

☰ St. Benedict the Moor

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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

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

20 September 2009— Twenty-Fifth 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

September 20— Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Mass

Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Kersten

Lectors: Gerry Schneider
Cheryl Baha

EMHC'S: Sandra Stovall

Musician: William Tate

9:30 Mass

Celebrant: Fr. Ken Vavrina

Lectors: Doris Shoffner
Perlie Whitley

EMHC'S: Diana Vogt
Sr. Mary Hogan

Usher's: Clarissa Love
Vannessa Evans

Greeter: Diane Barbour

Gift Bearer: Joyce Goodwin
& Family

Musician: Lynette Spurlock
Hardnett

September 27 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Mass

Celebrant: Fr. Jim Michalski

Lectors: Ernest Spicer
Gerry Schneider

EMHC'S: Modwena Roach

Musician: William Tate

9:30 Mass

Celebrant: Fr. Ken Vavrina

Lectors: Dee Gaspard
Judy Gregory

EMHC'S: Ron Gaspard
Gus Shoffner

Usher's: Youth

Greeter: Diane Barbour

Gift Bearer: Tari Coleman &
Family

Musician: Lynette Spurlock
Hardnett

DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK:

This is a great week to be reminded that the call to be a Christian is not a simple path. We are called to serve boldly and without worrying about material needs. This week's readings have a clear call for us to examine how we share God's love for us with others.

How do we do such serious reflection when it seems we don't have time for it? We can be "contemplatives in action" by beginning our day with a desire, letting that desire come to our consciousness throughout the day in the "background" moments, and by giving thanks for what graces we received at the end of the day.

How do we come up with the desire? The first step to finding "intimacy with God in the midst of our daily lives" is to develop the habit of naming a desire for the day, while we are still just getting started with the day, before our concentration becomes pre-occupied with the worries of the day. These guides can help by suggesting desires that flow from the readings of the week, but the best desires are in the very needs and anxieties that are deep in our hearts. That is where God is working in us, revealing things we can turn over to the Lord and form into a prayer. It can often be just 45 seconds, when we throw on a robe or slippers, or while in the shower or getting dressed. It is deep prayer if we can just say, "Help me, today, Lord. My day is so full. Give me courage, and let me know you are with me all day."

We can use the readings of the week in a variety of ways. We can take a day to imagine being part of Jesus' family, with a desire to hear his word and keep it. We can let Jesus address us one day this week, asking us who we say he is.

TAKEN FROM CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY WEB-SITE

Today's Fellowship: KPC/KPCLA

“You have laid down
your precepts to be faith-
fully kept. May my foot-
steps be firm in keeping
your commands.”

Ps 119, 4-5

Meetings This Week

Today after 9:30 Mass joint meeting of KPC/KPCLA
Today after 9:30 Mass the Jr. Knights will meet
Monday, September 21, Parish Council Meeting at 6:00 pm
Thursday, September 24, Choir Practice at 6:00 pm
Saturday, September 26, Religious Ed at 10:00 am

Weekly readings:

Sunday: Wisdom 2:17-20; Ps 54:3-8; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

Monday: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Matthew 9:9-13

Tuesday: Ezara 6:7-8, 12, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezara 9:5-9; Tobit 13:2, 3-4, 6-8; Luke 9:1-6

Thursday: Haggai 1:1-8; Ps 149:1-6; 9; Luke 9:7-9

Friday: Haggai 1:15-2-9; Ps 43:1-4; Luke 9:18-22

Saturday: Zechariah 2:5-9; 14-15; Jeremiah 31:10-13; Luke 9:43:-45

Monthly Collection Report

Expected Expenses for September:
\$9064.80

Monies collected for September:
\$4207.98

TROOPS AWAY FROM HOME

Damien Falkner
Aaron Martin
David Rachwalik

Adam Rachwalik
Jeanette McCall

9:30 Mass Today is for Betty Parr.

Today is Catechetical Sunday. Catechetical means we need to do a better job of teaching people about our faith.

Today at 3:00 pm, several members of our choir will comprise a larger choir at the Holland Performing Arts Center to raise money for the Jesuit Middle School and St. Peter Claver School.

Saturday, September 26, the Children's Choir will be presenting a concert at 6:00 pm.

Sunday, September 27, is the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. The assessment for St. Benedict is \$5200.

We wish to thank everyone for their hard work during our annual Parish Picnic. It was a huge success and we say Thank You!

We have several documents on the desk in the back of the church to help you with some End of Life Issues, Health Directives etc., please take whatever you need.

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

REMINDERS BOARD:

RCIA Classes will begin in September.

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

Line Dancing exercise class on Wednesday's at 1:30 pm.

All committees chairs are required to send their reports of activities to Fr. Ken in time for the September Pastoral Council Meeting which is Monday, September 21. Have you turned in your reports?