

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
February 23, 2025



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~ 1 Cor.15:49



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

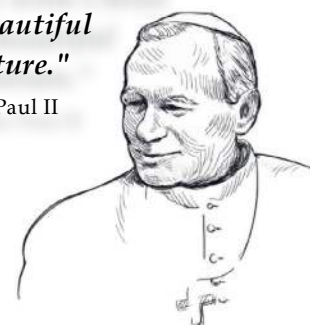
Saturdays: 3:25pm
Sundays: 7:25am & 9:25am

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

*"Life with Christ
is a beautiful
adventure."*

St. John Paul II



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Feb. 22nd 4pm + Shirley Spahn
Sun Feb. 23rd 10am Karen Ray

Sat Mar. 1st 4pm + Alfred Lockwood
Sun Feb. 2nd 10am + Shirley Spahn

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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb 23
1st Reading: 1 S. 26:2,7-9, 12-13, 22-23
Rsp Psalm: Psalm. 103
2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 15:45-49
Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mar 2
1st Reading: Sir. 27: 4-7
Rsp Psalm: Psalm. 92
2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 15:54-58
Gospel: Luke 6:39-45



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
Please see page 3 for the second attachment.

O.C.I.A.

Order 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.

A SIMPLE THEOLOGY

"Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one" ~ 1 Cor.15:49

- ✦ Through original sin, we bear the likeness of Adam, the first man.
- ✦ Through baptism, we become God's Anointed, born again in Christ Jesus.
- ✦ Our sins separate us further from the likeness of God, but through reconciliation, and the merits of Christ's death on the cross, we are brought back into union with God.
- ✦ What is it to bear the image of the heavenly one? To Love, for GOD IS LOVE.
- ✦ To love your enemies is to love the other starting with the one closest to us, in our own homes and in our daily lives.

"Oh, how great is the loving-kindness of God! On those who have defected from Him, and who were in the extremities of wickedness, He has bestowed such an amnesty for their wicked deeds and so great a sharing in grace that they may even call Him Father. But they too are a heaven who bear the likeness of the heavenly, in whom is God, dwelling and walking about."
~ St. Cyril of Jerusalem

The Divine Mercy Sunday April 27th, 2025

What is and why do we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday?

Saint Faustina wrote, "When I came out of the confessional, I again heard words such as these; 'My image already is in your soul. I desire that there be a Feast of Mercy. I want this image, which you will paint with a brush, to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy.' (Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska # 49)
[Note: All words from Jesus, as recorded by St. Faustina, are shown in bold type]



On Catholic Radio

Fr James Spahn

St John Paul II Pastor

Tuesday March 11, 3:30 - 4:30 pm



Listen online: www.catholicradio.com

"Gabriel 3"

On the radio: 1060 AM, 1120 AM & 970 AM



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.

Knights Corner



Lenten Soup Dinners & Stations of the Cross

We will begin Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00pm, starting March 7th.


Prior to the Stations of the Cross, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting Lent Soup Dinners from 5:30pm to 6:45pm. All are invited to join us for a variety of meatless soups on each Friday (k)night during Lent. We will be taking free-will donations for the dinner (suggested cost of \$5.00 per person). This year we will be raising funds to purchase items for our Church. Watch for flyers soon!

You are also invited to bring a soup to share. Click [Here](#) to sign up on our Signup Genius page, so that we know we have enough to feed the flock!

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!

*Congratulations to
Albert & Nicolette Castillo on
the baptism of their child.
Welcome in to Christ's Church
Ainslee Casey Castillo.*



FRASSATI **Now Enrolling at Frassati Catholic Academy.**

We are currently enrolling students for the 2025-2026 school year, from Pre-K3 through 8th grade. To learn more about our programs or schedule a tour, please visit our website at www.gofrassati.org or call us at 303-451-9607.



At Emmaus Catholic Hospice, our mission is to provide Catholic home hospice care, support, and education that honors the dignity of each person we serve. Proudly supported by Archbishop Samuel Aquila. To find out more about Emmaus Catholic Hospice and read the letter of support please go to:

<https://emmauscatholicospice.org/archbishop-aquila-of-denver-i-give-my-full-support-and-blessing/>

Upcoming Events at Local Parishes, Schools, and in the Archdiocese:

Heroic Men Summit - DENVER

Saturday, March 1st. 10x Your Men's Group. Get Certified as a Heroic Leader, and Transform your parish, family and Community. For more information and to register go to: <https://summitmen.co/2025-heroic-men-summit>

New Audio Course on Grace

Delve into the mystery of grace as our participation in the life of God in the latest audio release from Daniel Campbell, Director of the SJV Lay Division. The audio course, "The Grace of God: Deification," is fifteen tracks long with over fourteen hours of content.

Learn how grace empowers us to become saints and fulfills our ultimate purpose in life. For more information go to: <https://thewisdomofthesaints.com/home>

Biblical School Preview Night

Learn about our Lenten journey home to the Father! Join us for a FREE lecture from Daniel Campbell which will introduce you to what it is like to learn scripture and to how amazing the Bible is. **Tuesday, March 11, 2025 from 6-8 p.m. @ Holy Family High School**

No registration is required. We hope you can make it!

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:



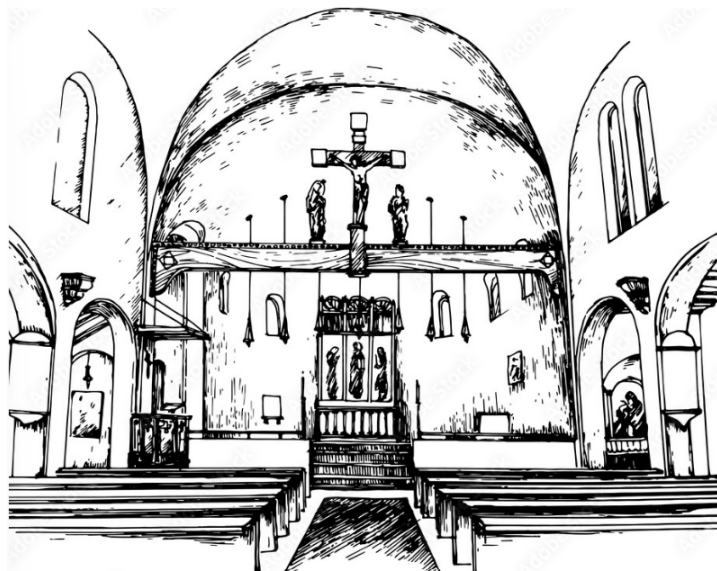
WHEN WE WORSHIP, LET'S GIVE GOD OUR BEST!



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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