

OUR CATHOLIC JOURNEY



GO REGISTER ...

Actually, we won't even give you a ticket for a speedy registration form! We are still excepting 2011-12 registrations for this year's Children and Youth Faith Formation on Monday evenings (see times below). We are trying to plan logistic space and your commitment to this year's program will allow us to provide the best possible program for you and your family. If you have not registered yet, please **DO NOT STOP... GO** directly to the back of church or online at www.MeadAngels.org to

pickup your registration form!!

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!

- ◆ 5:45 pm Mass for EVERYONE, following with OCJ in the church.
- ◆ 6:30-ish pm—7:30 pm Children's Faith Formation
- ◆ 6:30-ish pm—8:00 pm Youth Group

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

Back to School

Italian Potluck

Monday, September 12th

5:45 pm Kick-off Mass,
Info Meeting & Potluck following

Please bring a dish to share,
suggestions for the following last names:

A-E Appetizer or Salad
F-R Main Dish
S-Z Dessert



IMPORTANT!

All VOLUNTEERS & STAFF are required to attend a Safe Environment training that is good for five years..then you must continue by taking a renewal course. The Safe Environment training teaches volunteers and staff who work with children, the warning signs of offenders, what to do if they have a concern about someone, and how to report suspected abuse. We here at GA take Child and Youth Protection very seriously!

If you are a volunteer (catechists, maintenance, musicians, liturgy, etc.) or staff member, please plan on attending the required training sessions

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 6:30 pm

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Center—FREE

RSVP—Info Desk, 303-452-2041, x0



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Young Angels (YA) = High School

Kids for Christ (KFC) = Middle School

Steve & Sheryl Senesac, Youth Ministers

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STILL TIME TO REGISTER!

Don't miss an opportunity to share your faith with your peers this year. Middle and High Schoolers, please join us for faith talks, prayer, games, friendships and a walk with Jesus!

Registration forms available online & at back of church for these Youth Groups!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◆ Monday, September 12, 5:30pm — Mass & Potluck dinner. Sheryl will have information on Confirmation and sign-ups for volunteering.
- ◆ Monday Sept. 19th - First official youth group night!

Confirmation: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the 9th grade at Guardian Angels, our next Confirmation will be in the year 2012-2013. If you are in 9th grade this year please contact Sheryl, it is our hope that you will receive this Sacrament next year in 10th grade with a larger group. We look forward to making this a beautiful Sacrament for your youth. Fr. Alan wrote a wonderful letter in the bulletin about "...the freshman year being the year when the most faith socialization and adoption of faith based values must be provided for our youth...Belonging is the most important part of our confirmation catechesis. This is what enables the seed of the word to fall on rich soil and produce the fruits of the Holy Spirit." All youth looking at being confirmed must be involved in the youth group.

Comments from some World Youth Day Pilgrims:

"I am so grateful that I got to go on this once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage. I learned so much in the short time we were in Rome and Spain. For example, when St. Francis didn't think that he was worthy of God's love he would jump out of his bedroom window onto the rose bushes below so that the thorns would stick him for his penance. But God did not like that so He took the thorns off the rose bushes, and today at St. Francis's Basilica you can still see the thornless bushes. Thank you to all of you who helped make this experience possible." -Amanda Baird

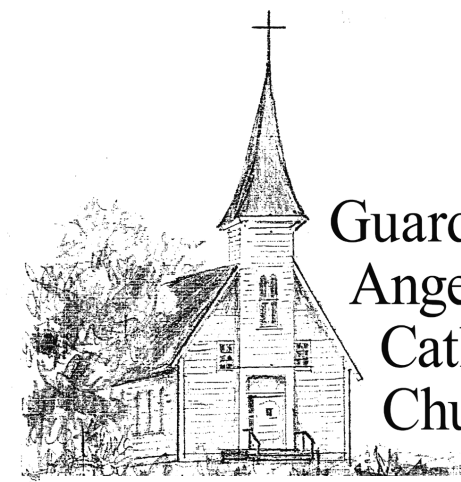
"My experience at WYD was awesome. I got to meet a lot of new friends and see people from all over the world. My most memorable moment was getting to the Vigil site. There were so many people on the subway and it was so hot. I didn't feel well, but I didn't want to miss the Vigil and Sunday Mass with our Holy Father. It was amazing to see all those people from all over the world having fun and trading and praying together in the heat and the rain." -Megan McKinney

"When I went to WYD I learned how to strengthen my relationship with God and the people around me. There were 2 million Catholics from all around the world which made me think how wonderful our Faith is. We went to many churches and I learned so much about the history of our Church. This experience made me a much happier person. I learned how important it will be to share my religion with others now that I am back. -Amber Senesac

Guardian Angels Catholic Church

September 4, 2011

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Office Hours:

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

Mass Schedule:

Mondays 5:45 pm **NO MASS 9/5**
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 Families and Friends of Guardian Angels Parish,

Normally we think of today's Gospel as a foundational statement about the sacrament of reconciliation. Reconciliation is too infrequently practiced in the Church by the membership. The Catechism #2472 uses this passage then in a rather surprising way, quoting the Vatican II document, *Ad Gentes*, the Church's decree on missionary activity. It affirms that EVERY Christian is a witness of the Gospel. It is actually an obligation, not an option. In other words, the Church understands that this practice of forgiveness is at the very heart of the witness each person gives to the Gospel life we live. Forgiveness IS our mission. And that it is a matter of justice that we do so.

The principle holder of this authority is the pope himself, heir of St. Peter. Jesus repeats here what he said two chapters earlier in the gospel about "the power to bind and loose connotes (1) the authority to absolve sins, (2) to pronounce doctrinal judgments, and (3) to make disciplinary decisions in the Church." Catechism of the Catholic Church #553 talks about this very just this way. Notice that the Church understands three aspects of this teaching and gift of Jesus for the Church.

The Church further clarifies the full meaning of this binding and loosening in the Catechism #1444. We are told that it is not merely a matter of forgiving sinners, but that the Church is always concerned to take the next step and reconcile people. So it is one thing to get forgiven in confession, but then a further and deeper step happens through the pastoral care of the Church. Full pastoral ministry (of priests and laity alike) is to always strive for this reconciliation between victims and perpetrators of sin and all its effects. Frequently this takes much time, prayers, and attention to many detailed aspects of whatever has happened. In other words, this binding and loosening is also about who and how we receive back into our communion. This has many implications when it comes to the divorced, the alienated, and people with many lifestyle issues. This takes the Church to the next step of our witness.

This is why Jesus couples this teaching and authority with his divine promise to be with us in our midst and be with us until the end of time. In Catechism #1088, the Church knows that only with Jesus with us can any of this work of reconciliation be accomplished at all. We cannot just act on our own; with Jesus our actions and our words bear a very different weight and make the reconciliation more compelling because it is not from us ourselves, but from none other than Jesus.

Furthermore, then, our prayers cannot just be about what we want or think we need, but our prayers must focus on and be all about our reconciliation so that full communion in its deepest sense can take place when two or three are gathered. In the Catechism #1373, we are taught that Jesus is present in the Church in many ways, and specifically names the sick, the poor, and the imprisoned, as well as in the Mass, in the Eucharist, and even adds "in the person of the minister." That last part really makes me think about the enormous responsibility I have, and is quite daunting, if not sometimes frightening and overwhelming. I think every priest has felt that at least once in his vocation.

So, let us be challenged to be a community of reconciliation, be a community of prayer, and a community in which Jesus is truly in our midst. Let us witness to these things, because it is these things that will attract others to hear the call of Christ in their lives. I am eager to see whom you will bring into the Church through the rites of Christian initiation for adults. You have only two more weeks to invite and bring those people forward to us.

On this Labor Day weekend, we give God thanks for our work, that we have work with dignity, and let us be conscious of those without work, or whose work does not bring dignity to their lives and our world. Let us be attentive in our prayers for the many millions of people, especially women and children who are slaves in our global culture, that there be justice. Enjoy the long weekend and love one another.

Sincerely Yours, **Fr. Alan**



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday September 5, 2011— **NO MASS**

Saturday September 10, 2011— 5:30 pm

Lector: Molly Rose Lorán
 EME: Frank & Ruth Grout
 Server: Paul or Laryssa Globensky
 Hospitality/Gifts: Klocek Family

Sunday September 11, 2011— 9:00 am

M of C: John Finke
 Lector: Mike Hipsher
 EME: Jim Hejlik & Dale Rademacher
 Server: Tommy or Danny Hejlik
 Hospitality/Gifts: Alcott Family

Sunday September 11, 2011— 10:30 am

Lector: Pat Sanchez
 EME: Angel Sanchez & Helen Jasmund
 Server: Jack Pease
 Hospitality/Gifts: Baird family

Collection Counters: Ernie Jasmund & Dorothy Kinch
Altar Linens /September: Diane Seguin

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Readings for the Week of September 4, 2011

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
 Monday: Col 1:24-2:3/Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19
 Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26
 Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42
 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49
 Next Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:9/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-



Ministry Sign-ups Continue Today

Thank you to those of you who signed up last week!

If you are new to the parish, you are invited to begin participating in one or more of the various ministries that Guardian Angels offers. For those who are involved in ministries already, you are also invited to continue or expand your involvement in your Catholic community.

PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING IN SOME WAY.

HOLY FATHER'S SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS:



General: That the Christian communities spread throughout the Asian continent may proclaim the Gospel with fervor, bearing witness to beauty with joy of the faith.

Missionary: For all teachers, that they may convey love in truth and educate in authentic moral and spiritual values.



**Please pray for...
 Ruth Grout**

(upcoming surgery)

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.

Parish Support

August 28, 2011	\$ 3,208.97
4th week Aug 2010	\$ 2,957.00
Children	\$ 20.58

RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, or know someone who is, our RCIA class attends Fr. Alan's Family Faith Formation night, with the adult session from 6:30—8:00 pm, then they meet with Joan Blossom on Sunday mornings. This program prepares them to receive their sacraments at Easter. Also, if you are a Catholic and have not completed all of your sacraments...then this is for you, too! For more information, please contact Joan 303-485-8286 or jmblossom@comcast.net.



IMPORTANT...USING THE NEW MASS

To prepare for implementation of the new English Mass translation, Archbishop Chaput, now our Administrator, has given Denver Diocese churches permission to begin learning and using new Mass parts starting in September.

Here is what we will do:

September 3-4 & September 10-11: Parishioners take home and read the *Magnificat Missal Companion*

September 17-18 & September 24-25: Begin learning the Sanctus and memorial Acclamations of new Mass

October 8-9 & 15-16: Learn new Gloria

October 22-23 & October 29-30: Continue learning Gloria and Opening Rite of new Mass

November 5-6 & November 12-13: Learn Closing Rite of new Mass

November 19-20: Review

November 26-27: Advent - implementation of all new Mass parts

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND MASS DURING THESE WEEKS TO AVOID CONFUSION WITH THE NEW MASS DURING ADVENT

Oktoberfest

The Feast of Guardian Angels
Saturday, October 1st, 4:00—9:00 pm
Sunday, October 2nd, 10:30 am Unity Mass

NEED cash donations & following for auction
 ½ or ¼ beef with processing, if possible
 A Bounce House
 An Adult motorized scooter
 A new small chest-type deep freeze (12-15 cubic feet)
 Gift Certificates of any kind
 Homemade and Home-canned goods
 Religious items (i.e. Pictures, Icons, nice outdoor statues, music, etc.)
 Sports memorabilia
 Weekend condo in the mountains

Call for suggested ideas:
 Joan Blossom 303-709-1012 or
 Cathy Mosciski 303-746-0742

TICKET SALES & VOLUNTEER SIGNUPS
On September 17 & 18th
 Auction, Decorations,
 Ticket Sales, Setup & Cleanup
 Food Servers, Food Preparers
 Child Activities (1-hr shifts)

**For more Info,
 call Kris Barnett 970-535-9579**

WOMEN'S GROUP

Meets September-May

All women, all ages are invited to a short meeting and social on **Tuesday, Sept 6 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.** Please join us for **pizza** and hear what's planned for the upcoming year. Questions? Call Elaine Freehling at 970.535.4491.



Women's Fellowship

LAND ACQUISITION UPDATE

The Development Committee held a Question & Answer meeting last Sunday for the parish. Currently they are still trying to negotiate with the state land board, investigating infrastructure costs on the CJK property by the interstate, and looking into the option of obtaining the bank owned 14 acre property directly east of the church. Please contact Art Harris 970.535.4211



100 YEAR COMMEMORATIVE BOOK

The Centennial Committee wants to have a booklet at the end of the year but we need your personal stories/reflections on Guardian Angels to fill the pages. We only have 5 to date! Please email a *short* comment, story, remembrance you have about your time here at GA; first impression, something or someone who inspired you, an experience as a minister, etc. New members can contribute too! Everyone has a story! **Deadline for submissions is Monday September 19** Questions? Contact Roberta Grimaldi, Centennial Chair at info@MeadAngels.org or 970.535.0721.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

All members: Please be advised that the September meeting has been cancelled. Fr. Greg will reschedule at a later date. **Finance Council** is currently scheduled for Thursday October 13 at 6:30 pm.

THANK YOU...to our "anonymous parishioner" who has

generously donated the new sidewalk, steps, and planters to beautify our church and make it safer to enter and go out from the house of our Lord! God bless you for your gift to His people in the glory of His name!

Welcome... to all new families and individuals!

Registration in a parish is the norm and is required for registration to receive sacramental preparation (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage and for sponsorship certificates.) Parish registration forms can be found in the display rack by the church door or at the parish office. Please return your completed forms to the office or during the mass collection baskets. We looking forward to having you in our parish family!

