

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024



ST JOHN PAUL II

CATHOLIC PARISH

THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER

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"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

~ Mk 9:35



"The future starts today, not tomorrow."
~ St. John Paul II

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,
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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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Sept. 21st 4pm † Pat Million
Sun Sept. 22nd 10am † Charles & Lydia Janousek

Sat Sept. 28th 4pm Tracy Michael
Sun Sept. 29th 10am † Alfred & Elizabeth Lockwood

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.



We have an update on the new church!

SUNDAY READINGS

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPT 22
1st Reading: **Wisdom 2:12, 17-20**
Rsp Psalm: **Psalm 54**
2nd Reading: **James 3:16-4:3**
Gospel: **Mark 9:30-37**

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPT 29
1st Reading: **Numbers 11:25-29**
Rsp Psalm: **Psalm 19**
2nd Reading: **James 5:1-6**
Gospel: **Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48**

Knights Corner

LAST WEEKEND to get your Football FundCrazz tickets to help support our Knights of Columbus State Council.



Look for one of your Knights to purchase tickets this weekend before or after Mass. Tickets are still \$10.00 each with 10 chances to win per ticket.

- \$1,000.00 in Weekly Prizes
- \$10,000.00 in Total Prizes
- Prizes Are ONLY From Tickets Sold by Colorado Knights of Columbus.
- Each Ticket Provides 4 Random Pro Football Teams per Week.
- Your Score is the Total Number of Points each game per week.
- Prizes are Determined By the Highest and Lowest 4-Team Total per week.



Vote "NO" on Amendment 79

- » Coloradans have a Right to Know how Amendment 79 hurts themselves and their loved ones.
- » Bans Parental Notice. There will be no age restriction on abortion in Colorado.
- » Bans ANY limits on Late Term Abortions.
- » Clears the way for Taxpayer Funding of ALL abortions, including for out of state women.

This Amendment is too Extreme and Reckless!

To learn more, go to: [Amendment 79 Colorado | Right to Know CO - Right to Know CO](#)
If you have questions, please let me know:
Hugh Denning at CCC.Rep@StJP2.org

A Simple Theology

The little one puts him/herself last, elevating the other instead of elevating him/herself. The little one takes the last place, waiting for the other to take part.

It can be difficult to sit back and not take the first place, second place or even the third place.

Courage!

Don't worry by thinking you will be left with nothing; God the Father saves the best for last. By taking the last place you get the best; Jesus; and by receiving Jesus, you receive God the Father.

God loves the little ones. He answers all their prayers, for their prayers are pure of heart.

*Dedicated to Dad,
for always reminding us to take the last place.*



St. John Paul II's Church Building is officially on the City of Thornton Planning Commission agenda for Tuesday, October 1st at 6:00pm.

The Notice of Public Hearing announcement can be found [here](#).

THIS IS THE FIRST OF TWO CRITICAL MEETINGS IN THE CITY OF THORNTON APPROVAL PROCESS FOR OUR CHURCH BUILDING, AND WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT.

It is time for everyone to send their letters/emails of support to the Planning Commission. When writing your letters of support, please answer the following questions in your own words:

1. How has the St. John Paul II Community impacted your life?
2. Why is this church facility important to you?

Some ideas for how our development will impact the surrounding neighborhood:

- * Our church will create a needed place of worship for the rapidly growing Catholic community of north Thornton.
- * St. John Paul II has over 20 ministries that support, help and impact our local citizens.
- * Our facilities will greatly improve the aesthetics of the empty field and become a beacon of hope for many people.

It is important that everyone write an individual letter of support. Please do not use a canned template letter. If you have any questions about the Planning Commission Meeting or our Church development, please feel free to contact Apryl: AprylS@SJP2.org
Please ask your ministry teams, friends, and neighbors to support our church building project, too!

All emails/letters of support should be sent to Jay Ruchti at Jay.Ruchti@ThorntonCO.gov by **September 30th**. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting, even if you live outside of the city limits or do not want to speak.

Additional Ways to Support our Church Project:

- * Pray the Rosary on October 1st.
- * Pray to St. John Paul II for his intercession.
- * Pray to St. Therese of the Child Jesus, who's feast day is October 1st.



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

- ⊗ Mike Brown
- ⊗ Virgil Needler
- ⊗ Dianna Sax
- ⊗ Nathan Gubanich
- ⊗ Joyce Chevarria
- ⊗ Juan Corral
- ⊗ Jerry Cheseldine
- ⊗ Donald Hartung

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



The Magnificent Moms ministry is seeking Safe Environment-trained adults to assist with childcare on Friday mornings; 10/4, 11/1, and 11/15 from 9am to 11am.

Mothers will still be present, but we are requesting volunteers to help with the children so moms have the opportunity to focus on our topics.

Please reach out to Amanda Tally (303-489-4409) or Amanda Borchers (720-563-9860) if you are interested in volunteering!

Church on Fire

Be equipped to hear, encounter, and partner with the Holy Spirit in his mission of renewal for the Church at two Church on Fire Talks, led by Bart Schuchts:

- » Encountering the Father's Love: Tuesday, Sept. 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- » Baptism of Fire: Wednesday, Sept. 25, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- » Where: Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Priests, parish staff, volunteers, and parishioners are invited! This event is free of charge.
(No registration necessary)

R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



- ✧ Interested in the Catholic Faith?
- ✧ Do you have questions about Catholicism?
- ✧ Or, are you an adult who would like to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation?
- ✧ Are you married and would like to have your marriage blessed in the Catholic Church?

Let's connect and see how we can best serve you! Contact Kristina at KristinaH@stjp2.org.

Mark your Calendars!

Thursday,
October 17th @
6:30pm

Fr. James will be giving a presentation on his latest trip to our sister parish in Tanzania. Come see photos and hear about all the latest happenings.



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:

