

# ☰ 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  
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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](http://members.cox.net/stbens)

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

27 September 2009— Twenty-Sixth 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 27— Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 4 – Twenty-Seventh 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

**8:00 Mass**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Bill O'Leary

**Lectors:** Cheryl Baha  
Dana Washington

**EMHC'S:** Ernest Spicer

**Musician:** William Tate

**9:30 Mass**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Ken Vavrina

**Lectors:** Arneice Williams  
Yolanda Jenkins

**EMHC'S:** Doris Shoffner  
Ron Gaspard

**Usher's:** KPC/KPCLA

**Greeter:** Diane Barbour

**Gift Bearer:** Micaela Moriarty & Family

**Musician:** Lynette Spurlock  
Hardnett

**DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK:**

Jesus is so full of surprises. This week, we can let his surprising ways interact with our daily lives. All of us, in some ways, tend to want to trap - or at least intensely resist - the prophets who call us to conversion. We are all asking our Lord to tell us what we need to do to have eternal life. We might all know the ways we don't like his answer. The invitation to love our neighbor, the way the lowly Samaritan did, can be a revealing question for us this week. Who is the neighbor or stranger or enemy whom I'm called to help, care for their wounds, and provide for their recovery? Or, we can reflect upon whether we are too busy, and not focused enough on what really matters - spending some time just listening to Jesus. Perhaps, we have some desire, need, struggle that we very much want to turn to the Lord with. This could be the week we ask, seek and knock - persistently and confidently. All week, we can ask for the grace to be "with" Jesus and to "gather" with him, perhaps especially alert to ways we are "against" Jesus or "scatter" in different things we do or attitudes we take.

All it takes for us busy people is a little focus. We will get into the habit of beginning each day by bringing our attention to these strong desires with practice. At first, it may work best to rely on a line from one of these Guides - letting it be our expression of what we need and returning to it consciously throughout the day.

With practice, we will grow in comfort with naming our own desires more precisely. For example, I might already be more like Mary than Martha. I might want to be asking our Lord, "Help me keep listening to you, Lord, throughout this day." It may be that I haven't said the Rosary with devotion in years. This may be a week to rediscover that powerful prayer, a decade at a time, throughout the day, reflecting much more deliberately on the traditional mysteries or the reflections of this week.

Every night, we can all express our thanks to the Lord for the faithful way we are being invited to a closer relationship, in the midst of our busy, daily lives.

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## **Today's Fellowship: Youth**

“O Lord, remember the words you spoke to me, your servant, which made me live in hope and consoled me when I was downcast.” Ps 119, 4-5

### **Meetings This Week**

**Wednesday, September 30, RCIA at 7:00 pm**

**Thursday, October 1, Choir Practice at 6:00 pm**

**Saturday, October 3, Religious Ed at 10:00 am**

### **Weekly readings:**

**Sunday:** Numbers 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10-14; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**Monday:** Zechariah 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-23; 29; Luke 9:46-50

**Tuesday:** Daniel 7:10; 13-14; Ps 138:1-5; John 1:47-51

**Wednesday:** Nehemiah 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Luke 9:57-62

**Thursday:** Nehemiah 8:1-4-7; 12; Ps 19:8-11; Luke 10:1-12

**Friday:** Exodus 23:20-23; Ps 91:1-6; 10-11; Matthew 18:1-5, 10

**Saturday:** Baruch 4:5-12 27-29; Ps 69:33-35-37; Luke 10:17-24

### **Monthly Collection Report**

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

**Monies collected for September:  
\$5973.98**

### **TROOPS AWAY FROM HOME**

**Damien Falkner  
Aaron Martin  
David Rachwalik**

**Adam Rachwalik  
Jeanette McCall**

**9:30 Mass Today is for Frank McCants.**

**Today's second collection** is for the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. The assessment for St. Benedict is \$5200. Please be generous.

**Investiture of Confirmation** Class during 9:30 Mass today.

**Tuesday, September 29**, Learning Community Meeting at Kellom School at 6:00 pm.

**St. Benedict The Moor Children's Choir and Liturgical Dancers** will be in Concert on Saturday, October 3, at 6:00 pm. The theme for this occasion is: **We Have Decided...Philippians 3:13-14.**

A Patron List is available for you to add your name and any family, friend, etc. The cost per name is \$1.00. Please see Pat Falkner/Willa Midder/Toni Banks—Supervisors. This is the last day to add your name to our growing list. Please be supportive of our children—they have worked very hard and are very excited.

#### **CHILDREN'S MANDATORY REHEARSALS:**

Saturday, September 26, -11:00 am—until (lunch will be provided)

Friday, October 2,- 6:15 pm—until (food will be provided)

Saturday, October, 3, - 11:00 am—DRESS REHEARSAL

**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.**

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