



# St. Benedict Catholic Church



Parish House:  
11625 Falcon Highway, Falcon, Colorado 80831  
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**D e c e m b e r 1 8 , 2 0 1 1**  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

## Our Parish Mission

To be a welcoming Catholic parish reaching out to those who are searching for a Community of faith.

To strengthen the spiritual life of all by witnessing the gospel, passing on our Catholic beliefs, and serving those in need.

## Welcome Newcomers/Visitors

We invite you to register by completing the blue Registration form, found on the information table just outside of the worship area.

## Sacramental preparation

*Baptisms:* Contact Deacon Lynn at 495-1426 to schedule a Preparation Seminar.  
*marriages:* Please call the Parish House at least 12 months before the wedding date to begin preparation.

*Anointing the Sick:* Contact Parish House, or in case of emergency call Holy Apostles Parish, 597-4249.

## Office Hours

Regular business hours at the Parish House are Tuesday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Deacon Lynn is on call at any time at 237-6677. The Blessed Sacrament Chapel, in the Parish House is available during business hours for prayer and reflection. Meeting rooms are also available for parish use.

## Mass Cancellations

To find out if Mass is cancelled due to severe weather, please call the parish phone number, 495-1426, or visit our parish web site, [www.stbenedictfalcon.org](http://www.stbenedictfalcon.org)

## The Baby Announcement

On this the last Sunday of Advent, we are presented with the story of the Annunciation – the Angel Gabriel coming to Mary to tell her God’s will; that she should be the mother of the Son of God. This must be the most startling baby announcement in history. A young woman who never had relations with a man was to conceive in her womb, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the one to be called the Son of the Most High. And, Mary says yes.

Because of her free will decision, Mary has always be thought of by the Church as the “first Christian” (a) one who believes Jesus is the Son of God, b) one who places their faith in Jesus Christ, c) one who lives their life in accordance with his teachings).

With Christmas day a week away, our spiritual focus should be on how we say yes to God’s will in our lives. May how we celebrate the birth of Christ be marked by our Lord’s call to forgive, serve those in need, and give glory and thanksgiving to God the Father. Our very lives should announce our Christianity, and His importance.

-Deacon Lynn

## Mass Schedule

Mass is celebrated at 8:30 a.m. Sunday at the Patriot Learning Cntr (the old “Falcon Middle School”) 11990 Swingline Road

## Reconciliation

Available every Sunday at 8 a.m. Parish Rosary, Each Wednesday, 10 a.m. at the Parish House

## Mass Intention

This Mass is being offered for the intentions of Robert Furr

## Offertory/Attendance

December 11 \$1,824.50  
*Offertory Validators*  
December:  
Pedro Gonzalez, Phil Hoyle

## Today’s Readings

December 18, 2011  
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
Rom 16:25-27  
Lk 1:26-38

## Next Sunday’s Readings

December 25, 2011  
Is 52:7-10  
2nd reading Heb 1:1-6  
Gospel, Jn 1:1-18

## Readings for the Week:

Mon:Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a, Lk 1:5-25  
Tues:Is 7:10-14, Lk 1:26-38  
Wed:Sg 2:8-14, Lk 1:39-45  
Thurs:1 Sm 1:24-28, Lk 1:46-56  
Fri: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24, Lk 1:57-66  
Sat:2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16,Lk

1:67-79

# Parish News and Events

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## December 2011, Offertory

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
\$2353.50	\$1,824.50			

For detailed information on our parish financials, go to the Finance Council page on the St. Benedict web site.

## A Parish Town Hall Meetings – Today, final session

The Parish Development Steering Committee is hosting our second of three Town Hall Meetings for after Mass this morning. We will once again present the PowerPoint presentation on our proposal to the Bishop to purchase property in the immediate Falcon area. The goal is to make sure everyone's questions and concerns are addressed. The handout for the Town Hall meetings is enclosed in today's bulletin.

## Christmas Sunday

This is the first time St. Benedict Parish will celebrate Christmas on a Sunday. Mass on Dec. 25th will be at 8:30 am. (Unfortunately, due to a lack of an available priest, we will not be able to have a Christmas eve Mass.)

Everyone is invited to bring their Poinsettias and place them around the altar to add to our Christmas decorations. They will be blessed during Mass so that they can be taken home afterwards to bring God's blessing to your family celebration of Christ's birth..

## “Our Resolution, Our Marriage” Seminar

Here's a great New Year resolution for married Catholic couples seeking a stronger, learner, more attractive relationship – the Our Resolution, Our Marriage Seminar. This mildly interactive program is all about what makes a Catholic marriage unique, fulfilling and possible. Topics include the parent center home, Christ and his bride, and living life with meaning.

Limited to ten couples, the O.R.O.M. Seminar will take place Saturday, January 14th, 10:00 am to 2:00pm, at the St. Benedict Parish House. For more information, or to sign up, contact Deacon Lynn at 495-1426. (It's a first come, first served kind-of-thing.)

## ++Faith Conversations

Several couple in the parish have recently been meeting to listen to audio recordings by some of the best Catholic speakers in the country. They use their time together to deepen fuller understanding of the faith by discussing what they learn. These couples would like to invite all the adults in the parish to join in the Faith Conversation sessions.

To make it possible for moms and dads to attend without the need for a sitter for the kids, they have been alternating their gatherings – one Tuesday the guys meet, the next Tuesday the ladies meet. Right now the gatherings are in a room at the Falcon Library, Highway 24 and Meridian.

If you might be interested in hearing the best in current Catholic teachings (the Sacraments, apologetics, and faith questions you have always wanted to know about) contact Kim Dolan at 495-8233.

From the pages of the **Catechism of the Catholic Church** can be found each week at the bottom of the back page of this Bulletin. This week's topic is:  
**Life in Christ**



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## Advent Penance 2011

St. Peter's, Dec 20 at 6 pm  
St. Gabriel's, Dec 21 at 7 pm

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## Parish Calendar

December 18  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
No RE Classes—Christmas Break  
Parish Town Hall Meeting following  
Mass, PLC Cafeteria

December 21  
Wednesday Rosary, 10a, PH

December 22  
Choir Practice, 7p, Parish House

December 24  
Nativity of the Lord (Christmas):  
Vigil

December 25  
Nativity of the Lord (Christmas):  
Christmas Day  
Christmas Day Mass, 8:30 a.m.,  
PLC  
No RE Classes—Christmas Break

December 28  
Wednesday Rosary, 10a, PH

December 29  
Choir Practice, 7p, Parish House

# Parish News and Events

## House Blessing

If you would like to have your home blessed, call Deacon Lynn at the Parish House, 495-1426

## A Transition from Gathering/Welcoming to a Time of Quiet Preparation

Five to ten minutes before the beginning of Mass, the Altar Servers will be asked to light the candles on the altar. We are invited to use this symbol as a call to settle ourselves in the worship space and join in a few minutes of quiet just before we begin the celebration of the Eucharist.

## Pastoral Council Meetings

All parishioners are invited to attend these meetings and participate in the discussions. These meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm.



## ++R.C.I.A. (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Would you like to become Catholic? Would you just like to understand the Catholic Church a little better? As a baptized Catholic, would you like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? Then RCIA is for you.

On Thursday, January 19th, St. Benedict will host its first information session for those interested in going through the RCIA process. No obligation, no commitment necessary. Come with your questions and concerns.

Catholic answers provided free of charge.

For more information, contact Deacon Lynn, 495-1426.

## The new Translation of the Mass prayers

To assist everyone with the new translation of the prayers used during Mass, a Prayers and Responses “pew card” will be placed on every seat in our worship space. The actual word changes in the prayers are in bold print.

At the end of Mass, everyone is asked to pass the cards to the center isle so that they can be more easily pickup for use next Sunday.

## The St. Benedict Parish Job Line

Are you looking for work? Are you, or your employer, looking for dedicated employees to fill positions at your business? If so, call the St. Benedict Job Line – (719) 495-1426.

Our parish tries to link those in need of a job with those hiring. Call and simply give your contact information and what you are looking for. In turn, we will provide that information to those might be able to fill your need.

If you are not in either of these categories, please share the St. Benedict Job Line number with somebody you know who is.

## Saturday Al-Anon Meetings

Are you troubled by someone’s drinking? Is your life affected by someone else’s drinking? Find strength and hope by attending an Al-Anon meeting for friends and family of drinkers. Meeting each Saturday at 9AM - St Benedict Parish House – 11625 Falcon Hwy, Falcon CO 80831 Or call Michelle at 499-3427 or Mike at 229-6304

## The Use of Kneelers: Use/Return

When we have Mass in the gym, it is optional to stand during the Eucharistic prayers because we don’t have pews with kneelers. Realizing that some would like to kneel in reverence during this part of the Mass, the Champlin family has made up a bunch of cloth covered foam kneelers for everyone’s use. The kneelers will be near the corner by the holy water table before Mass. Please use and return as you need.

## 4th Sunday of Advent: Where does God wish to live? Where are we to find God?

King David is disturbed in "living in luxury" while God's ark is in a tent, decides to build a palace for God's presence. Nathan awakens David to God's vision: "The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you...and will raise up a kingdom of people whose house will endure forever."

Is it possible that God really wants to live in the human person, in their interpersonal relationships, in a community of people from diverse lands, in a people of diverse origins and cultures?

Is it possible that God chose to live in a little girl impregnated by Divine love, empowered and protected by the Holy Spirit?

Is it possible that our God through his angelic power announced this plan to this little girl named Mary, and gave her time to freely respond? And that as a mother she freely gave her body and blood to her God who accepted her gift of self and freely chose to come into our human world as her infant? An infant who would 30 years later conquer death, would rise and desire to live in all of humanity inviting us humans to accept or reject Him in one another?

Is it possible that for those who believe we could actually become the desired dwelling place of our God: Father, Son and Spirit? And that for those who believe could and would find themselves called to relive this mystery of giving Divine life to others?

Christmas is a time for us all to pause, reflect and allow ourselves to become "wowed" at this Divine Mystery entrusted to us. It is a time to believe that Our God wants to be truly present in us, to be discovered in each of us and in our relationships. This is our vocation.

This December the 18th I am especially overjoyed in celebrating with you my 48th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. What is my most joyful joy? It is celebrating the Sacramental presences of Christ with you, and finding the sacramental life of Christ within you, in your persons, in your relationships and in your desire to extend Christ's presence to others living in pain, depression and in so many forms of helpless darkness. You are the joy of my life! Supporting and finding Christ alive in you, among you, and for others is my joy that no one word cannot adequately express: except the word JESUS.

And today at the 11:30 mass, it is our privilege, our joy to celebrate a first communion with a Columbian young man, Adel Pacheco and in doing so respecting his Columbian tradition. He will be holding a candle and rosary... reminding him that as he lives the mysteries of the rosary he will become Christ's light to others, reminding him that Christ His Light will come to him in the Holy Eucharist, giving him power to live his life in Christ His Risen Lord!

Thank you for all you are, for my privilege of serving you as your pastor since January 1981!

## HAVE A GREAT AND GLORIOUS CHRISTMAS 2011!

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS TIMES:

4PM, 6:30PM, 8:30PM AND 10: PM: celebrant: Fr. Paul

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES:

7:30 AM Celebrant: Fr. Emmanuel; 9:30 am and 12 noon: celebrant: Fr Paul

**K-2nd Grade:** Patriot Learning Center, will take place 10 minutes after the end of Mass for 1 hour.

**3rd-7th grade:** Parish House, will start 20 minutes after the end of mass for 1 hour.

**Confirmation:** Parish House, will start 20 minutes after the end of mass for 1 hour.

Once again, in addition to religious holidays, we will parallel the District 49 schedule of school breaks. Tuition for these classes is \$40.00 per child, with a maximum of \$100.00 per family.

*Dec. 18:* No Class, Christmas Break

*Dec. 25:* No Class, Christmas Break

*Jan. 1:* No Class



## On-Going Diocesan Events

### Young Adult Sunday Night Mass

Young adults are welcome to come and celebrate Mass at St. Dominic Catholic Church, in Security, every 4th Sunday of the month at 7 pm. Come meet other Young Adults from around the diocese. For more information, contact Kathy Bull at 866-6448, [bull@diocs.org](mailto:bull@diocs.org).

### Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap meets the second Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at TGI Friday's, in Colorado Springs. For more information, contact Kathy Bull at 719-866-6448 or [kbull@diocs.org](mailto:kbull@diocs.org).



## Colorado's Catholic Radio Station

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Authentic Catholic teachings  
and inspirational radio  
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## News from the Diocese

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### Working to promote vocations....

The Serra Club is a group of men and women who pray and work for vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life. Our local club is very active. They are looking for more members to assist in their good work. If you are interested in being a part of this important apostolate, please call Dave O'Keeffe at 447.1999 for more information.

### Courage Support Group

Courage is a support group for persons with same-sex attractions who wish to live the natural-law value of chastity as the Catholic Church understands it. This support includes prayer, networking, chaste friendship, and good role modeling. Anyone who is interested in joining may contact Fr. Larry Brennan, St. Peter Church, 719-481-3511, or Fr. Mark Zacker, Corpus Christi Church, 719-633-1457.



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**From the pages of the Catechism of the Catholic Church****Life in Christ**

Art. 1691 "Christian, recognize your dignity and, now that you share in God's own nature, do not return to your former base condition by sinning. Remember who is your head and of whose body you are a member." [Pope Leo the Great]

Art. 1695 "justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of your God," "sanctified....[and] called to be saints," Christian have become the temple of the Holy Spirit. This "Spirit become their life, prompts them to act so as to bear "the fruit of the Spirit" by charity in action. Healing wounds of sin, the Holy Spirit renews us interiorly through a spiritual transformation. He enlightens and strengthen us to live as "children of the light" through "all that is good and right and true."

[For more information of this topic, see also Art. 1697-1698 ]

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**Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel**

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Protect us 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 Divine Power of God—cast into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits, who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

