

# ☰ 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.*

18 October 2009— Twenty-Ninth 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 18— Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 Mass**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Dennis Hamm

**Lectors:** Sandra Stovall  
Ernest Spicer

**EMHC'S:** Cheryl Baha

**Musician:** William Tate

**9:30 Mass**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Ken Vavrina

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

**EMHC'S:** Gus Shoffner

Perlie Whitley

**Usher's:** Sharon Rhodes  
Angelita Cofield

**Greeter:** Diane Barbour

**Gift Bearer:** KPC/KPCLA

**Musician:** Lynette Spurlock  
Hardnett

**October 25 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 Mass**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Kevin Ker-  
sten

**Lectors:** Dana Washington  
Modwena Roach

**EMHC'S:** Ernest Spicer

**Musician:** William Tate

**9:30 Mass**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Ken Vavrina

**Lectors:** Laura Matthews  
Diane Vogt

**EMHC'S:** Willa Midder  
LaVina Skipper

**Usher's:** Youth

**Greeter:** Diane Barbour

**Gift Bearer:** Chyann Midder  
& family

**Musician:** Lynette Spurlock  
Hardnett

**DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK:**

This is a terrific week to ask for the gift of freedom. Each day, when we focus ourselves in the morning, and throughout each busy day, we can keep asking God to help us, to give us what we need to become freer. There's freedom "from" and freedom "for." We can ask to be released from what has a hold on us. If we ask, we can trust that God will give us the grace to understand the habits and desires that hold us back from intimacy with God. We can ask to be more honest with ourselves about them, and to grow in a desire to discover what we would be like without them. If we express our desire to be placed at the service of others, to be able to give our lives away more generously, we can trust that God will let Jesus set our hearts on fire.

The Word helps us each week. Sometimes, one phrase or one story will carry us for several days. Other weeks, we will have to look back at the readings to hear a reminder, an encouragement, a call. I might stay with the words, "give to God what is God's." On a given day it might be a great grace to realize all is gift, including the members of my family, the gifts I've been given to do my work, the graces offered me this very day. If I hear the words of Jesus, "life does not consist in possessions," we might ask him to show me how this is meant for me this week. Perhaps I will imagine myself as that tree that isn't bearing much fruit. Instead of cutting me down, our Lord is patient and willing to nourish me and cultivate me, so that I can bear fruit.

All week, we speak with our Lord, friend to friend, expressing whatever is in our hearts. No matter how busy we are, we will grow in gratitude as we see how much Jesus can do with our open hearts.

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**Today's Fellowship: KPC/KPCLA**

“The Son of Man came  
to give His Life as a ran-  
som for many.”  
Mark 10, 45

**Meetings This Week**

**Tuesday, October 20, NBCC 6:30 pm at St. Cecilia's**

**Thursday, October 22, Choir Practice at 6:00 pm**

**Saturday, October 24, Religious Ed at 10:00 am**

**Saturday, October 24, Halloween Party 6-8:00 pm**

**Weekly readings:**

**Sunday:** Isaiah 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19-22; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45

**Monday:** Romans 4:20-25; Luke 1:69-70-75; Luke 12:13-21

**Tuesday:** Romans 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21; Luke 12:35-38

**Wednesday:** Romans 6:12-18; Ps 124:1-3, 4-8; Luke 12:39-48

**Thursday:** Romans 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Luke 12:49-53

**Friday:** Romans 7:18-25; Ps 119:66, 68, 78-77; 93-94; Luke 12:54-59

**Saturday:** Romans 8:1-11; Ps 24:1-6; Luke 13:1-9

**Monthly Collection Report**

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

**Monies collected for October:  
\$4392.84**

**TROOPS AWAY FROM HOME**

**Damien Falkner  
Aaron Martin  
David Rachwalik**

**Adam Rachwalik  
Jeanette McCall**

**9:30 Mass today for Mary Sells and Robert Love.**

**Today is Priesthood Sunday.**

**Second Collection** today for World Missions.

**NO RCIA will be held today.**

**Today is Parish Day.** 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.

**Father Kevin Kersten, SJ**, a visiting priest from Boston College, will conduct a healing service at the 8:00 am Mass on Sunday, October 25. Everyone is invited to come. Please see Fr. Kevin's bio on the parish bulletin board.

**Also on Sunday, October 25**, after the 9:30 am Mass there will be an Investiture of the Brown Scapular.

**Please check out the bulletin board** for many more announcements and in depth information.

**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!