



December 23rd – December 30th
(*Living +Deceased)

Saturday 23rd, 4:00pm

Ralph Dittmer +
by the Greenwood Family

Sunday 24th, 8:00am

Parents of Jack & Mary Teff +
by the Teff Family

Sunday 24th, 8:00pm

All Parishioners of St. Benedict Parish

Living and Deceased

Monday 25th, 8:00am

All Parishioners of St. Benedict Parish

Living and Deceased

Tuesday 26th, 5:30pm

Safe Journey for Fr. Stephen

Thursday 28th, 5:30pm

Poor Souls in Purgatory +

Friday 29th, 8:00am

All deceased Priest of the Pueblo Diocese +

Saturday 30th, 8:00am

Anthony Esquibel +

Saturday 30th, 4:00pm

Poor Souls in Purgatory +



*Doug & Cindy Deppe *Ernie Solano *Andy Solano
*Rebecca Uhl *Jess Gallardo *Geraldine B *Kim Stewart
*Amy Espinoza *Lori Lerma *Logan Guntry *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 Vanway *Richard
*Gina W *Hunter M *Glenda Millikar *Bernice Renner
*Andrew James *Lobo Loggins *Domoni Toler *Randy
Harris *Dominic Dutton *Anne McVey *Patsy Fairchild
*Georgie DeBerry *Phylis & Martin Murray *Jeanne Speers
*Patty Mullin *Darren *Albert, Esper & Dave Garcia

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.

Parish Office:

622 W. 2nd 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

E-mail: stbenedicts_81226@yahoo.com

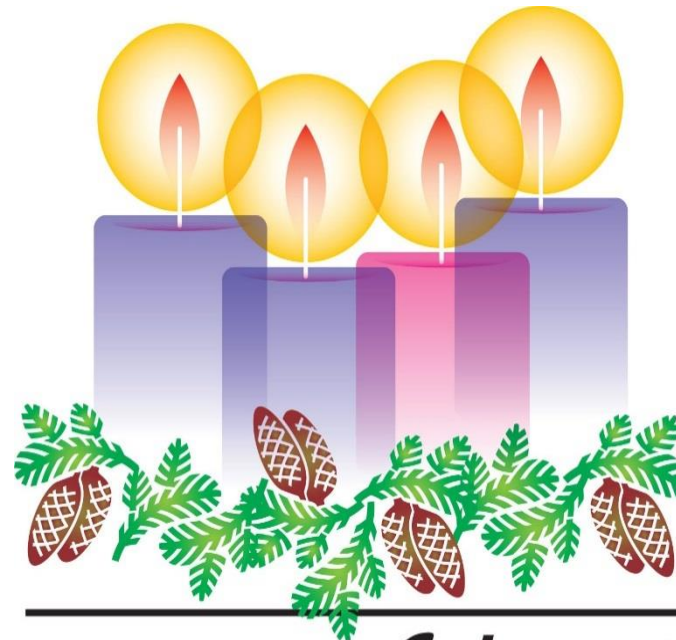
Facebook:

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**



FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday: 5:30pm

Thursday: 5:30pm

Friday: 8:00am

Saturday: 8:00am

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday & Saturday 7:00-8:00am

2nd 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 24th, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Weekly Readings: Dec 24th – Dec 31st

Sunday: 2 Samuel 7:1-16~ Psalm 89:2-19~
Romans 16:25-27~ Luke 1:26-38

Sunday Vigil: Isaiah 62:1-5~ Psalm 89:4-29~
Acts of the Apostles 13:16-25~
Matthew 1:1-25

Monday: Isaiah 9:1-6~ Psalm 96:1-13~
Titus 2:11-14~ Luke 2:1-14

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-59~ Psalm 31:3-17~
Matthew 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 John 1:1-4~ Psalm 97:1-12~
John 20:1a-8

Thursday: 1 John 1:5—2:2~ Psalm 124:2-8~
Matthew 2:13-18

Friday: 1 John 2:3-11~ Psalm 96:1-6~
Luke 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 John 2:12-17~ Psalm 96:7-10~
Luke 2:36-40

Sunday: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 *or* Sirach 3:2-14~
Psalm 105:1-9 *or* 128:1-5~
Hebrews 11:8-19 *or* Colossians 3:12-21~
Luke 2:22-40

Pastor: Fr. Stephen Injoalu

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(719) 784-4879

After hours or emergency (719) 784-7192

Parish Staff:

Pastoral Associate & Discipleship

Formation Coordinator: Joyce

Archuletta (719) 250-2816

joyce_stb@yahoo.com

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 2nd Tuesday, 7:00pm in the Villa Maria.
Contact: Patsy Causey (719) 251-4501.

Ladies of Mary:

Meets every 2nd 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 1st Tuesday – Full Council meeting;
Rosary at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:00pm
Meets every 3rd 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 3rd 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.

December 24th



**“May it be done to me according
to your word.” (Luke 1:26-38)**

Advent moves towards its climax, and the figure
of Mary, the mother of Jesus, comes into focus.
St. Luke presents her not only as one who is highly
favored by the Lord and blessed among women, but
also as a personal embodiment of the poor and humble
who looked to God for salvation and waited in hope
for the coming of the Redeemer.

This is a time of great joy. Because nothing is
impossible for God, there is no room for fear or doubt.
If we keep faith with the truth that God can accomplish
all things—including what is beyond our power and our
comprehension—then our lives will be changed. We
will discover a deep, inner source of peace, a willingness
to say “Yes” to God so that we can play our part in the
divine plan.

Undoubtedly these gifts will overflow in a
boldness in exerting ourselves to go forth and bring
comfort to others. As the time of messianic joy
approaches, fear and hesitation must give way to
confidence and joy. The One we await will surely come
soon, and in his coming, all creation—including
ourselves—will be renewed.

***“Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the
fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of
God, pray for us sinners, now and
at the hour of our death. Amen.***



and
suddenly
there was with
an angel
a multitude of
the heavenly host
praising God
and saying
Glory to God
in the highest, and on earth,
peace, goodwill towards
men
Luke 2
13-14

Prayer for Christmas

Almighty God and Father of light,
a child is born for us, and a son is given to us.

Your eternal Word leaped down from heaven
in the silent watches of the night, and now your Church
is filled with wonder at the nearness of her God. Open
our hearts to receive His life and increase our vision
with the rising of dawn, that our lives may be filled with
His glory and His peace forever and ever.
Amen



Christmas Eve Mass: 8:00pm

Christmas Morning Mass: 8:00am



December 25th – the Nativity of the Lord

“Let all the angels of God worship him.”
(Hebrews 1:6)

Merry Christmas!! On this most joyous
day, let's join with the angels and worship our newborn
King. **Glory to God in the highest!!**

We praise you, Jesus, Son of God! You came
down from heaven to earth! You emptied yourself and
became a helpless child to save us. We behold you,
asleep beside Mary and Joseph on a bed of straw. The
choirs of angels praise you, Lord, and we join with
them. We bow down in awe before the humility and
love you showed when you took on our human flesh.
We thank you, Lord, that you became a son of man so
that we might become sons and daughters of God.

We bless you, Jesus, Mighty Savior! In you
the kindness and generous love of God has appeared.
You have come to your people Israel and set them free.
Even more, you come to show mercy to all nations.
Every person on earth can find salvation in you. You
come to comfort all who mourn, to raise up all who are
bowed down. And you do all this by offering yourself
in love. Thank you, Lord, for saving us by your grace!

We adore you, Jesus, Light of the World!
We, the people who walked in darkness, have seen a
great light in you. Your glorious light shines in the
darkest corners of our world—and of our hearts. No
power of evil can prevent your love from reaching us,
your sons and daughters. We praise you for this holy
day when your light dawned upon the earth!

We glorify you, Jesus, Emmanuel! You are
God-with-us. We are never alone. You have joined
yourself to us in an unbreakable bond. You dwell
within us and will never leave us. You promise to be
with us always—even to the end of time. Thank you,
Jesus, for your faithful love!

***“Glory to God in the highest!!
Praise to Jesus, born for us this day!”***