



St. Benedict Catholic Church



Parish House:
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The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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

Like Mother - Like Son

On this first Sunday of the calendar year, we appropriately celebrate the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God one week after Christmas. It was Mary's "yes" that made possible God's presence among us in human form. Through her trusting love of God, the love story that is the Christmas message took place and rings in our hearts today.

It is in Mary that we find what we should be, and what we should do. In spite of the possible consequences, and "what people might say", she said yes to God's will. She believed in Jesus as the Son of God and centered her life around him. She shared Jesus with others, telling them to do whatever he says to do. She took the body, soul, blood and divinity of God into her body and was changed forever.

By our living a Christ centered life, no matter the consequences, we too can share her son with those in our lives. By doing what Christ said we do God's will. By regularly confessing our sins, and by receiving the Holy Eucharist at Mass each week we too can be changed forever.

-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 the volunteers of St. Benedict Parish

Offertory/Attendance

December 25 \$1626.28/162
Offertory Validators
January
Eric Lustig, Bob Lechman

Today's Readings

January 1, 2011
Nm 6:22-27
2nd reading Gal 4:4-7
Gospel, Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday's Readings

January 8, 2011
Is 60:1-6
2nd reading Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel, Mt 2:1-12

Readings for the Week:

Mon:1 Jn 2:22-28, Jn 1:19-28
Tues:1 Jn 2:29-3:6, Jn 1:29-34
Wed:1 Jn 3:7-10, Jn 1:35-42
Thurs:1 Jn 3:11-21, Jn 1:43-51
Fri:1 Jn 5:5-13, Mk 1:7-11
Sat:1 Jn 5:14-21:67-79, Jn 2:1-11

Parish News and Events

December 2011, Offertory

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
\$2353.50	\$1,824.50	\$2,649.84	\$1,626.48	

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

“Our Resolution, Our Marriage” Seminar

Want to regain that focus in your marriage? Looking for a way to renew the sense of sacrament in your marriage? Need to take some time off from all the other concerns of life so you and your spouse can recapture God’s love in your lives?

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.)

Your Parish Family Thanks You!

On the first day of the new year, the family of St. Benedict Parish takes this opportunity to express our thanks and deepest appreciation to all those who have served us so unselfishly during 2011. Today’s Mass is being said for their personal intentions and needs.

The Choir – for their hours of practice each month and their beautiful enhancement of our liturgies.

The Religious Education catechists and aides – for all their preparation and teaching of the Word of God in support of the parents of their students.

The “church elves” – who set up our worship space before Mass each week

The Women’s Group – for their support of all the activities of the parish and their fund raising efforts.

The Knights of Columbus – for all their behind the scenes work, fund raising, and personal prayers for the future of St. Benedict Parish.

The Altar Servers – for their assistance in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist each week.

Our Web Master – for all the hours he spends each month making sure our web site is up to date as a ready resource to the entire parish on everything that goes on in the parish.

The Usbers – for their making sure every thing goes as planned during Mass, and being ready to help in any way possible if there is an emergency.

The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – for their service to all of us during Mass each week.

The Sacristans – for their behind the scenes work preparing for the weekly liturgy and reverent care of everything used during the Eucharistic celebration.

Our monthly Eucharistic Adoration coordinator – for her efforts to ensure this facet of our spiritual life is consistently made available and promoted.

Our Respect for Life coordinator – for her work promoting Respect for Life programs.

The Faith Formation and Religious Ed Coordinators – for their leadership and guidance of those carrying out these programs.

The Proclaimers – for their spiritual preparation and proclamation of the Word of God during the Mass.

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: **Mary, Mother of God**

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions for the living and deceased can be scheduled by calling the Parish House



Parish Calendar

January 1
New Years Day
No RE Classes—Christmas Break

January 4
Wednesday Rosary, 10a, Parish House.

January 5
Choir Practice, 7p, Parish House.

January 8
RE K—Confirmation

January 11
Wednesday Rosary, 10a, Parish House.

January 12
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.



Our Facilities Manager – for all the work he personally does and the direction he provides the other volunteers in the parish that maintain our facilities.

The Parish Registrar – for all the hours she freely gives to keeping the parish records up to date and accurate.

The Prayer Group – for their daily prayers for the special needs of our parishioners, families and friends.

The Outreach Director and volunteers – for identifying those in need, planning to meet those needs and making it happen over and over again.

The Hospitality Ministers – for getting out of the house early each Sunday to pick up the supplies before Mass so that we can come together after Mass over coffee and donuts like the family we are.

The Parish Pastoral Council – for their work every month on all aspects of the pastoral life of the parish, and their leadership role in our community.

The Finance Council – for the hard work they do developing a yearly budget, managing our saving, and providing the Pastoral Council and Parish Director with important recommendations.

AND

All of the individual members of St. Benedict Parish who give of their time, talent, treasure, and prayers so that we can continue to grow and more fully serve God and our neighbors.

Monthly Eucharistic Adoration

The monthly Eucharistic Adoration for January will be on Saturday the 14th from Noon to 4:00 pm, in the Chapel at the Parish House.

Make this spiritual practice one of your new year's resolutions in thanksgiving for all that God has blessed you with.

Faith Conversations

Several couples 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.

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.

Father Paul's Ponderings

**HAPPY NEW YEAR IN THE LORD 2012!
TODAY OUR CHURCH UNIVERSAL DESIRES THAT WE REFLECT ON THE MYSTERY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD.**

Our opening prayer:

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

What is Mary's place on our personal lives of faith in Jesus her Son? I believe that Mary desires that we be as close to her Son as she was and is. And I believe that Mary intercedes for us every day of our life on this earth.

How many grandmothers and mothers do we know who worry and pray for their children! How many pray daily for the return of their children to Christ!

Mary is no different. Mary, the mother of Jesus, is our mother, who intercedes with Jesus for our eternal salvation.

And Mary's intercession for each of us can lead us with a mother's love for one another. This I believe. This I have experienced.

Hail Mary full of Grace! The Lord is with you! And blessed are you among women!

Holy Mary, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death!

Let us always pray with Mary for each other!

Have a great New Year in the Lord!!

P. S.

Thank you all for your generosity to our parish in our mission to bring life and joy to so many in our city and beyond! And thank you all who helped serve in our liturgies, decorations, music! We really celebrated who we are... the living Body of Christ! You are truly the Light of Christ!!

Religious Education (RE) / Youth

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.

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.

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.



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Parish News and Events

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.

News from the Diocese

Catholic Singles (age 35-60ish)

Make new friends and meet other single people at the spaghetti dinner at St. Peter's in Monument on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Several churches will be attending this dinner. We will attend mass at St. Peter's at 5:00 pm and dinner afterwards. Carpooling from Colorado Springs is available. The cost is \$7.00 for dinner and beverages. Free Chili Supper and Dance. Tuesday Jan. 10th from 6:30-8:30 at the District 11 transportation office. For more information call Mary Jean at 719-291-2053.

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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Due Wednesday 10am prior to Sun.

From the pages of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Mary, Mother of God

Art. 487 What the Catholic faith believes about Mary is based on what it believes about Christ, and what it teaches about Mary illumines in turn its faith in Christ. Art. 495 Called in the Gospels “the mother of Jesus,” Mary is acclaimed by Elizabeth, at the prompting of the Spirit and even before the birth of her son, as “the mother of my Lord.” In fact, the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was non other than the father’s eternal son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Hence the Church confesses that Mary is truly “Mother of God” (Theotokos).

[For more information of this topic, see also Art. 487 thru 507]

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

