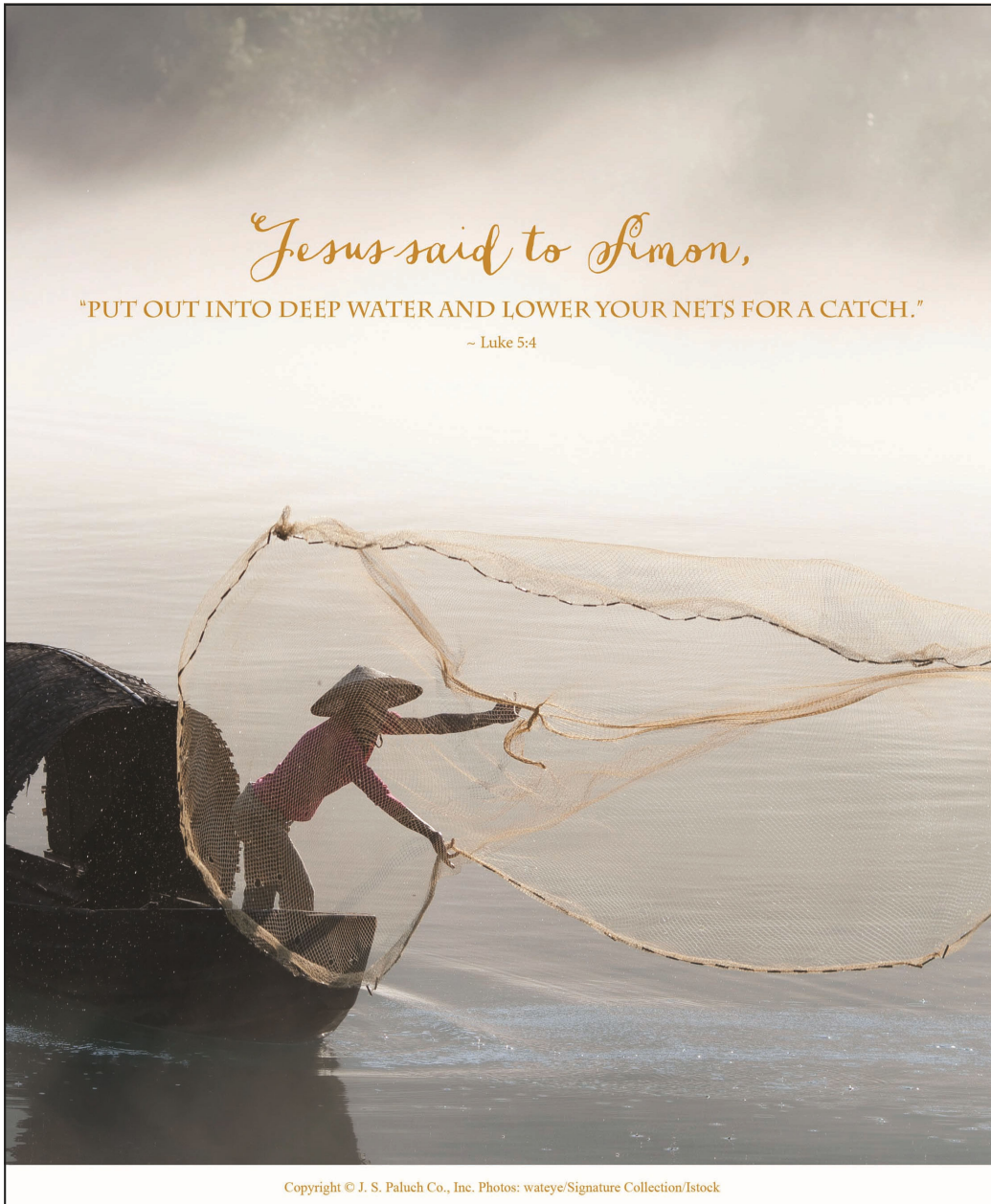




St. Francis of Assisi

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



Jesus said to Simon,

"PUT OUT INTO DEEP WATER AND LOWER YOUR NETS FOR A CATCH."

~ Luke 5:4

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February 10, 2019

Lit. Week 11

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mission of the Church

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” Mt 28:19-20

Welcome to Our Guests

Thank you for visiting with us today. If you would like to join our parish please fill out a registration form found in the pamphlet rack. Welcoming packs are also available in the parish office during the week.

Office Hours

Open Monday - Friday: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Mass Schedule

Saturdays: 4:30 pm Sundays: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, & 5:00 pm

Weekdays: Tues.-Fri.: 8:00 am

First Fridays: 8:00 am First Saturdays: 8:30 am

Holy Days of Obligation: To be determined.

Communion Service: Mon. 8:00 am

Sacraments

Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation: Preparation classes are required.

Baptism: Call the office to register for a class.

Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:15-4:15 pm or by appointment.

Matrimony: Call Fr. Frank eight months in advance.

Communion to Homebound: Call Helen.

Anointing of the Sick, Funerals: Call Fr. Frank.

Other...

Stephen Ministry: Caring lay ministers who offer supportive listening. Call Judy Cabrera.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults/Children: Call Sandy for adults, and Helen for children.

Adoration, Thursdays 8:30 am - 7:30 pm, and Cenacle on Thursdays 7:30-8:15 pm, two rosaries before the Blessed Sacrament, are cancelled temporarily due to the construction.

Cenacle: On First Saturdays, the Marian Movement of Priests program beginning at 8 am.

Meals of Mercy: Call Michele at 303-564-0696 or email mealsofmercy@sfassisi.org to provide or receive meals.

Bulletin: E-mail articles to bulletin@sfassisi.org by **Thurs. Feb. 14th** at noon for the **Feb. 24th** bulletin.

Pulpit announcements: E-mail articles by Thursday at noon to fidel@sfassisi.org.

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Pastoral Council

Kelsey Bosworth, Ray Falce, Jeanne Kuhn, Richard Mandile, Sheryl Roberts, Lola Swedbergh, Reg Valencia

Upcoming Events

- AuguSteins Meeting...Feb. 13, 7:30 pm, Suns Brewery
- Psalms: The School of Prayer deadline...Feb. 14
- Rachel Vineyard Retreat...Feb. 15-17, see p. 7
 - Prepare OUR Center Lunch...Feb. 16
- Book & Puzzles...Feb. 16 & 17, Immaculate Conception Church, see p.7

It May be too Late, but... If you would like to go camping at Golden Gate Canyon July 25-28 (Catholic Camping), please book your own site ASAP at Golden Gate Canyon State Park, Reverend's Ridge Campground. Book in the J loop. When that is full, go for Loop I or H. If you have an RV, Loop E is where others have been in the past. And there are a few cabins available too. We have found that booking for Thursday - Sunday makes it more likely we can get those sites (rather than just Friday-Sunday). Please reserve as soon as possible.



Unless we get a large enough group, there will not likely be a Mass on Saturday, so we can go to the Latin Mass in Boulder at 2 pm on Sunday, or another late Mass.

Reserve on ReserveAmerica [Golden Gate Canyon State Park, CO](http://www.reserveamerica.com). For more information contact Sherri.lester@yahoo.com.

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school.johnthebaptist.org



ST. JOHN
THE BAPTIST
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Prayer Corner

Please pray for: Our Church Leaders; the homeless;

The sick: Bill Barrett, Lisa Cavazos, Frank Costello, Mary Jane Crouthamel, Jeanette Denfeld, Tina Emanuel, Vivian Evers, Eric Forsberg, Kathy Gaertig, Kim Gross, Jonathan Jansen, Pam Knollenberg, Griffin Lambert, Nick Mazour, Elizabeth McIntosh-Schwartz, Dakota Miller, Nicole Morrow, Danny Mourino, Carol O'Sullivan, Alberta Poland, Helen Rayl, Brittany Rehage, Marcia Rehage, Kevin Ryan, Andreas Sgourdou, Patricia Shore, Annette Steere, Jan Struck, William Toth, Zachary Quick, and all those in the Book of the Sick;

And those in harm's way: Matthew DeBarris, Andrew Mazzarelli, Joe Roberts, Seth Roberts, Nicholas Shallcross, Aaron Snyder, Chase E. Stoner, and all babies in the womb.



*Jesus said to Simon,
“Do not be afraid;
from now on
you will be catching men.”*

Lk 5:10

Scripture Readings

For the Week of February 10, 2019

Sun.	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11
Mon.	Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
Tues.	Gn 1:20 -- 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
Wed.	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
Thurs.	Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
Fri.	Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
Sat.	Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
Sun.	Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

Pastor’s Corner

Most of us have experienced some form of being called or chosen. It might have been in games as a child, as members of some team or organization at school, or chosen from among many for a job. Most of us have also been called to a vocation of marriage or Holy Orders, sacraments for the building up of the community. Some have been called to the single state, which gives more freedom to assist other members of the community in need.

The readings today give us the callings of Isaiah, St. Paul, and the first of the apostles. These were very specific callings, and they were called to serve the people of God, both old and new. Down through the ages we too have been called through our Baptism to witness to Jesus. We witness to his life, his death for the forgiveness of our sins, and his resurrection. After his Ascension in glory, Jesus sent His Holy Spirit for the strengthening of our vocation to witness to Jesus to an unbelieving world. Each of us, at home, at work, at school, or wherever we find ourselves, is invited by Jesus to be a part of salvation history. We do this by telling the story of Jesus and his offer of salvation for us to those we meet on our journey of life. And then we witness to our sanctification and salvation by the way we live our lives.

If we fall to our knees in awe at the presence of God among us, as Isaiah did, we allow the majestic grace of God to fill us. Then we go and witness to God’s love for us in Christ Jesus. Let us always praise the Lord and give Him thanks. Amen!

Priest Mass Intentions

Sat.	02-09	4:30 pm	†Fred Levine By Kathy O’Connor
Sun.	02-10	8:00 am	Vincent & Kelsey Krische By the Krische Family
		10:00 am	Mark & Karen Pilkington By the Mark Pilkingtons
Fri.	02-15	5:00 pm	The People of St. Francis of Assisi
		8:00 am	Souls in Purgatory By Myra Connolly
Sat.	02-16	4:30 pm	Greco Family Living and Deceased By Rita & Karl Neis
Sun.	02-17	8:00 am	†Theodore Wnek By Debbie Wnek
		10:00 am	The People of St. Francis of Assisi
		5:00 pm	†Catherine Maroney By the Maroney Family

No morning Masses from Tues. Feb. 12 through Thurs. Feb. 14. Communion Services on these days. Morning Mass resumes on Friday, Feb. 15.

Attention Parishioners with Facebook: please look at and then subscribe to the Knights of Columbus 1313 Facebook page at fb.me/1313koc .



NEW 1120 AM DAYTIME
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PREMIERING FEBRUARY 19-22
 IN **COLORADO**
 "Together, Changing Lives Throughout Colorado"
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First Fridays Encounter

Prayer Eucharistic Adoration Music

**CATHOLIC
PRAISE & WORSHIP HOLY HOUR
6:30PM**



**Announcing OUR Center's
16th Annual Empty Bowls!
March 16, 2019
Lunch 11 am - 1pm
Doors open at 10:30 am for
bowl selection
Longmont High School**

OUR Center's Community Cafe & Community Market feed over 16,000 households every year. By becoming a supporter of the 16th Annual Empty Bowls, your financial gift allows OUR Center to provide families and individuals hot and nutritious meals while they work with OUR Center to achieve self-sufficiency.



\$20 Ticket

\$25 at the door

1 ticket = meal for 10 people

Includes: Two soup selections from a variety of local restaurants and caterers, bread and dessert. Select one out of hundreds of hand-made bowls to take home. Participate in our silent auction featuring over 80 local items.

Sponsorship Options:

- Dinner (\$5,000/25 tkts)
- Serving (\$2,500/15 tkts)
- Chowder (\$1,000/ 10 tkts)
- Stew (\$500/ 5 tkts)



OUR CENTER
Paving the Road to Self Sufficiency

For Questions or Sponsorships:

elaine@ourcenter.org

www.ourcenter.org/emptybowls

303-772-5529

Religious Ed. Helen Herman
303-772-6322 x 226 E-mail: Helen@sfassisi.org

It's a Great Day to be Genuine!

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT: "TODAY GIVE SOMEONE A GENUINE COMPLIMENT".

God gives us a new day to start over. Look for an opportunity to give someone a genuine compliment today. (I missed National Compliment Day on Jan. 24; but I say any day is a good day to be kind.)

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS & AIDES - I'm tugging at your heart. Our Substitutes are so IMPORTANT; and always needed for all sessions, sometimes with short notice. Responsible teens may be an Aide as long as you are involved in some sort of Youth Program.

RE CLASS SESSIONS

Tuesday 4:30-5:45 pm – **Grades 1-4**
 Tuesday - 6:15-7:30 pm - *Grades 1-5*
 Wednesday - 4:30-5:45 pm - *Grades 1-5*
 Please turn in your registration by Friday 11 am in order to be placed in a class for the upcoming week. We will verify your registration before you come to class. Thanks!

KIDS – We're missing you – don't be shy, come and learn about your faith, and make good friends! We're always learning and growing in our faith. It's more than just receiving the sacraments, it's meeting Jesus.

CONFIRMATION FOR 3RD & 4TH GRADES:

Archbishop Aquila has instituted "**Restored Order for Sacraments**" – that is Confirmation at an earlier age, to complete the Sacraments of Initiation.

Our 3rd & 4th graders will now receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year if they have completed 1 year of Basics RE.

Please register your children for RE Classes soon. It is very important for them to begin learning about their faith before their Sacramental year; and to continue their formation well beyond First Eucharist or Confirmation!!

Green Registration Forms are available in the Narthex; or you may go to our web-site to register and pay on-line. Please help us by registering early.

STEWARDSHIP: IS ABOUT USING YOUR GIFTS WELL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! GOD REWARDS YOUR GIVING!

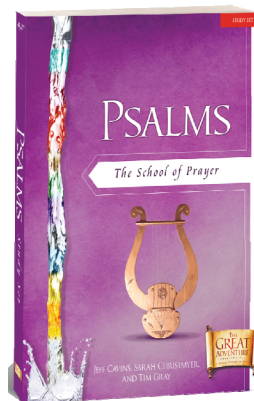
MY CHILD TAKES ART, BASKETBALL, DANCE, SCOUTS, AND PIANO LESSONS. WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO KEEP COMING TO RE, WE ARE TOO BUSY! WHY DO WE HAVE TO KEEP COMING SINCE SHE HAS ALREADY RECEIVED FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION?

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Adult Ed. Sandy Gross

Psalms: The School of Prayer

a study through Ascension press,



will be offered Thursday evenings at St. Francis starting **March 7th** and co-facilitated by parishioners Irene Olijnyk and Ruth Mazzarelli.

Through this enriching journey you will discover "the deeply personal perspective of one who is seeking God," a journey toward deeper understanding of the personal, communal and Godly power of the Psalms. Please **sign up** in the Narthex by **Feb. 14** as workbooks need to be ordered. This will serve as our Parish Lenten book club.

Kimberly Hahn to speak at St. John Paul II Lecture Series

Feb. 13: Sign up for the next talk in the St. John Paul II Lecture Series: Kimberly Hahn, the prolific Catholic writer and wife of Dr. Scott Hahn! The St. John Paul II Lecture Series is a quarterly event which features intellectually stimulating talks free of charge. The event will be at the **Refectory at St. John Vianney Theological Seminary** (1300 S. Steele St | Denver, CO 80210). Cocktails and appetizers are at 7:00-7:30pm, and the lecture is from 7:30-8:30pm.

15 Minutes of Fame: Saint/Catholic Topic presentation schedule has been modified and will be offered once, monthly, directly following a Wednesday morning Mass (normally). Please note the change in dates...

Wednesday, February 13; St. Hildegard Von Bingen Twelfth century Mystic and Visionary. Enjoy a treat that she held "will calm every bitterness of heart and mind".



TUESDAY, March 5; On the Fruits and Frustrations of Fasting. With Lent upon us gain a deeper understanding of Christ's admonition to fast in prayer, the power of individual and collective fasting, and fasting practices that can be embraced in everyday life.



Wednesday, April 17; St. Benedict, First Century holy innovator whose beliefs and instructions are still directing religious life all these centuries later.



Women's Retreat: Msgr. Ken Leone and Fr. John Lager invite all women to the 19th annual Women's Journey retreat to be held at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park the weekend of **March 8-10, 2019**. The theme is "Praying Through Lent". Call or text Patti Hayes at 720-608-1607 for details and register at www.coloradocatholicretreats.org by March 3rd. Contact Karen Smoody at 303-588-0461 or smoothie56@gmail.com by March 3rd for car-pool requests.

Religious Ed. continued

Yes, we know that your family can be busy; however, we truly hope your child will continue their religious education long after receiving the sacraments. Your/their faith is a life-long learning process! **Set some faith priorities!**

TAKING A TRIP – We've been to a few places; and want to get started on our Bucket List of interesting places to travel. We'll keep you informed of where we go; maybe you'll want to go there too.

When we're heading for in Capable, we often try the detour. We don't want to get stuck there you know. Be sure to bring your stamina with you!

CATHOLIC RADIO – 1060 am – KRCN – "Change your station, change your life." At the **March for Life** in Washington, DC, it wasn't just a group of high school boys from Covington High School who were harassed; it was the Catholic Church, and all who stand up for life. Check out what REALLY happened, not what the news media said happened! This is fake news in reality! Listen for a podcast on this topic.

BILL'S ADVENTURES – Bill was thinking how cool it would be to have a magic Jeannie's lamp. When he rubbed the lamp, a magic Jeannie would be at his command to whisk them away to Florida, to a nice warm beach, with no one else there. They would watch whales come really close to the shore; and he would swim up close to them and not be afraid.

RE CHALLENGE – *When your imagination takes you places, enjoy the experience.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR:

FEB. 12/13 – CLASS Feb. 19/20 – CLASS

URGENT - NEED MEN & WOMEN TO TAKE COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND - We are once again in need of people willing to take Holy Communion to those who are homebound. If this is in your heart, please call Helen. Training provided.

CHURCH ATTIRE REMINDER: Do you remember that you are a temple of the Holy Spirit? You'll never regret dressing appropriately with modesty & humility. Be brave, be a leader - please always dress reverently, especially when you come to spend time with our Lord, Jesus Christ! Thank you!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Allow God to strengthen, renew, rekindle and even transform your marriage sacrament. Take time for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on:

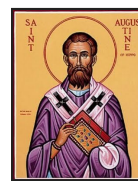


April 26-28, 2019 – Dillon

September 13-15, 2019 – Dillon

For more information, please visit www.wwme.org. **Questions?** Feel free to contact Brenda & Gary Granger: 303.604.6202.

Calling all young adults between ages 21-30 interested in

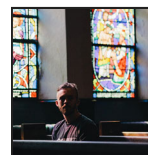


broadening their understanding of Catholic theology through discussion with peers! A new group, AuguSteins' Colloquia (named for the great Catholic philosophers St. Augustine and Edith Stein) is being



started in Longmont for young Catholics to meet and engage in conversation on a variety of topics, such as music, literature, movies, philosophy, or pop culture, from the lens of Catholic theology. The main focus of this group is to facilitate dialogue between young Catholics on deeper subjects and encourage the exploration of thought provoking questions regarding Catholicism and our current culture. Our first meeting, on the topic of Artificial Intelligence and Ethics, **will be held February 13 on 7:30 pm**, at 300 Suns Brewery. Please contact Danielle Coon at danielle.medearis@gmail.com if you think you would be interested so that you may be added to our email list!

High School Boys' Discernment Retreat



Sunday, March 3rd

9:00AM to 4:00PM

St. John Vianney Seminary/JPII Campus
1300 S. Steele St., Denver 80210

Boys in Grades 9-12 are invited to join Fr. Ryan O'Neill and the Vocations Office for a retreat at the SJV campus, where they can learn the basics of discernment and about the vocation of diocesan priesthood. Includes Mass, lunch, Adoration, and Q&A with the Vocations Director and seminarians. Free.

Have questions?

Call the AOD Vocations Office at (303) 282-3429 or email questions to adrienne.merritt@archden.org.

The Catholic Foundation: For a free consultation about the advantages of making a planned gift to The Catholic Foundation for the benefit of your parish please contact Jean Finegan at the Foundation at 303.867.0613.

Respect Life

HOPE AND HEALING AFTER AN ABORTION RACHEL'S VINEYARD OF COLORADO

Are you or someone you know suffering from a post abortion experience? There is hope and healing! Please consider attending the next confidential Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat!

NEXT RETREAT: February 15-17th, 2019

Contact Edith: (303) 775- 4108 (texts okay)

edieg2@aol.com

Lori: (303) 904-7414 (no texts)

lorgreg@msn.com

Web-site: www.rvcolorado.org



Stewardship

DECEMBER OFFERTORY:..... \$118,709.41 (5 weeks)

If you need offertory envelopes, please call the office. If you would like Electronic Fund Transfer go to our website, highlight Live Your Faith, and click on GIVING and follow the prompts. EFT offertory donors will not receive Sunday Offertory envelopes but will receive special occasion envelopes on a quarterly basis.

Building Loan Balances

12/31/18	Building	\$1,645,093.90	
	Land	\$386,308.93	Updated yearly
	Monthly Payments	\$17,031.87	

December 2018 Gift Card Program Results

	Sales	Earnings
Gift Cards/Scrip	30,497.00	1,832.66
King Soopers Reload	22,905.40	1,145.27
Butter Braid Sales	1,490.00	596.00
PrestoPay Proceeds	2,390.00	91.75
Totals	57,282.40	3,665.68

Outreach Summary for July 1 through December 31, 2018

Agape/Safe Haven	\$ 4,000.00
Aspen Center for Child Development	1,200.00
Boxes of Joy/Cross Catholic Outreach	7,968.18
FOCUS Missionaries	1,275.00
H.O.P.E. (Homeless Outreach)	1,600.00
Life Choices	300.00
Migrant Outreach	2,000.00
Nursing Home Christmas	408.87
OUR Center	2,520.00
Safe Shelter of St Vrain Valley	300.00
St John's Food Bank	600.00
Wambale (Fr. Francis)	2,100.00
	<u>\$ 24,272.05</u>

Plus food collections for OUR Center and St. John's Food Bank.

MATCHING GRANT: St. Francis has matched the \$25,000 that a generous benefactor put forward! We now have an additional \$50,000 to help the Building Fund. God Bless all who contributed!

Hello Everyone!

This Valentines week let us thank God for all of our many blessings, especially for loving us unconditionally. Let us take time this week to visit or call someone who is lonely and let us pray extra hard for all those who are sick. Happy Valentines Day Jesus! We Love You!

**Love & Prayers,
Stewardship Council**

Weekly Schedule

Sun.	02-10	8:00 am	CGS / Library
Mon.	02-11	8:00 am	Communion Service/ Church
		9:00 am	Biblical School/ Church
		1:00 pm	CGS / Library
Tues.	02-12	8:00 am	Communion Service/ Church
		4:30 pm	RE/ CIRms
		6:15 pm	RE/ CIRms
Wed.	02-13	8:00 am	Communion Service/ Church
		9:30 pm	CGS/ Library
		4:30 pm	RE/ CIRms
		6:30 pm	St. Teresa of Avila/ 4th Gr.
Thurs.	02-14	8:00 am	Communion Service/ Church
		6:30 pm	RCIA
Fri.	02-15	8:00 am	Morning Mass/ Church
		8:30 am	Rosary/ Church
		—	Mountain Madness
Sat.	02-16	—	Mountain Madness
Sun.	02-17	—	Mountain Madness

The Interfaith Quilters of Longmont's 33rd Annual Show



and Sale will be held **March 1st and 2nd** at the **First Lutheran Church**, 803 Third Avenue, in Longmont. **The proceeds from these hand- and machine-made quilts will benefit the O.U.R. (Outreach United Resource)**

Center and the Safe Shelter of the Saint Vrain Valley.

The preview will be open Friday, March 1st, from 5 pm till 8 pm (no sales). The admission of \$5 includes Saturday's admission. (For those who only want to attend the show and sale on Saturday admission is only \$1.)

The sale will be held Saturday, March 2nd, from 10 am till 4 pm. Methods of payment include cash, check, credit cards.

For more information about Interfaith Quilters of Longmont and the quilts available visit their web site at www.interfaithquilters.com, email is interfaith-quilts@gmail.com.

Our next date to serve at the OUR Center is **Feb. 16**, please call Cece @ 303-682-1032 if you can help.

COMING SOON: Immaculate Conception, Lafayette, will be hosting a used book and puzzle sale, sponsored by Mary's Hands, Saturday, **February 16th**, from 1:30pm to 7:00pm, and Sunday, **February 17th**, from 9:00am to 3:00pm in Nouci Hall. Snuggle up with a great book and let the March wind blow!

St. Francis of Assisi Youth

Youth Program Information

For information regarding EDGE, YDisciple, Leadership team, and MS/HS Sacramental prep, please contact **Sandy Gross** at sandy@sfassisi.org. See page 9 also!

Youth Leadership Team Opportunities

The best way to learn your faith is to pass it on to others!

We're growing! Now's your chance to help others get to heaven!

- Even MORE Men needed for EDGE Middle School program! Wow! Come join us!
- Contact Sandy Gross at sandy@sfassisi.org. As always, training and support are provided.

Prayer and Action Leadership Team 2019

Looking for a summer job?

Who: Young Adults 21+ (or 18-20 to be volunteer team members)

What: Lead teens on a mission experience in our own backyard

When: June 2-13 & July 13-26

Stipend: \$250 per week

Perfect job for students and teachers!

Contact Tyler Eberle 303-789-0007 x. 2771 teberle@allsoulscatholic.org
www.panda-denver.com

This year, EDGE has been going through the Lord's Prayer phrase by phrase. Our theme on Jan. 23 was Give us this day our Daily Bread!

What a great time we had!

We LITERALLY gave each other their daily bread. After breaking into teams, each team had to throw bread into a teammate's mouth until every team member had caught a piece of bread. Yes, it was bread flying everywhere, but a lot of fun.

We then sang our first round of silly songs such as, "Oh, you can't get to heaven on roller skates!" The EDGE crew is full of great voices.

Best of all, we learned how we can receive Our Daily Bread through the Eucharist and prayer and discussed our thoughts with our small groups. Sandy challenged us to pray the PAL prayer everyday for a month and then report back: Praise, Ask, Listen. We then ended with a crazy and cold Scavenger Hunt outside. Each team had to put on its thinking cap and figure out Biblical clues and then race to find their treasures.

We have a lot of fun at EDGE, but most of all we are learning about our dear Lord Jesus Christ. New people join us all the time. YOU are welcome to join us, too!



It's a race to catch the bread!



If only they had longer necks, I'm sure they could reach the bread in the hand...

Youth Group Happenings



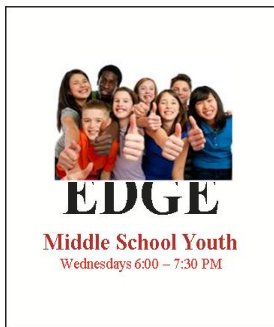
Sacramental Prep Class grades 6-12

Next class is Tuesday, March 5, 6:15 -7:30.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW. CONFIRMATION IS JUNE 1 at 4:30. Confirmation rehearsal will be May 31 at 6:30 PM.

Sponsors have been chosen and the forms have been turned in. Your next milestone is to choose your Saint for Confirmation. I have books in my office you can check out for a week at a time.

Your Saint report is due the week BEFORE Spring Break.



The **EDGE Middle School Youth Group**, grades 6 – 8, **Wednesday nights from 6-7:30.**

GREAT NEWS TO REPORT! EDGE is growing, growing, growing! We're learning how to pray, we're making friends, and having fun! New members are always welcome to join our teams.

The number of boys in the EDGE Middle School program is growing! Another man is needed to lead these young men each week. He must be over the age of 17 and a Catholic in good standing.

EDGE Schedule

Feb. 13: **NO EDGE** due to need to prepare for MOUNTAIN MADNESS

Feb. 15-17: MOUNTAIN MADNESS Middle School Conference

Feb. 20, 27: **WELCOME** to EDGE!

Gift Cards

Roses are red, Violets are blue, Gift cards are sweet, and Rebates are, too! Valentine's Day is coming up. NOW is the

last convenient time to pick up or order the gift cards you need to shop or give for the day. Use the cards to buy candy or valentines for the kids. Plan a romantic evening with that special someone using the gift cards from one of the many restaurants we carry. PLUS, every time you make a Valentine's Day purchase with gift cards, you also show **love for St. Francis Parish** with the rebates we earn. It doesn't get much sweeter than that! Stop by the gift card table and see what we have to offer!



Extra Special Specials: Stop by the gift card table and buy/order the following gift cards for all your shopping or gift giving needs while St. Francis receives an increased % return!

Product	Bonus %	Normal %	Start Date	End Date
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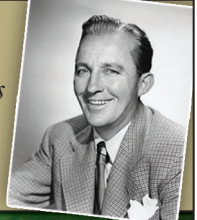
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