

**ST. BENEDICT  
HOLY NAME SOCIETY**



**DECEMBER 2015  
Newsletter  
Calendar**

Thursday, December 3

**Radio Rosary  
5:50pm**

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Thursday, December 10

**No meeting in  
December**

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Thursday, December 10

**Altar Society & HNS  
Luncheon**  
Keith Young's Steak House  
Madisonville, LA

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Friday, December 25

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
**Let Us Rejoice!**  
**Our Savior is Born!**  
**Halleluiah!**



**From Warner's  
Desk  
Warner Daniel  
President**

This is my favorite time of year, the Christmas season is upon us. If you do not believe it, just check the weight of your daily newspaper to feel the weight of the retailer ads it contains. It's the time of year when we all become gourmands and gourmets; lots of really great food everywhere and gatherings of friends and family.

It's also the time of year when everyone is in a giving mood and when many acts of kindness and charitable activities occur, too bad it does not continue throughout the entire year.

It's also a good time to look back at the year and to remember all of the blessings we have received during the year. In my case, I know I am blessed to have a really great group of helpful officers in our men's club i.e. the Holy Name Society. I am truly indebted to them for the work they do.

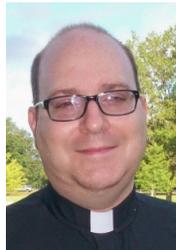
Earlier this year we lost Father Jonathan when he returned to the Abbey. But we received a really special blessing with the arrival of Fr Charles. He has been the Holy Name's best friend since his arrival and has been our best supporter in every undertaking. I cannot thank him enough for his efforts.

I am very grateful to all of you for your help and support in keeping the HN moving, let's continue the good work next year. Also let's not forget those who are less fortunate everywhere who need our prayers and support.

Dianne and I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year. Let's not forget the real reason for the season; the birth of our Lord and savior!

Vivat Jesu  
Warner

**PRAY FOR RELIGIOUS  
VOCATIONS**



**Padre's Piece  
Fr. Charles Benoit,  
O.S.B.**

*Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us; and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of Peace, Father of future ages; and his reign will be without end!* (Is. 9:1,5 and Lk. 1:33). With these words the Sacred Liturgy announces the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ on Christmas Morning. It is truly a joyous day when bathed in the radiance of our new-born King, the incarnate Word of God, we join Christians throughout the world in welcoming into our hearts the Savior of the world born of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope Francis has declared a Jubilee Year of Mercy from 8 December 2015 through November 2016. He says that "in this Jubilee Year, let us allow God to surprise us. He never tires of casting open the doors of his heart and of repeating that he loves us and wants to share his love with us" (*Misericordiae Vultus* #25). Celebrating the Nativity of the Lord Jesus gives us the opportunity to once again allow the light of Christ to penetrate deep into our hearts and souls, so that rediscovering His great love for us, renewing our commitment to Him, and reliving the mysteries we celebrate in the Sacred Liturgy, the joy and peace of this holy season enables us to truly experience a Blessed and Merry Christmas. I hope this Christmas finds you and your family in good health and filled with God's grace and mercy.



**November Meeting Highlights**

St. Benedict Church  
Holy Name Society  
November 12, 2015  
**Meeting Minutes**

The Meeting was called to order by President Daniel at 7pm. Fr. Charles led the members present in the opening prayers and the Holy Name Pledge. President Daniel led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Warner stated that he had no remarks but went on to say that Bertha Daigle asked for \$200 to buy turkeys and hams for Thanksgiving baskets. After much debate as to whom money should be given to, the Lunch Ministry or to Bertha. Mel moved that we donate \$200 and give the funds to Fr. Charles and let him distribute. Richard amended the motion to \$300. Seconded by Gus/Vern. Motion carried. The funds will be given to Father for distribution.

Warner asked if there were any additions or changes to the minutes for November... The minutes were adopted as written. .

Treasurer John Karpa reported no income and a \$100 expense leaving a balance of \$6,399 in the checking account. The Savings Account has a \$2,558.balance.

**Old Business:**

Fr. Charles had nothing to report from the Pastoral Council.

Warner reported that the covered dish dinner with the Altar Society went well.

Warner requested that all members come to the 11/14 work day to clean the grounds.

Members were reminded about the Altar Society Luncheon on 12/7 at Young's. Cost \$27.50 per person...

**New Business**

Quarterly Communion date has not been decided.

Additional donut money is needed now that donuts are served after the 10:30 Mass. Vern moved that we donate \$100 per month. Seconded by Wayne. Motion carried.

Remember the Lenten Fish Frys and plan to help with the preparations.

Try to attend the day of Reflection on March 5th.

**Adjourn and Closing Prayers**

Richard moved for adjournment and was seconded by Vern. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM .Fr. Charles led the members in the closing prayers...

**Upcoming Events**

No December meeting.

Thanksgiving - November 26

Christmas - December 25

Fish Frys - Feb. 19, March 4 and March 18

Day of Reflection - March 5

**Blessed Be the Name of  
Jesus, Now and Forever!**

**Remember in Your Prayers**

Please pray for our members and their loved ones and friends experiencing health problems: