



March 26<sup>th</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
(\*Living +Deceased)

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm

**Jim Patterson +**

by Judy

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am

**Ann Miniscalco+**

by Nancy & Jim

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm

**Beverly Rivest +**

by Pat & Tom

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>, 5:30pm

**Jan Whendon +**

by Nancy & Jim Crossey

Friday 1<sup>st</sup>, 8:00am

**Bernadette Castillo +**

by Phil & Donna Cristelli

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8:00am

**Janet Marie Bezdek +**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4:00pm

**Sarah Ann Lacey +**

by Mike & Connie Kendall

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\*John Harris \*Mindy Kochevar \*Aubrey \*Jon Seger \*The Oliver Family \*Gene MacKinnon \*The Bill Bekeza Family \*The JoAnn Zinn Family \*Sandy Leonard \*Martha Kay Koehler \*Theresa Atencio \*Todd Pierrot \*Tony Martinez \*Cindy Deppe \*Barbara Quilty \*Dee Couture \*Johnathan Harris \*Patty Mullin \*Bobbie Jean \*Michael Montoya \*Olivia Hill \*Jan Shirley \*The Frank Latino Family \*Laura \*Sylvia W \*KT \*Becca \*Dan Balkey \*Joe & Ann Andreano \*Patti Borrelli \*Hunter \*The Belanger Family \*Trisha Sperry \*Spencer Toler \*Sue Vincent \*The Massengale Family \*Mary Fleming \*Carl Marino \*Lupe Cortez \*Mary Ellen \*Joan DeSalvo \*The Keilholz Family \*Cotty Sanborn \*Brenda Samora \*Nell Godfrey

**Bulletin Prayer List Contact:**

Joan DeSalvo (719) 371-8883 (call or text)



### Parish Registration

St Benedict Parish extends a warm welcome to all who are joining us for prayer, worship or instruction. If you are new to the area or returning home to the Church, we invite you to become a member of our parish by registering with our Parish Office.



### Sacraments

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact the Parish Office.

**Baptism:** Baptismal preparation classes are required for all parents and godparents. Please contact Joyce Archuletta for further information and requirements.

**Marriage:** Pre-marriage appointments are required of the engaged couple. Please contact Joyce Archuletta to schedule your first appointment 6 months prior to the wedding date.

### Reconciliation:

Saturday 2:30-3:30pm in the church or by appointment.

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### Prayer for Lent

Dear God,

Just as the rains from heaven prepare the lands to flourish, we know that your blessings are bestowed upon us.

In this season of preparation, help us grow closer to you as we make time for prayer, solitude and reflection.

Make ready our ears to hear your loving call amidst the stressful and hurried days that make up the storms of our life.

Loving Father, we know that we do not face such days alone; your divine strength is our unfailing aid as we await the joy of the Easter Season.

Amen.

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## SAINT BENEDICT CATHOLIC PARISH



### MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday: 5:30pm

Thursday: 5:30pm

Friday: 8:00am

Saturday: 8:00am

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am

### Eucharistic Adoration

Friday: 8:00am to Saturday: 8:00am

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month - 24 hour

### Stations of the Cross

Friday's during Lent: 5:30pm

Pastor: Fr. Stephen Injoalu

[padreofgod@gmail.com](mailto:padreofgod@gmail.com)

(719) 784-4879

After hours or emergency (719) 784-7192

## March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Fourth Sunday in Lent

### Weekly Readings: March 27<sup>th</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Sunday: Joshua 5:9a-12 or 1 Samuel 16:1b-13a~

Psalm 34:2-7 or 23:1-6~ 2 Corinthians

5:17-21 or Ephesians 5:8-14~

Luke 15:1-32 or John 9:1-41

Monday: Isaiah 65:17-21~ Psalm 30:2-13~

John 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ezekiel 47:1-12~ Psalm 46:2-9~

John 5:1-16

Wednesday: Isaiah 49:8-15~ Psalm 145:8-18~

John 5:17-30

Thursday: Exodus 32:7-14~ Psalm 106:19-23~

John 5:31-47

Friday: Wisdom 2:1a-22~ Psalm 34:17-23~

John 7:1-30

Saturday: Jeremiah 11:18-20~ Psalm 7:2-12~

John 7:40-53

Sunday: Isaiah 43:16-23 or Ezekiel 37:12-14~

Psalm 126:1-6 or 130:1-8~

Philippians 3:3-14 or Romans 8:8-11~

John 8:1-11 or John 11:1-45

### Parish Information

622 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

Florence, CO 81226-1015

(719)784-4879 FAX: (719)784-2070

### Office Hours:

Monday – Tuesday - Thursday – Friday

9:00am - 2:00pm

Closed: Wednesday

Website: [www.stbenedictco.org](http://www.stbenedictco.org)

E-mail: [stbenedicts\\_81226@yahoo.com](mailto:stbenedicts_81226@yahoo.com)

Facebook:

[facebook.com/groups/saintbenedictcommunityco](https://facebook.com/groups/saintbenedictcommunityco)

### Parish Staff

Pastoral Associate & Discipleship

Formation Coordinator: Joyce Archuletta

(719) 250-2816 [joyce\\_stb@yahoo.com](mailto:joyce_stb@yahoo.com)

Office Manager: Anne Sterling

Building/Grounds: Maria Torres

# What's Happening

## Joy of Life Prayer Group:

Meets every Monday at 10:30am in the Villa Maria.  
Contact: Joan DeSalvo (719) 372-3261

## Spanish Discipleship Ministry: Kerigma

Meets every Monday at 7:00pm in Kevin Hall.  
Contact: Maria Torres (719)251-5988

## Rosary Ministry:

Meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 7:00pm in the Villa Maria.  
Contact: Patsy Causey (719) 251-4501

## Ladies of Mary:

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, every other month, next meeting **May 2022**, rosary at 10:30am, meeting at 11:00am. Contact: Gina Wiseman 431-0311

## Divine Mercy Chaplet Prayer Group:

Meets every Thursday evening immediately following the 5:30pm Mass for recitation of the Chaplet.

## Knights of Columbus Council #1225

Meets every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday – Full Council meeting;  
Rosary at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:00pm  
Meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday - Council Officers meeting  
(all are welcome to attend); Rosary at 6:30pm,  
meeting at 7:00pm.

## Prayer Blankets

that have been blessed, are available in the narthex of the church for anyone needing comfort.

## Parish Potluck

Every third Saturday of the month immediately following the 4:00pm Mass, in the Parish Hall.

## FORMED

Go to the parish Website for more information on how to register for this free app.

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Fr. Stephen wishes to acknowledge the time and talent generously given by all Parish Volunteers during 2021. If you are one of these special people, you are invited to an Appreciation Dinner on **Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>** at **6:00pm** in the Parish Hall.

Please RSVP to the Parish Office by April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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## Parish Potluck



Our monthly Parish Potluck will resume on **Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** after the 4:00pm Mass in the Parish Hall.

Potlucks will continue on the third Saturday of each month thereafter. Hope to see you there!

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## March

Giving Goal: **\$19,323**



## 24 hour Eucharistic Adoration

Take time to be with the Lord. Friday, **April 8<sup>th</sup>** beginning with **8:00am Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 8:30am, concluding on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am, followed by 8:00am Mass.**

A sign-up sheet is in the narthex and each hour must be filled.

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## Love Isn't Fair



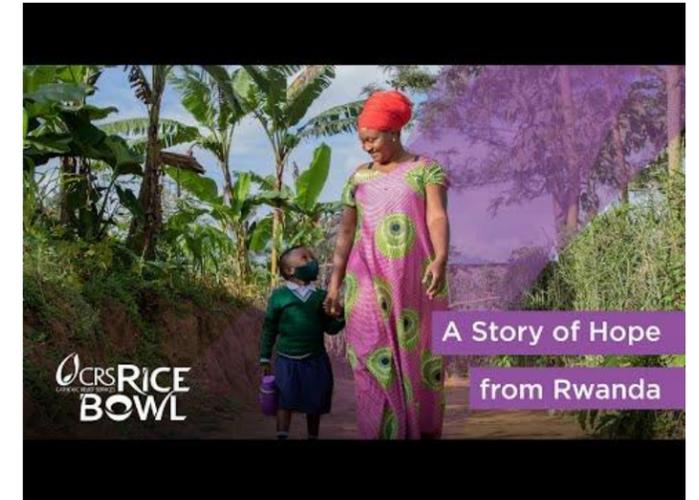
*"My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours." Luke 15:31*

An open letter to the elder son in the parable of the Prodigal Son:

Dear Elder Son, I hear you! I understand why you're so upset and refuse to go to the party. After all, you are the dutiful son, the responsible one. You didn't run off and squander your inheritance like your ingrate of a brother. No, you stayed on the farm and worked your tail off. And yet, when your younger brother comes crawling home, your dad throws a party for him! It isn't fair! It just isn't fair!

And there, dear Elder Brother, is "the rub." Yes, the party isn't fair—precisely because LOVE isn't fair! Fair is what is deserved, what is earned, what is merited. But love goes way beyond fairness. It morphs into ecstatic welcoming, into unfathomable mercy, into unconditional forgiveness. So, Elder Brother, go to the party and enjoy yourself. Why? Because the love being poured out on your brother is the same love that is being poured out on you! Rejoice! Rejoice!

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Living in Kigali, Rwanda, Gloriose Uwamahoro and her husband Karekezi Jean Pierre are no strangers to hardship and hard work.

Driven by a dream to send their three children to a good school, Gloriose sells vegetables and water in a kiosk and Karekezi sells vegetables at a market. It's a full day's work. They often return home late at night, but thankful for the blessings they have.

"Our country went through a lot," Gloriose says. "Though I say that our country has made progress, development is still essential, and it is ongoing."

They faced many challenges. Their daughter was malnourished—like many other children in their village. Then Gloriose joined Gikuriro, a project funded by the U.S. government and led by Catholic Relief Services to support the Rwandan government's efforts to combat malnutrition.

In Gikuriro, Gloriose learned how to prepare balanced meals for her children. She also learned about the importance of good hygiene. She shared these and other skills—like how to grow a kitchen garden—with her husband so they could support their children together.

She later joined a CRS-led micro-savings group and learned how loans could help her grow her business and make more money. Now she earns enough to support her family. She and Karekezi can also afford to fulfill their dream of sending their kids to school.

Gloriose says because parents in her village have gained knowledge about balanced diets, their children are receiving the food they need to grow. But what she considers truly wonderful is how, by participating in the program, "a woman has been given a voice."

"It wasn't a thing before for a woman to speak up ... or borrow a certain amount of money and use it to make profit and pay it back," she says. "That is something to be thankful for."