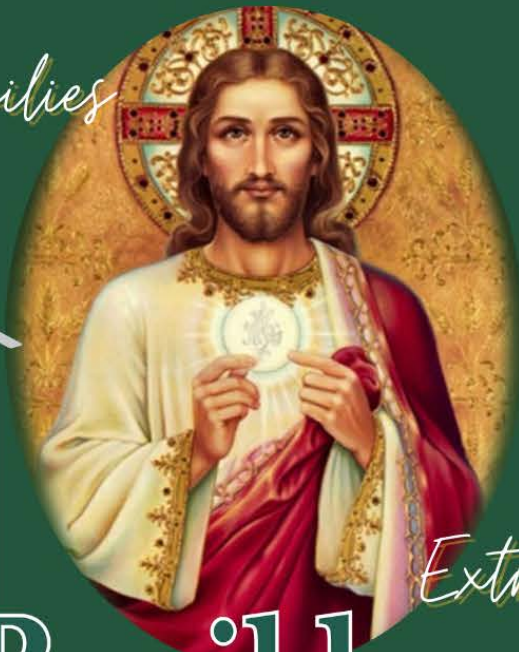


May 16, 2021

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### CLERGY

Rev. Matthew Johnston, Pastor  
Deacon Biaggio DiGiovanni  
Deacon Stephen Gordon  
Deacon Clifford Wright

### BAPTISMS

First and Third Sundays of the month at Noon. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

### MATRIMONY

Please contact a priest/deacon 8 months prior to your wedding.

### FUNERALS

Arrangements may be made at the Parish Office.

[www.stbenilde.org](http://www.stbenilde.org)

### MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil ... 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday ... 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
& 6:00 p.m.

Mon., Wed., Fri. ... 7:00 a.m.  
Tuesday and Thursday ... 5:30 p.m.  
First Saturday ... 8:30 a.m.

### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

See Inside the Bulletin  
for Schedule

### CONFESSION

Saturday ... 3:00—3:45 p.m.  
Sunday ... 5:00—5:45 p.m.  
Thursday ... 6:00—6:30 p.m.  
and by appointment at the Parish Office

### DEVOTIONS

Holy Hour in Church  
Thursday 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual  
Help Following 5:30 p.m.  
Mass on Tuesday

### NEWCOMERS

Call the Parish Office to receive a  
New Parishioner Registration  
Packet.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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(504) 233-3246.

### ST. BENILDE SCHOOL

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### DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration from 7:00 a.m. Monday till 10:00 p.m. Friday

## Ministers of the Liturgy

MAY 15 & 16, 2021

**Saturday - 4 P.M.**

*Intentions:* George Spaulding,  
Merle & Charles Dittmer, Patrick C. McKinney,  
Russell Costanza, A.J. Martin, Danny Ryan,  
Carl A. Guidroz, Jr., Flora Maria Be,  
Sandra Rowan (L), Lloyd Williams,  
Thomas Metcalf, Richard Metcalf, Joseph Segari,  
Thomas Goulas, Lorelei M. Bono,  
Johnny & Cecile Mangiaracino (L),  
Andrew Meibaum, Hubert LaBorde,  
Honor of St. Jude, Stephen J. Rizzo,  
Kay Shushan (L), In Thanksgiving  
*Cantor:* Kevin Rouchell  
*Organist:* Jonathan Szymanski

**Sunday - 9 A.M.**

*Intention:* Althea Rita Gernard & Emile Hart  
Traditional Choir

**Sunday - 11 A.M.**

*Intentions:* Isabella Forsythe, Rita Tardiff,  
Floyd Forsythe, Sr., Floyd Forsythe, Jr.,  
Paul J. Hymel, Jr., Lois Browne  
*Song Leaders:* Contemporary Choir

**Sunday - 6 P.M.**

*Intention:* St. Benilde Parishioners  
*Cantor:* Lauren Gisclair  
*Pianist:* Beth Kettenring

### Weekday Masses

<b>Monday</b>	7:00 a.m.	Dolores Baudin
<b>Tuesday</b>	5:30 p.m.	Alice Lowrie
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 a.m.	Steve Morris (L)
	8:15 a.m.	Barbara Twickler
		<b>School Mass</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	5:30 p.m.	Fr. Matthew Johnston (L)
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 a.m.	Ray Dunn

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday:	<b>Vigil:</b> Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 <b>Day:</b> Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

## Prayer Intentions

**The Church  
Sanctuary  
Lamp** burns  
for our  
homebound  
parishioners



**The Blessed Mother Votive  
Lamps** burns for an  
increase in vocations to the  
priesthood & religious life

**The Sacred  
Heart Votive**  
burns in  
thanksgiving  
for an  
Answered  
Prayer



**Adoration Chapel Sanctuary  
Lamp** burns in memory of  
Stuart & Gloria Fourroux



**Adoration Chapel Candles**  
burns for an end to Abortion

**The Altar Flowers** are in memory of  
Deceased Parishioners



**Altar Ladies  
Week of May 9**  
April Duersel  
May Linens  
Large - Kathy Klapatch  
Small - Cloyis Jones



## Stewardship of Treasure

WEEK OF MAY 8 & 9

Envelopes .....	\$5,121.00
Loose .....	\$1,619.00
Second Collection.....	\$1,582.00
Repairs & Maintenance	
Electronic Giving .....	\$968.00
Msgr. Richaud Fund .....	\$250.00
<b>Totaling .....</b>	<b>\$9540.00</b>

"Tell them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, ready to share, thus accumulating as treasure a good foundation for the future, so as to win the life that is true life."

-1 Timothy 6:18-19

### THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ASCENSION

The theological unity, or perhaps even the temporal experience of the early community, made it seem that Jesus' resurrection and his ascension were inseparable aspects of a single mystery. Only in the later writings of Luke and John has further theological reflection helped the Christian community to distinguish different dimensions of the mystery. Liturgical tradition has followed the forty-day chronology formulated by Luke. We would miss the point, however, if we were to demand a precise historical chronology of events such as the Resurrection-Ascension that are primarily spiritual in nature and that clearly surpass the bounds of time and space as we know them.

What is important for us to grasp is the significance of the Ascension. For Luke, it is the decisive turning point that marks the end of Jesus' earthly ministry and the beginning of the disciples' Spirit-led ministry and thus the ministry of the whole church down to our own day.

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## This Week at St. Benilde

<b>Monday, May 17</b>	7:00 a.m. Mass Men's Club Meeting 7:30 p.m. in Cafeteria
<b>Tuesday, May 18</b>	5:30 p.m. Mass St. Vincent de Paul Society 6:30 p.m. in Parish Office Healing a Father's Heart Group 7:00 p.m. in Parish Office
<b>Wednesday, May 19</b>	7:00 a.m. Mass 8:15 a.m. School Mass
<b>Thursday, May 20</b>	5:30 p.m. Mass Reconciliation 6-6:30 p.m.
<b>Friday, May 21</b>	7:00 a.m. Mass 7th Grade Graduation 10:00 a.m. in Church
<b>Saturday, May 22</b>	Reconciliation 3-3:45 p.m. 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday, May 23</b>	9:00 a.m., 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Masses Reconciliation 5-5:45 p.m.

## ATTENTION CHURCH MEMBERS



Face masks are now optional for all liturgies & parish events.



## Ministry Spotlight:

## Catechetical Corner

### Prayer Blankets



St. Benilde Prayer Blankets & Shawls are available for anyone in need of comfort spiritually, physically or mentally

Call or visit the Parish Office for more information

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We are in need of additional adult volunteers for our Vacation Bible School program which is scheduled to take place Monday, June 28-Friday, July 2.

To volunteer or request more information, please contact Anita Delaup at [bibledownthebayou@gmail.com](mailto:bibledownthebayou@gmail.com).

### PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

The Peter's Pence collection is a gesture of solidarity through which every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church.

"The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See."

The collection will be taken up in our archdiocese on the weekend of May 22-23, 2021.



Adorers are currently needed for the following days/times:

**Mondays at 4 PM, Wednesdays at 9 AM, Thursdays at 5 AM, & Fridays at 3 AM**

We also welcome substitutes and partners for already committed hours. To become a committed adorer or for more information, please call George Rojas at (504) 834-5525. **The code to enter is 12741.** Come by any time!

*"When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now."*

*- Mother Teresa of Calcutta*



## St. Benilde School News:



Thank you to the Women's Giving Circle and the Catholic Community Foundation for their generous gift of \$25,000 to our Exceptional Learners Program!

**Our St. Benilde Students had a BLAST celebrating SPIRIT WEEK May 3-7, 2021.** Below is a summary of all the fun events they were able to participate in:

- On Monday, our students showed their St. Benilde Spirit by dressing in our school colors Green and White. They also had a Dance Party with Benny Benilde!
- Tuesday was Teacher Appreciation Day and Louisiana Heritage Day. Our teachers were surprised with a breakfast delivery from Mr. Huck and Mrs. Micki, as well as a delicious lunch! Our students wore their favorite Team, School, or Festival shirts and had Beignets to celebrate Louisiana.
- On Wednesday, our students had extra recess and Freezie Pops.
- Thursday was Disney Day. Our students dressed as their favorite Disney Character or wore Disney inspired outfits, and we had a Disney Karaoke Party on the Playground.
- Finally on Friday they had Field Day, a day filled with good natured competition and class spirit.

Check out some snapshots of the week below.



### Abortion Makes America Hypocritical

We Americans are hypocrites! We say we are against war yet we are in the midst of the biggest battle of our lives going on in our own home front, a battle between good and evil.

We say we are appalled by the number of deaths of our military in wars yet we condone 4,000 deaths of the unborn each and every day right here in America. We have killed more babies than all the soldiers who have died from all the wars we have ever been in! We turn a deaf ear to the cries of the babies in the mothers' wombs pleading to be born, to be loved, to have a chance to live.

We deplore the actions of terrorists, the beheadings and the killings. Yet are we any better? The abortionists do the same to the helpless and defenseless in the womb, things so-called civilized people just don't do.

We rush to the aid of helpless hurricane and earthquake victims, yet some believe we should euthanize the elderly and the sick when they can no longer help themselves and have become a 'burden' to those around them.

Take a good look around. Do you like what we've become? Why have we become so immoral? Do you suppose it's because we've pushed God aside and believe we are in charge?

Ruth Weber  
Davenport Iowa





## Archdiocesan & Broader Church News and Opportunities



"Angels Unawares" (pictured above) is a bronze sculpture by Timothy Schmalz installed in St. Peter's Square in the Vatican since September 29, 2019, the 105th World Migrant and Refugee Day. This statue was inaugurated by Pope Francis in 2019 for the 105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Titled "Angels Unawares," the statue shows a 20-foot-long boat crowded with migrants and refugees from various lands. The sculpture, cast in bronze and weighing nearly four tons, is on a tour of American cities before going on permanent display at Catholic University of America. Among the 140 sculpted faces are Italians and Germans seeking a better life in a new country; Irish immigrants escaping the 19th century Potato Famine; Africans who were forced onto slave ships; Vietnamese boat people fleeing a Marxist regime; a Cherokee on the Trail of Tears; Jews scarred by the Holocaust; Syrians seeking a more peaceful home than their homeland, and many others. All figures and faces are from photos of real people or modeled in-studio. Even the Holy Family is in the crowd, identifiable only by St. Joseph's toolbox. Above the figures, stretching 11 feet high, are the wings of an angel meant to symbolize Hebrews 13:2: "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." "The public is welcome to visit the statue on the front yard of Notre Dame Seminary, 2901 S. Carrollton Ave. in New Orleans. Learn more at <https://angelsunawares.org/>.

**Bishop Sam Jacobs**   **Deacon Steve Greco**   **Denise Beyer**   **Andi Oney**   **Deacon Larry Oney**   **Janice Charbonnet**   **Tim McCaffery**

# Reboot! Refresh! Renew!

"See I am doing something new!" (Isa 43:19)

**June 25th at 7 PM to 10 PM**  
**June 26th at 9 AM to 1 PM**  
**Divine Mercy Parish**

Music by: **Merci Beaucoup with Ryan Foulon**

Patti and Al Mansfield will be honored for their 50+ years of service to the Renewal.

Visit **CCRNO.ORG** to register!

**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL (NEW ORLEANS)**

**The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans (CCRNO)**, a ministry of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, is sponsoring a Regional Conference at Divine Mercy Parish (4337 Sal Lentini Parkway, Kenner, LA 70065) June 25-26, 2021. Our speakers include: Bishop Sam Jacobs, Deacon Steve Greco, Denise Beyer, Deacon Larry Oney, Janice Charbonnet, Andi Oney, Timmy McCaffery, Patti Mansfield and more. Cost is \$45. To learn more or to register, please visit our conference webpage at: <https://ccrno.org/reboot-refresh-renew>.

## Eucharist Lecture Series

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"Eucharistic Images and Art" by Prof. Jordan Haddad  
Wednesday, May 19th, 2021  
Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 5:30 pm with  
lecture and Q&A to follow from 6:00 - 7:00 pm  
Schulte Auditorium at Notre Dame Seminary

ARCHDIOCESE OF  
**NEW ORLEANS**  
Office of Marriage and Family Life

The Archdiocese of New Orleans will be conducting an **Annulment Writing Workshop** at St. Benilde's Teen Center beginning on June 8, 2021. This is for persons seeking an annulment in the Catholic Church or for persons responding to an annulment.

If you would like more information or to preregister you can call the Parish Office or Miss Cathy at the Archdiocese at 504-861-6243.

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