

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
March 16, 2025



ST JOHN PAUL II

CATHOLIC PARISH

THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER

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"He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself" ~ Phil. 3:21

CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY MASS

Saturdays 4:00 pm
Sundays 8:00am & 10:00 am

CONFESSION

Saturdays: 2:30–3:30 pm
Sundays: upon request
before & after Masses

ROSARY

Saturdays: 3:25pm
Sundays: 7:25am & 9:25am

Location for Mass:
Frassati Catholic Academy
3951 Cottonwood Lakes Blvd.
Thornton, CO

Mailing Address:
c/o Immaculate Heart of Mary
11385 Grant Dr,
Northglenn, CO 80233



"Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought."
St. John Paul II

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Mar. 15th 4pm + James Lockwood
Sun Mar. 16th 10am Tim Halling

Sat Mar. 22nd 4pm + Jolaine Roth
Sun Mar. 23rd 10am Courtney Taylor

Sunday 8am Mass Intention is Pro Populo;
for the parishioners of St. John Paul II

Intentions are not read aloud during Mass, but placed on the altar for the priest to offer up silently at Mass.

If you would like to arrange a mass for a loved one, please send request to SmokeyM@StJP2.org

Parish Registration: Are you interested in joining this parish community? Register as parishioners under "Connect" on our website.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. John Paul II Parish exists to transform the hearts and minds of our parish family and foster an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ through steadfast devotion to the Eucharist and sacraments, immersion in Sacred Scripture, robust prayer and teaching, and vibrant community.

SUNDAY READINGS

Second Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Gn. 15:5-12, 17-18
Rsp Psalm: Psalm. 27
2nd Reading: Ph. 3:17-4:1
Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

Third Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Ex. 3:1-8a, 13-15
Rsp Psalm: Psalm. 103
2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 10:1-6, 10-12
Gospel: Luke 13:1-9



The second letter on enhancing our Holy Mass is attached. Please understand these observations are written with a sincere desire to foster an atmosphere of reverence and devotion in our sacred spaces.
~ Fr. James

The CHOSEN coming to THEATERS Season 5 MARCH 28TH.

For a listing of showtimes go to: <https://thechosenlastsupper.com/tickets/?booknow>

If you would like to join a group from the parish contact Paula: 1009paula@gmail.com

Out of respect for the sacredness of our Eucharistic Liturgy, please do not bring any food, drink or gum into the chapel.



Knights Corner

3rd Annual Golf Tournament June 28, 2025

Add this date, June 28th to your calendars now!

This has become an annual Knights of Columbus golf event for all - any type of golfer, Men & Women, good or kind of good or those just playing for the fun of it! This is also our main fundraiser for the year to help support our church, our council and local charities as well! Stay tuned for more information soon!



ARCHBISHOP'S PASTORAL NOTE



Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila has released a new Pastoral Note, Standing with Mary at the Foot of the Cross, marking the beginning of Lent. Released along with the Note is a new icon, commissioned by the Archbishop, entitled Mary at the

Foot of the Cross. This Note and icon mark the public launch of a 9-year novena, began last year by Archbishop, as the faithful prepare for the two-thousand-year anniversary of the crucifixion and Jesus' triumph over death.

As this sacred season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving begins, the faithful are encouraged to read and reflect on the Archbishop's message and pray with the icon, drawing closer each day to the Mother of God this Lent. Read Archbishop's full Pastoral Note to the faithful here: <https://archden.org/mary-at-the-cross>

Prayer Cards of the new Icon are available at each entrance this weekend.

Save the Date!

Ground Breaking Ceremony

Sunday May 25TH

Please watch the bulletin for details as we get closer to this momentous day! If you would like to help with this event, please email Apryl Sweat at apryls@stjp2.org

The Divine Mercy Sunday April 27th, 2025

"My heart rejoices in this title of mercy. Proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God. All the works of My hands are crowned with mercy. Oh, How much I am hurt by a soul's distrust! Such a soul professes that I am Holy and Just, but does not believe that I am Mercy and does not trust in My Goodness. Even the devils glorify My justice but do not believe in My Goodness"

(Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska
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[Note: All words from Jesus, as recorded by St. Faustina, are shown in bold type]



PRAYER LIST

- ★ Deacon Louis Arambula
- ★ Jim Simonton
- ★ Carolyn Shanley
- ★ Laura Gonzales
- ★ Virgil Needler
- ★ William Finney
- ★ Mason Cos-Y-Leon
- ★ David Conrad Sandoval



Email names of those who are in need of prayers to PrayerList@StJP2.org. Names will remain on the list as space allows. Please also pray for the caregivers of those on our prayer list.

The Dignity & Vocation of Women

All are invited to a FREE online day of reflection with Jennifer Laurent on the "Dignity & Vocation of Women." Saturday, March 29, 9:30am - 1:30 pm. Register at <https://sjvlaydivision.stellarwebsystems.com/join?euclid=3b02a070-f0ce-11ef-b560-06877bb00287>

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Pre-K3 through 8th grade.
visit www.gofrassati.org
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LENT ~ 2025 PRAYER, FASTING, & ALMSGIVING

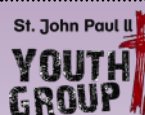
Lenten Soup Dinner, FRIDAYS @ 5:30

All are invited to join us for a variety of meatless soups each Friday night during Lent prior to The Stations of the Cross. The Knights of Columbus will be taking free-will donations (suggested cost of \$5.00 per person) to raise funds to purchase items for our Church.



If you would like to bring a soup to share click [Here](#)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY EVENING @ 7pm



St. John Paul II YOUTH GROUP
Wednesdays @ 6:30pm
This Lent, we invite all middle and high school students to join us during youth group for a special small group study. Let's journey together through Lent, and grow closer to Christ. Each age group will meet separately in small groups of 5-7 students for an age appropriate and personal experience. Books will be provided. Questions? Reach out to Aaron or Andrea @ YouthGroup@StJp2.org

MEN ON A MISSION

Saint John Paul II Parish Men's Ministry

Tuesdays @ 7pm

Men of the parish! What do you have planned for Lent? Why not join Men on a Mission as we begin a powerful six week video study called "Goliath Must Fall - Winning the Battle Against Your Giants". Call/text Mark Tristani for more info. 303-521-0246

LECTIO DIVINA - BIBLE STUDY SATURDAYS @ 9am

Join us for a prayerful reading of Sunday's mass readings each week.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION SATURDAYS 2:30-3:30pm



Confession is available not only on Saturday afternoons, but also by request.

Simply approach Father James and let him know you'd like to go to confession.

Online Giving

St. John Paul II parish has our own online giving account through Vanco, with a link on our website. We have established a few shortcuts for you to use:

Option 1.

Easily download the app "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement" on your phone to set up "Saint John Paul II Catholic Parish"

Option 2.

Go directly to our giving page at: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-26JA>

Option 3.

Point your phone camera here at our QR Code:



WHEN WE WORSHIP, LET'S GIVE GOD OUR BEST!



As many of you are aware, during these seven years as a parish, we have been located in what was once the school cafeteria. If you were with the parish from the beginning, you might remember that we had to move chairs and tables every weekend to disassemble the cafeteria and transform it for the celebration of the Holy Mass. It was not until just recently that we were able to partner with the school to transform the cafeteria into a chapel by bringing pews into our worship space. Certainly, having the pews helps the room to feel and look more like a traditional chapel. Unfortunately, we brought some of our “cafeteria style” behaviors with us as we transformed our worship space. Simply put, we have grown too casual in our “chapel-teria” and developed some behaviors that are not appropriate within the sacred space where the celebration of the Holy Mass occurs.

Let us be mindful that the chapel in which we celebrate the Holy Mass every weekend does not belong to us. Thanks to the generosity of Frassati Catholic Academy, we have been afforded a place to worship and gathering of our various ministries since the founding of our parish community. Consequently, we should have hearts of gratitude to the school but also be mindful of our responsibility to be good caretakers of the school chapel. Over these last years, the school administration has far too often found food and gum left on the floor and under the pews. There are occasions when our parishioners have spilled drinks on the chapel floor, which obviously had to be tended to by the school maintenance personnel.

This should serve as a reminder of something that we all should know very well, namely that food, drink, and gum should never be brought into any Catholic Church. Once again, the chapel is sacred space in which the Holy Mass is celebrated and therefore requires an entirely different mindset and behavior as compared to any common room or meeting space. We will continue to work closely with the school administration to assure them that we will indeed do a better job of being respectful of the sacred space, which is the school chapel. Additionally, we certainly do not want to carry over these inappropriate habits when the time comes for us to move into our newly constructed church. May we always strive to improve and grow in our love and respect for Christ Jesus as found in the Blessed Sacrament that is celebrated every time we gather for the Holy Mass.



“FOR THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST
CONTAINS THE CHURCH’S ENTIRE
SPIRITUAL WEALTH: CHRIST HIMSELF,
OUR PASSOVER AND LIVING BREAD.”
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