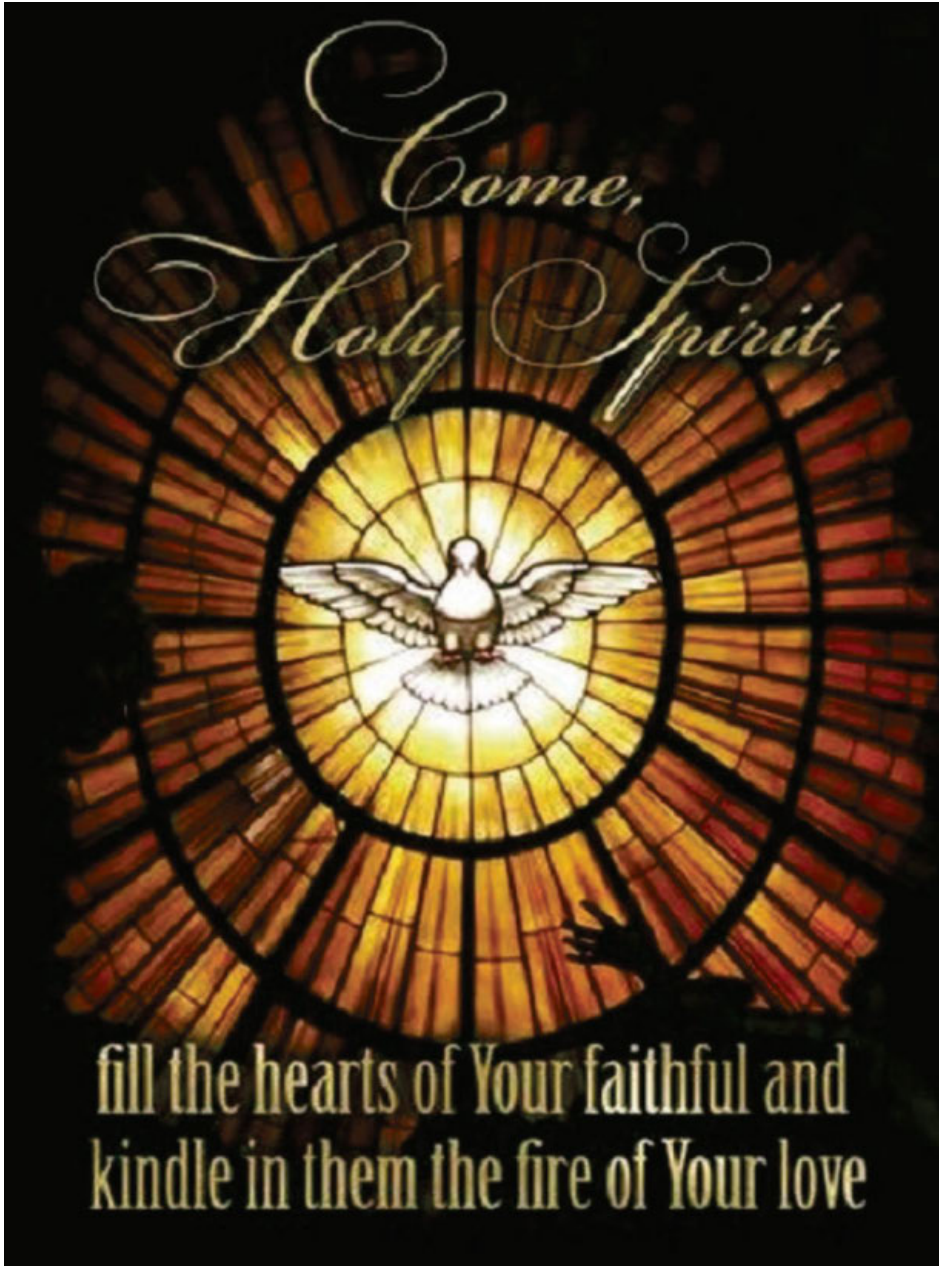




St. Benedict Parish



**SUNDAY,
MARCH 20, 2022**

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Mass: 5:30pm
Sunday Masses:
7:30am, 10:00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday: 5:30pm, Church
Wednesday & Thursday: 7:00am, Church
Fridays through the school year: 9:00am, St. Ben's School

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:30-5:00pm, Confessional
Sunday: 9:00-9:30am, Confessional
Other times, by appointment

PARISH COMMUNICATION

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

If you are new to the parish or are moving, please call the Parish Office, 563-382-9631

BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE

For all preparation and to make arrangements, call the office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A Family of Faith: Life in Christ, September–May

CONFIRMATION

Grades 9-11, varying Wednesdays, 7:00pm, Classroom

RCIA

For inquiry into the Catholic Faith, please call the office.

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Knights of Columbus-Tom Hartman
ACCW-Julie Vulk

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FINANCIAL REPORT

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BUDGET FOR MARCH.....	\$48,945
Received March 1-12.....	\$17,278
Needed for March.....	\$31.667
YEAR TO DATE BUDGET.....	\$492,712
YEAR TO DATE RECEIVED.....	\$498,274
YEAR TO DATE OVER.....	\$5,562

The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER HERTGES

We are VERY BLESSED to have Archbishop Jackels present this Sunday afternoon to confer the sacrament of Confirmation upon our high-school aged candidates for this third sacrament of initiation. Archbishop Jackels has not been present at St. Benedict Parish for Confirmation, or any other liturgy for that matter, since April 7, 2019! Prior to that, he was here for the dedication Mass of the new altar and was responsible for blessing the completion of our renovation project back in October 2018.

I don't know about all of you, but for me, these aforementioned occasions seem and feel like a lifetime ago. Interestingly enough, some of you may recall that the Archbishop was scheduled to confer Confirmation on March 22, 2020, but that of course had to be cancelled, amongst many other things as the pandemic protocols really starting to first be manifested. Thank-God that is all behind us; and for as grateful as I was to be able to tend to confirming our young people these last two years, this sacrament is generally the bishop or archbishop's pastoral prerogative. Generally speaking, Confirmation is usually the one, and often the only, time that the Archbishop is at a parish to visit members of his flock and be the principal celebrant of the Mass in any given year, with few exceptions.

Having stated all of that, many blessings, prayers, and good wishes to our young people who are having the gifts of the Holy Spirit sealed within them this Sunday. May they all continue to accept and grow in the Holy Spirit's strengthening and guidance all throughout their lives, especially in the times in which we currently live!

While I am on the topics of strengthening and sacraments, I wish to remind everyone concerned that *next weekend- March 26th and 27th will be our communal offering of the anointing of the sick*. This sacrament is intended for those of advanced years, those anticipating or recovering from surgery or other medical procedures, and also includes those who deal with chronic/severe illnesses such as Parkinson's Disease, cancer, diabetes, heart disease, in addition to anxiety and depression. This is definitely not an exhaustive list of health problems that people have or possibly will have throughout the course of their earthly lives.

Even with all the fixation upon the Coronavirus these past two years, these other health maladies I have mentioned did not magically disappear in the wake of the pandemic, but often will or have the potential to claim people's lives. Please note too that *there will not be a drive-up option for anointing this time* as even in the fall of 2021 not many parishioners utilized this option and the "normal" means of receiving this sacrament is within the context of the liturgy of the anointing; either at church, people's homes and/or hospital or nursing home facilities.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MARCH 18 | THE SCHOOL IS OPEN AGAIN!

9:00am School Mass, School: Jeffrey Kenney

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

5:30pm Mass, Church: Cyril & Jean Corrigan

SUNDAY, MARCH 20 | CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

7:30am Mass, Church: Clarence & Marie Brincks and The People

10:00am Mass, Church: Florence Gehling

2:00pm Confirmation Mass, Church: Confirmation Students

6:00pm StBenYouth, CR

MONDAY, MARCH 21

7:00am-8:00pm Adoration, Church

6:30pm Mass, Mediacom Channel 15

8:00pm Benediction, Church

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

5:30pm Mass, Church: Floyd Herold

Following 5:30pm Mass Stations of the Cross, Church

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

7:00am Mass, Church: Wayne Clement

7:30am Coffee after Mass, GS

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

7:00am Mass, Church: Norbert Bohr

FRIDAY, MARCH 25 | WELCOME BACK TO MASS!!!

9:00am School Mass, School: Conrad & Ruth Huber

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

5:30pm Mass, Church: The People

6:30pm Anointing, Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

7:30am Mass, Church: Norman Bohr

8:30am Anointing, Church

10:00am Mass, Church: DiAnn Svenson

11:00am Anointing, Church

6:00pm StBenYouth, CR

AROUND OUR AREA

8TH GRADE DC FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST

March 20th, 8:00am-noon, All Vets Club, Public Welcome, Serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage or ham, hash browns and toast with choice of juice, milk or coffee. Free Will All proceeds go to the kids.

DECORAH COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

March 24th, 12:30-5:30pm, Stone Ridge Church, Call 800.287.4903 or text LIFESERVE to 999-777 for an appt.

THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES

These past several weeks Catholic Charities has received strong spiritual and financial support for their 2022 Annual Appeal. These gifts work to strengthen families, reduce poverty, and empower communities in Northeast Iowa. Thank you to all who have given so generously. It is never too late to join this important effort. To learn more about Catholic Charities or to give, to <https://catholiccharitiesdubuque.org/>

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!!!

Application information for the two \$500 CDA/KC scholarships have been mailed. If you have not received it, please contact the church. Completed applications are due back to the office by April 1st. Contact Colleen Wetli with questions. 563-380-8533.

KC SPRING DINNER

Sunday, March 27th, 11:00am-1:00pm, Serving Yankee Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Coleslaw, Rolls, Hot Vegetables and Dessert.

Adults: \$15.00

Children 6-12: \$8.00

Children under 5: Free

Tickets available from KC members or at the office.



CONFIRMATION

Julia Alberts
Justin Berlage
Hailey Bohr
Rebecca Bruening
Lydia Caddell
Chloe Dixon
Cale Donlon
Jonathon Egan
William Einck
Sydney Hageman
Jenna Hartz
Madison Heim
Ethan Holthaus
Amy Jensen
Alexandra Kane

Cade Averhoff
Benjamin Bockman
Cody Carolan
Brock Christensen
Brody Courtney
Gabrielle Dixon
Peter Essa
Jeron Feuerhelm
Sydney Gerard
Luke Jensen
Ashton Kirchner
Creed Monroe
Daniel See
Kayleigh Smith
Joseph Stammeyer
Nathan Swarbrick
Abbie Valkosky
Henry Weis
Seth Zweibohmer

Brinley Krivachek
Easton Luzum
Britann Mettillie
Sami Mount
Nathaniel Myers
Michael Njus
Miaja Quandahl
Mya Redenius
Chloe Reiser
Lincoln Robinson
Ellen Rooney
Hannah Schnitzler
Brock Taylor
Jaden Weis

Comes Holy Spirit

ST. BEN'S SCHOOL "AUCTION OF BLESSINGS"

AUCTION KICK-OFF!
FRIDAY, APRIL 29TH

COCKTAIL HOUR: 6-7
LIVE BAND AND APPETIZERS: 7-10

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Featuring the live band: Freeport Social Club

RESERVATION PRICES:

BEFORE APRIL 15TH* - \$20 PER PERSON
AFTER APRIL 15TH* - \$25 PER PERSON

*NOTE: NEW RESERVATIONS WILL NOT BE TAKEN AT THE DOOR

Heavy appetizers including: wings,
lil' smokies, sliders, pinwheels,
veggie trays, dips and chips

Cash Bar: Beer, Wine, and Spirits

Name: _____ Phone #: _____
Number attending the kick-off: _____
Total cost: _____

Please return this slip and your check made out to
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Reservations can also be made at St. Benedict Church
(No actual tickets will be given out for this event)

Scrip will be for sale in the Gathering Space
after all the Masses this weekend. Thank you
for supporting St. Benedict School!!!

RETURN SERIES CONTINUES-OPEN TO ALL

HOW TO DRAW YOUR LOVED ONES BACK TO THE CHURCH

Our Return Series continues on Thursday nights in the
Church. Each presentation is from 7:00-8:00pm with an
optional discussion and snack time to follow.

**Each of these sessions stand alone,
so come for one or come for all!**



ALL ARE WELCOME! NO COST

CATHOLICISM AND IMMIGRATION

Yer Vang, immigration lawyer for Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Dubuque, will speak to current immigration issues, specifically Afghani immigrants at Ft. McCoy, WI and the situation at the southern border of the US. A question and answer period will follow with refreshments provided.

All women are invited to the ACCW Meeting, March 22nd, 4:00pm at St. Benedict Church. Mass is at 5:30pm, followed by the Immigration program, which is open to the public. Refreshments will follow.

THANK YOU

On this Confirmation Day, we offer a TREMENDOUS thank you to our Confirmation Catechists: Deacon Nick Francois-Freshman, Colleen Wetli-Sophomores, and Jodi Hartz-Juniors.

We also thank our Table Leaders for the year: Amy Bruening, Sarah Groux, Kathy Hageman, Michael Hartz, Jen Kuehner, Annette Rooney, Brenda Taylor and Bernie Wetli.

Never underestimate the difference you made and the lives you touched.

Father Hertges continued from page 2...

Finally, I wish to conclude this week's "spiel" with yet another reminder that *this weekend* Deacon Nick and I will be conducting training and commissioning for new extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion in addition to a refresher training for those who used to distribute the Eucharist prior to March of 2020.

This will take place immediately after all three Masses and should not last longer than a half an hour. Those who wish to distribute Holy Communion at Mass or take the Body of Christ to the home-bound must be baptized Roman Catholics and in good standing with the Church. Hopefully and God-willing, we will once again have extraordinary ministers assisting with the distribution of Holy Communion by next weekend.

That's all for now, have a great week! More to come!

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