

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

November 3, 2024



# ST JOHN PAUL II

## CATHOLIC PARISH

THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER

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"The first is this: Hear O Israel!  
The Lord our God is Lord alone!  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your  
heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and  
with all your strength." ~ Mk 12:29-30

### 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

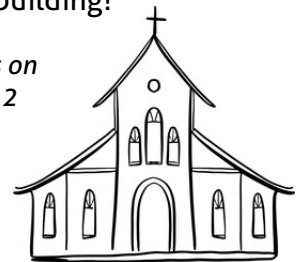
Saturdays: 3:25pm  
Sundays: 7:25am & 9:25am

**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

The next City Council meeting  
has been scheduled for our  
church building!

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Nov. 2nd 4pm † Nancy Swansen  
Sun Nov. 3rd 10am Debbi Mortus  
Sat Nov. 9th 4pm † Pat Million  
Sun Nov. 10th 10am Theresa Rene Gonzales

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](mailto: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

**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Nov 3  
1st Reading: Deut. 6:2-6  
Rsp Psalm: Psalm 18  
2nd Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28  
Gospel: Mark 12:28b-34

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Nov 10  
1st Reading: 1st Kings 17:10-16  
Rsp Psalm: Psalm 146  
2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28  
Gospel: Mark 12:38-44



## Veterans Tribute & Appreciation Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus Bethlehem Assembly, 1966, will be hosting a special tribute and free appreciation breakfast for all active duty, military veterans, spouses of deceased veterans, their families and military friends from all services. In addition to a free breakfast and special tribute, the program will feature a special presentation by David J. Little, Historian of the 10th Mountain Division.

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Center**  
**11385 Grand Drive Northglenn, CO**  
**Saturday, November 9, 2024.**

Registration begins at 8:00 am.  
 Please RSVP by Nov 5th to the Parish Center at 303-452-2041, or Larry Allwine at 720-810-3480 or to [larryalwn@aol.com](mailto:larryalwn@aol.com) with your name, branch of service, phone number, e-mail address and number of guests.

**VOTE!**  
**X NO on Amendment 79**  
**✓ YES on 80 | X NO on J**

RIGHT TO KNOW COLORADO  
 NO on 79

X Right to Abortion  
 ✓ Right to School Choice  
 X Protecting the Freedom to Marry

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 VOTER GUIDE

Additional informational Links from the Archdiocese of Denver.

**Letter from the Archbishop:**  
<https://denvercatholic.org/breaking-archbishop-issues-open-letter-to-faithful-urging-opposition-to-dangerous-pro-abortion-amendment/>

**Video: WATCH: Vote NO on Amendment 79: Lauren's mom chose life.** <https://denvercatholic.org/watch-vote-no-to-amendment-79-laurens-mom-chose-life/>

The 2024 Voter Guide on the key Colorado Propositions is now available for review at: [www.cocatholic.org/resources/voter-guide](http://www.cocatholic.org/resources/voter-guide)

The 2024 Legislative Candidate Survey can be found with the link above.



**St. John Paul II's Church Building is officially on the Thornton City Council agenda for Tuesday, November 19th at 7:00pm.**

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

This is the second of two critical meetings in the City of Thornton approval process for our church building, and we need your support.

If you were not able to write your letter of support or attend the Planning Commission meeting, then you get another chance! All emails/letters of support should be sent to Jay Ruchti at [Jay.Ruchti@ThorntonCO.gov](mailto:Jay.Ruchti@ThorntonCO.gov) by **November 18th**. All previous letters will be submitted in our hearing packet, so you do not need to write a second letter.

If you live inside of Thornton City Limits and are willing to speak in favor of our church building at the City Council Hearing, please arrive at 9500 Civic Center Dr, Thornton, CO 80229 at 6:45pm to sign in. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting, even if you do not want to speak or live inside of city limits.

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 City Council Meeting or our church development, please feel free to contact Apryl: [AprylS@stjp2.org](mailto:AprylS@stjp2.org)  
 Please ask your ministry teams, friends, and neighbors to support our church building project, too!

## The Annual Seminaries' Appeal

The Seminaries Appeal which supports the formation of over 100 future priests at both St. John Vianney Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary, begins next weekend! These young men are formed to carry out the mission of the Catholic Church, and they need your support. Next weekend, in-pew envelopes will be available. If you would like to donate today, please visit [archden.org/futurepriests](http://archden.org/futurepriests).



**A seminarian will be speaking at all the masses next weekend, November 9th & 10th.**



Thank you for supporting the academic and spiritual formation of our seminarians!

**Hallow** God's Peace is waiting for you

Join Mark Wahlberg and Jonathan Roumie on Hallow - Catholic Prayer & Meditation App

**"Stay Prayed Up!"**



**ST JOHN PAUL II**  
 CATHOLIC PARISH

**PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM**

**Next Training Session**  
**November 16th @**  
**10:30am in the Chapel.**

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Additional information on the new parish ministry can be found in the attached letter.

## Finance Council Meeting

November 16th @ noon in the Library.

**OUR JP2 YOUTH GROUP WILL BE HAVING A BAKE SALE! Nov. 16TH & 17TH.**



The youth will be raising funds for their upcoming retreats to Mountain Madness and Steubenville of the Rockies.

<https://archden.org/eflm/mountain-madness/>  
<https://archden.org/eflm/steubenville/>

## Pastoral Council Meeting

November 23rd @ 10:30am in the Library.

## Annual Update

Our finance council chair, Carol Mendlik will be presenting our parish annual update after all the masses on November 23rd & 24th.

**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:



## **ST JOHN PAUL II PARISH – PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM**

We have a new ministry at StJP2, the Pastoral Ministry Team. The mission of the Pastoral Ministry is to support Father James and the parish by ensuring that all churchgoers seeking support are welcomed and assisted.

As you know, Father James hears confessions before and after Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation along with taking the time to speak with those waiting, is very important to him. The Pastoral Ministry team is there to ensure all who wish to speak with Father are acknowledged and heard. The team is there to serve as an extension of Father James and Christ's ministry.

Father James has been offering monthly training and will continue to do so to help equip them to better represent him as the pastor and Shepherd of the parish. By starting this ministry now, and offering training, team members will be better prepared to welcome all. This ministry will be a key resource once our new Church opens.

The team has a table in the lobby and is there to offer support 30 minutes before or after each Mass. On the table are common parish forms / information as well as books and pamphlets supporting the Church's teaching. Team members are fellow StJP2 parishioners who were called by the Holy Spirit to be a witness to the love, grace and forgiveness that God and Jesus Christ offer each of us. Guided by the Holy Spirit, members offer what they can to those seeking information or a dialog.

The ministry engages individuals as they are, where they are, and ensures each person is valued and comfortable. The ministry is there to speak the truth about the Catholic Church's beliefs, mission and ministry.

Examples of the ministry can be as simple as providing guidance on parish registration, Faith Formation or another parish ministry. It might be someone who wants to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Other times, it might be someone who feels rejected or marginalized by the Church or its Leaders. No matter the reason, all are treated with love and respect.

If you are interested in joining the Pastoral Ministry or have any questions, please reach out to the ministry leader, Kate McDonough ([KateM@StJP2.org](mailto:KateM@StJP2.org)), or simply talk to a team member before or after Mass.

