

# ≡ St. Benedict the Moor

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## **Parish Staff:**

Fr. Albert Thelen S.J.— Senior Pastor  
Fr. Ken Vavrina— Resident Pastor  
Frank Barbour— Parish Deacon  
Ernie Spicer— Parish Deacon (RET.)  
Brea Ross-Worthington— Business Manager  
Jimmie Walker— Church Property Facilities  
Manager

## **Committee Leaders:**

Worship and Spiritual life President—Modwena  
Roach  
Finance Council President— Al Goodwin  
Choir Director— Lynette Spurlock—Hardnett  
8:00am Musician— William Tate  
Website Director —Ron Gaspard

## **Mass Schedule:**

Daily mass everyday at 11:00am in the church  
Rectory except Thursday.  
Sunday Mass: 8am (traditional)  
9:30am (gospel)

## **Sacrament of Penance:**

Every Sunday after both masses, and by appoint-  
ment on the weekday.

## **Religious Education K-8:**

Saturday from 10am-11:30am

## **Website:**

[members.cox.net/stbens](http://members.cox.net/stbens)

*Fr. Ken is available 24 hours a day for any assis-  
tance needed.*

11 October 2009— Twenty-Eighth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time



## **Pastoral Council Members**

### **Officers**

President— Jean Cain

Vice President— Arlene Dacus

Secretary— Angela Hardin

### **Members**

Pat Bass

Brandy Glass

Robert Partridge

Julie Pierce

Lula Ross

**October 11— Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 18 – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 Mass**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Bert Thelen

**Lectors:** Modwena Roach  
Gerry Schneider

**EMHC’S:** Sandra Stovall

**Musician:** William Tate

**9:30 Mass**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Ken Vavrina

**Lectors:** Nick Gregor  
Tammy Hardin

**EMHC’S:** Angela Hardin

Arlene Dacus

**Usher’s:** Hannibal Cofield  
Clemon Cofield

**Greeter:** Diane Barbour

**Gift Bearer:** LaVina Skipper  
& Family

**Musician:** Lynette Spurlock  
Hardnett

**8:00 Mass**

**NO 8:00 MASS**

**Celebrant:**

**Lectors:**

**EMHC’S:**

**Musician:**

**9:30 Mass**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Ken Vavrina

**Lectors:** Sr. Mary Hogan  
Joyce Cooper

**EMHC’S:** Gus Shoffner  
Perlie Whitley

**Usher’s:** Sharon Rhodes  
Angela Cofield

**Greeter:** Diane Barbour

**Gift Bearer:** KPC/KPCLA

**Musician:** Lynette Spurlock  
Hardnett

**DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK:**

From Sunday to Sunday there is so much here for us about authenticity. Jesus invites us to simplicity - to let go of the things that bind us and “come, follow me.” He wants to take us beyond obedience to the law or acts of piety. These are not bad in themselves, but they can hold a particular vulnerability to in-authenticity or hypocrisy, unless they are rooted in deep reliance upon God and faith in Jesus as our Savior. Mere cleanliness on the outside or placing burdens on people’s shoulders leaves us still far away from an experience of God’s love that overflows into love and mercy for others.

This week, let’s wake up each day and ask God for the grace to be more authentic. While putting on our slippers, standing next to the bed for just 30 seconds, let’s give this special focus to our day. While washing up or getting dressed, on the way to work, while doing laundry or walking down the hall to a meeting, saying a brief grace before even a quick meal, we can remind ourselves of this desire in our hearts. Choosing humility is simply choosing honesty in very small ways.

Throughout our days, each of us can find words to express to God our desire to be more honest and transparent with ourselves and with others. “Lord, let me be just who I am today. I know that in your eyes I’m a loved sinner. In grateful humility, don’t let me be harsh or judgmental with my family, with friends or co-workers. Let me give up bragging, shading the truth, any kind of falsehood. I want to abstain today from even thoughts that take me down a road of cheating on my relationships, my commitments, my relationship with you.”

This is all about focus and choosing to place our attention on our relationship with Jesus in the most ordinary moments of our day. As we end each day, we can give thanks that our desire was given to us - that whenever we open our hearts, our God is always there, ready to bless our desires.

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**Today's Fellowship: Emerging Leaders**

“ Blessed are those who  
hear the word of  
God and keep it.”

**Meetings This Week**

**KPC meeting today after 9:30 am Mass**  
**Tuesday, October 13, Parish Council Meeting at 6:00 pm**  
**Wednesday, October 14, Finance Committee Meeting at 5:00 pm**  
**Thursday, October 15, Choir Practice at 6:00 pm**  
**Saturday, October 17, Religious Ed at 10:00 am**  
**Saturday, October 17, KPC/KPCLA Meeting at 11:30 am**

**Weekly readings:**

**Sunday:** Wisdom 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30

**Monday:** Romans 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Luke 11:29-32

**Tuesday:** Romans 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Luke 11:37-41

**Wednesday:** Romans 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7; 9; Luke 11:42-46

**Thursday:** Romans 3:21-29; Ps 130:1-6; Luke 11:47-54

**Friday:** Romans 4:1-8; Ps 32:1-2; 5; 11; Luke 12:1-7

**Saturday:** Romans 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9; 42-42; Luke 12:8-12

**Monthly Collection Report**

**Expected Expenses for October:  
\$9064.80**

**Monies collected for October:  
\$2362.84**

**TROOPS AWAY FROM HOME**

**Damien Falkner  
Aaron Martin  
David Rachwalik**

**Adam Rachwalik  
Jeanette McCall**

**9:30 Mass today for all Parishioners.**

**Jr. Knights Café** will be open after 9:30 Mass today. The Jr. Knights are raising money for bus transportation to the Jr. Knights Conference in Nashville, TN in June 2010.

**RCIA will be held today at St. Benedict's after the 9:30 am Mass.**

**The annual Halloween Party will be held** on Saturday, October 24, 2009, from 6 pm until 8 pm. A planning meeting will be held after 9:30 Mass today. We are in need of candy donations—please bring all donations to the church. Thanking you in advance for your generosity.

**Sunday, October 18, is Parish Day.** There will only be one Mass at 9:30 am. The Women's Society extends a warm invitation to members and friends of St. Benedict's to join us for a wonderful meal and fellowship after the 9:30 am Mass. The focus of this event will be the Life of St. Benedict the Moor.

**Sunday, October 18, is also World Mission Sunday,** please be generous.

**The Line Dancing classes** have been suspended until further notice.

**Please check out the bulletin board** for many more announcements and in depth information. Please take special note of the open house schedules for the area's nine Catholic High Schools.

**REMINDERS BOARD:**

**Stencils with "I am serving the Lord"** can be purchased for \$10 from Sandra Stovall.

**We are still in need of Religious Education Teachers** for our Elementary age school children.

**We would like to extend a warm hello and welcome to St. Benedict the Moor Parish to all of our visitors. Thank you for joining us today. Please complete a name and information tag. You can drop the tag in the collection basket or give it to the ushers. A parish registration form is also available in the church vestibule. If we can be of any assistance to you please call the church office 348-0631. We are delighted to have you here and invite you back!**