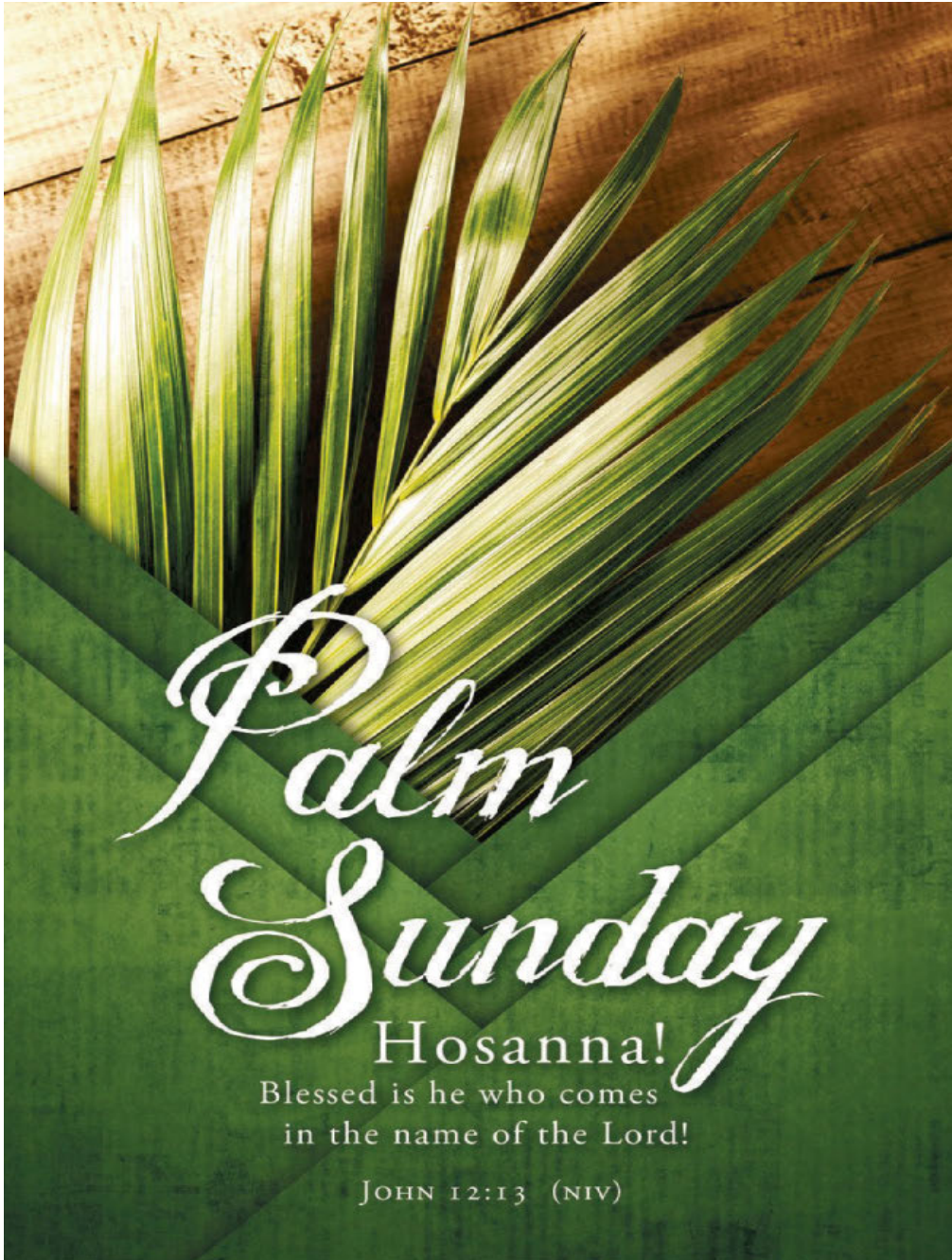




St. Benedict Parish



**SUNDAY,
APRIL 10, 2022**

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Counseling: 563-382-1231
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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 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
Knights of Columbus-Tom Hartman
ACCW-Julie Vulk

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Christina Teslow: ctimp.fcpi@gmail.com, 319-290-8599

FINANCIAL REPORT

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BUDGET FOR APRIL.....	\$79,445
Received April 1-9.....	\$16,483
Needed in April.....	\$62,962
YEAR TO DATE BUDGET.....	\$546,544
YEAR TO DATE RECEIVED.....	\$544,014
YEAR TO DATE SHORT.....	-\$2,530

In the Gospel story of the first Palm Sunday, we hear that the owners of the ass had only to be told, "The Master has need of it," to give the animal gladly. Do I give as readily to the Lord's work? The gifts God has given us are likewise given for the good of others. How am I using my gifts?

I wish to begin this week's bulletin column with some fabulous news that merits to be shared with all of you! Towards the end of last week I received a letter dated March 29, 2022 from the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs.

The two-page document from aforementioned government entity located in Des Moines was mailed to St. Benedict Parish regarding *Broadway-Phelps Park Historic District (Boundary Increase) 307 West Main Street Decorah, Iowa*. Here I will quote the first two complete sentences for the sake of accuracy. "We are pleased to inform you that above-named Boundary Increase was listed on the National Register of Historic places effective March 14, 2022. The National Register is the Federal Government's official list of historic properties worthy of preservation. Listing in the National register provides recognition and assets in preserving our Nation's heritage."

Some of you may recall that in May of 2019 our parish received the Historic Preservation Award, and the plaque that proudly hangs in the church hall near the kitchen area has its origins in and through the local recognition of historic preservation of St. Benedict Church.

Therefore, the recently received recognition, and accompanying documents attesting to being placed on the National Register of Historic Places, is the happy culmination of the capital campaign's masterful addition and renovation of St. Benedict Church that was completed in 2018. Thus, the documents from the state of Iowa are a fitting complement to the discernment, planning and execution of the addition and renovation that was in its final stages when I began this assignment in July of 2018.

Congratulations to our entire parish; especially those who had *any part* in the discernment/conception of the project in addition to all of you who have contributed to the capital campaign. I am all about preservation of historical buildings, places and documents; especially when they can continue to witness to past legacies and serve people in the present-day; meeting current realities and challenges. Our parish has risen to the occasion admirably in this regard; both prior to and during the pandemic!

Finally, while I am on the topic of rising to the occasion and history; Palm Sunday of course is the liturgical commencement of Holy Week. This is the week by which the Church commemorates the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem in order to fulfill the Paschal Mystery and the manifestation of God's plan of salvation for us.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

9:00am School Mass, School: Jerry Stortz

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

5:30pm Mass, Church: Serena & Kathleen Timp and Elberta Huinker

SUNDAY, APRIL 10 | PALM SUNDAY

7:30am Mass, Church: Jonathan Lukes and Jennifer Lukes Murphy
 10:00am Mass, Church: The People
 6:00pm StBenYouth, CR

MONDAY, APRIL 11

7:00am-8:00pm Adoration, Church
 6:30pm Mass, Mediacom Channel 15
 8:00pm Benediction, Church

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

No Mass

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

7:00am Mass, Church: Floyd Herold
 7:30am Coffee after Mass, GS
 5:30pm RE First Communion Banner Retreat, PH



THURSDAY, APRIL 14 | HOLY THURSDAY

7:00pm Mass, Church: Norbert Bohr

FRIDAY, APRIL 15 | GOOD FRIDAY

12:00pm Passion of the Lord

SATURDAY, APRIL 16 | HOLY SATURDAY

8:30pm Mass, Church: Gus & Armella Zweibohmer

SUNDAY, APRIL 17 | EASTER SUNDAY

7:30am Mass, Church: Gene, Judy & John Mahr
 10:00am Mass, Church: The People

CDA CORNER

Our Salad Luncheon is back! Mark your calendars for April 21st from 11:00am-1:00pm. Please come and enjoy a huge variety of salads, egg and ham salad, crackers, bread, and more! Enjoy your lunch in or take it to go. Gather your friends to make it a social event! All tickets are \$10 and sold at the door. We look forward to seeing you there! For more information, please contact Mary Jane or Jan Monson 563-546-7942. Call Jan to help before she calls you and save her a call!

CDA's next meeting will be on April 10th at 11:15am in the classroom. We are voting on our projects for 2022. A sample of proposed ideas include: a Valentine's event with the KCs, Mother/Daughter tea, weekly potluck lunch, pilgrimage to Italy, family faith fair, layette drive, leading the rosary before Mass, May Day baskets to shut ins, and baked potato bar fundraiser. Please come help us decide what we should do. our opinion matters.

Thank you to all the generous people donating fabric! Another giant thank you to quilters who have come forward to help! We appreciate the generous offer of your time and talents! If you know of a person in need of a comfort quilt, please let us know. If you would like to help, please contact Peggy or Mary Jane. Please feel free to contact any of the officers for rides, ideas, thoughts, projects, or prayers!

Joan Leuenberger: 563-382-0014, Diane Sadler: 563-382-2114
 Peggy Lensing: 563-379-0924, Mary Jane Michels: 563-382-9522
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ST. BENEDICT CEMETERY

If you have any decorations on your loved one's graves, please have picked up by April 15th. With the winds this winter and early spring, decorations have blown all over the cemetery. If not picked up by April 15th, items will be put in the garbage. Thank you for all you do to keep our cemetery looking beautiful!

NOMINATIONS FOR PASTORAL COUNCIL

The parish is seeking nominations for parish leadership for Pastoral Council.

The Pastoral Council has four openings, each a 3-year term. Bob Kane has completed his second term and is **not** eligible for re-election. Bernie Wetli and Amy Bruening have completed their first term and have chosen to run for a second term.

If you are **seriously** interested in running for Pastoral Council or would like more information, please contact Bonnie at the office: 563-382-9631 or stbenedict@stbenedictcc.com by April 22nd. All nominees must be registered adult Catholic members of St. Benedict Parish in good standing with the Church.

AROUND OUR AREA

LUTHER OUTREACH PANCAKE BREAKFAST

April 10th, 10:00am-12:30pm at Decorah Lutheran Church.

HESTER LUTHERAN BRUNCH

April 10th 9:30-1:00pm, Omelets, Belgian Waffles, etc.

NORTHERN LIGHTS SPRING CONCERT

Sunday, April 10th, 3:00pm at Decorah Lutheran Church.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, April 28th, 12:30-5:30pm, Stone Ridge Church.

ACCW

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women also known as ACCW. (ACCW) is part of the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW), founded by the U.S. Bishops in 1920.

You might be asking what is ACCW and how does it affect us and our community? ACCW supports, empowers, and educates Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service. ACCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world. Their goals align with the Archdiocesan Mission Priorities. **All women of the archdiocese belong to ACCW, it's up to you if you pay the yearly dues of \$10.** Five dollars goes towards newsletter, The Link, which is a quarterly publication. There should be an envelop in your contribution envelopes for the dues. If not, you may send a check, payable to ACCW to: Lisa Hemesath, ACCW Treasurer, 1116 240th St., State Center, IA 50247.

The Decorah Deanery of ACCW holds quarterly meetings. The remaining meetings scheduled this year are June 21; September 20; and December 6. Here are a few upcoming events we hope will encourage you to join us. A March for Life organized by St. Al's of Calmar youth, held in Decorah on April 30. The annual meeting of ACCW will be in October at Divine Word Seminary, in Peosta. The National Council of Catholic Women will be Nov. 2-5 in Minneapolis. For further information about your ACCW, go to the website: <https://dbgarch.org/council-of-catholic-women>, or contact Julie Vulk at javulk@yahoo.com, Deanery Pres.

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Please note that there will *not be* Tuesday evening Mass followed by stations of the cross as I plan to travel to Dubuque to partake in the Chrism Mass at 2:00pm, whereby I will obtain the oils our parish will use in the upcoming year for the sacraments of confirmation, anointing of the sick and baptism.

The Mass of Chrism also affords priests a golden opportunity to gather with the Archbishop for a meal and to renew our priestly vows together that we originally made the day of our respective ordinations. Large gatherings for priests in our Archdiocese have been rescinded since March of 2020, so this Chrism Mass and luncheon should be extra powerful!

I hope that you are able to partake in the sacred Triduum, and some reminders are in order that Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper) is scheduled to occur at 7:00pm, Good Friday liturgy of the Passion of the Lord will take place at noon, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday will begin at 8:30pm, in order to ensure the presence of darkness both outside and inside the church.

I will also offer opportunities for the sacrament of reconciliation *after* the Holy Thursday and Good Friday liturgies and the church will remain open until midnight for private prayer after the Mass of the Lord's Supper. May these final days of Lent 2022 be a time of great prayer and renewal.

More to come, especially as we prepare to embark upon the Easter Season!

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD SURVEY UPDATE

Nearly 16,000 households participated in the Archdiocesan Synod Survey on parish vitality. This far surpassed our expectations.

Your honest and constructive input will help map the plan as we work to ensure strong parish vitality in the years to come. Thank you to all those who participated.

We are now working to analyze the wealth of information provided by all who participated. A report to the archdiocesan family will be sent to all households later this spring.

Please continue to pray for all involved in this important undertaking that the Holy Spirit will direct their work.

ST. BENEDICT SCHOOL



WELCOME
Grandparents and Special Friends
TO MASS AND BINGO!

Friday, April 22nd at St. Ben's School

Grandparents and Special Friends!

You are invited to a special morning in your honor!

Please join us for 9:00 Mass followed by Bingo and refreshments with the special person in your life!

We can't wait to see you!



SAVE THE DATE



TOTUS TUUS (TEENS):
JUNE 19-23 FOR KIDS ENTERING 7TH-12TH GRADE, EVERY NIGHT FROM 7:00-9:15PM.

TOTUS TUUS (VBS):
JUNE 20-24 FOR KIDS ENTERING 1ST-6TH GRADE, EVERY DAY FROM 9:00AM-2:30PM.

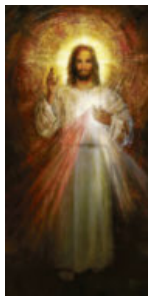
TOTUS TUUS (LATIN FOR TOTALLY YOURS) IS A FUN, AND ENERGETIC SUMMER CATECHETICAL PROGRAM FOR BOTH GRADE SCHOOL AND JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a catholic faith based marriage enrichment program for couples who want to keep their marriage vibrant and alive. Find out how by attending one of these upcoming experiences April 23-24th Epworth; Sept 9-11th Dubuque; Nov 18-20th Holstein. For more information or to register go to iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305.

DIVINE MERCY

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday, April 15th, and ends on Saturday, April 23rd. Adoration and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be at 3:00pm on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24th.



INTERDENOMINATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

Jesus' Passion, Thursdays from April 14-May 5th, 9:30-11:00am at Stone Ridge Church. A zoom class is offered at the same time, or an evening session meets at 6:30pm. For more information: Carolyn Fure, 563-419-2717 or carolynfure@gmail.com



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