

DECEMBER 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent



St. Benedict Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am; 11:30 am
Monday—Thursday: 12:15 pm

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Ministry Center

12152 Falcon Highway
Falcon, CO 80831
(719)495-1426

Deacon Lynn is on call anytime at 719-237-6677

Rectory

12150 Falcon Highway
Falcon, CO 80831

Parish Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:30 am—4:00 pm
Phone: (719)495-1426

Fr. Ponce is available by appointment at any time during the week. If you would like to meet with Fr. Ponce, please call the Ministry Center at (719)495-1426 or email jponce@diocs.org to set up an appointment.

Anointing of the Sick

If you are ill and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please call the Ministry Center at (719)495-1426 to inform Fr. Ponce of this need. Anointing of the Sick normally takes place after Mass.

Baptism

Contact Deacon Lynn at the Ministry Center to schedule a Preparation Seminar (719)495-1426

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary

After Mass on Tuesdays in the Church
Rosary at 8:40 am on all First Sundays of the month, lead by the Knights of Columbus

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*"Every valley shall be filled
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*

- Lk 3:5-6

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Gratitude!

In today's Gospel reading we have the historic announcement of the beginning of our Lord's public ministry by John the Baptist – a voice of one crying out in the desert. John is announcing a whole new world order, an invisible kingdom that can spread throughout the world and change the world. God wants us to make straight, smooth, and level the path by which the Lord will touch the lives of our family, our neighborhoods, our schools, our work-places. And, we can't do that if we have not made it easier for our Lord to enter our lives, our souls. Yet, when we look at Christmas like that – we recognize Advent as a time of gratitude and renewed commitment.

Accordingly, it is right and just that we show our gratitude to Jesus for the Sacrament of Reconciliation by humbly asking and accepting absolution for our sins. Even if we have not been to confession for 8 or 12 + years, Jesus wants to forgive us of all our sins.

Deacon Lynn

Our Mission

*Be a welcoming Catholic Community, teaching God's word, helping those in need,
and living a life in Christ.*

Saint Benedict's Food Pantry

Our outreach program, now known as Saint Vincent de Paul, collects food all year round to help the less fortunate. Please help us out by donating regularly to this very important mission.

December- In order to help stock our pantry and prepare for upcoming Christmas food boxes, we are in need of the following:

**Mac and Cheese and or Rice-a-Roni type mixes;
Canned fruit; Cereal; Pasta sauce and dried pasta;
Canned ham, tuna or chicken**

We will be giving out food boxes on **Saturday, December 15th**

One week prior to the distribution of the boxes, we will accept more perishable items such as **bags of potatoes, bagged apples, bagged oranges and loaves of bread.**

Readings for the week of December 9, 2018

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Script ordering

This is scrip pick-up weekend. Scrip makes great presents for the hard to buy for person and scrip is much easier to mail. Don't forget it pick up your King Soopers or Safeway reloadable gift cards for all of your grocery shopping needs. If you have any questions about scrip please see the ladies in the back.

**** Just a note for everyone. Scrip will not be available for the 11:30 mass. I don't have anyone available at this time. We are working on trying to find someone.**

Announcement Deadlines

Please submit all bulletin items via email to bulletineditor@stBenedictFalcon.org a minimum of ten (10) days prior to the requested Sunday publication.

Please send updates and notices for the website to: webmaster@stbenedictfalcon.org

Together We Pave Our Future

Projected Cost	\$70,000.00
Funding Needed	\$70,000.00
Pledges up to Date	\$32,767.86
Donations Received	\$26,443.41
Balance needed to Date	\$43,556.59

Offertory for the weekend of November 22,24,25, 2018

Sat/Sun Masses	\$2,612
Attendance	279
Second Collection debt reduction	\$951.00

The Season of Advent: We Are Called to Be Stewards



During the Advent season as we prepare for the birth of our Lord and reassess our priorities in life, we should also strive for a greater understanding and appreciation for the ministries in our parish, and look within our hearts to determine what role stewardship plays in our lives.

This season, we trust that you will give financial stewardship prayerful consideration. Our parish

has been using an Online Giving system that is strengthening stewardship as well as making it easier for members to support our parish.

Your regular contributions support the operation of the church and all of our ministries. Sign up today by visiting our website, www.stbenedictfalcon.org

On behalf of the entire staff, we want to thank you for the contributions you continually provide to our parish.

"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." --Luke 6:38



Monday Through Thursday

Daily Mass at 12:15 pm

Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018

9:00am Mass Church

10:15 am RE in Ministry Center

11:30 am Mass

Tuesday, Dec. 11

6:30 pm Women's Group meeting—MC

Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018- Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:00pm Serenade

5:30 pm Mass

6:00 pm Celebration

6:00pm Knight of Columbus meeting —MC

6:00-8:00 pm Choir practice—Church

Friday, Dec. 14, 2018

6:00pm food basket assembly-MC

Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018

9-11 am food basket distribution

10:30am-1:00pm Women's Group brunch—MC

4:00pm Reconciliation, Church

4:00pm Choir Practice, Ministry Center

5:00pm Mass, Church

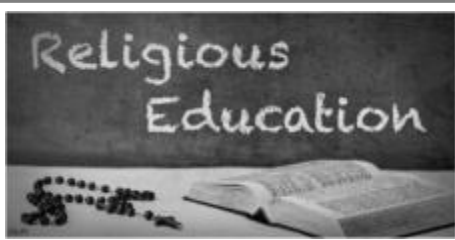
Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018

9:00am Mass Church

10:15pm RE—in Ministry Center

11:30 am Mass

Parish News & Events



Religious Education

Kindergarten through Confirmation classes are held at the Parish Center starting 15 minutes after the end of Sunday Mass. Classes last for one hour.

Dec. 9—Religious Education for K – Confirmation

Dec. 16—Religious Education for K – Confirmation (Children’s participatory Mass)

Dec. 23—NO CLASS-Christmas break

All women of the parish are invited to the St. Benedict’s Women’s Group Advent Brunch Saturday December 15, 2018 11:00am sharp (will try to keep it to two hours)
Parish Ministry Center
Menu: Egg Bake, Cinnamon Rolls, Grapes and Bananas coffee, tea, and juice will be provided.
Please RSVP to Tiffany Klein by Dec 11 to reserve your seat! (719)210-3462, or tklein980@gmail.com



St. Benedict’s Women’s Group will be selling Stunning Christmas Ornaments and the Impressive Women’s Group Cookbooks during Advent. Please stop after Mass - December 1-10th to browse and Buy.

Christmas Caroling

Come celebrate with us in Church on December 22 after the 5 pm Mass with caroling and a visit from Santa! All children will receive a small gift.

Don’t Be Off-Key

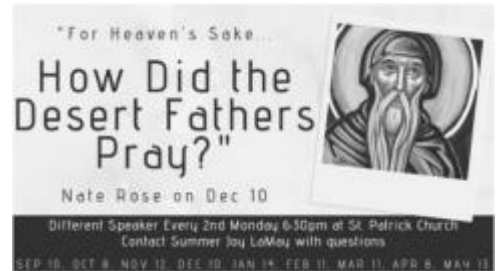
If you are interested in hearing Sunday’s 9 am music in advance check out www.psalmsforMass.com

Hospitality is looking for more volunteers, especially for the Saturday evening Masses during the Religious education season. We need volunteers to serve cookies and juice for 10-20 minutes after Mass. If you would like to help out please contact Kacey Van Brimmer @kaceyvanbrimmer@yahoo.com. There will also be a sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen

On going catechist formation!



Volunteers Needed To Help Support the Saint Vincent de Paul Society

The Saint Benedict’s newly forming society is in need of couples or individuals who are interested in joining us. Members of the society are men and women who strive to grow spiritually by offering person to person services to individuals in the community who have no where else to turn for help. These services may include providing food, clothing, financial help and or spiritual comfort.

Please contact Deann at 719-330-2367 if you would like more information.

St. Benedict Women’s Group
Next Meeting – Tuesday,
December 11th
6:30p.m. - Ministry Center



St. Ben’s Youth Group is open to **all** teens. Sunday evenings, 7:00 – 8:30 PM in the Ministry (Pastoral) Center.

Sunday, December 9th please join us as we work together on a display project for our sanctuary:
• **The Jesus Tree**
• We’ll listen to carols and sip on hot chocolate as we create an inspired display for our church. No experience necessary and **all** teens are welcome!
• On December 16th, we’ll enjoy a SBYG Christmas Party 🎉 Please join us for games, carols, and a fun gift exchange!
• More details in next weeks bulletin. Merry Christmas!

Please note:
We have an additional Sunday Mass at 11:30 am

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

On Wednesday, **Dec. 12**, our celebration will begin with a serenade to our Lady at 5 pm, **Mass at 5:30 pm**, fiesta at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!

Mass Intentions

With the addition of daily Masses we have increased opportunities for Mass Intentions. If you would like a Mass said as a special intention or for your loved one, living or deceased, please contact the office, (719) 495-1426. We ask for a donation of \$10 for a Mass Intention. You may call the parish office at (719) 495-1426 to schedule a Mass and pay in person in the office, or place a check in the mail. When we receive payment we will schedule your Mass Intention. If mailing a check, please be sure to clearly print for whom the Mass is to be said, the intention (for example 'in memory of' or anniversary, etc.) and include your name for publication in the bulletin.

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