

☰ 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.*

06 September 2009— Twenty-Third 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 6— Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 13 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Mass

NO 8:00 AM MASS TO-DAY

Celebrant:

Lectors:

EMHC'S:

9:30 Mass

Celebrant: Fr. Ken Vavrina

Lectors: Willa Midder
Arneice Williams

EMHC'S: Joyce Cooper
Bryan Cooper

Usher's: Jamar Williams

Greeter: Diane Barbour

Gift Bearer: Mary Lewis/
KPC/LA

Musician: Lynette Spurlock
Hardnett

8:00 Mass

Celebrant: Fr. Neal Wilkin-
son

Lectors: Dana Washington
Modwena Roach

EMHC'S: Ernest Spicer

Musician: William Tate

9:30 Mass

Celebrant: Fr. Ken Vavrina

Lectors: Nick Gregor
Angela Hardin

EMHC'S: Tammy Hardin
LaVina Skipper

Usher's: Hannibal Cofield
Jimmy Walker

Greeter: Diane Barbour

Gift Bearer: Nikki Daigre &
family

Musician: Lynette Spurlock
Hardnett

DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK:

When we place Jesus at the center of our lives, two marvelous graces are given us. We experience God's love for us in the mercy and forgiveness of Jesus. As grateful sinners, we then are able to forgive others.

As we begin each day this week, we can let these two graces be part of our reflection. We can ask our Lord to show us his love. We can fearlessly ask to understand who we are as sinners, in the concrete ways each of us falls short, gets distracted, becomes uncentered and makes very unfree choices. We can ask to be forgiven and healed. This journey each day might take us into specific patterns, habits, ruts we're in. We may even want to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week.

We can choose to focus carefully this week on those people we ask for the grace to forgive. Whose faults do I pay most attention to? Whom do I judge harshly? From whom do I withhold forgiveness? If we begin each day, asking our Lord to reveal the answers to these questions, throughout our day, our days this week will show us deeper places where the Lord can forgive us and where we can share that mercy. We can be aware that God's forgiveness of our many sins is a gift that God gives us freely. Now God asks that we share that gift with those who most need our forgiveness.

From the beginning of the week, we might ask Mary to gently guide us to trust her Son's love and to be more tender in loving those people her Son invites us to forgive and be a source of healing.

Throughout this week, we can also give thanks for the ways we are called to be Jesus' followers - not because we are extremely talented or because we are perfect, but because he saw in us something that he could heal and then send us to heal others. We can be especially attentive to the ways we are blessed in our poverty and in the ways we sometimes experience rejection as his disciples.

Taken from the Creighton University Web-site

Today's Fellowship: KPC/KPCLA

“Like a deer that longs
for running streams, my
soul longs for you my
God. My soul is thirsting
for the living God.”

Meetings This Week

Wednesday, September 9, Finance Committee Meeting at 5:00 pm

Wednesday, September 9, BRC Meeting in BRC basement at 5:00 pm

Thursday, September 10, Choir Practice at 6:00 pm

Weekly readings:

Sunday: Isaiah 35:4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-10; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

Monday: Colossians 1:24—2:3; Ps 61:6-9; Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday: Micah 5:1-4; Ps 13:6, 6; Matthew 1:1-16; 18-23

Wednesday: Colossians 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13; Luke 6:20-26

Thursday: Colossians 3:12-17; Ps 150:1-6; Luke 6:27-38

Friday: First Timothy 1:1-2; 12*14; Ps 16-12, 5,7,8,11; Luke 6:39-42

Saturday: First Timothy 1:15-17; Ps 113:1-7; Luke 6:43-49

Monthly Collection Report

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

Monies collected for August: \$10,512.69

TROOPS AWAY FROM HOME

**Damien Falkner
Aaron Martin
David Rachwalik**

**Adam Rachwalik
Jeanette McCall**

9:30 Mass Today is for the Parishioners.

Our Revival will begin on Thursday, September 10, and run thru Saturday, September 12. Please read your flyer and plan to attend.

Next Sunday, September 13, is Mission Appeal Sunday. Fr. Leon, a priest of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, will preach the homily. The Oblates have missions all over the world.

Sunday, September 13, all Confirmation Students and their parents are required to attend a meeting after the 9:30 am Mass.

Junior Daughters are selling chances to help defray the cost to attend their District Conference, in 2010. Chances are \$1 and you will be able to purchase these from a table which will be set up in the back of the church next Sunday, September 13. If you want to purchase sooner, you can contact the Jr. Daughter Counselor, Jr. Daughter Assistant or any of the Junior Daughters. Please help support these young ladies!

A basic parliamentary procedure class will be conducted for a six week period beginning Monday, September 14, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. If interested please contact jamilt37@cox.net.

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

REMINDERS BOARD:

RCIA Classes will begin in September.

Religious Education Classes will begin Saturday, September 26. We are in need of 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.

Saturday, September 26, at 6:00– Children's Choir Concert.