



# St. Benedict Parish



SUNDAY,  
MARCH 27, 2022

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## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'" - Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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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

## FROM THE DESK OF FATHER HERTGES

### 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.

### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Catholic Daughters-Joan Leuenberger  
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319-290-8599

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BUDGET FOR MARCH.....	\$48,945
Received March 1-12.....	\$17,278
Received March 13-26.....	31,238
Needed for March.....	\$429
YEAR TO DATE BUDGET.....	\$514,816
YEAR TO DATE RECEIVED.....	\$522,234
YEAR TO DATE OVER.....	\$7,418

The stewardship message in the parable of the Prodigal Son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he'd been given.

This Fourth Sunday of Lent I am offering the sacrament of the anointing of the sick for parishioners who are of advanced years and/or those who are afflicted with chronic illnesses especially cancer, Parkinson's Disease, diabetes, heart disease, etc.

Furthermore, this sacrament of healing is intended for those who are anticipating or recovery from surgery and other medical procedures. Finally, I just wish to remind all those who struggle with anxiety and depression that you, too, are appropriate candidates for anointing of the sick, in addition to those who have serious addictions to substances or pastimes that enslave the human person such as alcohol, drugs, pornography and gambling.

The liturgy of the anointing and the actual reception of this sacrament will occur immediately after all three of our weekend Masses. Please note that *there will be no drive-up options offered*. For those who are not comfortable returning to church or will be otherwise indisposed this weekend to be anointed, I am happy to oblige individual requests for anointing of the sick at your private homes, in my office or in church. Just contact the parish office in order to make an appointment with me.

Life is short, therefore it is a laudable Catholic practice to be somewhat proactive in receiving this sacrament; especially prior to surgery and in our twilight years. One final point I wish to make is that I plan to offer the anointing of the sick to our parishioners who are residents of Wellington Place, Aase Haugen Home, and Eastern Star on their respective Thursdays once we enter into the month of April.

Finally, while I am on the topic of sacraments of healing and grace, one of the main findings of the recent parish survey exercise was the amount of negative "baggage" that many parishioners have regarding the sacrament of reconciliation.

While I have been pleasantly surprised and frankly, very impressed with the quality and frequency of confessions at St. Benedict's these past four years as your pastor, I am also realistic enough to know that many tend to shy away from this sacrament across the Catholic ministerial tapestry.

For one, it is never easy to admit that we have sinned and done wrong, yet we are all sinners desperately in need of God's mercy, love and forgiveness. For many people even the simple three-word phrase "I am sorry" is almost impossible to ever utter because it takes humility to admit that we have hurt someone; (often the ones we know and love the most) either intentionally or unintentionally.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

11:00am KC Spring Dinner, PH

6:00pm StBenYouth, CR

MONDAY, MARCH 28

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

6:30pm Mass, Mediacom Channel 15

8:00pm Benediction, Church

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

5:30pm Mass, Church: Jim Dougherty

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

7:00am Mass, Church: Living & Deceased Members of the Vine Family

7:30am Coffee after Mass, GS

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

7:00am Mass, Church: Al R. Etteldorf, Jr.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

9:00am School Mass, School: Maly Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

4:30pm Patriotic Rosary, Church

5:30pm Mass, Church: Dennis Frana

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

7:30am Mass, Church: Pete & Elenora Franzen

10:00am Mass, Church: The People

6:00pm StBenYouth, CR

FATHER HERTGS CONTINUED

In short, admitting wrongdoing, cultivating a repentant heart, seeking forgiveness and gently pursuing authentic reconciliation requires the humility to see ourselves as we truly are, before God and our fellow human beings. Yet having stated all that, I also am fully aware that more than a few Catholics may have had a negative or overly harsh experience in the confessional that may still haunt some even decades after it transpired.

The longer I am ordained and live out my priesthood, the more I am aware of just how human we priests are, and that we too have our personality foibles that may come out at the most inopportune occasions, but can literally turn people off from the Church in general, if not reconciliation in particular, as God's forgiveness is mediated through the priest acting as His instrument.

The Church has come to better recognize this as well in more recent years, and I can personally and happily attest to the fact that seminaries have indeed come a *long way* in actually training its future priests to be compassionate and pastorally attuned to manifesting the love of God.

In short, modern seminary formation includes extensive practice in hearing confessions integrating moral theology into our overall pastoral formation. This is crucial as the priest's demeanor, availability, and even the penances assigned can help or hinder the penitent's experience of forgiveness, healing and overall growth in conversion.

So especially for those who have been away from confession for several years, PLEASE give this sacrament and the Church that offers it another chance!

That's all for now, have a great week. More to come, especially as we enter into April and closer to the Easter Season!

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.

AROUND OUR AREA

NORTHERN LIGHTS SPRING CONCERT

Sunday, April 10th, 3:00pm at Decorah Lutheran Church. A freewill offering will be taken, with a portion of the proceeds being donated to Samaritan's Purse for emergency medical care in Ukraine.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, April 28th, 12:30-5:30pm, Stone Ridge Church. To schedule appointments: Text LIFESERVE to 999-777 or call 800.287.4903

DRIVE THRU CHICKEN DINNER

South Winn Golf & Country Club, Sunday, May 1st, 11:00am-1:00pm. Serving Mike Reicks 3-piece chicken, potatoes, baked beans & dinner roll. Tickets are \$14.00 and available at South Winn Country Club or from any SWCC member.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY IS APRIL 24TH



LOOKING AHEAD

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday, April 15th, and ends on Saturday, April 23rd. Adoration and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be part our celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday on April 24th. More information can be found through the link below.

[https://divinemercury.life/the-divine-mercy-novena/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwo-aCBhC-ARIsAAkNQit5Oal5GxYP6h0H6gJ5O2Gt4rNqKRnzpeAYoX-zz0vDGS8LgsdPOIAaAn2nEALw\\_wcB](https://divinemercury.life/the-divine-mercy-novena/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwo-aCBhC-ARIsAAkNQit5Oal5GxYP6h0H6gJ5O2Gt4rNqKRnzpeAYoX-zz0vDGS8LgsdPOIAaAn2nEALw_wcB)

CDA CORNER

On March 13<sup>th</sup>, we held our first meeting of the year. We were thrilled with the turnout of parishioners who came to share ideas, hopes, and plans for 2022! Thank you from the CDA officers and members; we truly appreciated your time and commitment to making an exciting year!

Members unable to join us, please watch for an email about our goals and let Joan know if anything should be added prior to our next meeting. On **April 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:15am**, the group will be voting on which projects will be our priority. PLEASE mark your calendar and come and vote!

Scholarship information has been mailed to all HS seniors. **SENIORS: If you have not received it, please contact the church. Completed applications are due in the office by April 1st.** Questions? Contact Colleen Wetli: 563-380-8533.

To date, we have placed 188 quilts with families. Please pass along any name of families in need to Mary Jane or Peggy. Thank you to all who have donated, purchased, or assisted with our touching outreach project, comfort quilts! We could not do it without all your help!

Our Salad Luncheon is scheduled for **Thursday, April 21st**. Please make plans to attend!

Please feel free to contact any of the officers for rides, ideas, thoughts, projects, or prayers!

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Peggy Lensing: 563-379-0924, Mary Jane Michels: 563-382-9522  
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ST. BENEDICT WIDOW'S GROUP

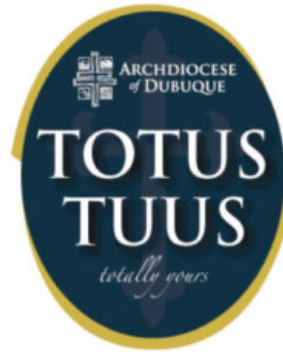
The Widow's Group will meet on the 4th Monday of every month at 4:00pm in the basement of the church. The next session will be Monday, March 28th.

This is open to all, the newly widowed, those who have been widowed for many years, those who have never attended before, etc.

CONFIRMATION



SAVE THE DATE-TOTUS TUUS



TOTUS TUUS-VBS AND TEEN

Totus Tuus is back! After having over 60 kids participate last year, we decided to do it again!

Totus Tuus (Latin for Totally Yours) is a fun and energetic parish based summer catechetical program, for both grade school age children and junior and senior high school youth. Totus Tuus teaches the faith and ignites the hearts of all who participate. Four college-aged missionaries come to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in various parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Their youthfulness, energy, and ability to witness to the faith make our teachers particularly effective with children and young people. Invite your grandkids and cousins! All are welcome, non-Catholic, non-Christian, out of towners, etc

WHEN

Totus Tuus (Teen): June 19th-23rd  
Youth entering 7th-12th Grade, every night from 7:00-9:15pm.

Totus Tuus (VBS): June 20th-24th  
Students entering 1st-6th Grade, every day from 9:00am-2:30pm.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY

Please join us in praying the Patriotic Rosary on the first Saturday of each month at 4:30pm in the church. Our next Patriotic Rosary will be on April 2nd, at 4:30pm.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our Sophomores and Juniors, Confirmed last weekend by Archbishop Jackels.



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