

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 5, 2023



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# ST JOHN PAUL II

## CATHOLIC PARISH

THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER

### MASSES

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

### CONFESSION

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

#### 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

#### General Information

Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals  
(720) 319-8050 [Info@StJP2.org](mailto:Info@StJP2.org)

“Whoever exalts himself  
will be humbled,  
and whoever humbles himself  
will be exalted.”

~Matthew 23:12



Christ Teacheth Humility by Robert Scott Lauder (1847)

### DIRECTORY

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Here's what you can do for our  
Tanzania Sister Parish, who are  
praying for Us at each Mass

- Pray for them
- Financial support



Christ The King parish and girls Catholic high school is in Nyantakubwa, Tanzania, just below Lake Victoria. St JP2 also supports an orphanage close by in Geita.



“The future  
starts today,  
not tomorrow.”

~ St. John Paul II

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Nov 4th 4pm †Marcella Ruffolo  
Sun Nov 5th 10am Jacqueline Battista  
Sat Nov 11th 4pm †Heidi Stonehocker  
Sun Nov 12th 10am Kent Cochran

Sunday 8am Mass Intentions are for **PRO POPULO**;  
for the parishioner 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.  
Send Mass intentions to: [SmokeyM@StJP2.org](mailto:SmokeyM@StJP2.org)

## 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

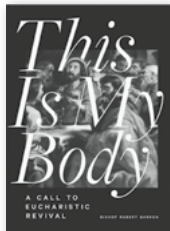
**NOV 5** 31st Sunday, Ordinary Time  
1st Reading: Malachi 1: 14b – 2: 2b, 8-10  
Rsp Pslm: Psalms 131: 1, 2, 3  
2nd Reading: First Thessalonians 2: 7b-9, 13  
Gospel: Matthew 23: 1-12

**NOV 12** 32nd Sunday, Ordinary Time  
1st Reading: Wisdom 6: 12-16  
Rsp Pslm: Psalms 63: 2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8  
2nd Reading: 1st Thessalonians 4: 13-18  
Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13

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

# What is this "Eucharistic Revival"?

Discover this answer to the profound truth flowing out of Jesus' words at the Last Supper: **"Take, eat; this is my body. . . Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant."**



Soon each household will receive the gift of a book from our St. John Paul II parish. This book, written by Bishop Barron, is a fresh exploration on our Eucharistic Revival.

**This Is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival is designed to accompany our revival plus teaching from Fr. James on Saturday mornings.**

# Our Future Starts Today

Recently we heard the updates on our church building project from Father James, and we learned there are many people in the background working diligently to build our new church. Our part of the project as parishioners is to participate in the "Our Future Starts Today" capital campaign, by prayerfully considering making a pledge to our building project. If you are new to the parish or have not yet made your pledge, Father James and Campaign Co-Chairs, Smokey & Debbi Mortus are available to meet with you, answer any questions and gratefully accept your pledge.

You can reach out to them after Mass, or by emailing [SmokeyM@StJP2.org](mailto:SmokeyM@StJP2.org).

# Knights Corner



## Diaper Drive

We would like to thank all of you for your support with this drive. We collected over 5000 diapers and wipes to be donated to Marisol Houses through Catholic Charities.

**Look for our Food Drive for the Food Bank in December!**

Pennies from Heaven! We have our Big Penny out in the lobby again. (At least once a month) Although the project is called "Pennies from Heaven" we could really use more than just your change (or pennies!). Our goal is to collect \$2500 to donate to the Colorado Catholic Charities at our State Convention in April. We are very grateful for your support with this project and all the projects you assist the Knights of Columbus with.

Blessings – Grand Knight Smokey Mortus



## Lectio Divina Bible Study

*Guaranteed to change the way you read the Bible!*

**Drop in on Saturdays at 9am with Father James as your guide**

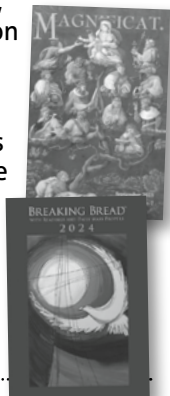
Lectio Divina means "Divine Readings" in Latin and is an ancient way of praying and reading sacred scripture. Come reflect on the upcoming readings for the weekend's Sunday Mass and discuss with Fr. James.

## Missals at Mass

A personal missal is recommended at Mass to follow the readings more closely. This helps deepen your love, understanding & appreciation for the Word of God.

[Click here](#) to subscribe to the monthly **Magnificat** as Fr. James uses. Also available as an app on your phone. The IHM bookstore also sells the **Magnificat** each month.

[Click here](#) to purchase your own **Breaking Bread** Missal.



## Church Photo Directory

**Your LAST opportunity** to be photographed and receive your free copy of the directory is coming. Call Bettinger Photography's studio at 303-733-6076 before it's too late.

**Limited times are still available!**



## Seminary Appeal

This weekend, November 4th & 5th, we will hear a message from a local Seminarian. Our 2nd collection will help support our local Seminaries; St. John Vianney & Redemptoris Mater.

**Please be generous in your giving to help support our future priests!**

## Faith FORMATION

Our next gathering is Sunday, Nov 12th at 11:30am. Contact [FormFaith@StJP2.org](mailto:FormFaith@StJP2.org)

## Veterans Tribute

The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Bethlehem Assembly, 1966, invite all active duty and military veterans of all services, their families, spouses of deceased veterans and military friends to attend a special tribute and a free appreciation breakfast beginning at **9:00am on Saturday, November 11th** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Doors open for registration at 8:00am. Please RSVP to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at 303-452-2041 or Larry Allwine at [larryalwn@aol.com](mailto:larryalwn@aol.com) or 720-887-8402. We will need your name, Parish, branch of service, phone number, e-mail and number of guests.



*Please keep in your prayers...*

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| ☞ Joan Atkin      | ☞ Chuy Medrano  |
| ☞ Jeff Henning    | ☞ Gary Plata    |
| ☞ Patricia King   | ☞ Cathy Scovill |
| ☞ Alfred Lockwood | ☞ Alfred Soto   |

Email names of those who are ill or in need of prayers to [PrayerList@StJP2.org](mailto:PrayerList@StJP2.org). Names remain just a few weeks due to limited space in bulletin.

A PASTORAL LETTER BY ARCHBISHOP SAMUEL J. AQUILA, S.T.L.

### That They Might Have Life

Read Archbishop Aquila's latest Pastoral Letter. It boldly addresses the detrimental impact of recreational marijuana and other drug use on individuals, families, and society at large.

SCAN TO READ

[archden.org/archbishop/writings](http://archden.org/archbishop/writings)

St. John Paul II total offertory: Oct 16 – Oct 22, 2023 – **\$12,009** *Thank you!*

## Online Giving

St John Paul II parish has our own online giving account through Vanco, with a link on our website. Here, 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-Z61A>

### Option 3.

Point your phone camera here at our QR Code:

