

**DECEMBER 16, 2018**

**Third 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](mailto: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

### **Contact Information**

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John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16

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### **What is our Commitment?**

In the gospel today, John the Baptist explains the secret of Christian joy as our wholehearted commitment to God's way by the doing of His will. According to John, happiness comes from doing our duties faithfully, doing good to others and sharing our blessings with others.

John's call to repentance is a call to joy and restoration. *Repentance* means a change in the purpose and direction of our lives. John tells the people to act with justice, charity and honesty, letting their lives reflect their transformation. For us, that transformation occurs when Christ enters our lives, and it is to be reflected in our living in the ways John suggested.

Let us accept the challenge of the 18th-century Catholic English poet Alexander Pope this Advent season: "What does it profit me if Jesus is reborn in thousands of cribs all over the world and not reborn in my heart?"

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 16, 2018

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

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Thursday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:webmaster@stbenedictfalcon.org)**

### Together We Pave Our Future

Projected Cost	\$70,000.00
Funding Needed	\$70,000.00
Pledges up to Date	\$37,447.86
Donations Received	\$31,333.41
Balance needed to Date	\$38,666.59

### Offertory for the weekend of December 2-3, 2018

Sat/Sun Masses	\$3,993.50
Attendance	364
Debt reduction	\$200.00

### 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](http://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. 16, 2018**

9:00am Mass Church

10:15pm RE—in Ministry Center

11:30 am Mass

**Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2018-**

6:00-8:00 pm Choir practice—Church

**Saturday, Dec. 22, 2018**

4:00pm Reconciliation, Church

4:00pm Choir Practice, Ministry Center

5:00pm Mass, Church

6:00pm Caroling and Santa —Church

**Sunday, Dec. 23, 2018**

9:00am Mass Church

11:30 am Mass

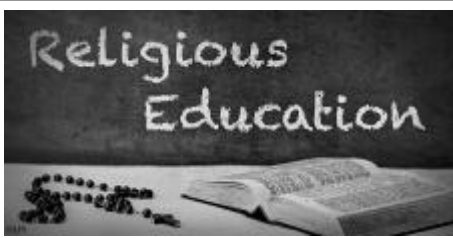
**Monday, Dec. 24, 2018 —Christmas Eve**

8:00pm Mass

**Tuesday, December 25, 2018 — Christmas Day**

9:00 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. 16**—Religious Education for K – Confirmation ( Children’s participatory Mass)

**Dec. 23**—NO CLASS-Christmas break

**Dec. 30**—NO CLASS– Christmas Break

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

**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.

## 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.



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 -16<sup>th</sup> to browse and Buy.

## Greeter Ministry

Do you enjoy seeing someone smile? Maybe giving a fist bump or high five to kids? If this is calling you, we have an opportunity for you to support the Greeter Ministry. This ministry area is very important to growing our parish. People like to be greeted and they feel the warmth of our parish. It also ties in nicely with our mission statement to be a welcoming parish.

This ministry will have the following responsibilities:

- Arrive 30 mins prior to Mass
  - Always attend the same mass so you know the regulars
  - Be a familiar face that parishioners know
  - Wear a St Ben's Greeter badge with your name on it (I will have to order these)
  - Greet parishioners with open doors and a warm handshake
  - Hand out new parishioner sheets as needed
  - Ensure all ministry volunteers are present
  - Queue Ushers as you see large families walking to Mass so they can find open seats
  - Organize once a month "name tag Sunday" (help parishioners get to know one another)
- If you would like to participate in this ministry please let Brent Suerdieck know ([suerdieck@gmail.com](mailto:suerdieck@gmail.com)). I would like to have two POCs per service so we can alternate weekends.

## 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

## 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 Deeann at 719-330-2367 if you would like more information.

## Don't Be Off-Key

If you are interested in hearing Sunday's 9 am music in advance check out [www.psalmsforMass.com](http://www.psalmsforMass.com)



St. Ben's Youth Group Christmas Party



On Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, ALL TEENS are welcome to join in on the fun, with games, carols, and holiday treats. The party will be held in the Ministry Center from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. For the "White Elephant Exchange" game, please bring a wrapped (secret) gift to play along (a value of no more than \$5.00, please!) In the spirit of Christmas, please bring a snack to share! Looking forward to seeing you!

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

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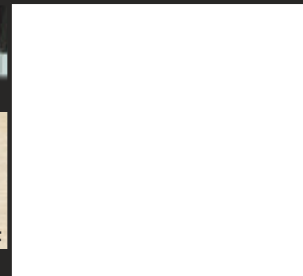
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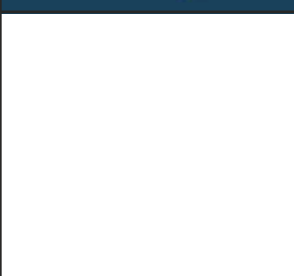
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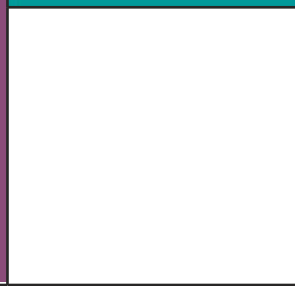
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