

St. Benedict Cathedral

1328 Lincoln Avenue + Evansville, Indiana 47714-1516

Dear Parishioners:

You have in your hands the 2011 version of our parish directory. Personally, I find it very handy and helpful and I hope you will as well.

The booklet is printed and mailed to all of our parishioners at no cost to us. That is a bargain! Every new parishioner receives a copy as they register and that helps them not feel so lost. We have tried to keep up on changes of address and phone numbers. If you find any mistakes, please let us know so that we can make corrections for next year's edition.

My thanks to all of the businesses and services that have taken ads in the directory. This is what makes it possible for us to receive it free of charge. I hope you will take the time to look over the ads and support these folks when you can.

Special thanks to the Parish Staff, especially Jennifer Sieben and Theresa Phipps, our Parish Secretaries, for putting the guide book information together. And thanks to all of you who do so much to keep St. Ben's an active and living parish. Together with strong faith in the Lord and genuine love for one another, we can fulfill our hope that the Kingdom of God will grow in our little corner of the world.

God's peace and blessing be with you always!

Faithfully yours,

Father Gregory Chamberlin, O.S.B.
Pastor

St. Benedict Parish...

is a community of faith united in Eucharist and committed to the Benedictine tradition of seeking God through prayer and work by:

- Sharing our gifts of time, talent and treasure;
- Providing formation and education for children and adults; and
- Responding to the needs of people by sharing our faith and resources.

We are dedicated to living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Mass Schedule

Sundays & Holy Days (Legal Holidays) 6:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM
Holy Days (not Legal Holidays) 6:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 6:30 PM
Saturdays & Vigils of All Holy Days 4:30 PM
Daily Mass 7:00 AM & 9:00 AM, Mon.-Sat.

Parish Overview

Parish Center: 1328 Lincoln Avenue, Evansville, IN 47714
Phone: (812) 425-3369 Fax: (812) 425-3378

School: 530 S. Harlan Avenue, Evansville, IN 47714
Phone: (812) 425-4596 Fax: (812) 463-5206

Parish Staff

Rev. Gregory Chamberlin, OSB.....Pastor
Rev. Harold Hammerstein, OSB.....Special Assistance
Deacon David CookRCIA, Baptismal Prep & Catholics Returning Home
Deacon Jim Flynn Director of Stewardship, Sponsor Couple Program
..... & Legacy Society
Deacon Kevin BachRCIA Assistant & Prayers of the Faithful
Sr. Pat McGuire, OSB.....Pastoral Associate, Legacy Society, Bereavement
..... Health Ministry, Silver Club & Altar Servers
Ms. Marty Horning..... Director of Religious Education, Youth Minister
Mrs. Charlene Fiedler..... Youth Ministry Leader
Mr. Jeremy Korba Director of Liturgical Music
Mrs. Jennifer Korba Director of Choirs
Mrs. Julie Ann Walker Business Manager
Mr. James DuPont Supervisor Buildings & Grounds
Mrs. Jennifer Sieben Parish Secretary
Mrs. Theresa Phipps Parish Secretary

Key Contacts

Altar Servers Sr. Pat McGuire, OSB.....425-3369
Bingo Chair Mark Wolf.....479-8394
Catholics Returning Home Deacon David Cook.....425-3369
Christian Family Movement..... Paul & Missy Parkison.....402-1230
Church Music Jeremy Korba.....425-3369
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Richard Clements.....479-6228
Fish Fry..... Mary Merrill.....425-4596
Health Ministry Edna O'Daniel.....479-6246
..... Liz Tucker477-7342
Lectors Ann Wolber473-2579
Legion of Mary..... Dennis Dooley.....476-7801
Men's Volunteer Maintenance Crew..... Don Kaiser.....476-7554
Organizational Services..... Martha Deuerling.....475-9998
Prayer Chain..... Marian Seibert.....473-4956

.....	Ann Johnson.....	472-1063
PTO Co-Presidents.....	Laurel Bonenberger.....	402-1947
.....	Megan McCombs.....	204-3375
Religious Education.....	Marty Horning.....	425-4596
Saint Vincent de Paul.....	Lynn Mattingly.....	476-5518
Silver Club.....	Sr. Pat McGuire.....	425-3369
.....	Rachel Ante.....	471-4333
Spiritual Growth.....	Jane Leingang.....	477-8285
Ushers.....	Bob Mehringer.....	401-0423
Welcome Ministry.....	Jennifer Browning.....	473-3111

Communications

Website Address:

www.saintbenedictcathedral.org

Bulletin: The bulletin is used on a weekly basis to inform parishioners of liturgical occasions, worship schedules and upcoming events and activities in the church, the school and the community. Article submissions are due by noon on Monday. Contact: Parish Office - 425-3369

Newsletter: *Around the Ben* is distributed to all parishioners. This periodical contains stories about the life of the parish. The newsletter also presents a calendar of upcoming events, meetings and worship schedules. Various committees, organizations, and individual parishioners may submit articles. Contact: Krista Greenfield, kgreenfield@insightbb.com

Scrip

SCRIP: Certificates and gift cards are redeemable at face value at participating businesses. The school and church benefit by receiving a percentage from vendors for each certificate purchased. A portion of the proceeds may be designated as a credit toward the purchaser's tuition bill. School and church families are needed to support this endeavor by purchasing SCRIP certificates. Contact: Theresa Phipps or Jennifer Sieben - 425-3369

Facilities

Saint Benedict Cathedral Parish has several facilities available for rent. The purpose of these guidelines is to ensure that the facilities will serve the Diocese, the Parish, and the School in an equitable and practical manner. Reservations must be made with the Parish Secretary: 812-425-3369. The following facilities are available for rent:

The Woodward Center in St. Benedict Hall:

Accommodates 278 people with tables and chairs.
 Accommodates 595 people with chairs only.
 Kitchen is available.
 Parishioner fee: \$575.00.
 Non-Parish fee: \$775.00.

The Holy Family Room in St. Benedict Hall:

Accommodates 54 people with tables and chairs.
 Accommodates 117 people with chairs only.
 Kitchen is available.
 Parishioner fee: \$255.00.
 Non-Parish fee: \$375.00.

The Cafeteria in St. Scholastica Hall:

Accommodates 567 people.
 The smaller, South Kitchen, not the large North Kitchen, is available for use.
 Parishioner fee: \$575.00.
 Non-Parish fee: \$775.00.

The Raven's Roost in St. Meinrad Hall:

Accommodates 207 people with tables and chairs.

Accommodates 445 people with chairs only.
Kitchen is available.
Parishioner fee: \$275.00.
Non-Parish fee: \$375.00.

Maintenance Personnel: Maintenance personnel provide regular cleaning and maintenance of nearly all the parish facilities.
The Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds coordinates their responsibilities. Contact: Jim DuPont - 425-3369

Committees

Parish Pastoral Council

Rev. Gregory Chamberlin, OSB..... Parish Council President
Debbie Brockman Parish Council Chair
Kelley Coppens..... Secretary
Patti Hall..... Parish Council Vice-Chair
Rachel Ante
Julie Stephan
Richard Clements..... Liturgy Commission
Missy Parkison..... Spiritual Growth Commission
Tom Miller..... Finance & Administration Commission
TBA..... Communication/Activities Commissioner
Sr. Pat McGuire, OSB Ex-Officio Member
Deacon David Cook Ex-Officio Member
Deacon Jim Flynn Ex Officio Member
Deacon Kevin Bach..... Ex Officio Member

The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body to the Pastor.

The mission of the Parish Pastoral Council is as follows:

- to provide recommendations for parish priorities, directions, and policies through Pastoral planning;
- to promote better communications and understanding between parish organizations and the parish, the diocese and the universal church; and
- to form community as a sign and witness of unity for the larger parish community.

The Parish Pastoral Council carries out its purpose through these functions:

- Sets vision for the parish community by their leadership in the process of articulating the parish's mission in a statement, which reflects the mission of Jesus and is relevant to the unique circumstances of the parish; and
- Gives direction to the parish community through discerning God's will for the community, assessing needs, developing priorities, and engaging in planning.

Membership consists of the Pastor as president, four at-large elected parishioners, one or two appointed parishioners, five representatives (one from each of the five commissions), and ex-officio members of the pastoral staff.

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM.

Christian Social Action Commission

Sr. Pat McGuire, O.S.B., Parish Pastoral Council Representative

The purpose of this commission is to motivate the total parish to live out the social message of the Gospel. The commission is a consultative body for parish leadership and parishioners and is accountable to the Parish Pastoral Council. The responsibilities of this commission are as follows:

- to identify the needs of the parish and the surrounding community;
- to channel these needs to the appropriate committee;
- to give direction to its committees in keeping with the mission of the parish as described by the Parish Pastoral Council.
- to assist the committee heads in studying the ministerial value of the activity of its committee as is needed and determined by leadership/staff and Parish Pastoral Council;
- to report the vitality of the committee's effort to meet social needs of the community to the leadership/staff and to the Parish Pastoral Council;

to establish ad hoc committees and task forces as needed and;
to encourage parish groups and committees to become more aware of ways they might sponsor an outreach project for the
needy in our community and to support their efforts.

Knights of Columbus: St. Benedict Cathedral Council 7544 meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Holy Family Room
of
St. Benedict Hall. A quarterly corporate communion meets at the
8:30 AM Sunday Mass. Contact: Tim Nalin – 457-7629

Communications and Activities Commission

Chairperson and Parish Pastoral Council Representative

The purpose of this commission is to keep parish members informed about activities and events happening within the church, the school and the community. It also has the responsibility to provide certain social activities for parishioners and visitors to aid in better interpersonal communication within the parish community. The commission is accountable to the Parish Pastoral Council. The responsibilities of this group are as follows:

- to establish viable communication whereby the parish community is informed of opportunities to share their gifts of time, talent and treasure;
- to determine the quality of activities whereby the parish community has regular and meaningful occasions to engage in informal social gatherings;
- to study the ministerial value of the activities of the commission's committees at least every three years or upon request of Parish Pastoral Council;
- to share all information with the committees and the Parish Pastoral Council and;
- to establish committees and task forces as needed.

Membership consists of selected representatives from the committees and persons interested in or skilled in public relations and communications.

Meetings are held as needed.

Finance & Administration Commission

Tom Miller, Parish Pastoral Council Representative/Bob Mehringer, Chair

The commission regularly consults with and advises the Pastor concerning the fiscal position of the parish and its physical plant. It also provides fiscal advice and consultation to facilitate and enhance pastoral ministry, worship, and religious formation/education. This commission is accountable to the Parish Pastoral Council and consults with other commissions in fiscal matters, as may be requested. The responsibilities are as follows:

- to establish fiscal policy in keeping with the goals established by the Parish Pastoral Council;
- to provide the expertise for developing the parish budget with each of the other commissions;
- to study the giving patterns, investments, and development of parish resources;
- to oversee the property, maintenance, renovation/improvement needs and construction of new facilities;
- to study the activities of its committees every two to three years or upon request from the Parish Pastoral Council;
- to assist the committee heads in the appraisal and study of the activities of their committee as is needed for the purpose of meeting the needs of the parish;
- to report the vitality of this committee's work to the leadership/staff and the Parish Pastoral Council;
- to guide the work of its committees according to the priorities of the parish as established by the Parish Pastoral Council and;
- to establish ad hoc committees and task forces as needed.

Parishioners with financial expertise are selected for the commission. The Business Manager is the staff representative. The Pastor is ex-officio member of the commission. Meetings are held monthly on a Monday evening at 6:00 PM and at such other times as may be required. Contact: Julie Ann Walker, Business Manager - 425-3369, jwalker@evdio.org

Legacy Society: The St. Benedict Cathedral Legacy Society was established as a way to recognize and thank those who have remembered St. Benedict Cathedral in their will or through another planned gift. It is open to anyone who provides for the future of

St. Benedict Cathedral through a planned gift or a current gift to a new or existing endowment which produces perpetual income for carrying out the mission of St. Benedict Cathedral Parish.

Contact Sr. Pat McGuire, O.S.B. – 425-3369 or Deacon Jim Flynn – 204-3627

Gift Acceptance Committee: This subcommittee of the Finance Committee administers established guidelines for the acceptance of certain gifts by benefactors of St. Benedict Cathedral Parish, these gifts include those that are of a kind and character, or when they are given with restrictive terms and conditions that require an appropriate review and the exercise of prudential judgment prior to acceptance of the gifts by the Parish.

Stewardship Committee: This committee is responsible for stewardship awareness and programs, and helps focus our efforts as good stewards, according to the Gospel message. Contact: Deacon Jim Flynn – 204-3627

Liturgy & Worship Commission

*Richard Clements, Parish Pastoral Council Representative/
Jeremy Korba, Chair*

The purpose of the Liturgy & Worship Commission is to provide quality liturgical celebrations. This commission is accountable to the Parish Pastoral Council and is consultative to the liturgist and liturgical staff. The responsibilities for this commission are as follows:

- to schedule all liturgies, liturgical rites, and sacraments;
- to initiate and implement liturgical, educational, and ministerial training programs;
- to schedule ministers such as lectors, servers, Eucharistic ministers, cantors, musicians, sacristans, and ushers;
- to coordinate all other parish activities with the liturgical calendar and the liturgical celebrations of the parish;
- to recruit persons for the various liturgical ministries;
- to establish ad hoc committees and task forces as needed;
- to identify liturgical needs;
- to study the liturgical life of the parish committees at least every three years or upon request from the Pastor or Parish Pastoral Council;
- to assist the committee heads in the appraisal and study of the principle aspect of liturgical life offered by this committee as called for by leadership/staff or Parish Pastoral Council and;
- to report the vitality and effectiveness of each committee in their effort to enhance the liturgical worship/celebration to the leadership/staff and the Parish Pastoral Council.

The members of the commission represent a variety of liturgical ministries. The liturgist is the staff representative.

Church Decorating: The liturgist and members of the Liturgy Committee plan and provide the decoration for the liturgical seasons and celebrations of the church year. This is a standing committee appointed by the Pastor. Contact: Parish Center - 425-3369

Spiritual Growth Commission

Missy Parkison, Parish Pastoral Council Representative/Jane Leingang, Chair

This commission offers religious formation and education for the entire parish. These offerings reflect the liturgical calendar and the needs of the parishioners. It is accountable to the Parish Pastoral Council and is a consultative body for the committee heads listed under this commission. The responsibilities of this commission include the following:

- to identify the religious formation/educational needs of the adults, young adults, and youth of the parish;
- to offer education and spiritual growth opportunities throughout the year such as: materials for prayer and reflection during the seasons of Advent and Lent, scripture sharing and study groups when the need is present, and missions;
- to channel these needs to the appropriate committee head or leadership/staff;
- to study the ministerial effects of the activities of each committee at least every two years or upon request of the leadership or Parish Pastoral Council;
- to consult with some of the committees and report the vitality of their activities to leadership/staff and the Parish Pastoral Council;
- to establish policy for the religious formation and education of the parish;
- to determine the vitality of the activities of each committee at least every two years or upon the request of the leadership or Parish Pastoral Council;
- to establish policy for the religious formation and education of the parish;
- to assist the committee heads in providing educational and formational opportunities in the parish and to coordinate their programs with the parish calendar;
- to propose a budget for the religious formation and education of the parish and;
- to establish ad hoc committees and task forces as needed.

Membership is composed of some of the committee heads, persons from the parish at large with interest and/or expertise in religious formation/education and from the membership of the related areas of the committees. Meetings are held four times a year or as needed at 7:00 PM.

Vocation Committee: This group gathers regularly to support religious vocations. The committee promotes vocations to priestly, religious and ministerial life in the church. Meetings are announced through the parish bulletin. The committee welcomes anyone who would like to take part. Daily, after the 7:00 AM Mass, the Rosary is prayed for the increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Everyone is encouraged to participate. The first Friday of each month is St. Benedict Cathedral's Vocation Prayer Day. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is after the 9:00 AM Mass until 5:00 PM. Everyone is invited to spend an hour before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for an increase of priestly and religious vocations. Contact: Dennis & Louise Mehringer - 473-4929

Sacraments & Spiritual Growth

Confessions

Saturdays3:00 PM-4:30 PM
Sundays & Weekdays 20 Minutes before each Mass By Appointment

Baptisms Call the Parish Center

Marriages.....Call the Parish Center at least six months in advance.

New Parishioners..... Welcome! Please call the Parish Center to register (425-3369).

Religious Education: Religious Education classes are available for children pre-school (3 yrs.) through 8th grade. Our classes are for any child, especially children who attend public schools. Classes begin in September and end in April. First Reconciliation and First Eucharist preparation are part of the second grade. St. Benedict School and parish second graders are prepared together through a series of parent meetings and a retreat. Class times are on Sunday morning from 9:00-10:10 AM. This provides families adequate time to attend the 10:30 AM Mass. All classes are held in the St. Meinrad Hall and are taught by trained and dedicated catechists (teachers). We are always training new catechists as teachers and as substitute teachers. High school students are needed, and always welcome, as assistant teachers in the classes with our younger students. Contact: Marty Horning - 425-4596

Liturgy of the Word for Children: Liturgy of the Word is offered on Sundays during the 10:30 AM Mass throughout the year. Children up to Grade 3 are invited to participate. After the opening of the Mass, the priest invites the children and prayer leaders to gather in the front of church where the presider dismisses them. The children and prayer leaders go to the Parish Center where they divide into three groups to listen to the scripture stories of that Sunday. The leaders help the children restate the message of the day and present ways for the children to live the scripture message during the coming week. They return to church and join their families after the homily. No registration is required. Adult leaders are needed. Contact: Carmen Embrey - 491-6793

Confirmation: The process for preparation of the Sacrament of Confirmation provides a focused and creative time frame that gives high school youth an opportunity to be strengthened for discipleship, mission and witness to our Catholic faith. Students who are a second semester freshman or higher are always welcome to join our Confirmation process that begins each March. The Sacrament of Confirmation normally takes place in the month of November with the Bishop present. Information concerning our Confirmation process can be found in the parish bulletin each February/March. For further information contact Marty Horning in the Religious Education Office at 425-4596.

Penance Services: These sacramental rites are offered during Advent and Lent each year for the entire parish. They are typically scheduled once in the afternoon and once in the evening. Seasonal penance services are also conducted for the children of St. Benedict Grade School. Contact: Sr. Pat McGuire or Marty Horning - 425-3369

RCIC: The Rite of Christian Initiation for Children is special religious formation/instruction, available upon request, for children who have not been baptized and who wish to become members of the Roman Catholic Church. RCIC is also available for students who were baptized but not catechized. Contact: Sr. Pat McGuire, OSB - 425-3369

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): The RCIA is the normal process through which adults who are considering membership in the Catholic Church can learn the beliefs, teachings and practices of the Church. The process begins with a personal interview with the RCIA coordinator. It then proceeds through a series of group sessions that provide an opportunity to have questions answered by a team of Catechists (Teachers). After this stage, *Inquiry*, the catechumens (the un-baptized) and the candidates (those validly

baptized in a non-Catholic denomination) go through the Rite of Acceptance and enter into the *Catechumenate* stage. This stage involves the study of Church doctrines, Sacraments and practices. On the first Sunday of Lent, the parish celebrates the Rite of Sending of catechumens to the Rite of Election. There, the Bishop recognizes and accepts their declared intention to become members of the Catholic Church. Following the stage of Purification and Enlightenment, which coincides with Lent, the Elect and the Candidates experience the Rites of Initiation into full membership in the Catholic Church. This is followed by a period of additional sessions on living as Catholics. Here, these new Catholics learn how they can fully and effectively become involved in the parish community. The RCIA is a "whole parish" ministry. Parishioners are expected to pray for the Catechumens and Candidates. Contact: Deacon David Cook or Deacon Kevin Bach - 425-3369

Catholics Returning Home (CRH): We invite non-practicing Catholics, who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church to meet in informal groups that offer an opportunity to share their faith, and to hear an update of the Catholic faith. CRH needs a few people who have returned to the practice of the Catholic faith and who are willing to talk (give witness) to others who are considering a return to the Catholic Church. Contact: Deacon Dave Cook - 425-3369, ext. 164, dcook@evdio.org or Sr. Pat McGuire, OSB – 425-3369, ext. 160, pmcguire@evdio.org.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held Monday through Friday (except First Fridays of every month) from noon until 5:00 PM. The room on the east side of the Sanctuary, which serves as a Nursery for infants and toddlers during liturgical celebrations, also serves as the Adoration Chapel during the week. A schedule book is located in the Adoration Chapel for sign-ups to assure that at least one of the faithful is always present during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. On the First Fridays of every month, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is on the main altar of the Cathedral to encourage prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Exposition will be cancelled when schools are closed due to inclement weather. There is no exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Day, New Year's Eve and Day, and during Holy Week.

Novena Prayers: This group meets on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM in church for Marian devotions. All are welcome! Contact: Edith St. Louis - 422-1270

Parish Activities

Celebrate Advent: Begin your Advent season each year with our Celebrate Advent Program held on Advent Sunday (the Sunday before Thanksgiving). This event celebrates the season of Advent with our parish family. It is designed to bring joy to parish families as we bring one another together to make crafts, shop the Christmas Store, have lunch served by our Youth Ministry group, and enjoy great fellowship for the whole family. Contact: Marty Horning - 425-4596 or Rachel Ante, Coordinator - 471-4333

Vacation Bible "Fun Times": This lively summer event is available for children pre-school (3 yrs.) through 5th grade. Older students find the week a great opportunity to volunteer their time and talents. During the week of Vacation Bible "Fun Times", children will worship and learn about God through crafts, music, Bible stories, and stewardship. Contact: Marty Horning - 425-4596 or Rachel Ante, Coordinator - 471-4333

Christian Family Movement: This group of families supports one another by promoting Christian values in the family, community and workplace. They meet once a month in a small support-group setting. The group offers diverse social and community-building activities throughout the year. All are welcome, especially families raising children, and more information is available. Contact: Missy & Paul Parkison - 402-1230; office@cfm.org

Silver Club: This group is designed to meet the social needs of our parishioners aged 55 and older. This group normally meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 9:30 AM in the Parish Center. We offer a variety of entertainment, speakers, and card games as well as coffee & doughnuts. Please watch the bulletin and newsletter for dates and times each month. Contact: Sr. Pat McGuire, OSB - 425-3369 or Rachel Ante - 471-4333

Summer Social: St. Ben's Summer Social is an important community-builder and fund-raiser, gathering friends and neighbors within the parish, and reaching out to the larger community beyond our Parish boundaries. The social is held the 3rd weekend in May. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

Parish Dinners: Periodically throughout the year dinners are prepared and served by parish volunteers. The dinners provide opportunities for fellowship among both the servers and those served. It is also an important fund-raiser with proceeds used to maintain and enhance our school cafeteria kitchen.

Fish Fry: Held on Fridays during the six weeks of Lent (excluding Good Friday), these evenings provide opportunities for sharing a good Lenten meal with fellow parishioners and guests. Contact: Mary Merrill - 425-4596

Stewardship of Time & Talent

Extraordinary Ministers of The Eucharist: These ministers assist the presider in the distribution of communion at all the weekend and weekday liturgies. Those assisting at weekend liturgies have a regular schedule based on the particular Mass time chosen by the minister. Persons interested can submit their names to the Pastor. With his approval these names are submitted to the diocese. When approved by the Bishop, the persons are trained and commissioned in the parish. Contact: Richard Clements - 479-6228

Lectors: Lectors proclaim God's Word to the assembly at weekend liturgies and other liturgical celebrations. Readers should prepare the assigned readings in advance, fully comprehend the message, and deliver it in the most effective way. They also read the intercessory prayers. Anyone who has a good speaking voice, feels comfortable reading in public, and values the Word of God may be trained as a lector. Contact: Ann Wolber - 473-2579

Servers: Boys and girls of the parish in grades four through high school are invited and welcome to serve at the Altar during liturgies. Students who volunteer must demonstrate responsibility, and reverence for the sacred mysteries and the liturgical vessels, and must successfully train to perform this important ministry. Pontifical Servers are high school or college-age servers who assist in liturgies celebrated by the Bishop of the Diocese. Contact: Sr. Pat McGuire, OSB - 425-3369

Ushers and Trustees: The ushers serve many functions as the ministers of hospitality. They assist those gathering for Mass to find a suitable place in the church for worship, help anyone with special needs, and take up the financial contributions which sustain the overall ministry of the Parish. Before and after each Mass, they make sure the church is presentable and distribute bulletins after the weekend Masses. Teams of Trustees rotate each month for counting the collection. Men, women, and young adults are invited and recruited to minister in this way. They receive training before they begin their ministry. Contact: Bob Mehringer - 401-0423

Gift Bearers: Individuals and families are invited to present the gifts of bread and wine at the Preparation of Gifts at the weekend liturgies. No special training is necessary. Contact: Sr. Pat McGuire, O.S.B. - 425-3369

Vocation Cross Prayer: This is an opportunity for families to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life every day for a designated week. Families are called by name from the congregation at the Saturday evening, and Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 AM Masses to approach the Altar, and to accept the Vocation Cross and offer prayers for the designated week. If interested in being a part of this ministry, contact: Dennis & Louise Mehringer - 473-4929 or Janice Hatler - 428-4904

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Parishioners can serve as Catechists (Teachers), Sponsors, Ministers of Hospitality or Administrative Assistants in the RCIA process. Contact: Deacon David Cook or Deacon Kevin Bach - 425-3369

Confirmation Catechesis: Volunteers serve as group leaders for the confirmation candidates. Contact: Marty Horning - 425-3369

Summer Social: Volunteers are needed in many areas to help prepare and serve food, work various booths, sell ride tickers, and sell gaming tickets. It's a great chance to socialize with other parishioners and to offer your gifts of time and talent for an important parish fund raiser. Contact: Parish Center - 425-3369

Parish Meal Helpers: Volunteers are needed to help prepare, serve and clean-up for parish meals such as parish dinners and fish frys. These are great opportunities to socialize with other parishioners and to offer your gifts of time and talent for important parish fund raisers. Contact: Parish Center - 425-3369

Organizational Services: This group of parish volunteers prepares printed communications for mailing, provides supplemental clerical assistance at the Parish Center and periodically updates the parish census. Contact: Martha Deuerling - 475-9998

Adopt-a-Spot: Parishioners are encouraged to volunteer to maintain and care for a section of the parish grounds, to plant flowers, trim shrubs, and maintain that area during the year. Call PTO Co-Presidents Laurel Bonenberger 402-1974 and Megan McCombs - 204-3375 to identify the spot you will maintain!

Bingo Association: These parishioners volunteer to serve patrons of the weekly parish bingo held on Monday at 6:30 PM in the Cafeteria. The proceeds from this organization finance various projects throughout the parish. Contact: Mark Wolf - 479-8394

Quilters: The Summer Social Quilters meet in the Parish Center on Tuesday morning at 9:00 AM. Quilts produced during the year by the Summer Social Quilters are raffled at the St. Ben's Summer Social. Anyone who would like to *learn* to quilt, will find good teachers here, too. Contact: Darlene Kaiser - 476-7554

Tuesday Morning Men's Volunteer Group: A group of parish men with time to give, gathers each Tuesday from 9:30 AM to noon to assist with various projects around the parish: painting, minor maintenance jobs and other improvements. Inside tasks are performed in inclement weather. Outside painting and yard work, etc. are fair weather projects. This group is made up of retired men or those who work second or third shifts and have Tuesday mornings free. Contact: Don Kaiser - 476-7554

Ministries

Bereavement Lunches: These lunches are offered to the immediate family and out of town relatives of a deceased (registered) member of St. Benedict Cathedral or for a non-Catholic spouse, on the day of the burial. The luncheon is typically held in the Woodward Hospitality Center immediately following the funeral, or the family may choose to have a meat and cheese tray sent to the funeral home instead of the luncheon. Volunteers are always welcome to provide a covered dish or serve at the luncheons. Contact: Parish Center - 425-3369

Ministry to the Bereaved Sick or Elderly: In response to the call to "bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2), this group extends care and support to parish members who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Volunteers are needed to serve grieving survivors in the following areas: Prepare and/or serve funeral luncheons to survivors and their guests; bring in a meal and/or groceries to the survivor's home; assist with laundry, house-cleaning, in-home and yard maintenance, baby-sitting, transportation needs, personal care, meal preparation, financial planning and decision-making, job searches, and other needs that are complicated by grief. Contact: Sr. Pat McGuire, OSB - 425-3369 ext. 160, or pmcguire@evdio.org

Cocoon Tree: This project is held during the Lenten Season. Food, personal hygiene and paper supplies are purchased by parishioners and placed in the back of church under the cocoon trees. Donations are delivered to the, THE HOUSE OF BREAD & PEACE, a homeless shelter for women & children. Contact: Sr. Pat McGuire, OSB - 425-3369

Dove Tree: During Advent, sponsors of the Dove Tree project seek names of persons or families in need. The lists of needs are distributed to parishioners in church. Willing parishioners purchase the items corresponding to the number assigned their adopted families and bring the gifts to the church. The sponsors of this project distribute gifts to the families the week before Christmas. Contact: Jim & Theresa Phipps - 425-3369

Elizabeth Ministry: Designed to support women and families during the childbearing years. This ministry includes Prayer Partners who pray for women during their pregnancies, contact them to provide support and offer resources, and deliver a gift after the birth of a child. Volunteers may also become Elizabeth Ministers in the areas in which they have personal experience. The areas of the Elizabeth Ministry include pregnancy, birth, miscarriage, stillbirth, regretted abortions, infant or child death, crisis or special needs, adoption and infertility. Contact: Missy Parkison - 402-1230 or Debbie Brockman - 402-0694

The Gabriel Project: This church based project reaches out to women with unplanned pregnancies to help them choose life and avoid abortion. Working in conjunction with local social service agencies and existing pregnancy services the Gabriel Project also extends to women, and or men, the friendship and assistance of the Christian community. Contact: Sr. Pat McGuire, OSB - 425-3369

Health Ministry: The objective of this ministry is to attend to the emotional, physical, and spiritual needs of the people of the parish. The ministry is coordinated by Edna O'Daniel, RN and Liz Tucker, RN with assistance from a committee of nurses. Programs/classes will be developed based on the recent parish survey. Health Care Professionals are important to this ministry as well as volunteers for assisting with temporary transportation to a doctor, church, or grocery store; pick up and delivery of medicines; preparation and delivery of meals; yard work; etc. For more information on how you can volunteer or how the Health Care Ministry can serve you call Edna O'Daniel or Liz Tucker - 425-3369, ext. 165

Legion of Mary: This worldwide organization of Catholic men and women offers their service to the pastor to aid him in performing spiritual works in the parish. They place themselves under the banner of Mary so that with her help they may develop greater holiness in their own lives as well as spread a deeper devotion to her among others. Auxiliary members offer prayers, but do not attend meetings. Contact: Dennis Dooley - 476-7801

Meal Ministry: This ministry provides a maximum of three home-cooked meals to any parishioner who is recovering from a recent hospitalization, illness or crisis situation. Parishioners can call to request the service for themselves or for another family/individual who may be in need of meals. Initial contact is made by one of the ministry chairs to offer the service and gather the necessary information. This information is then passed on to volunteers who deliver a meal of their choice to the parishioner's home on the designated days. The goal of this ministry is not only to provide a meal in a time of crisis but also to provide the support, love and concern of the community to our fellow parishioners during a time of need. This simple but very worthwhile ministry is a great way to become involved in the parish yet takes so little time. Most will be called upon only a few times per year. More volunteers are always welcome. Contact: Janet Belisle - 402-7747

Music Ministries:

Bell Choir: The Bell Choir rehearses and performs periodically throughout the year. Worship is enhanced by the ringing of true English-style hand bells. Contact: Jeremy Korba - 425-3369

Cantors: The cantors lead the assembly in song and celebration at the 4:30 PM, 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM liturgies on weekends. Cantors are scheduled for particular liturgies by the Director of Liturgical Music. Anyone who has leadership ability and proficiency in vocal music may be trained as a cantor. Contact: Jeremy Korba - 425-3369

Choir: Under the direction of the Director of Choirs, the adult choir leads the assembly in singing both traditional and contemporary music every other week at the Sunday 10:30 AM Mass, September through May. The adult choir practices weekly on Thursdays at 7:00 PM in church. Anyone who enjoys singing, has the time to practice and has the desire to worship in song is invited to join at anytime. Contact: Jennifer Korba - 425-4596

Instrumental Group: These musicians practice every other Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM; they play and sing every other Sunday at the 10:30 AM Mass, September through May. Contact: Jeremy Korba - 425-3369

Nursery: During the 10:30 AM Sunday Liturgy, babysitting is available in the basement of the rectory for infants to 3-year-old children. Contact: Karen or Jason Blue - 437-9229

Partners in Christ Prayer Chain: This prayer chain ministers to the immediate needs of St. Benedict Families and extended friends. Calling the Parish Center or one of the chain leaders can start the prayer chain. Anyone interested in joining the prayer chain or offering a prayer to someone in need may call Marian Seibert - 473-4956 or Ann Johnson - 477-1063

Respect for Life: Persons interested in promoting greater awareness of the issues concerning respect for life are asked to bring information to the parish staff. These materials are to help parishioners to participate in promoting respect for life at all levels and to become more aware of these issues. Contact: Jason Wilkerson - 303-4314

St. Vincent DePaul Society: The society's primary purpose is the spiritual development of its members by helping those in need. Members go in teams on Monday evening to make home visits to assess needs and assist families with their rent, utilities, furniture, food and other needs. Volunteer member activities include weekly visitation to the patients of the State Hospital and Little Sisters of the Poor. Some members volunteer with Ozanam shelter, St. Vincent DePaul stores and the food pantry. The society funds its activities through monthly contributions from parishioners. Meetings are held on Monday evenings at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center. For additional information contact Lynn Mattingly - 476-5518

Youth Ministries:

Junior High Youth Ministry Group: This group is for all 6th and 7th grade members of St. Benedict Cathedral Parish and their friends. The meetings are varied and their focus is service, spiritual and social projects for the parish and the City of Evansville. Details can be found in the school newsletter, youth newsletter and the weekly Church Bulletin. Contact: Charlene Fiedler - 449-8559

High School Youth Ministry Group: This group is for all 8th thru 12th grade members of St. Benedict Cathedral Parish and their friends. Activities range from retreats to social events in Christian environments to a Mission Trip and a lot in between. The meetings are varied and the details can be found in a newsletter mailed to the home, in the church vestibules and the weekly Church Bulletin. Contact: Charlene Fiedler - 449-8559

Core Group: This group is for any adult (especially young adults) who love teens and love the Lord. We meet two to three times a month to plan and to aid in the Youth Ministry of our Parish. Contact: Charlene Fiedler - 449-8559

Young Adult Group: This group is for any adult (18-35) who would like to meet with other young adults to enrich their faith through spiritual, service and social activities. Contact Charlene Fiedler - 449-8559

Wedding Hostesses: Hostesses coordinate decorations and conduct rehearsals for weddings celebrated at St. Benedict Cathedral. They meet with brides and grooms-to-be and members of the wedding party to plan the decorations, decorate the church before the wedding, rehearse the rite of marriage, and clean up afterwards. Contact: Carmen Embrey - 491-6793 or Jamie Sills - 490-6414

Welcome Ministry: This committee ministers to new parishioners by introducing them to St. Benedict Cathedral, its parishioners and committees. Members maintain contact with new parishioners, fielding questions as needed and getting to know the interests of new members. Contact: Jennifer Browning - 473-3111

School

School Staff

Sr. Karlene Sensmeier, OSBSchool Principal
Mrs. Stacey UlrichSchool Secretary
Mrs. Ami Pitt.....School Secretary

St. Benedict Cathedral Pre-School: This combination Pre-Kindergarten and Pre-School is an educational program for children ages 3-5, offering them a chance to learn and develop mentally, physically and emotionally through developmentally appropriate activities in a structured yet fun and inviting environment. Contact: Pat Miller or Jenna Wessel - 425-4596

St. Benedict Cathedral School: St. Benedict Cathedral offers an opportunity for learning in a Christ-centered environment. The school provides education for children from pre-school through the eighth grade. The staff is well qualified. Class-sizes enhance a family-type atmosphere. Contact: Sr. Karlene - 425-4596

School Board: This board is a policy-making body for St. Benedict Cathedral School. The School Board has six elected members and two appointed members. The board is responsible for fiscal reviews, monitoring curriculum and instruction, selection and assessment of the principal, school/community relations, and goal setting.

PTO: This Parent-Teacher Organization exists for the sole purpose of supporting various programs of the parish school. The parents of grade school students are invited to take part. Meetings are announced through the parish bulletin and the school newsletter. Officers are elected annually and work closely with the administration of the school. The PTO provides human and financial resources for the school through various fund-raising, social activities, and volunteer services. Contact: St. Benedict Cathedral School - 425-4596

Cafeteria Personnel: These staff members prepare and serve hot lunches each school day to the children of St. Benedict Grade School. The cafeteria manager coordinates their responsibilities. Because of the school's involvement in the government lunch program, certain requirements and regulations apply to the cafeteria and its staff. Contact: Mary Merrill - 425-4596

Key Way and Playcare: These programs provide after-school care for students of our school (including the Pre-School). This structured environment allows for play and study for any student. The program is offered each school day from 3:00 PM until 6:00 PM. Contact the school at 425-4596

Children's Liturgies: Masses for the primary grades (kindergarten through grade four) are usually celebrated the third Wednesday of the month during the school year at 9:55 AM in church. Masses for the whole school (Kindergarten through grade eight) are celebrated on Fridays at 9:55 AM in church during the school year. Students take an active role in the liturgies as servers, readers, and song leaders. Everyone is invited to worship with the children of the school. Contact: Pete Werner - 425-4596

Outreach

Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment (CAJE): This interdenominational organization seeks to identify and correct issues of injustice in the Evansville community. St. Benedict Cathedral is a member of CAJE. For more information, contact Paul Leingang - 477-8215

Habitat for Humanity: The Parish participates in the local Habitat for Humanity program in the Evansville community through financial support and provision of time and talent for construction of homes for the poor. Contact: Del Welte - 474-0246

Brownies and Girl Scouts: These first-stage Brownies and Girl Scouts enjoy various social and character-building activities. Contact: Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana - 421-4970

Cub Scouts: Boys in grades 1-5 who become Cub Scouts meet weekly in the Raven's Roost. Service, social, camping, and worship opportunities are provided for participants. Adult Volunteers are welcome. Contact: Mark Hackert - 421-1707

Boy Scouts: Boy Scouts, grades 6-12, meet each Thursday at 7:00 PM in Raven's Roost. Service, social, and worship opportunities are provided for the boys who participate. Contact: Francis Brickey - 428-2308