

OUR CATHOLIC JOURNEY

(Family Faith Formation)

Register for CLASSES

Start early ... register now for **Our Catholic Journey / Faith Formation!** Registration forms are available in the back of church. Please bring your completed form and payment to the Parish Hall ... ASAP so we can plan for you!

NAME CHANGE: Family Faith Formation has been renamed to **OUR CATHOLIC JOURNEY (OCJ)**, since we are constantly on a journey in our Catholic faith. We hope that this new title will make EVERYONE feel more welcome to join our faith formation nights!

Also, note the small, but important change this year ... we will start all classes on Monday nights with mass and classes will follow immediately afterwards. We hope all will support this and join us at the 'table' before the night begins!

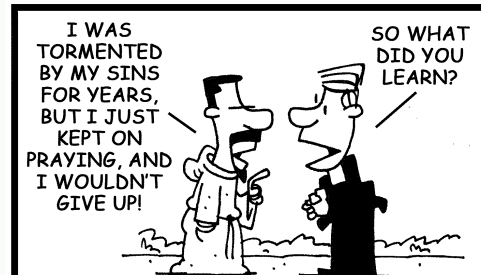
- ◆ **5:30 pm Mass for EVERYONE, followed with adult OCJ in the church until 7:15-ish pm.**
- ◆ **6:00 pm—7:15 pm Children's Faith Formation**
- ◆ **6:00 pm—7:30 pm Youth Group**

SAVE THE DATE: for this year's kick-off mass, information night, and potluck on **Monday, September 12th, 5:30 pm!** More info to come!

PAYMENT—\$50 per family: GA has a good-neighbor policy...and what goes around, comes around. All families, not matter what size or age, are requested to pay the same amount. We hope that this policy will ease the financial burden of those larger and young families. And if you are a small family or financially blessed, we hope that you will support your parish family.

RECOGNITION: Please include a photo of your child / youth with this year's registration form and payment. Even though the parish is small...it will help us acknowledge your child/teen by putting a name with a face and for possible class activities.

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Young Angels (YA) = High School
Kids for Christ (KFC) = Middle School
Steve & Sheryl Senesac, Youth Ministers
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Our World Youth Day Pilgrimage Itinerary

August 12th - Depart Denver for Rome
August 13th - Walking tour of Imperial Rome
August 14th - Rome-Vatican City
Tour Basilica of St. Peter
Tour Vatican Necropolis
Angelus with Pope Benedict XVI in St. Peter's Square
August 15th - Tour of Major Basilicas
Catacombs of San Calixtus
August 16th - Daytrip to Assisi
August 17th - Depart for Madrid
Visit to Segovia
August 18th - Madrid, Spain
Papal Arrival and welcome in Madrid
August 19th - Tour Avila
Tour Salamanca
August 20th - Join Pilgrimage walk to Vigil Site
Papal Vigil with Pope Benedict XVI
Overnight at WYD11 Vigil Site
August 21st - WORLD YOUTH DAY
Papal Mass with Pope Benedict XVI



August 22nd - Free day - Madrid
August 23rd - Tour Toledo
August 24th - Depart Madrid, Spain for Denver

Our pilgrims

Linda Baird
Amanda Baird
Tina Senesac
Michelle Senesac
Shannon Mc Kinney
Sheryl Senesac
Megan Mc Kinney
Kyle Cavey
Amber Senesac



For the wonderful youth of our Parish - please keep us in your prayers and we will be praying for each of you so that your Faith will grow stronger with each new day. We will pray that you all have a safe and enjoyable rest of the summer, and you will start another school year with Christ by your side!

I am looking forward for a great year in youth group. Don't forget to register - we have big surprises for you! Plan on a back to school get together and a recap of our WYD pilgrimage when we return. We will have the Mass with the Pope taped for you to watch. Peace be with you! Sheryl

PARENTS: I NEED A VOLUNTEER TO CHAIR OUR FLOAT MAKING THIS YEAR FOR THE MEAD PARADE! Please let me know if you are interested!

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 7, 2011



Guardian Angels Catholic Church

Celebrating a Century of Faith
1911 — 2011

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Office Hours:

Sunday 8:30—Noon
Monday 9:00—3:00 pm (summer)
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Mass Schedule:

Mondays 5:30 pm
Saturdays 5:30 pm
Sundays 9:00 and 10:30 am

Reconciliation:

Mondays by Appointment Only

Sacraments:

Call Office
Baptisms, First Holy Communion,
Confirmation, Marriage,
Anointing of the Sick, Funerals

Dear Friends and Families of Guardian Angels Parish,

There's an old saying that men learn to pray when in the trenches. This comes from World War I and the experience of long waits dug in at the battle line before the confrontation began. In other words, perhaps, one could say with St. Paul that we do "know how to pray as we ought" until the Holy Spirit teaches us to pray. That's the experience of St. Peter in the gospel today who takes that first dangerous and risky step out of the boat to walk on the water with Jesus even in the midst of a storm.

The goal of our deepest prayer is none other than the direct encounter with Jesus. It is not for things. The Church helps us to understand the encounter on the sea by coupling the story with an older story from the prophet Elijah. On Mt. Horeb, after a series of decisive tests to his character and inner strength, Elijah meets God in a setting almost identical to Moses, hidden as he was in the cleft of a rock. The purpose of Moses' and Elijah's meeting with God "face to face" is to "draw light and strength for their mission." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2583) "Their prayer is not a flight from an unfaithful world, but rather attentiveness to The Word of God." (CCC #2584)

In other words, prayer is not so much attention to my own life as it is attentiveness to God's life.

Do you notice when Peter first gets out of the boat? He is completely fixed on Jesus. He wavers when he is distracted by this faithless world symbolized by the storm, and down he goes into the water.

When we are so immersed in prayer, we forget this world around us, and are caught up into the presence of Jesus. This becomes the only reality. To keep and hold that attentiveness is very challenging for us and frequently all too brief because the world is a storm around us. It calls us back into the thick of things and all the business we feel we must attend to on our agenda.



Notice that Jesus himself sends the disciples off to the other shore in their fragile boat while Jesus himself goes up the mountain to pray, again symbolizing and remembering the divine encounter Moses and Elijah had with God "face to face." Matthew's little note about the evening time, reminds us that that is precisely the time of day when God walk in the company of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden before the Fall.

Matthew uses the symbolism of night and storm to describe the world we live in, when we are tossed about this way and that by all the things going on in our lives. Compared to the vastness of heaven, this world is indeed a little boat.

The apostles' first reaction to seeing Jesus is one of fear, because they do not yet know how to see; their eyes have not been spiritually healed. I think it is safe to say that any of us would have a similar reaction to our first encounter with God directly. God's response is at once strengthening and heartening for us to hear. Take courage. For centuries, this is how many saints signed their letters, "Take courage," before our culture adopted the polite ending of "sincerely yours."

Jesus simply invites us, and he says, "Come!" He still is inviting us today deeply into the Eucharistic encounter at every Mass. We are at first eager, but then like Peter, we remember and are distracted by the world around us in all its uproar.

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May our faith grow in this fragile little boat of the earth, until we can be so attentive that all we see anymore is Jesus, in family, in neighbor, the poor and rich alike, whosoever it may be. May our response be the response those in the little boat, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

We don't just have to pray in the trenches, but right here at Guardian Angels. Attentiveness during Mass and in our prayers. Then keeping the vision of Jesus before we too will be strengthened for the mission we have as Church and we will draw light from our encounter with Christ as the Catechism teaches us.

May your last weeks of summer refresh and renew your family in God's love.

Sincerely yours,

Fr. Alan

But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" — Mt 14:30-31

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCC



Please pray for parishioner ...

Clay Varra (heart surgery recovery)

If you wish to add someone to the list (illness, employment, etc.), first ask for their approval and then submit their name to the office. Names will run for four weeks, unless other arrangements made.

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday, August 8, 2011— 5:30 pm



Saturday, August 13, 2011— 5:30 pm

Lector: Fran Champlin
EME: Jane Murphy & Mary Macomber
Server: Paul or Laryssa Globensky
Hospitality & Gifts: Klocek Family

Sunday, August 14, 2011— 9:00 am

M of C: Pat Sanchez
Lector: Joan Blossom
EME: Rita Deligio & Jim Hejlik
Server: Tommy or Danny Hejlik
Hospitality/Gifts: Harris Family

Sunday, August 14, 2011— 10:30 am

Lector: Ernie Jasmund
EME: Randy & Wendy Wilson
Server: Jack Pease
Hospitality/Gifts: Grimaldi Family

Collection Counters: Ernie Jasmund & Dorothy Kinch
Altar Linens for August: Jeanette Harris

ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL



The Archbishop's Catholic Appeal has become the lifeblood of our archdiocese. Proceeds from this annual effort fund – for an entire year – nearly forty ministries which were established to ease the spiritual, emotional, and physical hardships of those among us. Every household is asked to support the Appeal. Without YOUR help, one need may go unanswered. May God bless you for your willingness to extend His kingdom.

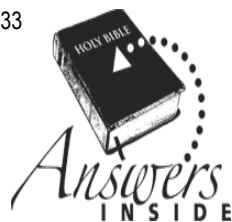


Your Offering

July 31, 2011	\$ 2,412.00
Aug 1, 2010	\$ 2,117.00
Children's	\$ 17.45

Readings for the Week of August 7, 2011

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21---19:1
Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/
Mt 15:21-28



GUARDIAN ANGELS NEEDS YOUR HELP...

Jesus wants us not to sit still, but to go forth to love and serve. We invite you to discover the way that Jesus wants you to use your gifts in service of the Church, God and neighbor. Jesus invites us to minister out of love, inspired and empowered by the Holy Spirit. He encourages us to put aside fear, grief, uncertainty, doubt and to believe that Jesus is here in our midst. Do we spend Time with God? Do we use our Talents to serve others? Do we recognize that Treasure is also a gift from God and we need to offer a portion back to God regularly and consistently? We want you to ponder these questions in your heart and then take action, just like Jesus encouraged his disciples to do. During August we will feature various ministry opportunities for you to consider. Then in September we will have sign-ups after all masses. Please help.

Ministries Revealed

Short summary of how we can serve our parish family

HOSPITALITY

For a large portion of the Bible, hospitality is a good lens for understanding how God wants to relate to us, and for how God expects us to relate to each other.

Hospitality is an easy, wonderful, yet *important* way to minister. You arrive 15 minutes before mass and warmly welcome those who enter the church. If needed, assist those who arrive late to find a seat. You will take up the collection (or ask another family); and then bring the collection, along with the wine and bread to the priest in the sanctuary. This is a great way for a family to serve together, but everyone is encouraged to help. You will be scheduled once a month or so. We currently need more volunteers for Sunday masses.

RCIA / RCIC classes starting soon!

Who do you know and care about who may be interested in becoming a part of our community? Please consider the **RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) or **RCIC** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children). Now is the time to be a witness to Jesus and share the gift of your Faith! Simply call Joan Blossom 303-485-8286 or Fr. Alan Hartway with any questions or to receive an information packet.



"The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to Himself" CCC 27



Please pray for...

Lt. David Green

FATHER GREG THANKFUL FOR YOUR CARDS AND PRAYERS ON HIS 25th JUBILEE



LUNCH BUNCH

All ladies at Guardian Angels are invited to build friendships over lunch at **Santa Fe Burrito Company** 33 S. Main St. Longmont **Tuesday, August 16 at 1:15 pm** (note time change) Questions? Call Jane Murphy at (303) 772-7918.

NEW! ADULT RELIGIOUS CLASS ON THURSDAYS

The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a wonderful resource, but its length and language can be intimidating. Not to worry! Join our new class on **Studying the Catechism** beginning **Thursday August 18** at 9:30am in the hall. We will have a user-friendly guide, *The Catechism Handbook* by Fr. Oscar Lukefahr, to summarize its content, explain difficult issues and draw attention to areas of special importance. Bring your Catechism book, if you have one. Questions? Call Ernie Jasmund, Group Leader at (970) 535-0728.

TIME CAPSULE

As part of our 100 year celebration, we invite members of Guardian Angels to contribute photos, news articles, items, etc. which would depict what was going on in 2011 and place them in a time capsule. A container has been placed near the holy water font. The capsule will be sealed at the end of our year of celebration. Questions, call Monica Klocek 970-535-0433.

HOLY FATHER'S AUGUST MISSION INTENTION:

"That Christians of the West, docile to the action of the Holy Spirit, may re-encounter the freshness and enthusiasm of their faith."

