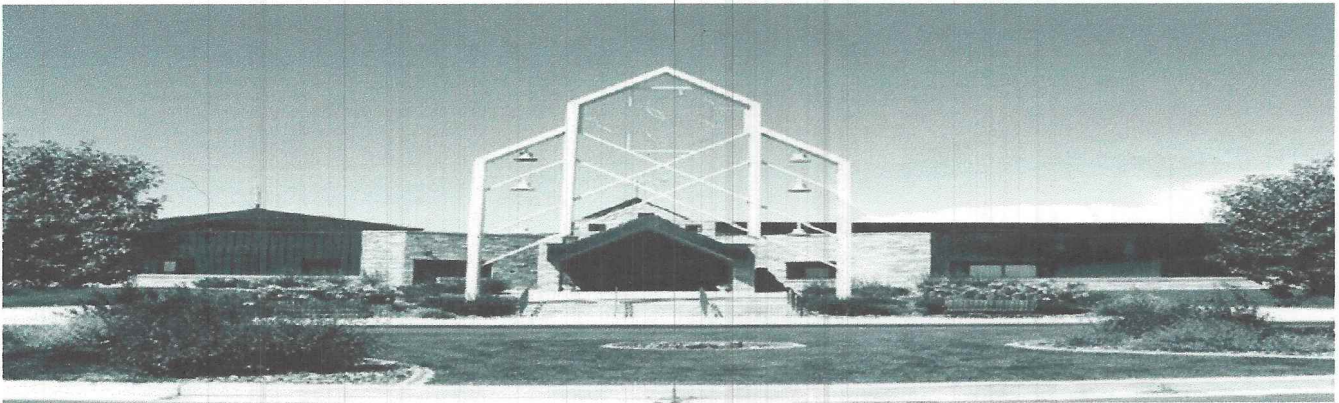


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Saturday: 4:00 p.m. **Sunday Masses:** 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. **Monday-Saturday:** 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days: Anticipated Mass, 6:00 p.m. | Holy Day Masses, 8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday: 2:30 p.m. — 3:30 p.m. or by appointment

Adoration: To be announced

Office Hours:

M-F, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Sunday Mass: 9:15 a.m.

Holy Days: TBD

10:30 a.m. Mass each Tuesday of each month



Continuing from last week...

*The 6th Tradition is **Christmas Eve/Day**. Traditionally celebrations start on the evening of December 24 with a family meal and Midnight Mass, or 10:00 pm in our Parish! It continues with December 25, spent with family and the exchanging of gifts all in honor of our Lords birth. **Feast of Saint Stephen** is the 7th tradition, December 26th.*

*This is a day set aside to remember the first Christian martyr. The Book of Acts chronicles Saint Stephen was stoned to death. **Solemnity of Mary** is the 8th tradition, January 1. It is the feast in celebration of Mary's Motherhood. This dates back to the early days of Christianity. The 9th Tradition is the **Feast of the Epiphany**.*

Also known as Three King's Day, it marks the adoration of the baby Jesus by the magi. Melchior, Caspar & Balthazar presented Jesus with three symbolic gifts. Gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold represents Jesus' standing as "King of the Jews". Frankincense manifests the divine nature of His existence, Myrrh is a symbol of his mortality.

This officially ends the Christmas season for Catholics.

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10 Lords A-leaping= the ten commandments

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Weekend Mass Schedule,

4:00 pm on Saturday, 7:30, & 10:00 am and 6:00 pm Sunday

Masses are now limited to 50, anyone coming later will be filtered
into the hall for a separate Mass.

With rules of **Social Distancing** & 50 person capacity, we are also following
GOVERNOR MANDATED regulations for Face Coverings.

So Please wear your face Masks over the nose and mouth.

If you do not have one we have some available. If you take a cloth face mask to use please take it with you!

We are also asking everyone to please take a Sanitation Wipe from the baptismal font when entering the
Sanctuary and take the personal responsibility to wipe your space off before leaving.

The 4:00 pm & 10:00 am Masses are being Live Streamed for your convenience.

Go to ihmgjt.org under Masses for the link.



4th Sunday of Advent, Yr. B -12/20/2020. Ref. 1st=2Sam.7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16. 2nd=Rom.16:25-27. 3rd=Lk.1:26-38. **Theme: Our Messiah takes flesh in Mary**

Today we enter the final week of Advent – a time of grace given to us to prepare ourselves for the coming of our Messiah. While the 1st reading captures the historical roots of the promise of the birth of this Messiah, the Gospel narrates how his conception took place in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary many years later. This, as St. Paul puts it (2nd reading), ‘is a divine message that strengthens us & reveals a mystery kept secret for ages long but now manifested through the message of an Angel according to the commands of the eternal God’ (Rom.16:25-26).

A promise with history: The 1st reading of today shows that the coming of the Messiah – Christ, as man has a strong historical connection with us as God’s people. After King David had settled in Jerusalem, he decided to build a house for God (better than his palace) where the Arc of the covenant will dwell. God rejected his offer (telling him that it will be done by his son) but promised, rather, ‘to build him into a house’ – a dynasty that will last forever. Thus, God told King David through Prophet Nathan, ‘When you die...I will make one of your sons a king and will keep his kingdom strong...I will be a father to him & he a son to me...Your house & your kingdom shall endure forever’ (2Sam.7:12-16). This promise expressed in the 1st reading is being fulfilled in the Gospel of today (as the Angel Gabriel makes reference to it). Describing the son to be born of Mary he said, ‘The Lord God will give him the throne of David, his father and his kingdom will have no end’ (Lk.1:32-33). My dear friends, the lovely story of the annunciation of Christ & its connection with the prophesy of Nathan (1st reading), tells us that the promises of God do not get old or expire. They may look delayed by human calculations but are fulfilled at their proper times by divine calculations. Thus through message of the Angel, God is bringing to fulfilment his promise to David. This teaches us not to lose hope waiting on God or for the fulfilment of his promises in our lives. We should be content with who we are and see the hands of God in our lives at all times. Mary, chosen by God to be the mother of his son – Jesus, was content with her material poverty and never lost hope in God. Her choice is as example of what God can do with & for us if we remain faithful & hopeful in him.

The Messiah comes for our good: The joyful news of the annunciation in the gospel of today shows that everything about the coming of the Messiah is for our good & salvation. This begins with Mary who, having found favor with God, was chosen & prepared by God himself to be the mother of his son – Jesus. Her choice shows that God does not act by chance. He knows what to do for us, when & how to do it. Hence, the mission of the Angel was clear & direct; ‘He was sent to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph (of the house of David) and the virgin’s name was Mary’ (Lk.1:26-27). This is a divine GPS (description) that cannot lead to another place or person. It tells us that when our time of exultation or blessings come, God will find us no matter our location, condition or situation. Our part is to continue being the good persons we are (as Mary did) or to straighten our crooked or sinful ways of life (as John the Baptist has been calling us to do this advent). Also, the description of the child to be born shows that God wants to be our King & Redeemer not just for this coming Christmas or for some time but forever. That was why the Arch Angel said, ‘The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will have no end’ (Lk.1:32-33). These mean that in celebrating Christmas, each of us should accept Jesus as his/her eternal King & Savior. Will you do so?

My dear friends, the message of today simply tells us how determined God is to save us. That was why he made an old promise to David come alive in Christ, a virgin (Mary) to conceive (by the power of the Holy Spirit) and a barren old woman (Elizabeth) to become a mother. These tell us that when it comes to our salvation (as the Angel said) ‘God makes all things possible’ (Lk.1:37). May this our God of infinite possibilities help us to renew & prepare ourselves for the coming of our savior this Christmas and to keep him alive in us always.

Remain blessed! Fr. Timothy.



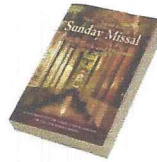
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ADVENT PROJECT:CHILDREN'S ITEMS FOR OUTREACH

This year we are collecting children's socks, underwear and pajamas for boys and girls sizes newborn to 10 years. All items must be new and if they are packaged please leave them in their packages. No gift wrapping please! These are much needed items that Catholic Outreach doesn't get much of. We can help the kiddos this year by bringing these things to the church. Please put your socks, pj's and underwear in the baskets in the narthex. And a big thank you to those who have already brought donations for this project!

2021 Missals

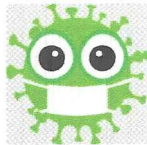
We have received the new 2021 Missals! They are \$4.00 each and can be purchased in the Parish office or after all Masses in the Narthex. If you are watching Masses from home this is a good opportunity to be able to follow along with mass.



9 Ladies Dancing= the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Updated Information of Coronavirus at IHM

As of November 17, 2020 IHM will be following the latest COVID-19 restrictions. We are allowed 50 person capacity at mass while maintaining 6 feet Social Distancing. We will be filtering people into the Hall or School Gym for separate masses if over 50 show up. We are requiring the Governor Mandated wearing of Face Coverings over the nose and mouth upon entering and moving throughout the building. They can only be removed while sitting and 6 feet of social distancing is maintained between individuals or family groups. Masks must be worn while singing. Any groups at IHM are still limited to 10 or fewer people and must be at least 6 feet apart from each other. Please practice personal hygiene and be respectful of your fellow parishioners.

Tour Guide of the Mass *Creed*

Your Guide for Remembering What in the World You Say During the Creed After Not Being At Mass Because of a Global Pandemic!

Attention all Mass attendees and Creed recite-ees. If you would please direct your attention to the first words of the Nicene Creed (I mean, it seems appropriate to me to start at the beginning):

"I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible."

That is what our focus is today, so it's best to read it again. Now look at the first line. When you speak those first five words aloud, you are stating definitively that *your* belief, *your* conviction, is in *one* God. Not us (the congregation) collectively, but *you* (individually). And not two or three or six hundred gods. One, singular, end all be all, God.

The lines that follow tell us everything about our God the Father, what He has done for us, what He is to us—creator of all things: yesterday, today, and forever.

Are you living in a way that represents your belief that you, your own personal self, say every time you recite the Creed? Believe it, say it, and live it! Because if we don't live it, we kind of make saying it pointless...don't you think? And, what does it mean to live it? It means that if the Father is "Almighty", and he is the Maker of "all things visible and invisible", that you trust Him with every aspect of your life. Do you? Or do you sometimes think *you* know what's best? (...what? I'm not talking to myself, why ever would you think that)! For more on the Creed, go check out this article from Ascension Press—<https://media.ascensionpress.com/2019/10/16/the-parts-of-the-mass-the-creed/>. They've got great down to earth things on the Creed (I think that is just my cup of tea...no, I believe it!). Next week we will continue down the rabbit hole which is the entire Nicene Creed. See you then! SM

Minister Schedule for Dec. 26/27 2020

Due to COVID-19 we are not asking anyone to volunteer that is not comfortable coming in to Mass. All who are on this schedule have chosen to be serving.

8:00 am Dec. 26 (†) Greg Stephen by Frank Huber

Presider: Fr. Kenneth Obasi

4:00pm, Dec. 26 (†) Miriam Chenoweth by the Family

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Servers:

Lectors: K. Church & E. Hoy

Eucharistic: B. Kline

Hospitality: R. Bertrand, A. Davis & S. Mills

7:30am, Dec. 27, (I) Renee & Mike Phillips by Grace

Presider: Fr. Kenneth Obasi

Servers:

Lectors: L Manchester & J. Shettler

Eucharistic:

Hospitality: B. Bianchi & L Duncan

9:15 am Dec. 27, St. Ann's Palisade

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

10:00am, Dec. 27, (†) Greg Stephen by Mary Kolenich

Presider: Fr. Kenneth Obasi

Servers:

Lectors: Y. Orehek & J. Simmons

Eucharistic: B. Schaneman

Hospitality: J. Nasalroad

6:00pm, Dec. 27, (†) Frances Arnhold by Tom Arnhold

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Servers:

Lector: J. Young

Eucharistic: 11 Pipers Piping= the eleven faithful apostles

Hospitality: A. Alu



Readings for the Week of December 20, 2020

Sunday: 2SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A,16 ROM16:25-27 LK 1:26-38

Monday: SG 2:8-14 LK 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 SM 1:24-28 LK 1:46-56

Wednesday: MAL 3:1-4, 23-24 LK 1:57-66

Thursday: SEE CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL

Friday: IS 52:7-10 HEB 1:1-6 JN 1:1-18

Saturday: ACTS 6:8-10;7:54-59 MT 10:17-22

Calendar of Events December 20, 2020

Sunday, Dec. 20
7:30am Mass
9:15am St. Ann's
10:00am Mass
6:00pm Mass

Monday, Dec. 21 8am Mass

Tuesday, Dec. 22 8am Mass

Wednesday, Dec. 23 8am Mass

Thursday, Dec. 24 See Schedule for Masses Next Page

Friday, Dec. 25 10 am Mass

Merry Christmas!

Saturday, Dec. 26
8:00 am Mass
2:30-3:30 pm Confessions
4 pm Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday Dec. 20, 2020

7:30 am - (†) Sally Ann Kirschbaum by Ed & Jennifer Janoski

10:00 am - (†) Fr. James Plough by A Friend

6:00 pm - (I) Giner Family by Lourdes Giner

Monday Dec. 21, 2020

8:00 am - (†) D' Arcy Family by Denise Buchner

Tuesday Dec. 22, 2020

8:00 am - (I) Alan Seiler by Mom & Dad

Wednesday Dec. 23, 2020

8:00 am - (†) Jackson Bennett by Glenda & Jim Bennett

Thursday Dec. 24, 2020

4:00 pm - (I) All IHM Parishioners

4:15 pm - (†) Jim Shults by Deb Shultz

7:00 pm - (I) All IHM Parishioners

7:15 pm - (I) All IHM Parishioners

10:00 pm - (I) All IHM Parishioners

10:15 pm - (I) All IHM Parishioners

Friday Dec. 25, 2020

10:00 am (I) All IHM Parishioners

Saturday Dec. 26, 2020

8:00 am - (†) Greg Stephen by Frank Huber

4:00 pm - (†) Miriam Chenoweth by the Family

Prayer Opportunities:

Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 7:30am in the Chapel
Morning Mass: Monday-Saturday 8:00am in the Chapel
Until further notice.

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Christmas Mass Schedule

Readings:

Dec. 24	4:00 pm	<u>IS 62:1-5 ACTS 13:16-17,22-25</u>
	4:15 pm	<u>MT 1:1-25</u>
	5:30 pm	St. Ann's
	7:00 pm	<u>Same as above</u>
	7:15 pm	
	10:00 pm	<u>IS 9:1-6 Ti 2:11-14 LK 2:1-14</u>
	10:15 pm	
December 25	10:00 am	<u>IS 52:7-10 HEB 1:1-6 JN 1:1-18</u>
	10:15 am	
	10:30 am	St. Ann's

We will have the church set up for
Social Distancing, and ask you all to please respect
the restrictions we are trying to follow.
Please Join us!

IHM Charitable Giving

Catholic Outreach Donations

July: \$946
August: \$733
September: \$1,202
October: \$1,102
November: \$1,117

Emergency Aid - Assistance to the
Poor Donations

July: \$300
August: \$300
September: \$300
October: \$300
November: \$300

Holy Family School Subsidy

July: \$4,833
August: \$4,833
September: \$4,833
October: \$4,833
November: \$4,833

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Paid: \$106,869.25 (66.8%)
Pledged: \$107,641.25 (67%)



Merry Christmas



The Fourth Sunday of Advent is when we light the last candle in our Advent Wreaths. Our preparation for the coming of Jesus is almost over! But did you know on Christmas day begins the Christmas season which runs through January 6 The Epiphany! This period is also known as The 12 Days of Christmas. Between 1558 and 1829 English Roman Catholics were not allowed to practice their faith publicly, it is said that an anonymous person wrote the famous Christmas carol, "The 12 Days of Christmas" as a catechism song. The song actually has two levels meaning. The first is superficial meaning about gifts. The second level is a purported hidden meaning known only to members of the Roman Catholic church. The partridge is Jesus Christ, the partridge, a bird which will pretend to be injured in order to draw predators to itself and away from it's young. The pear tree is the Cross itself. The 2 Turtle Doves= The Old & New Testaments, 3 French Hens= Faith, Hope and Charity, The Theological Virtues, 4 Calling Birds= the Four Gospels, 5 Golden Rings=The Five Books of the Old Testament, 6 Geese A-laying= the six days of creation, 7 Swans A-swimming= seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments, 8 Maids A-milking= the eight beatitudes.

I have hidden the remaining throughout the bulletin.

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To get in the spirit of Advent we have decided to add a fun page for the children or even Adults young at heart!



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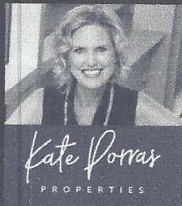
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