

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

### UPCOMING FFF CALENDAR:

- ◆ Monday, May 2nd, Mary, Mother of Jesus
- ◆ Monday, May 9th, Year-end Review & Ice Cream Potluck

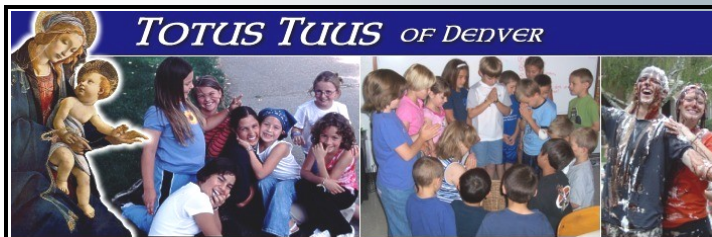
ALL FAMILY FAITH FORMATION  
(adults, teens, & children)  
**ICE CREAM SOCIAL—POTLUCK**  
Monday, May 9th, 6:30—7:30 pm—Parish Hall  
Ice Cream & Hot Fudge Sauce Provided  
Please bring toppings, cones, fruit, cookies,  
or brownies to share.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REMINDERS

- ✚ Banners, due May 2nd.
- ✚ Baptism Certificate copy, due NOW!
- ✚ Retreat (mandatory for child AND parent) Saturday, May 7th, 9:00 am—Noon, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Northglenn. \$10 (check payable to IHM, give to Donna). Lunch included. Please bring a dessert or snacks to share!



Questions, contact Donna, 303-452-2041, x120 or donnak@ihmco.org



**TOTUS TUUS** is coming to St. John's Parish in Longmont and they are inviting Guardian Angels to join them! This is a **summer Catholic catechetical program** for local youths, is led by a team of four college students and/or seminarians who strive to share the richness of the Catholic faith with children. The weeklong curriculum consists of catechetical instruction, songs, games, daily Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, lunch, recess, and more!

Totus Tuus, which means "totally yours," took its name from the papal motto of the late Pope John Paul II. Just as John Paul dedicated his life to serving God and honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary in his papal seat, so, too, do the teams of Totus Tuus teachers as they commit their entire summer to serving the children who attend their program each week.

- ◆ Grades 1st - 6th, June 27th—July 1st, 9:00 am—2:30 pm, St. John's Parish in Martin Hall. Cost: \$25.00
- ◆ Grades 7th-12th, June 26th - June 30th, 7:30 pm—9:30 pm, St. John's Parish in the Youth Center. Cost: \$25.00

For more information, please contact Karen Sabo at 303-776-0737, x109 or e-mail [karens@johnthebaptist.org](mailto:karens@johnthebaptist.org).

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Young Angels (YA) = High School  
Kids for Christ (KFC) = Middle School  
Steve & Sheryl Senesac, Youth Ministers  
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### HAPPENINGS!

- ◆ **Monday, May 2nd, 6:30 pm** - Our last 'official' youth group for the year. *(But the social fun and friendships continues!)* Join us tonight for a little food (like some pizza!), fun, and to talk about our Blessed Mother. We will meet at the Elementary School gym.
- ◆ **Monday, May 9th, 6:30 pm ICE CREAM POTLUCK SOCIAL.** Meet at Guardian Angels parish hall and please bring toppings, cones, fruit, cookies, or brownies to share.
- ◆ **Monday, May 16th, 7:00-8:30 pm** at the Senesac's. Goodbye social for our High School seniors! All high schoolers (including graduating 8th graders) are invited. Bring a snack or dessert. Please RSVP to Sheryl.



*Since Mary is the mother of Jesus,  
and we are His body on earth,  
Mary is truly our mother as well  
and the mother of the Church.*

### PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



**Are you concerned about your Catholic son or daughter losing their faith when they begin college this fall?** Studies show that during the first few hectic weeks of adjustment to college life, your son or daughter will form most of their close friendships and join similar campus groups.

Serra's College Connection for Catholics (CCC) would like to see one of those friends be a Catholic and one of those first organizations be a college Campus Ministry program (Newman Club, St. Paul's Outreach, FOCUS). Studies also indicate that students involved in campus ministry programs are more likely to attend Mass, become leaders in their parishes and, so important, graduate. If your student receives an invitation to a Catholic event early on, he/she will be more likely to attend. If your student has a friend who also attends Mass or Catholic events, he/she will be more likely to go.

Serra's CCC would like to connect your upcoming freshman student to the Campus Ministry of the college he/she will be attending this fall. To do this, we will need your high school graduate's name, address, college selection and location. We will then send them a campus ministry packet. All information is kept private and used for the sole purpose of inviting your student to visit a campus ministry. Please feel free to contact Bill Middleton at 303-494-3530 or Nancy Sorenson at 720-379-8041 with your senior's information.

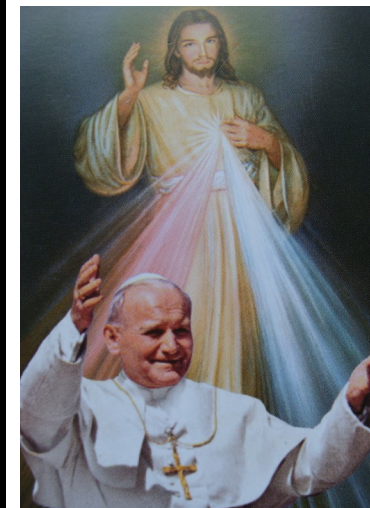
There will be a mass offered by Archbishop Chaput in June for all upcoming college freshmen at which time two names for scholarships will be drawn. Together we can help your son or daughter stay involved in our Catholic Faith.

## Guardian Angels Catholic Church

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May 1, 2011—Divine Mercy Sunday



## The Beatification of Pope John Paul II

On May 1, 2011, the man who canonized more saints than any other pope in modern history will be one step closer to sainthood himself when he becomes "**Blessed John Paul II.**" Pope Benedict XVI will preside at the beatification ceremony in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican today, May 1st, on the Second Sunday of Easter, the last day of the Octave of Easter, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

The date has much significance in John Paul II's life. In 2000, he presided at the canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, a countrywoman from his native Poland, on the Sunday after Easter and declared that day should thereafter be known as "Divine Mercy Sunday" in honor of the saint's lifelong effort to shed light on the mystery of Divine Mercy. Pope John Paul II died on April 2nd, just a day before the 2005 celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday.

The beatification ceremonies for John Paul II were aired during an evening vigil on Saturday, April 30th, at the Circus Maximus, the site of the ancient Roman racing grounds between the Palatine and Aventine hills. The actual beatification ceremony will begin on Sunday, May 1st at 10:00 am, in St. Peter's Square. No tickets are needed for the ceremony, but visitors are expected to arrive early to secure a space.

According to Monsignor Guido Marini, Master of Papal Liturgical Celebrations, the beatification ceremony will have the same characteristics of every beatification ceremony, including the proclamation of the newly Blessed during the Mass and the reading of a brief summary of the life of John Paul II. Following the proclamation, an image of John Paul II will be unfurled to hang from the central balcony in front of St. Peter's Basilica.

Immediately after the ceremony, the remains of the newly Blessed John Paul II will be placed in front of the High Altar in St. Peter's Basilica for veneration. On Monday, May 2nd, 10:30 am, the Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone will preside at a Mass of thanksgiving in St. Peter's Square. Following this Mass, Pope John Paul II's remains will be reinterred in the side chapel of St. Sebastian, in St. Peter's Basilica.

The beatification of Pope John Paul II comes on a rare fast track just six years following his death. The speedy process was made possible when the Congregation for the Causes of Saints waived the usual five-year waiting period that is normally required before a cause for beatification and canonization can begin. It follows a precedent John Paul II himself set when he beatified Mother of Teresa of Calcutta in 2003, just six years after her death.

During his pontificate, John Paul II canonized 482 saints. All other twentieth century popes combined canonized a total of 98 saints. With his 1983 apostolic constitution, *Divinus Perfectionis Magister*, Pope John Paul II simplified procedures for beatification and canonization allowing so many blessed and saints to be named during his pontificate. John Paul II believed that the exemplary lives of the saints could inspire the faithful to answer the universal call to holiness.

"The saints offer us precious insights which enable us to understand more easily the intuition of faith, thanks to the special enlightenment which some of them have received from the Holy Spirit, or even through their personal experience of those terrible states of trial which the mystical tradition describes as the 'dark night.'" <http://www.usccb.org/popejohnpaulii>

*O God, who are rich in mercy and who willed that the blessed John Paul II should preside as Pope over your universal Church, grant, we pray, that instructed by his teaching, we may open our hearts to the saving grace of Christ, the sole Redeemer of mankind.*

Collect, Feast of Blessed John Paul II, Pope

## FLOWERS FOR MOM!

World Youth Day will be having a **Flower/Bake Sale** fundraiser after all masses **TO-DAY, April 30th—May 1st**. Buy Mom some blooming flowers or veggies for the garden!



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**Office Hours:**  
 Sunday 8:30—Noon  
 Monday Noon—5:30 pm  
 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)

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## LITURGY SCHEDULE

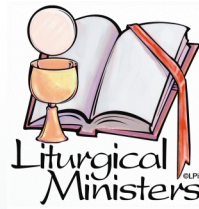
**Monday, May 2, 2011—NO MASS, NO Adult Faith Formation. YES, Children & Teens Faith Formation will meet.**

**Saturday, May 7—5:30 pm**  
 Lector: Molly Rose Loran  
 EME: Jane Murphy & Ruth Grout  
 Server: Nick or Jake Yuska  
 Hospitality/Gifts: Klocek Family

**Sunday May 8—9:00 am**  
 Lector: Susie Finke  
 EME: Pat & Angel Sanchez  
 Server: Kyle Cavey  
 Hospitality/Gifts: Blossom Family

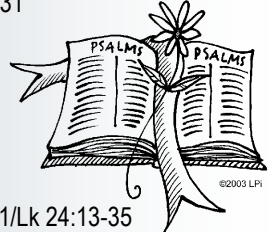
**Sunday May 8—10:30 am**  
 Lector: Ernie Jasmund  
 EME: Art & Jeanette Harris  
 Server: Amanda Baird  
 Hospitality/Gifts: Dale Rademacher Family

**Collection Counters:** Ernie Jasmund & Dorothy Kinch  
**May Altar Linens:** Jeanette Harris



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 1, 2011

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31  
 Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8  
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14  
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21  
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36  
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15  
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21  
 Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35



## HOLY FATHER'S MAY PRAYER INTENTIONS:

**General Intention:** That those who work in the media may always respect truth, solidarity and the dignity of each person.

**Missionary Intention:** That the Lord may grant the Church in China the capacity to persevere in fidelity to the Gospel and to grow in unity.



## MASTERS OF CEREMONIES (MC)

There will be a meeting for MCs on **Monday, May 2nd at 6:30 pm**. All MCs should plan on attending, please. We will walk through the list of duties at this meeting.



## MAY MARIAN CROWNING

**Saturday, April 30th and Sunday, May 1st**

A procession and reception honoring the Blessed Mother will follow the 10:30 am Mass on May 1st. Please join us in the hall as we celebrate Mary, the Mother of God during our 100 Year Anniversary.



**Collection for Easter** \$5,234 .00  
 4th week April 2010 1,819.00  
**Children** 251.80  
**Holy Land Collection** 535 .00

## OPERATION RICE BOWL ... DONATIONS DUE MONDAY, MAY 9TH

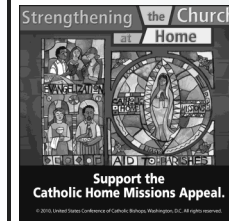
By giving to Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, we support health programs around the world, which continue the healing work of Jesus and demonstrate God's love for all of our human family. **Children, please continue to 'earn' money to donate to Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl.**



PARENTS, PLEASE WRITE A CHECK OR REPLACE COINS WITH DOLLAR BILLS TO STREAMLINE THE COUNTING PROCESS. THANK YOU!

## SECOND COLLECTION—MAY 1ST

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal works to support Home Mission Dioceses in the United States that are unable to fund important pastoral works including lay ministry training. Home Mission Dioceses rely on lay ministers, because parishes are often hundreds of miles apart and priests cannot get to every parish each weekend. Please help strengthen the Church at home through your generosity to this Appeal.



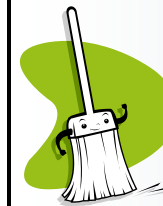
## ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL

Today – Divine Mercy Sunday – we are called to reflect on Christ's unfathomable mercy. As followers of Christ, let us assume an active role in showing compassion and mercy to our sisters and brothers in Christ, especially those most in need, through a gift to the **2011 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal**. Please be as generous as possible.



## EASTER CLEANING

Thank you to our SHINING volunteers who helped clean and prepared the church for Holy Week and Easter!



## WOMEN'S GROUP

The final meeting before summer break will be this **Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:00 pm** in the parish hall. We will be selecting new officers for the next term which begins again in the fall on Tuesday, September 6th.



**SAVE THE DATE!** On **Saturday, August 6th**, our Women's Group and Rosary Group are sponsoring a day retreat at St. Walburga Abbey. Stay tuned for more details.

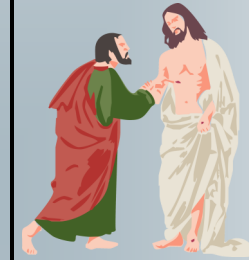


## 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER—REFLECTION

It is pretty likely that while growing up many of us knew a set of twins. In North America roughly one out of every eighty live births is a set of twins. And we are familiar with the similarities and differences between identical and fraternal twins. Social scientists and medical researchers love to study twins because they can ferret out key data with fewer variables that need explanation. What is often most intriguing to researchers is the parallelism that may occur in following a set of twins until a certain event or experience sets the individuals off on different paths. Twin studies have proved valuable over the years in areas such as drug dependence, learning disabilities, geriatric medicine, and depression.

We may miss it in the reading of today's Gospel, but Thomas, the protagonist of the story, is a twin. The Greek word "Didymus" and the Aramaic "Thomas" both mean twin. So, where is the other half? We are never introduced to Thomas' brother (or sister for that matter) in John's Gospel. Did he (or she) die? Was he (or she) a follower of Jesus? The fact is, we just don't know.

What is clear in the Thomas story is that the appearance of Jesus after His resurrection shows the two faces of believers, categories that are a matched set just like a pair of twins. There are the believers who have seen the Risen Lord: Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter, and the rest of the Twelve, and of course, Thomas. And then, like Thomas' unknown twin, there are all the rest of the believers who have never seen the Risen Lord. We, and every generation of Christians since the apostles, fall into that group. We have not seen, but we still believe. And, according to Jesus, we are just as blessed and just as much a part of the family as those who have seen and touched the One who is risen from the dead.



## THE CORORAL WORKS OF MERCY

- ◆ Feed the hungry
- ◆ Give drink to the thirsty
- ◆ Clothe the naked
- ◆ Shelter the homeless
- ◆ Visit the sick
- ◆ Visit the imprisoned
- ◆ Bury the dead



## THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

- ◆ Admonish the sinner
- ◆ Instruct the ignorant (This and the next work are extremely pertinent categories today, when so many people are confused by what the Church teaches on contraception, abortion, homosexuality, etc.)
- ◆ Counsel the doubtful
- ◆ Comfort the sorrowful
- ◆ Bear wrongs patiently
- ◆ Forgive all injuries
- ◆ Pray for the living and the dead

## CENTENNIAL NEWS

◆ Please join us for our next planning meeting on Saturday, May 7th, 4:30 pm in the parish hall, as we continue our plans for the 100 Year Dinner/Dance on June 11. All invited to help with this fun event.

◆ Save the date: **Saturday, June 11th, 5:00—9:00 pm** for our Centennial Dinner/Dance at Scooter Hinge Nostalgic Hall!

