# ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for completion?... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:28, 33

----- SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 -----

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**Building Fund Balance: $399,489.96**

**Tithe for August 31, 2025**

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| Sunday Tithe | $ 4,353.90 |
| Online Tithe | $ 1,633.00 |
| **Total Tithe** | **$ 5,986.90** |

**Mass Schedule**
Weekday Masses Monday-Friday 7:00am.

**1st Saturday Marian Devotion and Bible Study**
Confessions 7:15am-7:45am
Morning Mass 8:00am
Bible Study 9:00am-11:30am
Adoration 11:30am-12:00pm

**All Other Saturday Mornings**
Confessions 7:15am-7:45am
Morning Mass 8:00am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:45am
Confessions 8:45am-9:30am
Benediction 9:30am

**Sunday Masses**
Saturday Vigil at 5:00pm
Sunday at 8:00am
Sunday at 10:30am

**Confessions**
Saturday 7:15-7:45am, 8:45-9:30am, 4:00-4:45pm
Sunday 7:15-7:45am, 9:45-10:15am

**Anointing of the Sick**
Please contact the Pastoral Center at (719) 495-1426.

**Adoration**
Saturday 8:30am-9:30am
Thursday 7:30am-7:00pm

**Rosary** recited 25 minutes prior to Mass on the first Sunday of each month, led by the Knights of Columbus.

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** recited 25 minutes prior to Masses on the last Saturday and Sunday of the month.

**Pastoral Center Hours**
Monday through Friday 9:00am-3:00pm

**Mass Intentions**
Contact the Pastoral Center to offer Masses for your loved ones, living or deceased.

**On-line Giving:** To make an on-line donation to St. Benedict Catholic Church, scan this QR Code and follow the instructions on the WeShare giving site. Thank you for your donation!

## PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parish Family,

This September we are beginning a new and beautiful tradition at St. Benedict Parish: bringing food offerings for the poor as part of our Sunday Mass. Each weekend, families and children will be invited to place food donations in the baskets in the narthex before Mass. During the offertory, a group of children will bring some of these offerings in procession, along with the bread and wine, to the altar. This simple yet powerful act will unite our worship with our mission to serve those most in need.

Why do we do this? Because feeding the poor is at the very heart of the Gospel. Jesus tells us plainly: *"I was hungry and you gave me food*" (Matthew 25:35). Every can of soup, every box of pasta, every bag of rice you place in those baskets becomes more than food—it becomes a visible sign of our love for Christ in the poor. When we bring these gifts forward, we are not just offering food; we are offering mercy, compassion, and hope.

This practice also blesses our families in a special way. Parents, by involving your children in this act of charity, you are teaching them that generosity is not something abstract—it is something lived. You are showing them that the Eucharist is not only about receiving Jesus but also about becoming more like Him. As our children carry food forward to the altar, they are learning that worship and service belong together.

Over time, this small act can shape a future generation of disciples who understand that faith is not only what we believe but how we live. Imagine the impact: children who grow up seeing their parish and their family put Christ's teaching into practice, who come to understand that blessings are given to be shared, and who take those lessons into the wider world.

I encourage each household to participate generously. Let our offertory not be limited to bread and wine but be expanded with love made tangible in food for our brothers and sisters who hunger. May our parish become known not only as a place of prayer but as a community of compassion.

Thank you for embracing this new ministry with faith and enthusiasm. May St. Benedict, our patron, intercede for us as we strive to live our motto: *"That in all things, God may be glorified."*







## MASS INTENTIONS FOR OUR LOVED ONES

November is approaching. If you would like to have a Mass offered for you, your loved one, or your neighbor, please complete one of the forms in the narthex. Place the completed form (and stipend if you so desired) in an envelope and place it in the plastic box. A Holy Mass will be celebrated for your intention.

## SCOUT MASS WITH BISHOP GOLKA

Scouts and their families are invited to an outdoor Mass with Bishop Golka, Sunday, September 21 at 2:00p, Lazy Land Pavilion in Palmer Park. Please wear your Scout uniform if you have one, or clothing appropriate for Mass. For more information, contact Curtis at 719-590-1104 or email CJOCS@comcast.net.

## FAMILY ROSARY NIGHT

Our Family Rosary Night is scheduled for October 11 after the 5:00pm Mass. If you, your family, or group would like to lead a decade of the Rosary, contact the office at 719-495-1426.




## ROSARY WALK FOR LIFE

You are invited to join in a Rosary Walk for Life following the 7:00am Mass on Tuesday, September 30 at St. Benedict in Falcon. Walkers will join pilgrims from various parishes who will silently pray the rosary as they walk from the church around the parish grounds ...about 1/3 mile. They will be reinforced by special prayers offered at tow diocesan Adoration Chapels.

This combined prayer effort by adorers and rosary walkers is part of a plan to engage more intently in the Spiritual Battle for the Sanctity of Life in Colorado and provide an umbrella of support for sidewalk advocates and prayer partners who witness near the Colorado Springs Planned Parenthood. Our prayers are indispensable in the battle for souls compromised that that denies the sanctity and dignity of every precious life. A similar Rosary Walk will occur monthly in different places throughout the Diocese, with supporting prayers from different Adoration Chapels.




## BLESSING OF OUR CATECHIST TEAM

Please join us on **September 14** as Fr. Rajeev blesses our catechist team for this upcoming religious education year. The blessing will take place at the Sunday 8:00am and 10:30am Masses.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

The Knights of Columbus will be meeting on Wednesday, September 10, at 7:00pm in the Pastoral Center. For more information, contact bob.caley.jr@gmail.com.

## SOCCER CHALLENGE



The Knights of Columbus is calling all children ages 9-14 to participate in the 2025 Council #14785 **Soccer Challenge on September 21, during our St. Benedict Oktoberfest**.

All are welcome to pre-register with Eric Rollman (rollmane13@hotmail.com or entries will also be accepted on the day of the event. Come out and have fun showing your soccer penalty kick shooting skills!

Winners of the two age groups for both girls and boys (9-11) and (12-14) will move on to the District Championship in October.

## FOOD OFFERING AT MASS

Beginning the first Sunday of September, we invite our parish family to bring food donations for the food pantry. It will be a new service opportunity for our religious education students and families to participate in a work of mercy to the poor.

A box will be in the narthex where you may place the donations before Mass.

Religious Ed students will participate in bringing up food pantry items during the offertory at Masses. The schedule follows:

Sep 7: 1st and 2nd Grade
Oct 5: 3rd and 4th Grade
Nov 2: 5th and 6th Grade
Dec 7: 7th and 8th Grade

The schedule will continue in this fashion for the months following.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

**Food Angels** – Our food pantry can use a little help. Please add to your shopping list your favorite non-perishable potatoes and fruits and bring them to the office or the narthex. Thank you to everyone who brought food to our first weekend food collection!

Are you looking for ways to experience God? **Saint Vincent de Paul** challenged his workers: **"Go to the poor…you will find God."** Please pray and consider giving this spiritually enriching and most certainly humbling ministry a one-year commitment. Contact DeeDee Murillo at 719-728-9909 or didyoucount8@yahoo.com for more information. Our next meeting is Sep18.

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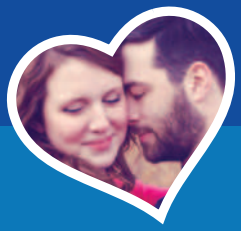
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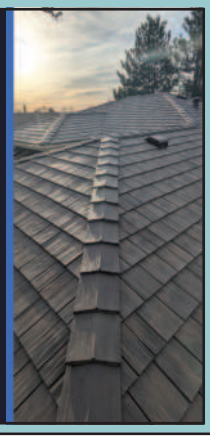

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