



December 23, 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.

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Church of the Beloved
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

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

4th week of Advent....and....Christmas Eve



2 Sam 7:1-5, 8b—12,14a,16; Ps 89; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Isaiah 9: 2-7, Ps 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

Let us enter into the final hours of preparing our hearts to encounter Jesus, in the flesh, born to Mary, cared for by Joseph, destined for Love beyond measure. What might we need to release in order to be fully present? What are we called to give? How might we prepare a space in our heart and soul to receive?

Sunday, Christmas Eve: Our Celebration of Mass for All Ages will begin at 3:30. Prelude songs will begin at 3:20. Please hang coats in the hallway and offer warm hospitality to those who join us.

On Call for Pastoral Emergencies Schedule.

Deacon Buddy is on call for Dec. 17th – 23rd 720-555-6470

Bishop Kae is on call for Dec 24th – Dec 30th 720-232-1562

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 designed a ministry sign up on our website, and we are grateful for their expertise and willingness, too. Please follow the instructions on the email that was sent out by

Christy last Sunday. If you have questions, contact Christy.

Thank you to all who help with changing the liturgical environment :)



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

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 halting ministry of prayer and caring by knitting, crocheting, or

Mass on Dec 23rd. Many hands make light work if you can spare 20 minutes. There might be a “hot spiced apple cider” available afterward ☺

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



Jesus Christ was born to give Himself away because the life of the Trinity, the three divine Persons, is one of self-giving, of love in the highest and purest meaning of the word. When we were children, the smiling, sweet image of the baby Jesus surely was meant to take away any unworthy fear of God. The little figure was to tell us that the God of the Gospels was not a fearful judge. And so Christmas should be a joyous, warm, and friendly day. How does one cope with the real mystery of Christmas? It can be the saddest of days for many people. Some are very alone; some feel deserted or neglected. Some are isolated but will go off among the poor who have much fun as they open the Christmas baskets given to them. Perhaps the loneliest person in the world is a man sitting in his own living room surrounded by his family and no one will really speak to him. And he knows it's his own fault. The answer on Christmas Day is to give and forgive. Spend the day for others in good works and prayer. Give yourself away, and if there is no one to give yourself to, pray for those you care about even if they seem not to care about you. Christmas is a day for giving. We should think about it that way from the time we are young until we are very old. A smile and a prayer can be our gifts of the Magi to the Christ Child. "A child is born to us, a Son is given to us" (Isaiah 9:6).

FR. BENEDICT GROESCHEL--BEHOLD, HE COMES

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 the Church of the Holy Family**

on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. with Cara Thompson

Join Church of the Holy Family's Zoom Meeting: [link](#)



December

23rd- Following our celebration of the 4th 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.

January 2024

1 – Mass on zoom only at 9:30 a.m. Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

6th Epiphany

13th – Mass for All Ages and Potluck

18th – 25th **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

19th 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.

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 reschkejr@q.com or 303-425-9995 and Nick at 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.

February
14th Ash Wednesday



'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

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!

CHURCH OF THE BELOVED
Monthly Financial Summary
For The Month of November 2023

	Monthly		Year-To_Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
<u>Income</u>				
Member Offerings	7,388	5,883	71,889	64,716
Fund Raising & Other Income	33	292	1,217	3,210
Interest & Dividends	0	67	0	740
Special Appeals	0	292	3,761	3,210
Total Income	7,421	6,534	76,867	71,876
<u>Expenses</u>				
Rent & Insurance	1,229	1,192	13,253	13,110
ECC Tithe, Conference, Vicar Stipend	517	642	6,747	7,063
Social Justice	0	471	6,282	5,179
Religious Education	0	33	650	365
Liturgy, Music, Presider Stipend	275	425	4,369	4,675
Office, Bookkeeping, Meeting	383	250	2,559	2,750
Pastor & Associate Salary, Retreat	3,468	3,493	38,831	38,422
Other Expenses	0	100	8,923	1,100
Total Expenses	5,872	6,606	81,614	72,664
Excess (Deficiency) Income Over Expense	1,549	-72	-4,747	-788

*****Please note that the above deficit is based on our unbudgeted contribution to the church boiler replacement.**

Quick Links



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

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

Facebook:
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
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: pt1553@aol.com



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.



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

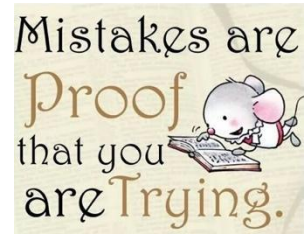
You are welcome to email the link below to friends and family, and please refrain from posting it on social media for security. It remains the same for every liturgy.

For Mass: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7195735454?pwd=VTI4V2ZYSVZrSzdSODE0Ull3emRjZz09>

Dial in by calling: +1 346 248 7799

Meeting ID: 719 573 5454 Passcode if requested: 10500



*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.