

July Birthdays



09, Dennis Neuenfeldt
12, John Walsh
13, Helen S. Gourlay
13, Jerry Danks
15, Pat Crumble
19, Gail Swendrowski
22, MacCannon Brown
24, Brian Henke
25, Philip Ritger
29, Anjali Sankpal-Tatera



**God bless you on your birthday
and all throughout this blessed year
of your life!**

We lift up in prayer . . .

Pat Schmit	Sue Gaimo	Tim Strattner
Jackie Haessly	Briana Kilgore	Arbedella Browning
Phil Sweetland	Kevin Scherkenbach	Tom Kopesky
Kris DiDomizio	Armitta Kilgore	John Stebbins
Kay Pena	Phillip Walker	Dan DiDomizio
Bob Graf	Ingrid Leder	Cathy Fink

Names of those in need of prayer are removed after a time.
They can be replaced upon request.

Simply contact the parish office: stbensparish@thecapuchins.org

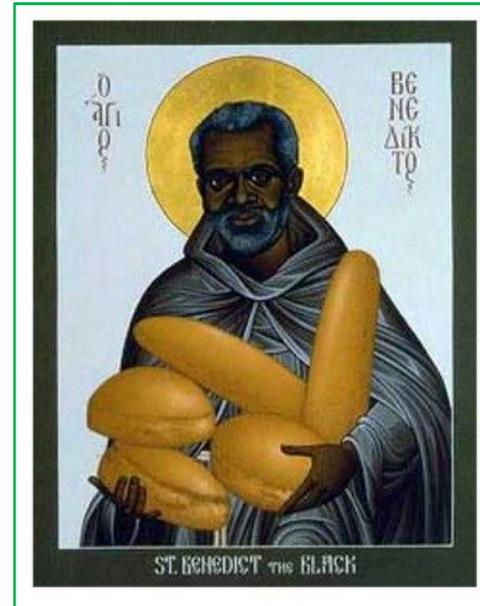
Please share information and events for the parish bulletin.
The deadline for bulletin notices is noon on Wednesday.

Email: stbensparish@thecapuchins.org

STEWARDSHIP

In keeping with a long-standing custom, we take up no collection so as not to embarrass folks who can't give. To help meet our expenses, however, you are invited to use the collection boxes at the doors. You may also mail your donation to: St. Benedict the Moor Parish 930 W. State Street Milwaukee, WI 53233 or donate to <https://stbensparishmilwaukee.org>

Thank you for your continued support of St. Benedict Parish
and its ministries.



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*A table for the poor and those who hunger for justice
We celebrate "God Among Us" with all people.*

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Welcome to St. Ben's!

Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 10, 2022

Join us for the 10:30 Sunday Mass!

Upcoming Events

Thursday, July 14---ANTI-GUN VIGIL at noon at Brew City Shooter's Supply, 43rd & Lincoln. We don't find peace. We create it.

Every Thursday there is a Jericho Walk at the I.N.S. at Broadway and Knapp St. starting at 9 a.m. No more detaining refugees or separating families of migrants.

Every Friday from Noon to 1 p.m. on Water and Wisconsin there is a demo protesting Chase and Wells Fargo banks investing in fossil fuels. See Milwaukee 350.Org. for info. **Chase has invested \$196 billion in fossil fuels since 2019.**

Saturday, July 16 - *Arise Family Day* at Menomonee Falls Village Park, N87W16749 Garfield Dr., Menomonee Falls, WI. 53051. **Schedule:** 2:30pm-5:00pm/Activities for Families, 5pm-6pm/BYO Picnic Dinner, 6:00pm-7:30pm/Arise Worship Night. Registration: \$25 Per Family, Registered by July 11th, Register at arisemke.org. Sponsored by **Arise MKE**.

July 22-24 - *Discernment of Spirits Retreat* at Holy Family Convent. Catholic Women 20-35. Visit fsc-calledtobe.org/vocation-discernment-events or contact Sister Julie Ann Sheahan at 920-323-9632.

Thursday, August 11 - *Celebrating our Patron Saints Series- St. Clare of Assisi*. St. Anthony Spirituality Center, 300E. Fourth St. Marathon, WI. 54448. Lunch 'n Learn: In person begins with lunch at 12 noon. Session In-Person and on Zoom: 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. For information: www.sarcenter.com or email at info@sarcenter.com or call 715-443-2236.

Upcoming Reminders

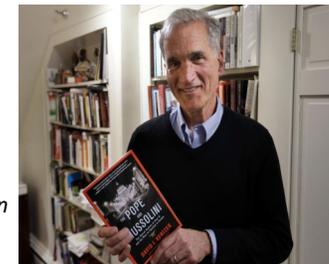
Division of Care and Treatment Services: 988 Mental Health Line

Saturday, July 16, 2022 - Anyone in mental health distress can call 988, send a text to 988, or use the online chat function on suicidepreventionlifeline.org to connect with a counselor through what will be known as the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. Wisconsinites who use 988 will connect with an in-state service known as the Wisconsin Lifeline.

St. Bens Women's Reflection Group
Friday, August 5th at 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Archives shed light on WWII pope

Policies of Pius XII during Holocaust in focus in new books.



Professor David Kertzer holds a copy of his previous book on Pope Pius XI. Kertzer's new book suggests the Vatican worked hardest to save Jews who had converted to Catholicism or were children of Catholic-Jewish marriages in World War II.

The Vatican has long defended its World War II-era pope, Pius XII, against criticism that he remained silent as the Holocaust unfolded, insisting that he worked quietly behind the scenes to save lives.

A new book, citing recently opened Vatican archives, suggests the lives the Vatican worked hardest to save were Jews who had converted to Catholicism or were children of Catholic-Jewish "mixed marriages."

Documents attesting to frantic searches for baptismal certificates, lists of names of converts handed over by the Vatican to the German ambassador and heartfelt pleas from Catholics for the pope to find relatives of Jewish descent are contained in David Kertzer's "The Pope at War," which was published in the United States.

The book follows on the heels of Kertzer's Pulitzer Prize-winning "The Pope and Mussolini," about Pius' predecessor, Pius XI. It uses the millions of recently released documents from the Vatican archives as well as the state archives of Italy, France, Germany, the U.S., and Britain to craft a history of World War II through the prism of the Pius XII papacy and its extensive diplomatic network with both Axis and Allied nations.

"The amount of material in these archives about searching for baptismal records for Jews that could save them is really pretty stunning," Kertzer said.

The 484-page book, and its nearly 100 pages of endnotes, portrays a timid pontiff who wasn't driven by antisemitism, but rather a conviction that Vatican neutrality was the best and only way to protect the interests of the Catholic Church as the war raged on.

Kertzer, a professor of anthropology and Italian studies at Brown University, suggests Pius' primary motivation was fear: fear for the church and Catholics in German-occupied territories if, as he believed until the end, the Axis won; and fear of atheist Communism spreading across Christian Europe if the Axis lost.

To assuage that fear, Kertzer writes, Pius charted a paralyzingly cautious course to avoid conflict at all costs with the Nazis.

Direct orders went to the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano not to write about German atrocities — and to ensure seamless cooperation with the Fascist dictatorship of Benito Mussolini in the Vatican's backyard.

That meant never saying a word in public to explicitly denounce SS massacres, even when Jews were being rounded up right outside the Vatican walls, as they were Oct. 16, 1943, and put on trains bound for Auschwitz.

Kertzer concludes that Pius was no "Hitler's Pope" — the provocative title of the last Pius-era blockbuster by John Cornwell. But neither was he the champion of Jews that Pius' supporters contend.