

## Ministers of the Liturgy July 25 & 26, 2015

### Saturday - 4 P.M.

*Intention:* Eve Vavrick (L), Fay Ann Arbelle, Joseph Segari, Marie O'Malley, Lynne Bernard, Margaret Sciortino, Don Rowan, Sr., Louis Newfield, Diana L. Alvarez de Fernandez, Patrick C. McKinney, Merle & Charles Dittmer, Rose Marie Greco Federico, Elissa Macaluso, Flora Maria Be, George Spaulding

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*

J. Rodosta, L. Segari

*Cantor:* Trish Genco

### Sunday - 9 A.M.

*Intention:* Parishioners

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*

D. Childers, B. O'Hara, R. Meche, P. Manfre

*Song Leaders:* Traditional Choir

### Sunday - 11 A.M.

*Intention:* Paul Fleming III, Dolores Credo, Hilton Daigle, Jr., Frank E. Golemi, Lena Sensebe, Louis Lehrmann, Jr. & Sr., Melvin Ducote, Kelvin Ducote, Angelo Sciortino, Annie Bollinger, Joseph Donald Bernard, Donald Tarsney, Frank Pelicano, Special Intention (L), Rhena Friloux (L)

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*

S. Gordon, L. Peters, N. Bostick, L. Frey

*Song Leaders:* Contemporary Choir

### Sunday - 6 P.M.

*Intention:* Special Intention (L)

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*

J. Zeringue, T. Kettenring

*Cantor:* Lauren Gisclair

*Pianist:* Beth Kettenring

### Weekday Masses (7/27-8/1)

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Raymond A. Melan, Jr.
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Joseph Segari
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Scott Cameron (L)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Bob & Janne Cahill (L)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Theresa Montgomery
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Kelvin Ducote
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Ronnie & Linda Tamborella (L)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:45 a.m.</b>	Rosary & Altar Society



## August Mass Schedule

8/1-2		8/22-23
4 p.m.	Fr. H. L.	4 p.m. Fr. Cooper
9 a.m.	Fr. H. L.	9 a.m. Fr. Cooper
11 a.m.	Fr. Cooper	11 a.m. Fr. Cooper
6 p.m.	Fr. Cooper	6 p.m. Fr. H. L.

8/8-9		8/29-30
4 p.m.	Fr. Cooper	4 p.m. Fr. H. L.
9 a.m.	Fr. Cooper	9 a.m. Fr. H. L.
11 a.m.	Fr. Simon	11 a.m. Fr. H. L.
6 p.m.	Fr. H. L.	6 p.m. Fr. Cooper

8/15-16	
4 p.m.	Fr. H. L.
9 a.m.	Fr. H. L.
11 a.m.	Fr. Cooper
6 p.m.	Fr. Cooper

### SBS Seeks Substitutes & Volunteers

St. Benilde School is looking for interested members of the parish to serve as substitute classroom teachers for children from 6 weeks through 7<sup>th</sup> grade. We are also looking for people willing to volunteer in our library and cafeteria program. If you are interested, please contact Principal Matt Downey ([jdowney@stbenilde.com](mailto:jdowney@stbenilde.com)) or Assistant Principal Valerie Perez ([vperez@arch-no.org](mailto:vperez@arch-no.org)) via email or by phone at 504-833-9894.

### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

#### Aug. 1/2

4 p.m.	R. Aucoin, C. Casente
9 a.m.	J. Tusa, P. Cifreo, M. Evola, P. Fleming
11 a.m.	C. & T. Pitre, J. Ackermann, J. Wright
6 p.m.	A. Calongne, T. Keller



Adoration Chapel Sanctuary  
Light in memory of  
Stuart and Gloria Fourroux



*Altar Care*  
Large - A. Duersel    Small - G. St. Germain

### Altar Ladies

*Week of July 26*  
M. Seeber, F. Alvarez

#### Linens

### Last Week's Collection

Envelopes .....	\$2,668.00
Loose .....	2,801.51
Repairs and Maintenance.....	300.00
Msgr. Richaud Endowment Fund.....	138.00
<b>Totalling .....</b>	<b>\$5,907.51</b>
<b>Black &amp; Indian Mission Collection.....</b>	<b>\$568.90</b>

## Fr. Cooper's Corner

### *Spiritual Communion*

One of the most important practices in a plan of life, as we discussed last week, is daily Mass. It's not possible, however, for everyone to attend Mass each day because of our work or school, care for young or sick children, etc. The part of the spiritual game plan we're tackling today is essential for the growth in holiness of those who find themselves in these circumstances. This spiritual practice is also key for those who do have the ability to attend each day. Today's part of the plan of life can form us all to attend Mass with greater awareness, awe and adoration. It's the practice of making spiritual communions.

In a spiritual communion, we ask the Lord to come to abide in us the way He would if we were to receive Him in Holy Communion. St. Thomas Aquinas, who wrote many of the great Eucharistic hymns that Catholics still sing today, defined a spiritual communion "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace Him." The most famous and popular vocal prayer expressing this desire for spiritual communion was written by St. Alphonsus Ligouri in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. "My Jesus," he wrote, "I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen."

The one I pray most often was written by 19<sup>th</sup> Century Piarist priests in Spain and popularized by St. Josemaria Escriva. "I wish, my Lord, to receive you with the purity, humility and devotion with which your most holy Mother received you, with the spirit and fervor of all the saints." I'll often add to this prayer before saying "all the saints" a specific invocation to imitate the Eucharistic piety of the saint that the Church is celebrating that day, the patron saint of the parish, or a particular saint to whom I'm appealing for a particular intention.

We can also make spiritual communions in our own words. I regularly make use of expressions taken from Sacred Scripture or some of the great Eucharistic hymns, like: "Lord, give me this Bread always!", as the people in the Capernaum synagogue said to Jesus (Jn 6:34); "Give us this day our supersubstantial Bread" (Mt 6:11), the real translation of the Our Father in St. Matthew's Greek, an expression that the early saints said referred to the Eucharist; "Stay with us, Lord!", as the two disciples said to Jesus in Emmaus (Lk 24:49); "*O Res mirabilis*" ("O wondrous reality!") or "*Fac me tibi semper magis credere, in te spem habere, te diligere*," ("Make me always believe more in you, hope in you and love you!") taken respectively from St. Thomas' *Panis Angelicus*; and *Adoro Te Devote*.

St. John Paul II strongly encouraged us to make spiritual communions frequently. He wrote in his 2003 encyclical *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, ("The Church Draws Her Life from the Eucharist") that the Eucharist is "the culmination of all the sacraments in perfecting our communion with God ... and the ultimate goal of every human desire. ... Precisely for this reason it is good to cultivate in our hearts a constant desire for the sacrament of the Eucharist. This was the origin of the practice of 'spiritual communion,' which has happily been established in the Church for centuries and recommended by saints who were masters of the spiritual life."

Jesus once told the great mystic St. Catherine of Siena how pleased He was with this spiritual practice. "In this golden chalice," He revealed to her, "I put your sacramental communions. In this silver chalice I put your spiritual communions. Both chalices are quite pleasing to me." Whether or not we can attend daily Mass, making spiritual communions will bring similar pleasure to Jesus, fill us with grace, help us to live a more profoundly Eucharistic life, and spur us toward that holiness that the plan of life is designed to foster.

### **National Catholic Youth Conference**

This weekend, the St. Benilde CYO teens attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana in November will be making a financial appeal to the parishioners to help them attend NCYC. The teens will speak at all of the Masses. After Mass they will be in the back of church accepting donations. Any financial support is a blessing! If you have any questions, please contact John Stiegman at 504-838-0405.

### **Young Adult Group**

St. Benilde Parish has recently started a Young Adult Group for men and women, ages 18 through 35, whether single, married, widowed, or divorced. The next meeting will be this Wednesday at 7 p.m., in the Teen Center. Please join us.

### **August Calendar**

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| Aug. 1     | Rosary & Altar Society Mass and Meeting<br>Legion of Mary - 2:05 p.m. - Parish Office                                     |
| Aug. 6     | CALM - 7 p.m. - Church  |
| Aug. 8     | Legion of Mary - 2:05 p.m. - Parish Office  |
| Aug. 12    | Block Rosary - 7 p.m. - Home of E. Beyer<br>Grandparents' Club - 6:30 p.m. - Cafeteria<br>Pro-Life - 7 p.m. - Teen Center |
| Aug. 13    | Safe Environment Training - 6:30 p.m. - Cafeteria   |
| Aug. 15    | Legion of Mary - 2:05 p.m. - Parish Office  |
| Aug. 15/16 | Hospitality Weekend - Young Adult Group   |
| Aug. 17    | School Begins<br>Men's Club - 7:30 p.m. - Cafeteria   |
| Aug. 18    | SVDP - 6:30 p.m. - Parish Office  |
| Aug. 22    | Legion of Mary - 2:05 p.m. - Parish Office  |
| Aug. 26    | Young Adult Group - 7 p.m. - Teen Center  |
| Aug. 29    | Legion of Mary - 2:05 p.m. - Parish Office  |