

CHILDREN FAITH FORMATION



Parents, YOU are the primary teachers of your children's faith formation. Our catechists will introduce the topic each week, and then it is your responsibility to cover the materials in the chapters indicated below. Please return those chapter worksheet to class the following week. Thank you for your support!

HOMESCHOOL SCHEDULE:

- ◆ **January 30, 2012: Prayer & Liturgy & Rosary**

K	24	Jesus Taught Us to Pray
1st	25	We Pray Many Ways
2nd	24	We Talk to God
3rd	23	Jesus Teaches Us to Pray
4th	24	People of Prayer
5th	24	Jesus, Our Model of Prayer

- ◆ **February 6, 2012: Love One Another (commandments)**
-please do at home, "The Mass Show-and-Tell" will be during Faith Formation this week.

K	22	We Take Care of Ourselves
1st	20,22	We Love Others, Jesus and the Children
2nd	21	Proverbs
3rd	20	We Love and Respect One Another
4th	22,23	Love Your Neighbor as Yourself, Love One Another as I have Loved You
5th	22,23	Living the Covenants with God, Love Your Neighbor as Yourself.

- ◆ **February 13, 2012: Marriage and Holy Orders**

K	8	My Family is a Sign of God's Love
1st	16,18	We Love as a Family & Moses Leads God's People
2nd	26	The Our Father
3rd	17	Sacraments of Service
4th	16	Signs of God's Love
5th	17	Called to Service the Whole Church

- ◆ **February 20, 2012:** No classes (President's Day)

Additional News for our children:

February 6 – Fr. Greg Ames will be doing "The Mass Show-and-Tell" for all students in the church!



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

Our high school students will be spending a little time praying our Catholic Prayers with your children.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Young Angels (YA) = High School
Kids for Christ (KFC) = Middle School
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ALL YOUTH....

Please join us Monday nights from 6:30pm—8:00pm

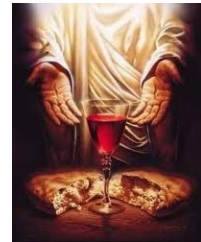


REMINDER: PLEASE BRING ONE ITEM IN FOR THE "BEACH/PICNIC" BASKET FOR CHILI BINGO NO LATER THAN MONDAY FEB. 6 (ideas: flip flops, sunscreen, snacks, beach games, sunglasses, beach

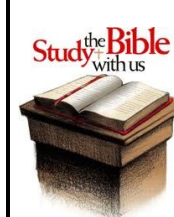
blanket, beach towel, sand toys, sun hats, fun dishes, volleyball....)

Upcoming Monday Night Topics:

January 30th— *Not by Bread Alone*
Fall in love with the person of Christ in the Eucharist!
Tennis balls & tarps—what can you do with these items as a team??



February 6th— *The Mass Explained*
Presentation by Fr. Greg Ames in the church.



February 13th - "Get in the Word"
Don't let the Bible and Scriptures intimidate you! High Schoolers will begin a new Bible Study with Regina.
A game of Beans and Toothpicks to end the night! How are your fine motor abilities?

Upcoming Events:

Sat. February 11—Chili Bingo-Reminder, please be there if you signed up to help! We need to be there at 10:00am to help set up, and be there again at 6:30pm to help serve.



Sun. March 18— Youth Mass (all parishioners welcomed)
A special **Sunday night Mass** at 6:00 pm. Save the Date!

GA Youth Retreat—plans are in the making...stay tuned!

Guardian Angels Catholic Church

January 29, 2012 ~ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Church

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Office Hours:
Sunday 8:30—Noon
Monday 9:00 am—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:
Saturdays 4:30 pm—5:15 pm

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

Dear Friends and Families of Guardian Angels Parish,

A prophet is someone sent from God for the salvation of the people. That's very simple and direct. It has nothing to do with secret messages, with messages that are different from the Gospel, with messages about the end of the world. A prophet is someone sent from God for the salvation of the people.

God can choose anyone, not just the clergy. For example, Mother Theresa of Calcutta had many beautiful messages from God for our salvation about the value and dignity of human life. Mother Cabrini spoke passionately to the rich about God's need for them to be generous, and it led to their salvation. Joan of Arc received messages from God and was sent to the French people for their salvation. Catherine of Sienna was sent from God for our salvation in her beautiful writings and to call the popes to task for their salvation. God sent the Little Flower to teach us prayer for our salvation. They were prophets in our Church history. There were many more. They all were sent from God for our salvation. I don't know that any of these spoke at all about the end of the world.

What is this fascination with the end of the world? Personally it is one of the most boring conversations I have with people. Prophets are not at all about that. Only in this flakey Kardashian culture is it a big stir. Perhaps it is because the real message about salvation which prophets bring to us is challenging and disturbing. Would people rather fixate on the end of the world?

God sends us prophets as God promised in our first reading from Deuteronomy, in the classical prophetic books of the Bible, and in Jesus himself.

The Church teaches us about prophets in the context of the catechism under the topic of the ministries of the Church. In CCC #2004 "Among the special graces ought to be mentioned the graces of state that accompany the exercise of the responsibilities of the Christian life and of the ministries within the Church." Then we read in Romans 12:6-8 "having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them; if prophecy, in proportion to our faith, if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness." Again, not a word about the end of the world.

Then in the section of the Catechism on Prayer, the Church speaks of prophecy. In CCC #2543: "But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from law, although the law and the prophets bear witness to it (the righteousness of God) the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe." (quoting Romans 3: 21-22.) In other words, prophets bear witness to the righteousness of God, which we need always to remember, understand, and act upon as necessary for our salvation. Prophets bear witness. Again, not a mention of the end of the world.

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Perhaps the psychology of St. Paul about our anxieties is the best explanation for this phenomenon of fretting about the end of the world. We should be preparing ourselves for the world to God, but we are attached like super glue and Velcro to the things of this world. And the things of this world fill us with the preoccupations and distractions of our attachment, and we then become afraid that this world will end. This world indeed will end.

Let us lift up our hearts in prayer to God who is righteousness and yearn for ourselves and our world to be with God and Jesus and all the holy prophets who have lived and still live in the Church whom God has sent to help us for our salvation.

Prayer stills the human heart from all these things and silences the appetites of the five senses and ceases the motion of our heart and mind like monkeys in scattered directions. Our salvation is not in things of this earth, but in the things of heaven. The prophets remind of this and in their lives have practiced it. We have role models therefore in the lives of these holy women and men.

The Church today, in a world gone mad, helps us for our salvation with a challenging and often unwelcome message about our human priorities. Let us listen prayerfully and carefully to these voices sent from God. Thank you for your faith.

Gratefully yours,
Fr. Alan



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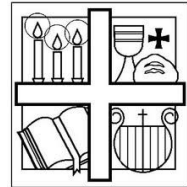
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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday, January 30, 2012—5:45 pm
Saturday, February 4, 2012—5:30 pm
 Lector: Molly Rose Loran
 EME: Frank & Ruth Grout
 Server: Nick/Jake Yuska
 Hospitality/Gifts: Ray Klocek Family



Sunday, February 5, 2012—9:00 am
 M of C: John Finke
 Lector: Susie Finke
 EME: Jim Hejlik & Norm Finke
 Server: Emily Cavey
 Hospitality/Gifts: Dennis Alcott Family

Sunday, February 5, 2012—10:30 am
 Lector: Jeff Aragon
 EME: Randy & Wendy Wilson
 Server: Kevin Gillett
 Hospitality/Gifts: Linda Baird Family

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

READINGS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 2012

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/ 1 Cor 7:32-35/ Mk 1:21-28
 Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/ Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30--19:3/ Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/ Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4/ Heb 2:14-18/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
 Friday: Sir 47:2-11/ Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/ Mk 6:30-34
 Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/ 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/ Mk 1:29-39

Please pray this week for...

All families of Guardian Angels



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.

Our Weekly Offering



January 22, 2012 \$2,948.00
 January 28, 2011 \$2,465.00
Children's Collection \$ 46.75
Church in Latin America \$ 445.00

Thank you for your generous donations to the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your gifts will continue to keep faith in the region by supporting evangelization, developing lay leadership programs, and strengthening religious and seminarian formation. The future of the region's Church is brighter today because of your help. To learn more about how your donations are making a difference, please visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

MASS SHOW & TELL

Fr. Greg will show and tell about all the articles used during Mass and seasons throughout the liturgical year next **Sunday January 29 at 12 noon** in the Church. RCIA participants are required to attend this presentation as part of their curriculum, however Fr. Greg invites all parishioners and newcomers to attend. This is also your chance to ask questions about the Mass and why we do what we do! Please join us next Sunday.



CLASSES & MEETINGS



Sunday, January 29 at 12:00 noon— RCIA in church
 Monday, January 30 at 6:30pm—Faith Formation classes
 Wednesday, February 1 at 6:30pm—AA meeting
 Thursday, February 2 at 9:30am—New adult class on *The Prophets*
 Sunday, February 5 at 5:00 pm—RCIA

Catholics Come Home—Christian Unity



Jesus prays for his disciples and for all that have received the Gospel from them. That all of us who believe in Him will be one with Him as He is one with the Father.

As we prayed for Christian unity last week, it is important to remember that the first thing we need to pray for is our own, personal interior conversion to live in Christ's love. The more closely each of us is united to God, the easier it becomes for us to bond in brotherly love. It is through our own personal renewal that we begin to speak a common theology and join in God's perfect love. Through our baptism we become one with Christ and share the same mission to love God and our neighbor. Let us come home to the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church in the One Body of Christ.

If you or someone you know is interested in returning to their Catholic faith, please contact the office or speak with Fr. Alan.

VATICAN II: 50 Years After

Fr. Thomas Rausch, S.J. will be speaking at Regis University on Tuesday, February 9 at 7:00 PM in the St John Francis Chapel on campus. This presentation is free and open to the public.

Fr. Tom is a professor of Theological Studies and the T. Marie Chilton Professor of Catholic theology at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. Fr. Tom has written extensively on issues in the contemporary Church: Vatican II, theologies of the Church, divisions, authority and its exercise, ministry ordained and non-ordained, sexuality, social justice, women in the Church, ecumenism, world religions, and the church of tomorrow.

For more information, contact Sister Peg Maloney, R.S.M. at pmaloney@regis.edu or 303.964.5715.

Mark Your Calendar!



16th Annual Chili/Bingo Parish Social!
Saturday, February 11th, 2011 - 6:30 pm
 Food—BINGO—Prizes

TICKETS ON SALE AFTER MASS—Buy early, limited seating
 Adults/Teens \$7.00 Children \$4.00
 Families of 4+ \$25

Bingo cards sold for \$2.50 donation each at the event

We need 20 people to bring either a dessert, soup, or celery & carrot sticks (please no veggie trays!)
Sign-up at the back of church if you can help with any item.

Women's Group also needs donated gift baskets/or gift cards to use for BINGO prizes at the CHILI / BINGO event next month. A signup sheet is available at the back of the church. Use one of the suggested themes or create your own theme. They need 10 baskets for children and 10 baskets for adults.

Chili Bingo Theme Basket Ideas:

Kids (ages 14 and younger)

- ◆ **Ice Cream Sundaes:** ice cream bowls, toppings (syrup, sprinkles, cherries), ice cream (it can be left in the Hall freezer with a note to pick it up)
- ◆ **Movie Night at Home:** movie or movie rental gift card, popcorn, popcorn bowls and tub, candy bars, pop
- ◆ **Games:** kid-friendly board games, card games, dice, hand-held electronic games for the car or vacation
- ◆ **Birthday in a Box:** invitations, thank you cards, candles, plates, napkins, streamers, plastic ware, balloons, party favors
- ◆ **Pizza Night:** Premade crust, sauce, cheese (can be kept in Hall fridge with note to pick up), toppings, pop, dessert
- ◆ **Snack Attack:** crackers, chips, popcorn, nuts, candy, drinks
- ◆ **Summer Fun:** games, popsicles or popsicle mold, sand toys, pool toys, sunblock

Adult (ages 15 and older)

- ◆ **Gardening:** seed packets, garden tools, hoses, live plants, hat, sunblock, gloves
- ◆ **Tea Party:** tea, tea pot, cups, sugar, honey, tea leaf strainer, hot pad
- ◆ **Spa at Home:** soaps, towels, candles
- ◆ **Wine Basket:** wine, glasses, dressy napkin
- ◆ **Beer Basket:** microbrewery beer, peanuts, popcorn, pretzels, fun napkins, t-shirt
- ◆ **Movie Night at Home:** movie or movie rental gift card, popcorn, popcorn bowls and tub, candy bars, pop

Please bring gift baskets/cards to the parish hall by Tues. February 7th so they can be organized prior to the event.
Thank you for your cooperation in turning them in on time!