

# ☰ 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.*

13 September 2009— Twenty-Fourth 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 13— Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**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

**September 20 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 Mass**

**Celebrant:** TBA

**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

**DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK:**

Who among us hasn't wondered about how much is enough? How many times do we need to forgive? How much of the goods of this earth do I need to have? How generous am I able to be? The parables Jesus uses often shock our attention and give us a rich fruit for reflection.

These days, the news stories are centered on war and conflict, and on financial collapse centered on greed. We are not always aware of the scope of the human tragedy that goes on in our neighborhoods, in our cities, in our world. Many people on the earth suffer in so many ways - in the Sudan, in sub-Saharan Africa and in the Middle East. We can see stories of pain and suffering on the other side of the world and we feel it here. We might be filled with horror and compassion and fear. Insecurity, powerlessness can bring us to our knees and to the Lord. This week's readings help us with continuing reflection that can guide our integration of a confidence in God's love and mercy.

One of the great things that any tragedy brings forward is examples of great heroism and generosity. We also know that the human spirit can be tempted to the worst things imaginable. But, when we see people sacrificing their own lives to help others or showing with their generosity and passionate care how deeply they value human life, it lifts our own spirits and helps us be more generous and free.

We could ask the Lord this week to help us assess what we really need. Do riches become a trouble for us? Do anxieties and the pleasures of life choke my reception of the Word? Can we ask for the desire to walk through our days with trust in Jesus' power to heal, to bring what is dead to life? Each of us can make this daily desire request and reflection very concrete. And, as we prepare for the weekend, we can begin reflecting on how happy I am that God is merciful and generous, even toward those that I don't think "deserve" it.

As we begin each day with a desire, we can end each day with gratitude for what we received.

TAKEN FROM CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY WEB-SITE

**Today's Fellowship: Emerging Leaders**

“O God, how much we  
value your mercy! All  
mankind can gather un-  
der Your protection.”  
Ps 36, 8

**Meetings This Week**

**Tuesday, September 15, BRC Meeting in BRC basement at 5:00 pm**

**Tuesday, September 15, NBCC Meeting at 6:30 pm**

**Thursday, September 17, Choir Practice at 6:00 pm**

**Saturday, September 19, KPC/LA Meeting at 11:30 am**

**Weekly readings:**

**Sunday:** Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalms 116:1-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

**Monday:** Numbers 21:4-9; Psalms 78:1-2; 34-38; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

**Tuesday:** Hebrew 5:7-9; Psalms 31:2-6; 15-16; 20; John 19:25-27

**Wednesday:** First Timothy 3:14-16; Psalms 111:1-6; Luke 7:31-35

**Thursday:** First Timothy 4:12-16; Psalms 111:7-10; Luke 7:36-50

**Friday:** First Timothy 6:2-12; Psalms 49:6-10; 17-20; Luke 8:1-3

**Saturday:** First Timothy 6:13-16; Psalms 100:2-5; Luke 8:4-15

**Monthly Collection Report**

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

**Monies collected for September:  
\$1343.87**

**TROOPS AWAY FROM HOME**

**Damien Falkner  
Aaron Martin  
David Rachwalik**

**Adam Rachwalik  
Jeanette McCall**

**9:30 Mass Today is for the Parishioners.**

**Today 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. Please Be Generous.

**Today all Confirmation Students** and their parents are required to attend a meeting after the 9:30 am Mass.

**Baptism today for** Scarlett Henery, daughter of Trevor and Jackie Henery.

**Junior Daughters are selling** chances today to help defray the cost to attend their District Conference, in 2010. Chances are \$1—please help support these young ladies and stop by the table in the back of the church!

**Sunday, September 20, 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.

**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 which is Monday, September 21.**

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