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### MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	5:30 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 & 10:30 am
<b>Tuesday-Friday</b>	8:00 am

### RECONCILIATION

<b>Wednesday</b>	5:00-6:00 pm
<b>Saturday</b>	4:00-5:00 pm

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

<b>Fridays</b>	8:30-9:30 am
<b>First Friday</b>	7:00-8:00 pm

### ROSARY FOR PEACE

<b>Third Thursday</b>	8:30 am
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**MARRIAGE** Please contact the church office at least six (6) months prior to the desired date of the wedding.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK** Any Catholic who is in danger due to age or health, or undergoing medical procedures and feels the need for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact Father Charles. It is the parish's custom to do anointings during the daily Mass, but they can also be administered privately. For emergencies, call the parish office 892-5202 and follow the prompt for emergencies.

**BAPTISM** Please email Deacon Danny [dmusso@arch-no.org](mailto:dmusso@arch-no.org) or contact the office to begin preparations. Seminars are held on the last Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

### MISSION STATEMENT

Guided by the Gospel, strengthened by the Eucharist, and inspired by Benedictine values, the mission of St. Benedict Catholic Church is to be a vibrant family of believers, worshipping God with joy, excitement, and reverence. Forming the Body of Christ and acting upon our faith in Jesus, we strive to spread the Good News by engaging in ministries of hospitality, hope, education, spirituality, and social justice to each other and those beyond our community.



*Let us get up then, at last, for the Scriptures rouse us, the Rule of St. Benedict urges us. Let us open our eyes to the light ... and our ears to the voice from heaven that every day calls out. ... “If you hear his voice today, do not harden your hearts” (Ps 95:8).* On July 11 the Church celebrates the Solemnity of St. Benedict, and his words from 1,500 years ago seem perfectly fitting for our challenging and changing times.

The *Rule of St. Benedict* was written around 530, a time when the Roman Empire had collapsed and Christianity’s existence in Europe was threatened. Given our current cultural situation and its parallels with his time, I believe we can find fruit in St. Benedict’s teachings.

St. Benedict grew up surrounded by a culture that was morally corrupt but with the grace of God lived a virtuous life. After spending some time in Rome for studies, he fled its moral decadence to pursue a more solitary life. St. Benedict lived the life of a hermit for several years before he eventually founded several monasteries, which became centers of prayer, manual labor, and learning.



St. Benedict begins his rule by urging the monks to *Listen carefully to the master’s instructions and attend to them with the ear of your heart* (Rule, Prologue 1). For non-monks, this means establishing a daily time to listen to the Lord, both in reading the Scriptures and in conversational prayer and meditation. Our sure foundation during these trying times should be God’s will for each of us, not the constantly changing messages that bombard us in the news or on social media. For some, every online trend has become a form of gospel that must be adhered to with religious conviction. But the faith handed down to us from the Apostles is the only true Gospel, and only it can save souls. Although the times and technology were different, St. Benedict understood the importance of listening to “the master’s instructions.”

In his book, *The Holy Spirit in the Life of Jesus*, Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa addresses the need to arm ourselves for battle “with the world rulers of this present darkness” (cf. Jn 10:12). At the heart of his reflection is the insight that “Jesus freed himself from Satan by an act of total obedience to the Father’s will, once and for all handing over his free will to him, so that he could truly say, ‘My food is to do the will of the one who sent me’” (Jn 4:34, *The Holy Spirit in the Life of Jesus*, p. 36).

The question we must ask ourselves is: *Do I put Our Father’s will first in my life in every decision I make and in all that I say and do?* If we place the Father’s will at the center of our lives and truly listen to him with “the ears of our hearts” as St. Benedict taught, we will be prepared for whatever happens and always give witness to the love of God and others. We live in a world that has removed God from culture. History, both salvation history and world history, shows clearly what happens when this occurs. When God is removed, something else becomes “god.” Societies decline and eventually fall and disappear unless they return to the true God and become cultures that promote a life of holiness and virtue.

There is at least one additional lesson from St. Benedict’s Rule that is applicable in these times of societal disunity and division. The monks, nuns, and sisters of the Benedictine spiritual family are known for their hospitality. The Rule teaches this virtue in this way: All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ, for he himself will say: *“I was a stranger and you welcomed me”* (Mt 25:35). *Proper honor must be shown to all, especially to those who share our faith* (Gal 6:10) *and to pilgrims* (Rule, #53).

Let us make it our prayer to be able to see others as Christ himself coming to us, even if they are clothed in what (Saint) Mother Teresa called, “the distressing disguise of the poor.” **If we continually seek the will of the Father and ask in prayer for our hearts and will to be conformed to His, then we will be able to weather any challenge.**



# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**Tuesday, July 15**

+Fred Guillot

**Wednesday, July 16**

+Carol Tabony

**Thursday, July 17**

+Fred Guillot

**Friday, July 18**

+Cody Lucia

**Saturday, July 19**

**5:30 p.m.**

+Skip Miller, +Normie Miller, +George & Laverne Novak,  
+Bob & Jane Ayerst, +Steve & Anna Balogh, +Dale Lorio,  
Sisters of Mount Carmel Benefactors, +David Mastio,  
+Bill & Leona Allen, +Calvin & Margie Mae Briggs,  
+Gloria Herrmann, +Justin Gilman, +Doug Ellis,  
+Deceased Sisters of Mount Carmel Apostolate,

**Sunday, July 20**

**8:00 a.m.**

Parishioners of Saint Benedict

**10:30 a.m.**

+Fred Guillot, +Dolly Jumeonville, +Phillip E. Lee, Jr.,  
+Ray DeRocha, Jr.

## STEWARDSHIP – July 6th

Weekly Collection:	\$5,760
E-Giving Online:	\$4,044
Building Fund:	\$1,891
Poor Box:	\$116
Mass Attendance:	452
Building Fund on Deposit:	\$662,505

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## Happening this Week

**Wednesday, July 16**

Lunch Ministry 8:45 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation available 5 to 6 p.m.

GriefShare Meeting 6:00 p.m.

**Thursday, July 17**

Rosary for Peace

**Friday, July 18**

Friday Adoration after 8:00 a.m. Mass

**Saturday, July 19**

Sacrament of Reconciliation available, 4 to 5 p.m.

Black & Indian Home Mission Collection

Blessing of Marriages

**Sunday, July 20**

Black & Indian Home Mission Collection

Blessing of Marriages

Coffee & Donuts after all Masses



## Prayer List



Jim Seward, Anthony Sorrentino, Tina Zocco, Lisa Valley, Scott Lee,  
Carol Everhardt, Bennett Miller, Joanne Reber, Anna Ison, Gerardo  
Antonucci, Presley Patrick, Kaiden Lessard, Jennifer Bradley, Ryan  
Ware, Timothy Rollman, Angela Brady, Judy Woolley, Phillip E. Lee,  
Sr., Gloria Nordman, Jan Nordman, Flavia Langan, Addie Pitre,  
Carol Vickers, Evan Cartozzo, Ed Ansardi, Debra Dwight, Margaret  
Ruiz, Vincent Iannazzo, Patricia Holden, Jim Williamson, Lezlie  
Brown, Linda Richerson, Elsa Zeringue, Brooke Joseph, Kai Joseph,  
Ina Berlin, Paul Richmond, C.J. Richmond, Avery Fuselier

## CONFIRMATION 2025

**Sunday, August 10**

Confirmation Prep 11:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

**Sunday, August 24**

Confirmation Prep 11:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

**Sunday, September 14**

Confirmation Retreat 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Thursday, September 25**

Confirmation Mass at 7 p.m.



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A second collection will be taken up next weekend for the Black and Indian Mission Office. The Black and Indian Mission Collection exists to help local African American and Native American Diocesan Communities throughout the United States spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground.

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