

## Ministers of the Liturgy August 8 & 9, 2015

### Saturday - 4 P.M.

*Intention:* Bob Whitman, Jason Cloud,  
Sam Sabella Family, George Spaulding,  
Flora Maria Be, Special Intention (L),  
Eve Vavrick (L), Fay Ann Arbelle, Josph Segari,  
Marie O'Malley, Anthony Cavallino,  
Patrick C. McKinney, Merle & Charles Dittmer,  
Colgan Family, Rose Marie Greco Federico  
*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*  
A. A. Quigley, E. Van Hoven  
*Cantor:* Trish Genco

### Sunday - 9 A.M.

*Intention:* Ray Dunn  
*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*  
C. Frederick, L. Whitman, K. Klapatch, R. Theriot  
*Song Leaders:* Traditional Choir

### Sunday - 11 A.M.

*Intention:* Hap Otilio, Melvin Ducote,  
Kelvin Ducote, Frank E. Golemi, Clara Bertucci,  
Dianne Z. Harrison, Hilton Daigle, Jr.,  
Bob Whitman, George Held, Sr.,  
Msgr. Louis LeBourgeois, Frank Pelicano,  
Joseph Donald Bernard, Special Intention (L),  
Annette Junker, Catherine Waguespack,  
Mary Comberrel, Royana Lance  
*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*  
P. & R. Serio, K. Robertson, R. Meece  
*Song Leaders:* Contemporary Choir

### Sunday - 6 P.M.

*Intention:* Parishioners  
*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*  
L. Daigle, B. David  
*Cantor:* Lauren Gisclair  
*Pianist:* Beth Kettenring

### Weekday Masses (8/10-14)

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Roy Phelps, Sr.
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Merle Altobello
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Frank A. Gsell
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Bill C. Johnson
	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	Special Intention (L)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Ann McMahon
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Stan Gandolfi
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Cletus Fleming & Paul Fleming III

## Safe Environment Training

Safe Environment training will be held at St. Benilde on August 13, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. All volunteers who have even one unsupervised contact with minors, and all who participate in an overnight event, must attend safe environment training prior to volunteering for the first time and every three years thereafter. Please contact Mary Kelly, 834-4980 ext. 113, for further information.

## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Solemnity of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is **NOT a Holy Day of Obligation** this calendar year. **However, because of the importance of this Feast Day in the Universal Church,** we will have Mass on **Saturday, August 15, at 8:45 a.m.** Even though the obligation has been dispensed this year, all are invited and encouraged to attend Mass to ask for the special intercession of our Lady.

## CCD Registration

St. Benilde's CCD Program begins on Sunday, August 23, 2015 in the main school building. Registration forms are available in the Church vestibule or the Parish Office. We teach religion on Sundays from 9:30 a.m. until 10:40 a.m. to pre-K3 through 12th grade students not currently attending Catholic school. The usual fee/tuition is \$50.

## Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Aug. 15/16

4 p.m.	A. & P. Delaup
9 a.m.	J. & G. Rojas, B. Soletto, C. Rispoli
11 a.m.	J. Hutchinson, R. Oleksik, K. & M. Sorensen
6 p.m.	M. Drawe, D. Powers



Adoration Chapel Sanctuary  
Light in memory of  
Stuart and Gloria Fourroux

Altar Flowers in memory  
of Lillie Soupenne



## Altar Ladies

Week of August 9  
A. Delaup

### Linens

Large - B. McCloskey Small - S. Roniger

## Last Week's Collection

Envelopes .....	\$6,131.40
Loose .....	3,056.43
Clarion .....	26.00
Msgr. Richaud Endowment Fund.....	131.00
Repairs and Maintenance.....	2,407.00
<b>Totaling .....</b>	<b>\$11,751.83</b>

## Fr. Cooper's Corner

### *Almsgiving*

“When you give alms,” Jesus tells us, “do not blow a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. ... Do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.” Just as prayer is meant to help us to begin to think and will as God does, and fasting is meant to help us to hunger for the things for which God hungers, the ultimate purpose of almsgiving is to help us to enter into a deeper communion with God by sharing with others the providential care He has first given us.

“Your well-being,” St. John Vianney once told his parishioners, “is nothing other than a depository that God has placed in your hands.” God has made us stewards of His own generosity so that we might share in His paternal love. Pope Francis stressed this point in his 2015 Lenten Letter, writing, “In each of our neighbors, we must see a brother or sister for whom Christ died and rose again. What we ourselves have received, we have received for them as well.”

Jesus came from heaven to earth to form us to be children of God, true chips off the divine block. He came not merely to call us to love others as He has loved us, but to show and help us to do so. The Good Samaritan wanted to train us to become good Samaritans. The kingdom He established is one in which we take responsibility for each other as our brothers’ keepers, in which we care for the Lazaruses all around us. The Lord and Master entered into our world not to be served but to serve and to teach us how to become great through becoming servants of all the rest. That’s the theological foundation for our charity.

The word “almsgiving” is derived from the old English *aelmesse*, which comes from the Greek word *eleemosyna* for mercy, as in *Kyrie, eleison*, “Lord, have mercy.” Almsgiving refers principally not to the giving of goods to the indigent, but to the Christ-like compassion that leads us to do all we can for those in need. There’s an obvious material dimension to giving alms, since many suffer in various forms of material need. Genuinely sacrificing our money and possessions — giving not just something but giving to the point that we ourselves go without something we need for someone who needs it more — is one of the greatest ways to ensure that we don’t worship the ancient golden calf. Many of us are tempted to serve and place our faith, hope and love in mammon instead of God. Our spiritual growth is impeded because we, like the Rich Young Man, won’t let go of what we have to follow Christ more fully.

We notice, however, that the Gospel doesn’t list many material benefactions of Jesus. His principal alms was the gift of Himself. On various occasions, the evangelists say that His “heart was moved with pity” and as a result He taught, healed, fed, forgave and resuscitated. Almsgiving involves, therefore, not just giving food to the hungry,

clothing to the naked and welcome to strangers, but also visiting the sick and imprisoned, teaching and counseling those in need, forgiving and calling people from sin, praying perseveringly for the living and the dead and other personal acts.

In a plan of life, the key is to plan one’s charity. Random acts of kindness ought to be encouraged but are not enough. Just as prayer ought to be scheduled rather than spontaneous, the same goes for charity. It’s not sufficient to wait for someone in need to come to us. When we know there are those who are suffering and that Jesus personally identifies with them (Mt 25:31-46), we need to go out in search. We need to plan. That’s what so many charitable agencies, like those funded by Catholic Charities do, but that type of organization ought to take place on a personal level as well. Charity is too important to Christian life and the spreading of God’s kingdom for it to remain happenstance. Christ’s charity toward us, after all, was planned from before the foundation of the world.

### Parish Bingo

Do not miss our Annual Parish Bingo that the Home & School/ Grandparents' Club are sponsoring on Sunday Sept 13, from 12:30- 2:30 p.m., in the cafeteria. There will be food, fun, and wonderful game prizes for all ages. Doors open at 12 noon. An entry fee of \$10 includes four interchangeable bingo cards for adults and children age five and up. Children under five are admitted free and receive one card. Donations are now being accepted from prize sponsors. To donate or for more information, please contact Cherisse Heidingsfelder @ 504-261-1529 or via email [cherisseann2002@gmail.com](mailto:cherisseann2002@gmail.com)

### Mission Appeal

This weekend, Fr. Simon Klaonga, from the Diocese of Mbuyimayi, Congo will be making an appeal for support of their missionary work in caring for the ALBINOS, who are marginalized and rejected because of the color of their skin. The Diocese is working to restore and promote their human dignity by creating educational and training centers where they can learn something about the origin of their skin color as well as the skills they need in order to serve their communities. Thank you for your generosity.

### R.C.I.A.

The R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Program is a set of sessions to share with others the truths of the Catholic faith. It is open to those who have never been baptized as well as baptized Christians seeking to become Catholic. We also invite Catholics desiring a better knowledge of their faith. **Weekly meetings are held on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in the school library. These meetings will begin on August 24.** To register, or for more information, please call the Parish Office at 834-4980.