



**December 2<sup>nd</sup> – December 9<sup>th</sup>**  
(\*Living +Deceased)

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4:00pm**  
**Everette Breckenridge +**

by Judy Patterson

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:00am**

**Angelina Mattioli +**

by Anne Sterling

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

**Dorothy Simmons +**

by her Family

**James & Tony Greenwood \***

by Mom

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm**

**Jean Hart +**

by Jane Worker

**Tony Greenwood \***

by Mom

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am**

**Poor Souls in Purgatory +**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am**

**Josephine Gonzalez +**

by her Family

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm**

**Jim Patterson +**

by Judy Patterson

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\*Jeanne Speers \*John Stevenson \*Gina Marino \*Mary Fleming \*Liz DiMarino \*Levi Espinoza \*Cecil Freeman Family \*Doug & Cindy Deppe \*Ernie Solano \*Andy Solano \*Rebecca Uhl \*Jess Gallardo \*Geraldine B \*Kim Stewart \*Amy Espinoza \*Lori Lerma \*Logan Guntry \*Anita M \*Julie Sanborn \*Barb Z \*Sylvia W \*Cheryl \*Marty \*Todd Myzia \*Ginny Banach \*Joe & Bonnie Kahnke \*Sean Rodgers \*Stan Selingo \*Angie Rodgers \*Linda Bracco \*Larry & Evelyn Blaha \*Edna Lampie \*Deacon Richard \*Becky Goehring \*Anne Sterling \*Corrine Hogan \*Keilholz Family \*Anita Masar \*Lonnie Millanponce \*Massengale Family \*Jim Garcia \*Dorothy Harvey \*Joan Gudall \*Hunter M \*Ricky M \*Connie K \*Kathy Clements \*Patsy DeWal \*Richard

**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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## **Parish Office:**

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## **Office Hours:**

**Monday – Tuesday - Thursday – Friday**

**9:00am - 2:00pm**

**Closed: Wednesday**

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

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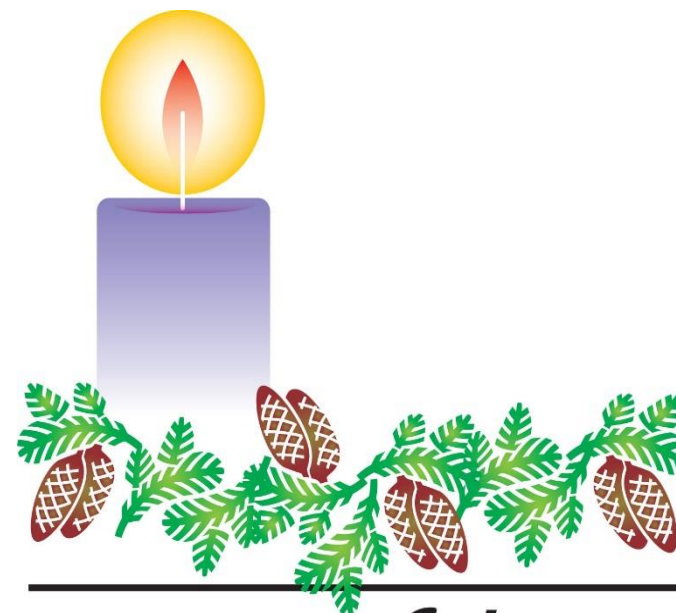
**Facebook:**

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

**FORMED:**

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

# **SAINT BENEDICT** **CATHOLIC PARISH**



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday: 5:30pm**

**Thursday: 5:30pm**

**Friday: 8:00am** (Holy Day of  
Obligation– The Immaculate Conception)

**Saturday: 8:00am**

**Saturday: 4:00pm**

**Sunday: 8:00am**

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

**Friday & Saturday 7:00-8:00am**

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

**Friday: 8:30am to Saturday: 7:30am**

## **Liturgy of the Hours**

**Tuesday & Thursday: 5:00pm**

**Friday & Saturday: 7:30am**

## **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

**Thursday: Recitation 6:00pm**

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

## **First Sunday of Advent**

### **Weekly Readings: Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> – Dec 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday:** Isaiah 63:16b-19b; 64:2-7~  
Psalm 80:2-19~ 1 Corinthians 1:3-9~  
Mark 13:33-37

**Monday:** Isaiah 2:1-5~ Psalm 122:1-9~  
Matthew 8:5-11

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 11:1-10~ Psalm 72:1-17~  
Luke 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 25:6-10a~ Psalm 23:1-6~  
Matthew 15:29-37

**Thursday:** Isaiah 26:1-6~ Psalm 118:1-27~  
Matthew 7:21-27

**Friday:** Genesis 3:9-20~ Psalm 98:1-4~  
Ephesians 1:3-12~ Luke 1:26-38

**Saturday:** Isaiah 30:19-26~ Psalm 147:1-6~  
Matthew: 9:35—10:1-8

**Sunday:** Isaiah 40:1-11~Psalm 85:9-14~  
2 Peter 3:8-14~ Mark 1:1-8

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## **Parish Staff:**

**Pastoral Associate & Discipleship**

**Formation Coordinator:** Joyce

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**Office Secretary/Receptionist:**

Kathy Muehlbauer

**Building/Grounds:** Tom Masar

**Custodian:** Rick Archuletta

# What's Happening

## Joy of Life Prayer Group:

Meets every Monday at 10:30am in the Villa Maria.  
Contact: Joan DeSalvo (719) 371-8883.

## 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 every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, rosary at 10:30am,  
potluck 11:00, meeting at 11:30am.  
Contact: Gina Wiseman 719-431-0311.

## 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.

## Parish Potluck

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

## Eternal Life Ministry

If you have recently lost a loved one and would like the  
comfort of a visit from a listening fellow parishioner,  
please contact Barb Lamoreux at 719-429-3739.

## Council Meetings

Meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month  
**Finance Council** - 1:30pm  
**Pastoral Council** – 3:00pm

## Coffee & Doughnuts Hospitality:

Every Sunday after the 8:00am Mass in the  
Parish Hall Foyer.

## Prayer Blankets

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



## 24 hour Eucharistic Adoration

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



## The Giving Tree

St. Benedict Parish will once again be reaching out to  
assist families in need within our community for  
Christmas. A Giving Tree is set up in the Parish Center  
with gift tags on items needed for these families.  
Information on specific needs can be found on each  
gift tag. Monetary gifts are also welcome and will be  
used for any tags left on the tree. If for some reason  
you can't fulfill the gift tag you have taken, please return  
it to the Parish Office prior to the deadline date.  
Wrapped (or unwrapped) gifts with the tag attached can  
be brought to the Parish Center after all Masses on the  
weekends, or to the Parish Office during regular  
business hours during the week. **The deadline for gifts  
is December 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity!**



Join us for our Annual **“Las Posadas”**  
commemorating the journey of Mary and Joseph.

We will gather in the Parish Center,  
**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm**

Join us in a parade of faithful souls, for a unique  
firsthand experience of a powerful tradition. This is a  
great way for us to celebrate Gaudete Sunday together!  
Afterwards we will have food, hot chocolate, and a  
piñata for the kids! All are welcome!



## Three Ways to Celebrate Advent

### 1) Decorate your home with seasonal reminders.

*Display an Advent Wreath* with candles to  
mark the four weeks of Advent. Or mark the time with  
a religiously themed Advent Calendar.

*Set up a Nativity display.* This can be as  
simple or elaborate as you wish. Display the family  
stable with an empty manger that is waiting for Jesus.  
Slowly increase your home's decorations as the season  
progresses toward the birth of Jesus.

### 2) Schedule more time each week to seek Jesus.

Advent begins a new Church Year. ***Make a resolution to review your use of time.*** Make an  
appointment with Jesus every day. Use this scheduled  
quiet time to pray with Scripture or to silently pour your  
heart out to God. Need a place to start in Scripture?  
The first two chapters of both the Gospels of Matthew  
and Luke will help you meditate on Jesus' infancy  
narratives.

***Attend one extra Mass a week*** outside of  
Sundays and strive to keep your commitment. Add a  
quiet time before or after Mass to focus on Jesus.  
Attend Adoration or visit Jesus in the tabernacle at the  
church outside of the scheduled Mass times.

***Learn and pray the “O” Antiphons*** that pray  
for the coming of Christ. They are prayed from  
December 17-23.

### 3) Walk a penitential path.

***Make a good confession.*** The Sacrament of  
Penance/Reconciliation is a healing sacrament that  
helps us get our hearts right with God. **(An Advent  
Penance Service will be held on Thursday,  
December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm).** Practice the discipline of  
fasting from excesses of food, drink or entertainment.

Finally, almsgiving opportunities abound in Advent, so  
be generous with those in need.



### “Be watchful! Be alert!” (Mark 13:33)

Today we begin our Advent Journey and  
prepare for Jesus' coming at Christmas. So you'd  
expect today's Gospel to refer to his birth. But Jesus  
isn't talking about Christmas when he says, “Be  
watchful! Be alert!” He's urging his disciples to be  
vigilant as they wait for his return. We might wonder,  
*Why are we hearing about the Second Coming? Isn't Advent  
about Jesus' first coming?* Well, yes. But as St. Bernard of  
Clairvaux once said, we can ponder three “comings” of  
the Lord during Advent.

First, there's Jesus' coming as a baby in  
Bethlehem. So we can enter into the Jewish people's  
longing for the Messiah. Next, there's his Second  
Coming in glory at the end of time. We can be  
watchful as we ready our hearts for Jesus' return.  
Finally, we can experience a third coming of Jesus—his  
coming into our hearts right now. In fact, it is this  
coming of Christ that undergirds all that we do during  
this holy season.

Jesus comes to us every day. He isn't passive;  
he doesn't wait for us to climb some mountain to find  
him. He is the initiator. He actively pursues us and  
seeks us out. That's why he became a man; that's why  
he promised to be with us always. And that's why he  
seeks to come into our lives this Advent.

Jesus comes to remind us to pause in our busy  
lives. He comes to inspire us to pray or read his word.  
He reminds us that he is with us even when we feel  
alone. He stirs our conscience so that we want to turn  
away from sin and toward his mercy. He comes to us  
in a friend or stranger in need of kindness. Jesus is  
constantly seeking ways to come to us. And the more  
alert we are to his coming now, the more ready we will  
be when he comes again.

So be alert! The Lord who loves you is walking  
beside you. Will you notice him?

*“Jesus, help me to be aware of the ways that you  
come to me this Advent.”*