



St. Benedict Parish



Hallelujah!!!

**SUNDAY,
APRIL 17, 2022**

HE IS RISEN!

LET US
rejoice
AND BE
glad!

Psalm 118

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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

PLEASE NOTE!!!

WIDESPREAD PRIEST TEXT/EMAIL SCAM

There is currently a text message circulating which will show up directly on your phone saying the following –

**[Your Name], I need a favor from you.
Please text me back as soon as possible.
Fr. Donald Hertges**

This is a scam! It is NOT Fr. Hertges. Please delete the text immediately and do NOT text anything back at all. Please be very leery of anything coming from Father Hertges. Father doesn't text! Look at the phone number/email address it is coming from – this is often a giveaway!

This scam is being perpetrated in Catholic parishes state wide, (personalized with both the names of both the recipient and their priest). Sometimes these come via text and other times through email. If you ever question a communication, please call the office.



HOLY WEEK & EASTER

FINANCIAL REPORT

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BUDGET FOR APRIL.....\$79,445
Received April 1-9.....\$16,483
Received April 10-16.....\$14,383
Needed in April.....\$48,578

YEAR TO DATE BUDGET.....\$565,081
YEAR TO DATE RECEIVED.....\$558,397
YEAR TO DATE SHORT.....-\$6,684

In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Colossians that they have been raised with Christ, exhorting them to “be intent on the things above rather than on things of earth.”

We too, have been raised with Christ.
Let us rejoice and be glad!

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER HERTGES

Let me begin this bulletin column by wishing you all a heartfelt Happy Easter! At the same time, let me quickly remind everyone that Easter is not just meant for Holy Saturday or Easter Sunday, *but the Church, in her wisdom, sets aside an entire span of liturgical time known as the Easter Season* which extends until Pentecost Sunday, which falls on June 5th this year.

Therefore, these days are meant to be, in a sense, an intentional indwelling; pondering and celebrating the Paschal Mystery through fifty days. This is perhaps more necessary than ever before as we live in an age of constant distractions, planned obsolescence, passwords, incessant software updates, fast food (accompanied by disposable plates and forks). For all its many conveniences, modern living shortens our attention spans and brings a certain inner emptiness that threatens, if not outright obliterates, our ability to reflect and be fully present to signs of God's presence all around us. That is why it is so important that we reflect with love, awe, and wonder what the Resurrection of Christ over two thousand years ago means for us right here and right now in 2022.

I don't know about all of you, but I found that this Lent was the quickest ever in my lived memory. I am sure Easter will fly by as well as we conclude another school year in just a few weeks and anticipate First Communions, not to mention the beginning of the wedding season.

Speaking of Easter's culmination at Pentecost Sunday; we will continue to say the *Return* Prayer after all our Masses at Church through the entire Easter Season even though the *Return* Series concluded on Thursday April 7th. This was echoed in the letters mailed to parishioners at the beginning of the Lenten Season.

All throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus came to seek the lost and we endeavor to do the same as members of the Body of Christ and members of the Church. There are still *Return* books in the office for just \$8.00 a copy for those who would like access to the material utilized in the seven-week series, but were not able to participate in the parish. I found that the videos that were shown in church follow the book exceedingly well and are pretty much word-for-word what the author and presenter, Brandon Vogt articulated in not only explaining the issue of the mass exodus of young Catholics away from the Church, but also the remedies offered to parents in drawing their child or children back.

Jesus suffered, died and rose for us all. As God's children, He lovingly and eagerly seeks a deeper relationship with us and He also works and is present through others. The same God who willingly carried the cross all the way to Calvary continues to seek us without giving up. May we, too, be willing disciples emanating the power and hope of the Resurrection to all; especially family members who have strayed away from the Church. Amen!
Alleluia, Alleluia!



THURSDAY, APRIL 14
HOLY THURSDAY | OFFICE CLOSED
7:00pm Mass, Church: Norbert Bohr

FRIDAY, APRIL 15
GOOD FRIDAY | OFFICE CLOSED
12:00pm Passion of the Lord

SATURDAY, APRIL 16 | HOLY SATURDAY
8:30pm Mass, Church: Gustave & Armella
Zweibohmer

SUNDAY, APRIL 17 | EASTER SUNDAY
7:30am Mass, Church: Gene, Judy and John Mahr
10:00am Mass, Church: The People

MONDAY, APRIL 18 | OFFICE CLOSED
7:00am-8:00pm Adoration, Church
6:30pm Mass, Mediacom Channel 15
8:00pm Benediction, Church

TUESDAY, APRIL 19
5:30pm Mass, Church: Cyril & Jean Corrigan

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20
7:00am Mass, Church: Glenn Engelhardt
7:30am Coffee after Mass, GS
5:30pm First Communion Practice, Church

THURSDAY, APRIL 21
7:00am Mass, Church: Christine Ryan
11:00am-1:00pm Salad Luncheon, PH

FRIDAY, APRIL 22
9:00am Mass, School: Carl & Rosina Wiederin

SATURDAY, APRIL 23
5:30pm Mass, Church: Wendy Dotzenrod Ney and
Jayme Neubauer

SUNDAY, APRIL 24 | DIVINE MERCY
7:30am Mass, Church: The People
10:00am Mass, Church: Darlene Elsbernd
1:00pm First Communion Mass:
First Communicants
3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet,
Church



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**THURSDAY,
APRIL 21,
2022**

11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Tickets \$10
St. Benedict Parish Hall

Tickets available at the door, Parish Office and from CDA Members!

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED
Hellen Hoffer
Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

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 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.

EASTER FLOWERS



GIVEN IN
Loving Memory
OF

Dan Murray.....by Mildred Murray
 Melvin & Irene McConnell, Thomas McConnell,
 Kathy & Jim Simon, Ina Yahr, Ervin Yahr Sr., and
 James Yahrby Ervin Jr. & Maureen Yahr
 Ron Numedahl and
 The Numedahl & Holthaus Families....by Marleen Numedahl
 Serena & Kathleen Timp and Elberta Huinker by Andre Timp
 Raymond & Christine Lukes and
 Adolph & Mary Barloon.....by Linus & Marguerite Barloon
 Dennis Frana and Donette Trisler.....by Darlene Frana
 Merrill & Helen Baker and
 Frank Haluska.....by Steve & Kim Haluska
 Philip & Shirley Severson.....by Sherry Elwood
 Byron & Marjorie Hanlon and
 Gordon & Thelma Elliott.....by Garry & Cathy Elliott
 Phyllis Shimak.....by Rick & Jennifer DeLaRosa
 The Stone, Pacholski and
 Melendy Families.....by Karen Melendy
 Norman Bohr and
 The Wagner & Bohr Families.....by Sandy Bohr
 Norbert Bohr, Tony & Mary Bohr & Family and
 Hugo & Mary Kleve & Family.....Diane Bohr & Family

Lowell & Sonja Bruening.....by Gretchen Bruening
 Duane & Eileen Bruening and
 Leo & Theresa Bruening.....by Keith and Amy Bruening
 Dan & Alice See and David Grant.....by Jim & Cindy See
 Joe Wise.....by Patty Weis
 Bea Amundson.....by Joan Amundson
 John Valkosky, Morris & Fern Dalen and Family, and
 Leonard & Margaret Roberts.....by Greg & Karie Valkosky
 Jerry, Shirlee, and Jayme Neubauer by The Neubauer Family
 Teegen Courtney.....by Louie & Pat Courtney
 Arthur Koffron.....by Joyce Koffron
 Kathy Bohr.....by The Luke Bohr Family
 Deceased Members of
 The Reichelt/Klein Families.....by Lee Reichelt & Julie Klein
 Adelia Davis, Richard Davis and
 Alvin Kloppenborg.....by Steve & Patti Davis
 James, Mary, Noel and Joe Henry.....by Martha Martinson
 Daniel, Pat and Ray Drew.....by Betty Drew
 Jerry E. Samuelson.....by The Family of Jerry E. Samuelson
 Jerry Stortzby Ruth Stortz & Family
 Urban Hageman and Lee Schissel.....by Joan Schissel
 Christopher Carl Donn.....by Ron & Shirley Donn

Easter Flowers

ALSO GIVEN BY

Maryann Baker, Jeanette Hackman, John Kane, Russell & Valerie Brincks,
 Bonnie Murray and Mitchel & Tiffany Zweibohmer

Our Easter Candle

GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Jonathan Lukes & Jennifer Lukes Murphy by Jim & Linda Lukes



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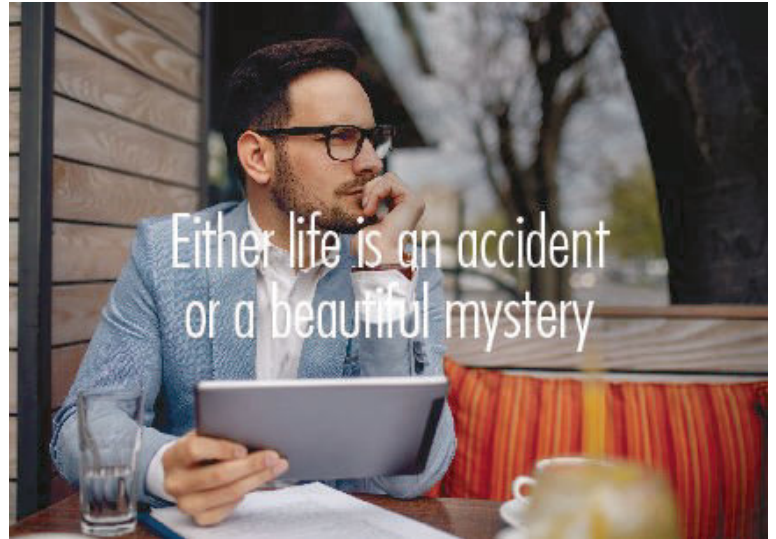
Friday, April 22nd at St. Ben's School

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!



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AROUND OUR AREA

OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLY WEEK

Please note, the office will be closed all day Holy Thursday through Easter Monday. See you on Tuesday, April 19th! Blessings on your Holy Week from all of us in the office!!!

BAPTISM CLASS

Our next baptism class will be Saturday, April 23rd at 4:00pm in the church. This class is for first time parents desiring baptism for their child. If you are expecting your first child or are new parents, please attend this one hour class.

AASE HAUGEN EASTER EGG HUNT

Community children are invited to join in April 18th! The hunt begins in the solarium facing Ohio Street at 10:45am. Follow volunteers around the building, stopping at Assisted Living and ending at the big windows to the Nursing Home main dining room. Bring your camera to take photos with the Easter Bunny.

JIM WOODFORD PRESENTATION

An encouraging story of spending eleven hours in heaven. Saturday, May 7th, 1:00pm, Hugeback Johnson Funeral Home, New Hampton. For reservations: 641.394.4334



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.

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