

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
August 25, 2024



ST JOHN PAUL II

CATHOLIC PARISH

THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER

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"What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ~ Jn 6:62"

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

"For the most holy Eucharist contains the Church's entire spiritual wealth: Christ himself, our passover and living bread. Through his own flesh, now made living and life-giving by the Holy Spirit, he offers life to men".

Presbyterorum
Ordinis



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Aug. 24th 4pm Troy Murfin
Sun Aug. 25th 10am Anaka Geist
Sat Aug. 31st 4pm Barbara Garduno
Sun Sept. 1st 10am † Ignacio Thomas Rangel

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUG 25
1st Reading: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Rsp Psalm: Psalm 34
2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32
Gospel: John 6:60-69

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPT 1
1st Reading: Deut. 4:1-2, 6-8
Rsp Psalm: Psalm 15
2nd Reading: Jm 1:17-18, 21b-22,27
Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FATHER James!

Thank you for making our St. John Paul II Parish community a Family! We are greatly blessed by your prayers, guidance, teaching and leadership. We pray that God will bless you in this upcoming year.



St. John Paul II Family:

Please pray for Fr. James' intentions and help us celebrate him this weekend at the Ministry Fair. We have a table where you can leave your birthday notes, wishes and prayers, and enjoy a birthday treat.

Faith FORMATION

REGISTRATION IS open!

To register online follow the link below.

[Faith Formation Registration | St John Paul II Catholic Parish \(stjohnpaul2.org\)](https://www.stjohnpaul2.org)

or register in person at the Parish Ministry Fair this weekend!

Mandatory Parent Meeting on September 8th, 11:30am-12:30pm

St. John Paul II Catholic Parish has a unique approach to Faith Formation for children in grades PK-5! How it works:

1 At the church: The entire family gathers for "Faith Formation Sunday" on the 2nd Sunday of the month from 11:30am-12:30pm. Parents attend a workshop, where they learn through teaching, discussion, and prayer. Children will be dismissed to review sessions according to their grade or sacrament they are preparing for (First Reconciliation and/or First Eucharist & Confirmation). Childcare for younger children is available.

2 In the home: Parents teach their children with clearly designed lessons and activities that involve the whole family. If you have children preparing for First Reconciliation and/or First Eucharist & Confirmation you will utilize a specific curriculum for the sacraments.

3 In small group communities: Families meet monthly with other families for food, discussion and fellowship.

OTHER: If you have a child who would like to be baptized or is older than 2nd/3rd grade and would like to prepare for Reconciliation, Confirmation or Eucharist please reach out to the Director of Faith Formation.

Question: Contact the Director of Faith Formation: Kristina @ KristinaH@StJP2.org.



More photos from Tanzania to enjoy!



JOHN 6 Teaching Series

GET MORE OUT OF MASS THIS SUMMER

[Download booklet here.](#)

Do you also want to leave?

Each one of us join Peter in his heartfelt confession: "Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

Parish Ministry Fair This Weekend!



Please come to the school gym following mass to see the different ministries St. John Paul II Parish has to offer and enjoy some fellowship.

THE CHOSEN / COLORADO CATHOLIC CONFERENCE / EUCHARISTIC APOSTLES OF DIVINE MERCY / FAITH FORMATION & SACRAMENTAL PREP / FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FAITH / HOME-BOUND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS / HOSPITALITY / KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LECTIO DIVINA BIBLE STUDY / LITURGY MAGNIFICAT Mom's / Men on a Mission / MUSIC PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM / PAX / ROSARY THEOLOGY ON TAP WITH FR. JAMES / WALKING WITH PURPOSE / YOUNG ADULTS / YOUTH MINISTRY



Come early to mass and join us in praying the Rosary.

Saturdays 3:25; Sundays 7:25 and 9:25

If you would like to help lead the rosary, please contact Denise Stovall. Call/Text: 970.749.1091 or Email: kingstov@hotmail.com

A Simple Theology

Psalm 34 says "I will bless the Lord at all times" Not just the good times, or when it is easy, but at all times.

In the Old Testament, Joshua gives the people a choice "Decide today whom you will serve". Fast forward to the New Testament, Joshua, who we know by his Greek name; Jesus, gives his disciples a very similar question, "Do you also want to leave?"

Would you prefer to go to another that says something less difficult? Someone that is easier to serve? This question comes to us everyday. At times when life gets difficult, whom do you choose to serve? Do you want to just pack up and leave? Or do you choose God?

To choose God is to choose Love. To choose love in times of difficulty is to Love Christ.



LIFE CAN BE VERY DIFFICULT, BUT COURAGE!



Approach the one who gives eternal life, approach Christ in the Eucharist and ask for his help and he will give you the graces needed to overcome difficulties with Love. He gives the graces to **BLESS GOD at ALL TIMES.**

It is fitting that St. Paul uses spouses as his example on how Christ loves us. To love is to give one's life to the other, just as Christ gives his life to the Church. **Always Loving us.** When we give our life for the other we "Bless God."

Be like Peter and remember to choose Christ. **"MASTER, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO? YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE."**

MEN ON A MISSION

Saint John Paul II Parish Men's Ministry

Men of the parish! Are you ready to take a step towards becoming a man of faith which our culture so desperately needs? Join **Men on a Mission** for faith formation, engaging discussion, and authentic friendships. **Tuesday evenings at 7pm, starting Sept 10.** Call/text Mark Tristani for more info. 303-521-0246



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PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

The Pastoral Ministry Team is here for you. If you have any questions, seeking information on our Catholic Faith or need to know whom to speak to about anything, please come and ask one of our team members out in the lobby. *If you would like to join the Pastoral Ministry Team, the next training session will be Saturday September 14th at 10:30am*



Please also pray for the caregivers of those on our prayer list.

- ✪ Nathan Gubanich
- ✪ Joyce Chevarria
- ✪ Juan Corral
- ✪ Paul Chatigny
- ✪ Jerry Cheseldine
- ✪ Jim Peters
- ✪ Jim Garrus
- ✪ Cal & Donna Brand

Email names of those who are in need of prayers to PrayerList@StJP2.org. Names will remain on the list as space allows.

ST. JOHN VIANNEY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY LAY DIVISION

Has the Holy Spirit been tugging at your heart to commit to a deeper study of the Bible and your Catholic Faith? Would you like to be more equipped at explaining the Faith to others? Then join a class from the Denver Catholic Biblical or Catechetical School this fall, either online or in-Person! Pick up a brochure at one of the parish entrances for a list of locations and information sessions. You can also call 303.715.3195 or visit sjvlaydivision.org for more details.

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-Z6JA>

Option 3. Point your phone camera here at our QR Code:





- ◊ Above: Archbishop Samuel Aquila at the blessing of the new dining hall.
- ◊ To the Right: Photos of the students with Fr. James in the dining hall. And photos of cooking rice, beans.
- ◊ To the left: Grains of rice
- ◊ Bottom Left: Procession at the Parish Mass.
- ◊ Bottom: God's beautiful children.

