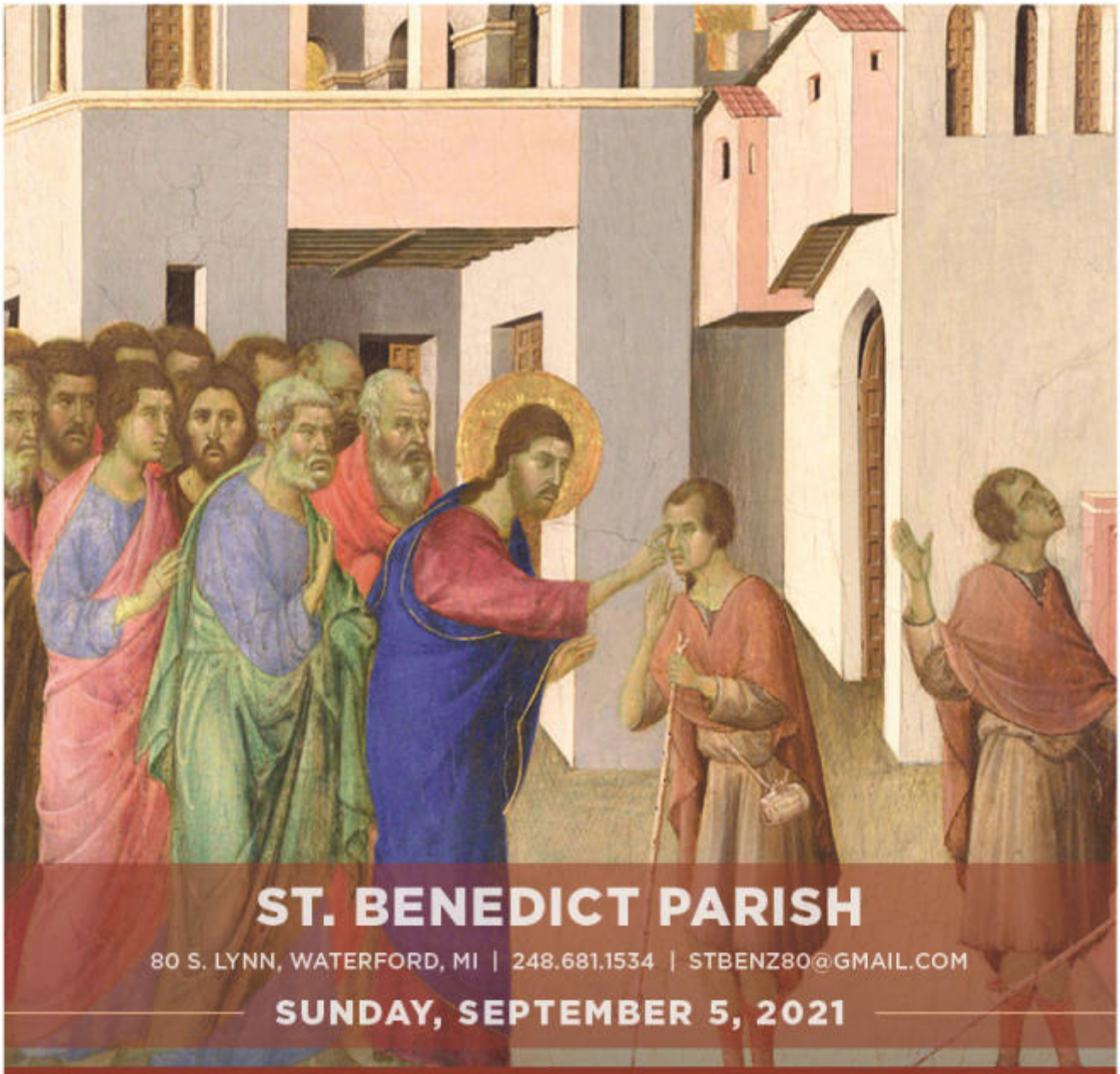

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

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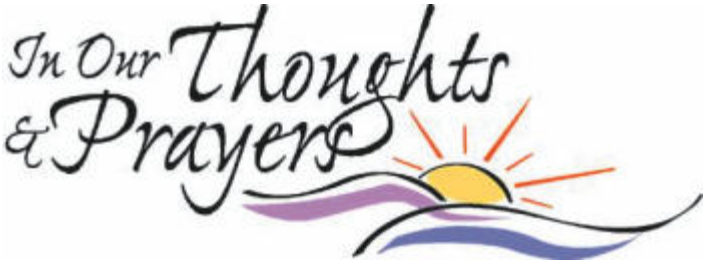

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...Loved ones who are ill and in need of prayer:

Kate Banaszek, Sandi Bonfiglio, Joyce Campbell, Norma Fay, Melinda Kici, John Kleinschmidt Jr., Louise Martin, Janel Nadeau, Anne Marie Pizzuti, Avery Pope, Russ Ranke, Felecisimo Sabaldan, Miles Sabaldan, Kris Schermerhorn, Suzie Skidmore, Kelly Ann Stratton, Charlie Stacer, Laura Thomson, Bill Thomas, Scott Thor, Primo Tongko Jr. Names run four weeks. To re-list, please call 248-681-1534.

LAST OUTDOOR MASS...

There will be a Labor Day Mass celebrated on Monday, September 6th, 9:00 a.m. at the rectory backyard. Please bring a chair and a dish to pass.

GOLF COMMITTEE DATES...

The Golf Committee will be meeting in the church social hall at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

Tuesday, September 7th
Thursday, September 9th (tentative)
Tuesday, September 21st

Monday, September 6
Labor Day Outdoor Mass Rectory
9:00 a.m. - Arleen Hedglen (8th Anniv.) req Showers family
Martha Shaw req Gavin family
Tuesday, September 7
12:15 p.m. - *Special Intentions for Vocations
Wednesday, September 8
12:15 p.m. - Wanda Desentz req Joni Brun
Thursday, September 9
12:15 p.m. - John Tront req Joni Brun
Friday, September 10
12:15 p.m. - Lee Haslinger req Showers family
Saturday, September 11
4:00 p.m. - Grant Tim Barabas (8th Anniv.) req family
Kathleen McDonald req Maureen Nandi
James Radich III req Patricia Gallagher
Sunday, September 12
Grandparents Day
9:00 a.m. - Fred Bond req Ella Stellmach
Herb & Lois Leh req family
11:00 a.m. - Jean Husko req Bruce & Mary Sheipline
Wilford & Agnes Nitz req Margaret & Phil
Deceased members of the Pham family req Roman family
St. Frederick Alumni Class

FUNERAL NOTIFICATION...

We developed a notification system to alert parishioners of funeral Masses to be held at the church for our St. Benedict parishioners.

If you would like to be added to a notification list, please complete the information below. You may drop it in the collection basket, bring it to the parish center or mail it to us.

NAME: _____

List your email address (one email per household):

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PH: _____

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FLU CLINIC COMING SOON…

In the midst of our COVID-19 Pandemic, the Center for Disease Control is urging everyone to protect themselves against the seasonal influenza virus.

St. Benedict Parish, in conjunction with CVS Pharmacy is hosting a flu vaccine clinic in the Gathering Space after 4:00 Mass on Saturday, September 18th and after 9:00 and 11:00 Masses on Sunday, September 19th. "Senior" high-dose flu shots will be available.

ONLINE GIVING…

Online giving is an easy way to give to the Lord every week. Visit www.stbencc.org and click on the Online Giving box in the lower left side of the page. Create an account for regular giving or select one-time giving. Besides Sunday giving, you are also able to give to other areas of need which are also listed. If you need any assistance setting up your account, you can contact the Parish office and they can help guide you through the process.

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS…

There are many opportunities to participate in the Music Ministry program at St. Benedict.

Adult Choir: The choir will meet in the church on Wednesday, September 8, at 6:30PM for a fellowship time, followed by a short rehearsal. The Adult Choir practices weekly at 7:30PM on Wednesday and will sing monthly at the 9:00AM Mass.

Youth Choir: This is a new opportunity for the youth of the church to share their gifts with their parish. This group is open to all those that have been Confirmed and older. Rehearsals will take place in the church, on Wednesday, at 6:00PM, beginning September 22. If you play an instrument or sing, please consider joining us! The Youth Choir will sing monthly at the 9:00AM Mass.

Cantors: Adult Choir members as well as others are welcome to sing at the 9:00AM Mass when the choirs are not scheduled to sing. If you are not yet a part of the Music Ministry and are interested in being a cantor, please see Pam for more information.

Children: We will have a combined Christmas Program again this year and are looking for children to participate. All ages are welcome. We will begin weekly rehearsals on Sunday, September 19 at 12:20PM.

Please see Pam if you are interested in joining any of the above opportunities.
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Music Minister
pam.tucker.stben@gmail.com

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Weekday Mass Schedule
Mon - Fri. 12:15 p.m.
Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday – 4 p.m.; Sunday – 9 :00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Holy Day Mass Schedule
12:15 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 3:00 p.m. or by appointment

Sacraments
In order to get married or to have your child baptized, you must be a registered member of the parish. This means that you are participating in the life of the parish, regularly attending Mass and using your envelopes.

Baptisms
Arrangements must be made at least three months prior to desired date. Parents must be a registered member of the parish for 6 months.

Marriages
Arrangements must be made at least six months prior to desired date. You must be a registered member of the parish for 6 months.

Sick Calls and Communion for the Homebound
Please call the Parish Office 248-681-1534.

Faith Formation
Grades 1-8 – Wednesdays – 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. (Oct.-May)

R.C.I.A
Mondays – 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Parish Center (Sept.-Easter Vigil)

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Bulletin Copy Deadline
Friday at noon

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1-888-722-4355

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1-800-799-7233

Report Sexual Abuse Hotline
1-855-444-3911

FIRST READING

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,
the ears of the deaf be cleared;
then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the mute will sing. (Is 35:5-6)

PSALM

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)
Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world
to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom
that he promised to those who love him? (Jas 2:5)

GOSPEL

"He has done all things well.
He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."
(Mk 7:37)

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are "supposed" to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, "be opened!" Be healed and allow your stories to change.

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JIM'S GEMS…

Are demonic attacks on the rise? Why?
Our Sunday Visitor August 17, 2021
Msgr. Charles Pope

Question: Why are so many afflicted by demons today? It seems the number is up. But, from my perspective, I know many people who are decent people and can't understand why God allows them to be tormented or possessed by demons.

— **Name**, location withheld

Answer: There are several ways to answer your question. In the first place, we can see it as a version of a wider question: "Why does God allow anyone to suffer or be attacked?" For indeed, people are not attacked merely by demons, but even more so by fellow human beings. And, whereas demons cannot kill or maim, human beings can and, in many cases, do far worse harm than demons. We can also suffer from injustice, war, famine and any number of natural causes. Spiritually, demons can attack us in different ways and at different levels, such as temptation, oppression and, more rarely, possession. But we are also afflicted spiritually by our own fears or by disordered and sinful drives. Hence, we can only answer in similar ways about demons as we do about the problem of suffering and evil. God permits suffering in order to draw some greater good out of it.

Further, moral evil exists in this world because of an abuse of human and angelic freedom. God seldom intervenes in the free-will choices of human beings.

Regarding demons, though God limits their power over us (cf. 2 Thes 2:6), he does not wholly cancel their freedom. We can only but trust that God dispenses graces and blessings on those who suffer unjustly and will permit suffering to produce future glory for them.

A second issue that you also raise is whether and why demonic attacks are on the increase. Most exorcists and pastors will tell you that demonic attacks and incursions are more common today. They are also severe and far less hidden. It is not hard to understand why, however. When people in our country in large numbers turn away from the sacraments, holy Scripture, the limits and wisdom of the Commandments, and the whole spiritual life, it is evident that they open themselves far more to demonic influence and attack. When the people of a nation prefer the darkness to light and seek to limit — even scorn — the Lord's teaching, demons find many openings.

But, as you point out, some people who seem to be living a decent life are also attacked. This may be akin to the sad truth that, as a nation becomes more violent, innocent people are sometimes shot or killed in gang violence or mass shootings. Similarly, as a nation becomes less spiritual even people who are less guilty of this may also suffer. In addition, we must recall that many people have wounds from past trauma and family issues. With the breakdown and dysfunction of families, the loss of childhood innocence, the sexualization of children, and the rise in sexual and physical abuse, many wounds exist deep in the psyche that can provide doorways for demonic oppression if left untreated.

Hence, while it is natural to ask why God allows things, it is ultimately a question we must turn on ourselves: Why do we allow things to get so bad in our nation and culture, and why are we surprised that demonic activity is on the rise? Furthermore, God offers remedies in the sacraments, the truth of his word, holy fellowship and the care of the angels. Exorcism and deliverance prayers along with spiritual direction and counseling can also go a long way for those strongly afflicted.

ASK FR. JIM…

This is my "Ask Fr. Jim" submission form. I will try to adequately and honestly answer any questions addressed to me, provided you sign the question. I will use your name in my response, only if you give me permission to do so.

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