

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



Monday, February 20, 2012
President's Day No Mass or classes



LESSON SCHEDULE

Parents, please remember to have your children return a weekly worksheet or assignment from the curriculum weekly chapter.

February 27, 2012

DUE: Lenten Journey

Grade Chapter Titles

K Lent
 1-5 The Season of Lent



INTRODUCING: Morals, Free Will, and Social Justice

DUE: March 5, 2012

Grade Chapter Titles

K 19, 21 We Make Choices & The Good Neighbor
 1st: 15, 16, 17 We Live as Children of God, Family, & Community
 2nd 14, 21 God's Forgiving Love & Proverbs
 3rd: 4, 10, 21 The Psalms of Stewardship
 4th: 17, 18 Created in God's Image & The Beatitudes
 5th: 18, 19, 20 Making Christian Decisions & The Beatitudes

FAMILY TIME

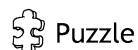


Sharing the Gospel—"I forgive you." those are small words that make a huge difference. If a friend accidentally broke one of your toys, you would have a choice to make. You could get angry at your friend, or you could forgive her. Your toy will stay broken. Don't break your friendship, too. In today's Gospel, Jesus taught the importance of friendship and forgiveness.

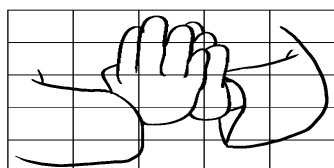
Prayer—Jesus, thank you for teaching me to forgive others, just as you forgive me.

Something to Draw—Draw a picture of a friend forgiving you.

Mission for the Week—Jesus forgives you every day. Make sure you forgive other people, too.



Copy the picture square by square.



Please continue practicing the prayers in your "prayer book" at home.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Young Angels (YA) = High School
 Kids for Christ (KFC) = Middle School
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Presidents Day—Monday, February 20

NO YOUTH GROUP ... Enjoy the night with your family!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7:00 AM

Monday, February 27: Begin our Lenten Journey

Begin with the three R's:

- ***renew** your commitment to spiritual disciplines
 - ***reflect** on your spiritual life over the preceding year
 - ***respond** by taking steps to correct deficiencies
- Scripture: Palm 51:10



Join us tonight as we focus on how to make our Lenten Journey meaningful—"busting loose" from our old ways! What does sacrifice, almsgiving, and prayer have to do with Lent? Learning the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

High Schoolers: Try to make a commitment to listen to the talks on "7 Deadly Sins, 7 Lively Virtues" after the stations on Friday nights beginning February 24.

We will be practicing for the **Youth Way of the Cross** scheduled for Friday, March 23 at 7:00pm

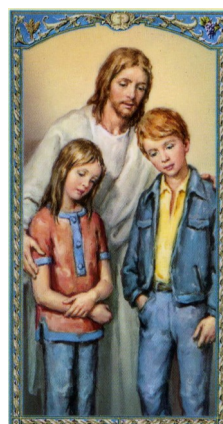
Please check your calendars to see if you will be able to participate.

March Events:

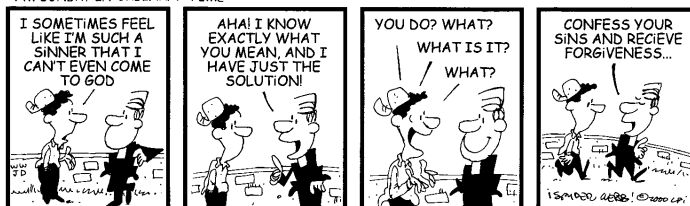
Sunday, March 11—Bowling (details TBA)
 Sunday, March 18—Youth Mass (all parishioners welcomed)
 6:00pm—ice cream social following in the hall

THE TEEN CREED

- Don't let your parents down... they brought you up.
- Be humble enough to obey... you may give orders someday.
- Choose companions with care... you become what they are.
- Guard your thoughts... what you think, you are.
- Choose only a date who would make a good mate.
- Be master of your habits... or they will master you.
- Don't be a show off when you drive... drive with safety and arrive.



7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2012



**Guardian
 Angels
 Catholic
 Church**

Dear Friends and Families of Guardian Angels Parish,

The parish is very grateful for the Women's Group and our youth who prepared and served the Chili Bingo Supper. The soups were great, in case you missed the evening, we're sad. The bingo was lots of fun; I think even before I left almost everyone had won something. Thank you, Pat, for picking all the right numbers and calling them out. I hope everyone had as fine an evening as I did; even I won a gift card! It is always good for us to get together and celebrate and socialize. I can't tell you how much I'm missed the Sunday morning folks, so I'm happy to be at Guardian Angels for two weekends in a row.

Lent begins this Wednesday with ashes being distributed at a 7:00 a.m. Mass Wednesday morning. Then we will have the six Fridays of Lent for Way of the Cross and time until 8 pm to enrich our faith and observance of Lent. This year we're going to use a fifteen minute video series on the seven deadly sins, which seems appropriate to the season of Lent, and may provide you with a fine way to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent. Remember that I'm there at 4:30 and on every Saturday to hear confessions. You are also welcome to make an appointment with me to meet at other times, and even at my office at Naropa University. I'm very easy to find there.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a profound expression of God's love for us, made more real because it is with an ordained priest. In the gospel this Sunday Jesus forgives sins, and as always in the gospel, he does so in a personal, real human encounter. God does this because God wants us to know that God is always with us. Sin and forgiveness are not some abstract, ephemeral thing we do alone and intellectually. Nor is sin and forgiveness ever just private. There's a kind of thinking out there that runs something like this, "Well, I did this thing, but it did not involve anyone else and no one got hurt. It was private." In the grand scheme of things there's no such thing as an isolated or completely private human act. Nor is forgiveness and reconciliation merely private matters. Indeed all the sacraments of the Church are very public.

The Catechism teaches us (#1484): "Individual, integral confession and absolution remain the only ordinary way for the faithful to reconcile themselves with God and the Church, unless physical or moral impossibility excuses from this kind of confession. There are profound reasons for this, Christ is at work in each of the sacraments. He personally addresses every sinner: "My son, your sins are forgiven." He is the physician tending each one of the sick who need him to cure them. He raises them up and reintegrates them into fraternal communion. Personal confession is thus the form most expressive of reconciliation with God and with the Church."

So the focus of this story in the gospel of Mark is not at all the miracle, but the intimate and person way that Jesus and the Church following his example minister the sacraments personally with presence.

That God forgives there can be no doubt; that is the point of the first reading from the prophet Isaiah to remind us of God's unwavering love and commitment to us, inviting from us a reciprocal commitment to God. The Church invites all of us during this time of Lent to experience God's reconciling love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

It is from the second reading, II Corinthians 1,22 that the Church has received its understanding and teaching of the "seal" of God upon us in Baptism and Confirmation that is permanent and prepares us for heaven. I remember that we used to call this an indelible mark on our souls. This is a beautiful reminder of something new that has changed us and made us children of God.

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Sunday 8:30—Noon
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Mass Schedule:

Mondays 5:45 pm
 Saturdays 5:30 pm
 Sundays 9:00 and 10:30 am

Reconciliation:

Saturdays 4:30 pm—5:15 pm

Sacraments:

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

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I hope you remember your fundamental baptismal character, and then empowered by this seal of God, that we should act accordingly and consistently with the commandment to love. And that even when we fail and fall short, our God is there to save us from ourselves and forgive us all our sins. In the sure and certain knowledge of our faith handed on to us in our Catholic tradition let us stand firm in this faith always.

Finally the parish is very grateful for Laura Gillett in her liturgical and musical leadership, most recently preparing an in-pew guide to the Masses that we know. It has definitely helped people to sing better and more firmly. Thank you, Laura.

Peace and every blessing.

Fr. Alan



Our Weekly Offering

February 12, 2012	\$ 2,947.14
2nd week February 2011	\$ 2,564.00
Children's Collection	\$ 50.16

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday, February 20, 2012—NO MASS

Saturday, February 25, 2012—5:30 pm

Lector: Lou Bustamante
EME: Denise Bustamante & Jane Murphy
Server: Laryssa Globensky
Hospitality/Gifts: Ron Stevens Family

Sunday, February 26, 2012—9:00 am

M of C: John Finke
Lector: Marita McDonough
EME: Art & Jeanette Harris
Server: Lily Drouhard
Hospitality/Gifts: Dale Rademacher Family



Sunday, February 26, 2012—10:30 am

Lector: Pat Sanchez
EME: Helen Jasmund & Michele Waite
Server: Ben Gillett
Hospitality/Gifts: Pat Sanchez Family

Collection Counters: Norm Finke & Wendy Wilson

Altar Linens: Diane Seguin

Readings for the Week of February 19, 2012

Sunday:	Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/ 2 Cor 1:18-22/Mk 2:1-12
Monday:	Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:16, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15



FOUND...

2 weeks ago, an iPod Shuffle in the church. Please contact the office if you have lost yours. Call (970) 535-0721.

CLASSES & MEETINGS

Sunday, February 19— No RCIA class

Monday, February 20— Presidents Day No Mass or faith formation classes

Wednesday, February 22 at 7:00am Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 22 at 6:30pm—AA meeting

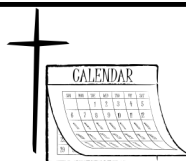
Thursday, February 23 at 9:30am—Adult class on *The Prophets*

Friday, February 24 at 7:00pm— Way of the Cross, followed by soup supper in the hall.

Sunday, February 26 at 9:00am— RCIA Rite of Sending

Sunday, February 26 at 2:30pm—RCIA Rite of Election at Cathedral

Monday, February 27— Catholic Journey classes resume



Ash Wednesday
February 22
7:00 AM


WAY OF THE CROSS
Fridays during Lent at 7:00 pm
followed by Lenten Series:
Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues
In the parish hall

Enrich your **Lenten Meditation**

Sin separates us from the love of God, but the cultivation of virtue can restore right relationship with Him. This Lent, begin the journey from sin to sanctity by joining Fr. Alan in the hall to view **Seven Deadly Sins & Seven Lively Virtues**, a spiritual study by Father Robert Barron. Father Barron is an acclaimed author and theologian and one of the world's great and innovative teachers of the Catholic faith.

Over the course of this Lenten study, we will be taking a look at what Catholic tradition calls the Seven Deadly Sins and contrasting them with what we refer to as the Seven Lively Virtues. This study is designed to help you apply in your life what you will learn from this look at the Catholic tradition. The aim is to increase your understanding, promote reflection and encourage practical action.

Begins Friday, February 24
immediately after Way of the Cross in the Hall.
Refreshments served compliments of Art & Jeanette Harris.



THANK YOU from the WOMEN'S GROUP

A big thank you goes out to all who supported the 16th Annual Chili bingo whether by donation of food or prizes, by helping to set up and clean up, or simply by attending. Women's Group would like to especially acknowledge the Youth Group for the wonderful job they did serving the chili! We hope you all enjoyed yourselves and hope to see you back again next year!



WOMEN'S GROUP LUNCH BUNCH

All ladies invited to meet at the **Loaf & Ladle at 1134 Francis St, Longmont** on Tuesday, February 21 at **11:00 am** (note time change). Questions? Call Jane Murphy at 303-772-7918.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

This week's question is a threefold summation of the past three weeks that have brought us to the threshold of Lent. Under the headings of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, what am I going to do as an individual? What is the parish doing as a community? What are we giving up? What are we taking on? The Lenten journey to Easter, as any pilgrimage to a holy place, requires renunciations without which the journey would be impossible. St. Benedict's Rule speaks of making our Lenten self-offering "with the joy of the Holy Spirit" (1 Thessalonians 1:6) and withholding from ourselves some food, material possessions, talking, and jesting so that we may "look forward to holy Easter with the joy of spiritual desire" (Rule 49).

How will our renunciations and additional service make this Lenten season not only a grace but a joy?

RCIA NEWS

Rite of Sending and Rite of Election

The third phase of the catechumenate ordinarily coincides with the Lenten season, a time of reconciliation, prayer, and spiritual renewal for the whole Church. Those coming into the Church now turn their attention to interior reflection and conversion.

The Rite of Sending is celebrated at the local parish on the first Sunday of Lent. The parish celebrates the completion of their discerning the Catholic way of life and transition to the next phase of Purification and Enlightenment. The parish "sends" them to experience the Church not only on the parish level but also on the diocesan level, along with many others from the diocese who will be entering the Church at the upcoming Easter Vigil. They become the **elect** having completed the period of formal instruction, they prepare more intensely through prayer experiences and spiritual renewal for the celebration of the paschal mystery and the reception of the sacraments of initiations. Catechumens enter their names into the Book of the Elect. We invite the whole community of Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Mead to pray vigilantly for those discerning and studying our faith. May the grace of the Holy Spirit abound in our hearts and minds as each of us journey through this Lenten season to the Paschal Mystery of Christ.

Catechumens: Cindy Stephenson, Aaron Rademacher, Dennis Hanes, Ron Stevens

Candidates: Mike Stephenson, Mike Peterson

Please pray for....

Our Catechumens & Candidates

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 4 weeks, unless other arrangements are made.

