



January 6, 2024  
5 PM  
Saturday

**To Love and Be Loved**  
*An Inclusive Catholic Community, welcoming each and all as the beloved of God. We are ecumenical; we celebrate the rich heritage of Catholic spirituality while honoring all spiritual traditions. We Move for justice and peace and respond to the call of discipleship by loving deeply and rooting our lives in prayer and service.*

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**Our Leadership:**

**Parish Council:** Tammy Gabel,  
Greg Goerke, Susan Reese,  
Maryann Klasinski  
Parish Council meetings vary

**Synod Delegates:**

Amy Frisbee, Alice Bradley,  
Bishop Kae Madden. Susan  
Gray, Bishop Paul Burson

**Rocky Mountain Regional**

**Council Representatives:** Alice  
Bradley and Dennis Giblin.

# Church of Beloved Ecumenical Catholic Community

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**Isaiah 60:1-6; Ps 72, Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6; Matthew 2:1-12** “On the feast of Epiphany, Christians remember the journey of the Magi to visit the Christ child in Bethlehem. The magi—magicians, astrologers, astronomers—were surveyors of the night sky. They were seeking scientific knowledge of the stars and planets, but their deeper quest was for signs of the divine purpose, for like many others in the ancient world, they were convinced that God would reveal something of his will through portents in the heavens. So they found the star. The Magi stand for all those down through the ages and across the cultures who have hungered and thirsted for meaning, for the ultimate good, for the living God. The mysterious star led them to the most surprising place: a cave outside the unremarkable town of Bethlehem where a child lay in the animals’ manger. They found the God who had stooped down to lift us up, the God who wants nothing other than to make us fully alive.”

Bishop Barron leads the Roman Catholic Diocese of Winona-Rochester, Minn., and is founder of the ministerial organization Word on Fire. Image: from Sermons4kids

**On Call for Pastoral Emergencies Schedule.**

Mother Alice is on call for Dec.31-Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> 719-573-4904

On call” means available-by phone 24 hours a day for urgent concern and emergencies. If you have an urgent need in the middle of the night, please CALL, as we may not hear a text.

Both Kae and Alice usually take Sunday and Monday off.

**Prayer for Christian Unity**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is coming up January 18-25 with the theme of Loving Our Neighbor.

The five Front Range communities of the Rocky Mountain Ecumenical Catholic Communion are hosting an ecumenical prayer service on **Friday, Jan 19 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom**. Please see the invitation sent with this bulletin and consider participating.

*Thank you!*

Thank you to all who changed the liturgical environment from Advent to Christmas. Thank you to all who participated in our Christmas Eve Mass, especially our children and youth. A special thank you to Jim Sunie who built the beautiful manger for our living nativity scene. Thank you for your welcoming hospitality and the many hands who set up and put away.

Our sincere apologies for the last-minute change of time and big gratitude for your flexibility and generosity of spirit. We missed all of you who were unable to make the shift in time. May the remainder of the Christmas season be peace-filled : )



**Eucharistic Ministries!!!**

Goodbye SignUpGenius! Use of SignUpGenius ends this week! Scott and Christy have designed a ministry sign up on our COB website- an amazing leap forward! Please follow the instructions on the email that was sent out by Christy. If you have questions, contact Christy.

Meetings are held the 1st Thursday

## Ministry Teams

**Social Justice** –chair – rotating by project

We come together monthly in prayer and discussion to discern how to distribute our community's generous tithe and offer projects for our church members to serve those in need.

We meet once a month and day and time are flexible.

## Marketing/Communication

Chair –Ken B

Our goal is to be seen and heard by – and then inspire – potential members of COB.

## Ongoing Spiritual Formation of Kids and Adults Ministry:

To form our lives on the pattern of Jesus, growing disciples of all ages Chair – vacancy

## Membership and Hospitality:

To build relationships among members and welcome all as God's Beloved

**Liturgy and Music** – To gather as the Body of Christ to give thanks, be enlivened by the Word and song, be nourished and transformed, be strengthened by community, and to be sent out to a networking waiting world.

Bishop Kae and Greg Madden, Marilyn Davey

## Lector Coordinator

Linda Pavlak and Tammy

## Greeter Coordinator:

## Eucharistic Minister Coordinator-

## Ministries of Care –

Grief and Loss - A ministry that offers support for individuals and families facing a life changing journey...Chair – Ken Crosby

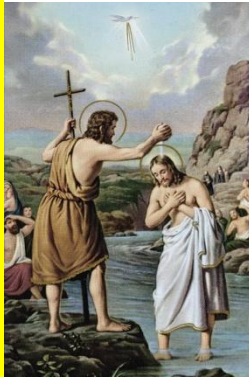
## Prayer Shawl Ministry –

A healing ministry of prayer and caring by knitting, crocheting, or

And... A HUGE THANK YOU to Gail Moravetz for coordinating and managing our ministry sign up on signupgenius for years and years! We so appreciate all the hard work, diligence, attention to detail and commitment you have poured out on our behalf. Thank you, thank you, thank you, Gail!!!

**ECC 101 Video: An edited recording of November's ECC 101 zoom presentation can be found at the link here: (Hold Control as you click) [Copy of ECC101\\_231129\\_RMRC.mp4 - Google Drive](#). The presentation is over an hour and takes a while to load, so be patient : )**

## VERY FEW WORDS FROM DEACON BUDDY



The Baptism of the Lord memorializes the baptism of Jesus Christ in the Jordan River by John the Baptist at the start of Jesus' ministry. It is commemorated when we recite the first mystery of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. Although it was originally one of three Gospel events marked by the Epiphany, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord was declared a separate entity from the other two events--the coming of the Magi and the wedding at Cana. This was done in 1955 by Pope Pius XII. This feast closes out the Christmas cycle in the Catholic calendar. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is considered one of the most important Christian holidays, and it

is well-known and anticipated. It is seen as God revealing Himself to humanity so people identify with Jesus. It reminds the believer that just as Jesus moved from the baptism waters into ministry, we need to move as Christ's disciples in our lives. On the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we recommit ourselves to our Christian identity. "In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being opened and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, saying, "Your are my beloved One; with you I am well pleased" (Mark 1:9-11). NATIONAL TODAY WEBSITE

## Power of Prayer – Praying the Rosary

Mary, Jesus' Mother has asked we pray the rosary. We will be having a weekly Rosary on Thursdays at 7PM on zoom to be led by Deacon Buddy. Please join us. Join our Meeting on our regular Zoom link.



And/or **pray the Rosary with Church of the Holy Family** on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. with Cara Thompson  
Join Church of the Holy Family's Zoom Meeting: [link](#).

**ATTENTION: ALL FUTURE EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** (and we hope they are legion!): We will be hosting a Eucharistic Minister Training Saturday, January 20th, 3:30 PM at the church. If you feel you are called to this important ministry, that the Holy Spirit has been subtly nudging you, now is the time to act. We will show and explain step by step all that is necessary to be a competent Eucharistic Minister. There will be some theological tidbits thrown in as well. Deacon Buddy is involved in this project and he swears it will not be boring. Hope to see you then and there! Any questions, feel free to contact the good Deacon.



## SAVE THE DATE!

When: Saturday, February 10, 2024

sewing prayer shawls/blankets. -  
Linda Pavlak

### **Anawim Ministry-**

LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer/Questioning+) support ministry for COB members, families, and friends.

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday monthly at the Fellowship hall at 2:30PM

Contacts: Ralph at [rreschkejr@q.com](mailto:rreschkejr@q.com) or 303-425-9995 and Nick at [pizzafmly@aol.com](mailto:pizzafmly@aol.com) or 303-929-6213

### **Finance Ministry**

Wise stewardship of the financial resources of the community  
Chairperson: Greg Goerke

**Administration and Building Maintenance Ministry:** the nitty gritty support that keeps us rolling along

**Pastoral Care members:** Greg Madden, Deacon Buddy, Ken Crosby, Alice Bradley, Christy Chady, and Kae Madden

**Home Visits/Communion-** We have both clergy and lay members who are happy to come to your home if you are sick, discouraged, isolated, or in need of a friend. Visitors may also bring Eucharist. Please contact Mother Kae or Ken Crosby if you would like a visit and we will set it up. We do not forget you and we respect your privacy – so don't hesitate to request a visit. Visits are confidential.

### **Listening Team**

On rare occasions, when a conflict arises of a *sensitive and/or ethical nature* and the issue cannot be resolved by normal means, the Parish Council may engage our 3-person Listening Team, an unbiased, confidential, investigative team. At the Church of the Beloved, we want you to know your voice will be heard.

Why: COB's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:  
Including an afternoon "come and go reception" followed by Mass at 5 p.m.  
Where: Church of the Beloved  
**If you would like to help plan our celebration, please call Susan 303-618-8507 or Tammy 303-909-7260**



6<sup>th</sup> - Epiphany

7<sup>th</sup> - Centering Prayer/Meditation And Labyrinth, 7:00AM Sanctuary

13<sup>th</sup> – Mass for All Ages and Potluck

18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

19<sup>th</sup> Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. Save the date: Zoom ecumenical regional prayer service during the Week of

Prayer for Christian Unity. The link is pending.

### **February**

14<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday

Feb 10 Reception for our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Mass for All Ages

Feb 14 Ash Wednesday

### **March**

Mar 9 Mass for All Ages and potluck

Mar 23 The vigil of Palm Sunday

Mar 28, 29 and 30: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil

Mar 31 Easter – Sunday morning Mass

### **April**

April 6 – Mass for All Ages

April 13 potluck

### **May**

May 11 Potluck and honoring Mothers

May 18 Pentecost

### **June**

June 1 – Confirmation and potluck celebration

June 15 honoring Fathers



The food bank for January is Good Shepherd Presbyterian. Please place food donations in the blue bin or send monetary donations directly to Good Shepherd food bank.

<https://www.thegoodshepherd.org/our-food-bank> Thank you from the Social Justice Committee.



**'Tis the Season.....** Let's be wise and care for each other with frequent hand washing and/or using hand sanitizer, consider wearing a mask, utilize the red, yellow, green bracelets when entering church to indicate your personal comfort level with close person contact, and, of course, if feeling unwell, participate from home on Zoom. Thanks for taking care of each other.



### Mid.week Mass:

Remember that we are celebrating Mass together via zoom on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

**Reminder:** audio recordings of the gospel proclamation and the homily are available on our website– to listen again or tune in if you missed it.





## Quick Links



ECC link:  
<http://www.rmrc-ecc.com>

COB link  
<https://churchofthebeloved-ecc.org>

Facebook:  
[www.Facebook.com/ChurchOfTheBelovedECC](http://www.Facebook.com/ChurchOfTheBelovedECC)

Instagram:  
<https://www.instagram.com/churchofthebelovedecc/nstagram>

USER NAME:  
churchofthebelovedecc

Bishop Kae is available by appointment Tuesday through Saturday and on call 24/7 unless notified otherwise.

Bishop Kae's email is:  
[pastor@churchofthebeloved-ecc.org](mailto:pastor@churchofthebeloved-ecc.org)  
[maddengk@msn.com](mailto:maddengk@msn.com)

**Pat: Church Key:** 303-452-1553  
Announcements in the bulletin must be in by Wednesday before distribution on Friday.  
Pat's email: [rpt1553@aol.com](mailto:rpt1553@aol.com)

What do you want to post on a bulletin board at the church?: education, opportunities, thank you notes, etc. And if you want to post something, send it to Pat



**Centering Prayer/Meditation And Labyrinth**  
Sunday Jan. 7th at 7:00 AM. We'll meet in the sanctuary and dress for walking the labyrinth. All are welcome. Contact Mother Alice for more info.

## **PREPARATION FOR LITURGY:**

In person: We are grateful to be together and enjoying gathering in person. As you know, masks are optional. We have colored bracelets that can indicate your comfort level with hugs – green, yellow, and red.

Zoom-ers: There is a worship aid attached so that you may participate fully. If you are unable to join us in person, as you prepare your sacred space at home, you may want to “set your table” with a beautiful white cloth, bring a cross, a candle, bread and wine/juice.

*For those who are so moved, we invite you to pray the prayer of Spiritual Communion:*

*Oh my Jesus, I turn toward the holy tabernacle in my heart where You live and love me. I love you. Come and visit me with Your grace. Spiritually come more fully into my heart. Purify me. Sanctify me. Make me more like You. May I receive You in your fullness and reflect You in the world. Amen*

You are welcome to email the link below to friends and family, and please refrain from posting it on social media for security. It remains the same for every liturgy.

**For Mass:** Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7195735454?pwd=VTI4V2ZYSVZrSzdSODE0Ull3emRjZz09>

Dial in by calling: \_1 346 248 7799  
Meeting ID: 719 573 5454 Passcode if requested: 10500



*Heavenly Lord - I know some people are much more sensitive than others. Help me to remember that when I am tempted to make a cutting remark.*

*We seldom realize the value of good health or true friendship until they are lost.*