

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

**NO
FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
October 31, 2011**



DID YOU KNOW?



Days were counted from sunset to sunset, and so Christian feasts begins in the evening before the day that is marked on the calendar. The evening (or "eve") of All Saints was called "all hallows evening." "Hallows" means holy. "All hallows evening was shortened to "Hallowe'en." The evening of October 31st begins our two-day remembrance of our ancestors and heroes of the faith.

Many Halloween customs were inherited from pre-Christian times, when people felt both respected for their ancestors and fear of death during the coming winter. After the harvest was collected and the days became short and dark, people made bonfires to welcome the spirits of the dead. The light in jack-o-lanterns are the remaining of this custom. The eerie faces craved in them are meant to scare away unfriendly spirits. Food offerings were left for the spirits, just as we give sweets to visiting trick-or-treat ghosts. **HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**

PUMPKIN PRAYER



Dear God,
As you carve your pumpkin, say this prayer:
Open my mind so I can learn about You;
(Cut the top of the pumpkin)
Take away all my sin and forgive me for the wrong things I do; *(Clean out the inside)*
Open my eyes so Your Love I will see;
(Cut eyes shaped like hearts)
I'm sorry for turning up my nose to all You've given me;
(Cut a nose in the shape of the cross)
Open my ears so Your Word I will hear;
(Cut ears shaped like the Bible)
Open my mouth so I can tell others You're near;
(Cut mouth in the shape of a fish)
Let Your Light shine in all I say and do! Amen.
(Place a candle and light)

MANDATORY CHILD and PARENT 1ST RECONCILIATION RETREAT

at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish
11385 Grant Drive, Northglenn
**Saturday, November 12, 2011,
11:30 am—6:00 pm**

Eat lunch PRIOR to retreat. Mid-afternoon snack provided
(includes special closing weekend mass)

NO MAKEUP DAYS—\$10 Fee

2011-12 Sacramental Prep Children

Tyler Baird—Elizabeth Jensen—Anthony Molinaro



THE SAINTS CAME MARCHING IN

Thank you families for supporting our Pumpkin Saints Parade! Those were **REALLY** the best pumpkins I have ever seen! Please enjoy them in the Parish Hall for a couple of weeks.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Young Angels (YA) = High School
Kids for Christ (KFC) = Middle School
Steve & Sheryl Senesac, Youth Ministers
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Rake and Run Sunday



Sunday, October 30th (weather permitting)

Meet at GA at 12:30pm

Bring your rake, water bottle, and youth group t-shirt

We will rake until 3:30 or 4:00.

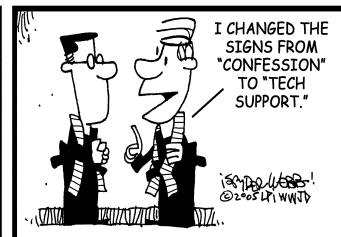
Then we will go to Senesac's for bonfire
and pizza and s'mores.
Please plan to be picked up
at Senesac's at 6:00pm.

**Monday, October 31st
Happy Halloween!
No Youth Group**



Upcoming Youth Fundraiser
after all Masses
Weekend of November 12th and 13th

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



October 30, 2011
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Guardian
Angels
Catholic
Church**

1911 Celebrating a Century of Faith 2011

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

Mass Schedule:
Mondays 5:45 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 Families and Friends of Guardian Angels Parish,

Matthew 23 is a scathing critique of failed leadership. At one time or another in our lives, we've known and experienced failed leadership. It is leadership based on the greed of the leaders, having no care or concern for the people being led. This is not the paradigm of the reign of God. That's why anyone paying attention to Church history for the last 125 years knows that God has blessed the Church with an amazing series of popes. History will look back and see this. The Church has not always been the best in taking advantage of this or following. Jesus dismantles and overturns the heart and mind here as much as he'd already dismantled and overturned the physical greed he found in the temple. He compares the failed Pharisaic leadership with the new model that must prevail among his disciples if they are to be successful. The passage will end with the "woes" to the Pharisees before he moves into his final great homily to his disciples, his last great teaching before his arrest and execution. After this there are only two more Sundays of Ordinary Time; we will hear his final teachings and end on the Solemnity of Christ the King with the story of the final judgment and the separation of the sheep and the goats. None of this surprises us. It shocks us.

One part of the passage usually causes confusion for people is about calling anyone on earth "father." If taken literally, then our fathers by blood whom we are to honor in the commandments would not receive their rightful dignity as fathers. So, obviously the passage is meant to be taken figuratively, because Jesus never anywhere else recommends that we not keep a commandment

Then people bring up the point that we call priests "fathers." Let's just clear this up at the outset. There's no Church canon ordering people to call the clergy "father." We are not ordained as such; the ritual uses the language of calling priests "presbyters" which means "elders," and priest is an English corruption of that word. I'm guessing that their ear hairs or wax hadn't been trimmed for a few centuries so that they had audile selectivity. Personally I don't care what you call me.

It is purely by custom, not started by the clergy themselves historically, that people affectionately began to call priests "fathers." Indeed the custom goes back to St. Paul in his letters. On four occasions he calls himself a father in faith to the recipients of the letters because he fathered them into the faith, and brought them to new birth through baptism.

If we focus on that point we will miss the point about our call to be servants to one another. That is Jesus' main point. Love shows itself in service. This service of discipleship never thinks of itself first, nor of what is in for me, or how much I have to give. I saw this in the Oktoberfest folk. The result of our service is communion. We're invited to the table of life and love.

The prophet Malachi is traditionally the last of the classical prophets; he is placed last perhaps not so much chronologically, but for the fact that his last verse announces the judgment at the end of the world, and of course, the judgment is in terms of our service. He speaks of the way we break faith with one another and show partiality. These are the great sins of our time along with greed. These violate the greatest commandments to love God and our neighbor.

The second reading from St Paul's letter to the Thessalonians speaks tenderly and affectionately of his parenting role among the people.

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Here Paul also speaks of the Word of God, not a human word, but from the divine realm itself. The Word of God is at once prophetic, powerful, poetic, priestly, and passionate. If God is love as St John teaches us, then God's word is love, but as the world gives love, just as God's peace is so different.

Finally, notice the beautiful Psalm this Sunday:
"In you, O Lord, I have found my peace."

The soul of this person is compared to a weaned child sitting on its mother's lap in utter security, peace, and contentment. This is the state of the soul in authentic and genuine prayer.

May you find such peace in your daily service to the Gospel and know for yourself and your family the great gift of God's love.

Sincerely Yours,
Fr. Alan

No Catholic Journey Classes Monday Mass at 5:45 pm as usual

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Give unto the Lord

Your Offering

October 23, 2011	\$ 2,829.75
3rd week October 2010	\$ 2,127.00
Children	\$ 31.00
Second Collection	\$ 484.00

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday October 31, 2011— 5:45pm

Saturday November 5, 2011— 5:30 pm

Lector: Shannon McKinney
EME: Frank & Ruth Groat
Server: Megan McKinney
Hospitality/Gifts: Ron Stevens Family



Sunday November 6, 2011— 9:00 am

M of C: Patrick Sanchez
Lector: Joan Blossom
EME: Rita Deligio & Jim Hejlik
Server: Tommy Hejlik & Emma Drouhard
Hospitality/Gifts: Gary Schuler Family

Sunday November 6, 2011— 10:30 am

Lector: Jeff Aragon
EME: Randy & Wendy Wilson
Server: Amanda & Tyler Baird
Hospitality/Gifts: Rogge Family

Collection Counters: Norm Finke & Mike Blossom
Altar Linens for November: Denise Bustamante

Lector's Workshop

Mandatory for all Lectors, new and current
Sunday, October 30 after 10:30 Mass

All Ministers:

Please look for the November ministry schedule available on our website, MeadAngels.org to see which Mass you are scheduled to serve in November. If you cannot serve the date assigned, please contact another minister to switch dates or contact Roberta ASAP. Father Alan depends on all of us to show up.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE CHURCH

Readings for the Week of October 30, 2011

Sunday: Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12
Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Wednesday: Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13



Prayer Requests

SCOTT ZAHORSKY
(Wendy Wilson's cousin/
brain cancer)

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 OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday November 3 through Sunday November 6
(Regular hours will commence on Tuesday November 8 9:00—4:00pm.)

BULLETIN DEADLINE for Nov. 5-6
MONDAY, OCTOBER 31 by 3:00 pm
(no exceptions)

Centennial Commemorative Ornaments
go on sale November 12-13 after Mass
\$10 each / limited supply



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.

Guardian Angels takes Child and Youth Protection very seriously!

If you are a volunteer and/or employee of Guardian Angels this year and **have never taken** a Safe Environment class, please plan on attending the required training session below.

If you are a volunteer and/or employee of Guardian Angels this year and **have taken** a Safe Environment class in the past, you are required to renew your training on-line. Please either email Karen or leave a message at the office for instruction including your user ID and password access.

Questions, email or call Karen, info@meadangels.com or 970.535.0721. Thank you for your support!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2011, 11:30 am
Parish Hall—FREE
Please RSVP to Karen prior to Nov. 6
so we have the proper amount of materials for you

Welcome... to all new families and individuals!

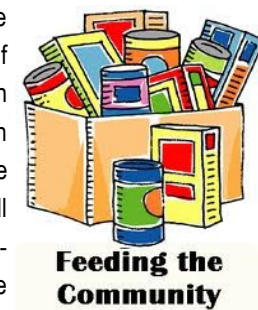
Make Our VISITORS

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!

NEW OUTREACH MINISTRY

...from Guardian Angels to the Mead Food Bank

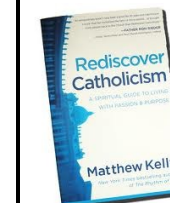
In an effort to increase our outreach in the community of Mead, the Women's Group of GA would like to have monthly food donation collections throughout the year. Each month would have a designated non-perishable food item that would be collected in the Hall throughout the whole month. These donations would be taken to the Food Bank at the end of each month. At the beginning of the month, a new item would be listed in the bulletin. Thank you for your ongoing support!



November Food Bank item:
turkey gravy (packets of dry mix, canned, or in jars).

OUR CATHOLIC JOURNEY CONTINUES...

Monday November 7 after 5:45pm Mass
Read chapter 7, *The Path is Well Trodden* in *Rediscover Catholicism*. Topics include *In Search of Excellence, The Saints, Common Objections*.



Fr. Alan invites everyone to join us Monday evenings, (even if you don't read the book!) to gain a better understanding of our faith.

WORLD PRIEST DAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
We come before you today to ask your blessing on our brothers,
Whom you have called to the Sacrament of Holy Orders.
Lord Jesus,
We ask that you support them with your presence
And fill them with grace to serve You faithfully.
Gracious Spirit,
Unite us in service with those whom you have called.
Open our hearts to encourage our brothers and sons to pursue your calling,
And open their hearts to hear Your call to this most Holy Sacrament.
Amen.



THIS WEEK'S AGENDA

- ♦ Monday October 31— Mass 5:45pm No Faith Formation classes
- ♦ Tuesday, November 1, 6:30pm—Women's Group
- ♦ Wednesday, November 2, 6:30 pm—AA
- ♦ Thursday, November 3, 9:30am—Adult Catechism Study Group
- ♦ Thursday, November 3, 11:00am—Rosary Group
- ♦ Sunday, November 6, 11:30am—Safe Environment Class