

December 16, 2023 5PM 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.

#### Contacts:

303-489-7046 Emergencies: Bishop Kae: 720-232-1562 Mother Alice: 719-573-4904 Deacon Buddy:720-556-6470 Bishop Paul: 720-254-2083 Ken Crosby 303-238-5175

Church of the Beloved

# 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. Meetings are held the 1st Thursday

# Church of Beloved Ecumenical Catholic Community



THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT Is 61:1-2, 10-11; Ps from LK 1:46-48,49-50,53-54. 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8,19-28

In <u>Holy Moments</u>, the author tells the story of "the Messiah being among you" in the monastery. As the brothers begin to treat each other "as if" the Messiah is one of them, everything changes...for the better. In today's gospel reading, John the Baptist, challenges his disciples by saying, "The Savior is already here, but you have not recognized him."

Do we recognize the Savior among us, disguised as our neighbor?

**THIS Saturday:** Mass for All Ages, followed by potluck, and Christmas Eve rehearsal for the youth and children

# On Call for Pastoral Emergencies Schedule.

Mother Alice is on call for  $Dec\ 10^{th}-16^{th}\ 719-573-4904$  Deacon Buddy is on call for  $Dec.\ 17^{th}-23^{rd}\ 720-555-6470$  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.



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. Scott and Christy are providing a new mode of ministry sign up and we are grateful for their expertise and willingness, too.

AND CONGRATULATIONS on the birth of Gail's grandson Ozzie, born 12/4.

# **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:**Gail

**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 haling ministry of prayer and caring by knitting, crocheting, or



**Christmas is coming!** To prepare the way, please bring poinsettias and white flowering plants and place them in the fellowship hall. We will change the sanctuary environment to Christmas immediately following Mass on Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>. Many hands make light work if you can spare 20 minutes. There might be a "hot spiced apple cider" available afterward ©

VERY FEW WORDS FROM DEACON BUDDY The future of the world quite literally



depends on humanity accessing its Spiritual Intelligence. But the abolition of God, religion, and spirituality from modern-secular culture, and the prioritization of knowledge over wisdom, has left us in a place of desperate spiritual poverty. "No problem can be solved from the same consciousness that created it," was Albert Einstein's observation. We need a new spiritual consciousness. The material consciousness that got us into this mess will not get us out of it. Politics, economics, and technology will always fail to address our greatest challenges because they exist on the lower plane of material consciousness where the problems themselves were created. The

solutions we desperately need can only be found on the higher spiritual plane of consciousness. It is time to stop searching for worldly solutions to spiritual problems. MATTHEW KELLY-HOLY MOMENTS

# **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: <u>link</u>



#### December

16<sup>th</sup>- Anawim meeting at 2:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall 16<sup>th</sup> -Mass for All Ages, Potluck party, and rehearsal for children and youth for Christmas Eve's liturgy.

23<sup>rd</sup>- Following our celebration of the 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Advent we will change our liturgical environment to "white" for Christmas. Many hands will make light work as we transition the seasons.

24th - Christmas Eve Mass will be at 3:30 p.m. in person and on zoom.

30th - Feast of the Holy Family.



'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.



# **Advent Outreach Update:**

The Social Justice committee wants to recap very

successful outreach to Northglenn High School. We collected" 27 hoodies 6 sweatshirts 2 pajama sets 47 flannel pants



our

sewing prayer shawls/blankets. - Linda Pavlak

**Anawim Ministry-**

LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer/Questioning+) support ministry for COB members, families, and friends. 3rd Saturday monthly at the Fellowship hall at 2:30PM Contacts: Ralph at <a href="mailto:reschkejr@q.com">reschkejr@q.com</a> or 303-425-9995 and Nick at <a href="mailto:pizzafmly@aol.com">pizzafmly@aol.com</a> 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.

That is such a generous contribution from our small community!! Holy Moments abound at Church of the Beloved! Thanks to our partners from NUCC, too!

#### A FEW MORE WORDS FROM DEACON BUDDY

**THE FATIMA PRAYER** (Usually said at the end of each decade of the Rosary).

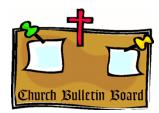
O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.



#### Mid week Mass:

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

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.



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 green 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=VTI4V2ZYSVZrSzdSODE0Ull3emRjZz

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Dial in by calling: \_1 346 248 7799

Meeting ID: 719 573 5454 Passcode if requested: 10500

# **Quick Links**



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Facebook: www.Facebook.com/ChurchOfTh eBelovedECC

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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 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



God – today I will give you my mistakes, disappointments and pain. Wash me clean of all these hurts and give me the courage to start a new day. Amen.

One good turn gets most of the blanket.