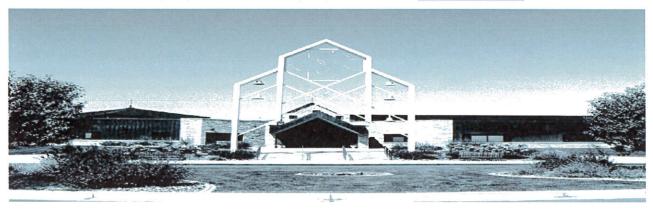
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Schedule

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.

St. Ann, Palisade

Sunday Mass: 9:15 a.m.

Holy Days: TBD

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

Retiring

We would like to announce the retirement of Bev Goodrich. Bev has been the parish's Pastoral Assistant since 2003. Prior to that she was volunteer coordinator. Over the years

Bev has assisted with Care Givers groups, Annulments, organizing Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound, helping many couples prepare for marriage in the church, scheduling Quinceanera's. She has assisted families with Post Funeral Bereavement, has handled Emergency Aid and been a parishioner since 1975.

Bev would like to Thank all our parish family members for allowing her to serve you for the past 18 years.

There couldn't be a more compassionate and giving person.

Bev will be missed dearly by everyone.

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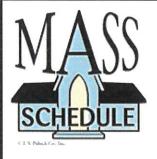
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Weekend Mass Schedule

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

Masses are now, with rules of **Social Distancing**, set at 175 person capacity, we <u>are</u> 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 ihmgit.org under Masses for the link.



4th Sunday of Lent Yr. B - 03/14/2021. Ref. 1st=2Chr.36:14-16,19-23. 2nd=Eph.2:4-10. 3rd=Jn.3:14-21. Theme: Our God is ever ready to forgive & restore us holiness

Last Sunday, we discussed about God's covenant with His chosen people – Israel (summarized in the 10 commandments). Today's readings give us some clues about the unfaithfulness of these people to this covenant. The 1st reading begins with the disappointing story of their unfaithfulness;

everyone was involved – the princes, the priests & the people. Thus, it reads; "In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests & the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations & polluting the Lord's Temple..." (2Chr. 36:14). This led to a pitiable destruction of their land & a painful exile. But God showed the depth of His love by rescuing them from their misery (even through a pagan king – Cyrus). This loving gesture, as seen in the Gospel, culminates in Christ who came to save humanity from sin & damnation (Jn.3:16). How do we take advantage of this friendly divine disposition this Lent?

Rejecting the negative force of sin: As discussed last Sunday, our covenant relationship with God is summarized in the 10 commandments. Faithfulness to this brings us God's friendship & blessings (Lv.26:1-13 & Dt.28:1-14) and unfaithfulness to it brings us punishment (Lv.26:14-39 & Dt.28:15-68). Unfortunately, the Israelites chose the path of disobedience, which led them to exile. The two major ways through which they demonstrated their unfaithfulness are captured in the 1st reading of today. They are; submitting to the sinful examples of the nations around them (2Chr.36:14) and disregard for the message of God calling them to repentance (2Chr.36:15-16). These two ways are still having strong grips on us today. Many of us (& our children) have succumbed to the sinful examples being promoted in our societies & environments. Some we learn from our friends, some we pick from the mass media & internet and others we accept from the policies of our civil authorities. But God never wanted it to be so. That was why He gave us his commandments to be our guide & to distinguish us as His children wherever we find ourselves. We must stand tall & strong to show our faithfulness to our covenant relationship with God in all circumstances in order to experience His blessings & salvation that flow from it.

Embracing God's Loving Mercy: Another way through which the Israelites showed their unfaithfulness to God was the rejection of the message of God through their prophets (calling them to repentance). This could be said to be more disappointing because it shows a rejection of God's merciful love & hands of friendship. It is true that sometimes our human weakness betrays us & we fall into sin. God does not want us to accept such failures as our normal ways of life. That is why He has been sending His words to us this Lent calling us to repentance & renewal. We should not behave like the Israelites who ignored such messages & even made jest of the prophets who brought them the message of repentance. The regularity of this message of repentance tells us that God's mercy is stronger than our sins. Hence, the problem is not that we are guilty of any sin (not even the sins of our youth, which weighs our consciences down) but our inability to let go of our sins to embrace the mercy of God in Christ. This is why St. Paul encourages us by telling us in the 2nd reading that, 'Our God is rich in mercy because of the great love He has for us, that even when we were dead in our sins, He brought us to life with Christ' (Eph.2:5). Accepting Jesus & the forgiveness He offers us is how we embrace this mercy & the salvation it brings. Jesus Himself underscores this in His discussion with Nicodemus (Gospel) saying, 'For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but have eternal life... God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through Him' (Jn.3:16-17). Let us embrace this saving love this Lent.

Dear friends, the readings of today tell us that God is aware of our sins but wants us to be saved from their consequences. That was why Jesus came. Accepting Him by turning away from our sins brings eternal life and rejecting/ignoring Him with His message of repentance brings condemnation. He is the light that has come to dispel the darkness of sin in our lives & in our world. His death on the cross for our sins was to end the era of darkness/sin & inaugurate a New Covenant with God, marked with righteousness & mercy. Let us continue to look up to Him for mercy & salvation. **Remain blessed! Fr. Timothy.**



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2021 Lenten Outreach Project

This year we will be collecting donations for

CareFlight Comfort Kits

a non-profit organization that provides "the caregiver (family member or friend) that accompanies a patient on a care flight with a bag of toiletries and other things to make their stay away from home a little easier." They have delivered over 200 bags to the GJ flight hanger, St. Mary's NICU, St. Mary's ED, Durango & Craig hangers. Items they need are:

New Fingernail Clippers, Pencil Sharpeners, Journals

Microwave soup bowls/lunch bowls, Disposable Spoons/Forks, Non-perishable snacks, Travel Size Soap, Travel Size Deodorant, New Combs/Brushes, Adult Coloring Books, Insulated Travel Mugs & Cell Phone Chargers. For more information please contact Sydnee in the parish office at 242-6121

Knights News

Work your dinner around the Stations of the Cross which will be held in the Church at 5:30 pm. Strict table spacing and separation of individuals should be followed. There will be limits set for each table. Dinner take outs to the front of the Church is available but you need to make arrangements during the serving hours (4:30-7:00pm) by calling Bob Bianchi at 509-637-6085. If you have questions about the dinner send an email to rbianchigi@gmail.com or call Bob Bianchi at 970-822-1147.

Prices are: Adults \$10, Children 7-11 \$6 & Children under 7 Free.

Menu includes: Baked Cod or Fried Pollock, Coleslaw, French Fries or Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Butter & Dessert.



HFS Subsidy Applications

The HFS Subsidy applications for the 2022/2023 School year are available in the Parish Office.

Deadline this year is April 16.

We also need to have activities logged into the online form **by**

March 31st which apply to the subsidy guidelines for 2021-22

Tour Guide of the Mass Zone After Not Being At Mass Because of a Global Pandemic!

🎜 It's the end of the Creed as we know it! 🎜 ...at least that's what we want you to think...

"and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come."

OK, so something funny (Depressing? Cool?) about the Creed is that it has taken me FOURTEEN weeks to analyze it! Something amazing (Annoying? Incredible?) about the Catechism of the Catholic Church, is that they figured out how to summarize what our entire Creed into one line:

"The Christian Creed - the profession of our faith in God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and in God's creative, saving, and sanctifying action..."

...well all righty then... Actually, it continues from there to talk about this last line of the Creed, particularly "looking forward to the resurrection." The entire, long, drawn out, extensive, continuous, complete, full, total (get it?) Creed concludes with a call of excitement. Seriously, did you ever notice how definitive it is? "I look forward to the resurrection. Not just "I believe" in it, but I believe it so thoroughly that I am straight up excited for it! Not only am I excited for the resurrection, but also the fact that my life will then be eternal, forever, constant, perpetual, unceasing, (will you stop. [No, I won't!]) nonstop and endless.

Back to the Catechism! Check it out for a ton of info on the resurrection of the body (no chance I can cover it in one page...). CCC 988-1019. Check back next week to find out if I will actually let us leave the Creed...I mean, we just covered the last words, right? SM

Minister Schedule for Mar.20/212021

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 Mar. 20 (†) Tom Gleason by Jim & Carol Cadez

Presider: Fr. Kenneth Obasi

4:00pm, Mar. 20 (I) Mary Munro & Family by Friends

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Servers:

Lectors: E. Hoy

Eucharistic: K. Sassano

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

7:30am, Mar. 21 (†) Patricia Smeaton by Darrell Smeaton

Presider: Fr. Kenneth Obasi

Servers:

Lectors: G. Bennett & J. Bennett

Eucharistic:

Hospitality: A. Ambrosier & L Duncan

9:15 am Mar. 21 St. Ann's Palisade

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

10:00am, Mar. 21 (†) Frances Arnhold by Tom Arnhold

Presider: Fr. Kenneth Obasi

Servers:

Lectors: B. Murphy & J. Withers

Eucharistic: J. Peugh Hospitality: C. Dotta

6:00pm, Mar. 21 (†) Fiona Hanrahan by Dowling/Steinbach Family

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Servers:

Lector: M. Herrera

Eucharistic:

Hospitality: M. Simpson

Readings for the Week of March 14, 2021

Sunday: 2 CHR 36:14-16.19-23 EPH 2:4-10 JN 3:14-21

Monday: IS 65:17-21 JN 4:43-54

Tuesday: EZ 47:1-9,12 JN 5:1-16

Wednesday: IS 49:8-15 JN 5:17-30

Thursday: EX 32:7-14 JN 5:31-47

Friday: 2 SM 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 ROM 4:13, 16-18,22 MT 1:16,

18-21, 24a

Saturday: JER 11:18-20 JN 7:40-53

Calendar of Events Week of March 14, 2021

Sunday Mar. 14 7:30am Mass

9:15am St. Ann's 10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass

Monday, Mar. 15

8am Mass

10:30 am Tom Gleason Funeral

Tuesday, Mar. 16

8am Mass

Happy Happy St. Patrick's Day I

Wednesday, Mar. 17

8am Mass

Thursday, Mar. 18 8am Mass

Friday, Mar. 19

8am Mass

5:30 pm Stations of the Cross 4:30-7:30 pm Knights Fish Fry with Social Distancing & to go orders

vailable.

Saturday, Mar. 20

8am Mass

2:30-3:30pm Confessions

4:00 pm Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday Mar. 14, 2021

7:30 am - (†) Florence Balbier by Carol-Lynn Bernholdt

10:00 am - (†) Poor Souls in Purgatory by Marv & Ellie

Walworth

6:00 pm -(†) Lucy Carpanella by Justine Tilger

Monday Mar. 15, 2021

8:00 am -(†) Dale & Anna Thompson by Kathleen Hollingsworth

Tuesday Mar. 16, 2021

8:00 am - (I) Denise Buchner by Friends

Wednesday Mar. 17, 2021

8:00 am - (I) Matilda Seo by Grace

Thursday Mar. 18, 2021

8:00 am - (†) Emeline LeFebre by Catholic Daughters

Friday Mar. 19, 2021

8:00 am - (†) Fr. James Plough by Woomer Family

Saturday Mar. 20, 2021

8:00 am - (†) Tom Gleason by Jim & Carol Cadez

4:00 pm- (I) Mary Munro & Family by Friends

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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Immaculate Heart of Mary Quarterly Financials

	Oct-20	Oct. 2020 YTD	Nov-20	Nov. 2020 YTD	Dec-20	Dec. 2020 YTD
Tithing	62,430.52	247,836.52	46,623.77	294,460.29	112,587.85	407,048.14
Other Income	46,899.86	79,927.55	12,473.80	92,401.35	19,438.75	111,840.10
Total Exp	68,852.23	266,312.41	66,408.69	332,721.10	79,226.51	411,947.61
Net Profit/Loose	40,478.15	61,451.66	(7,311.12)	54,140.54	52,800.09	106,940.63

Remember we are in our final month for the DMF. Please donate to help us reach our goal. Thank you!

Updated Information of Coronavirus at IHM

As of March 1, 2021 IHM will be following the latest COVID-19 restrictions. We are allowed 175 person capacity at mass while maintaining 6 feet Social Distancing. We are asking that the

Governor Mandated wearing of Face

Coverings over the nose and mouth upon entering and moving throughout the building be followed. They can only be removed while sitting and maintaining 6 ft. diameter of social distancing 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. Thank You, IHM Staff.



Please welcome our new Parishioners, Manuel & Margaret Lipie, Theresa & Steve Williamson



Please join in the Lenten prayer for <u>40 days</u> <u>for life</u>, as we gather across from Women's Healthcare

of Western Colorado, to pray for an end to abortion. Please call Patti Brown at 241-6266 for more information.

Natural Family Planning



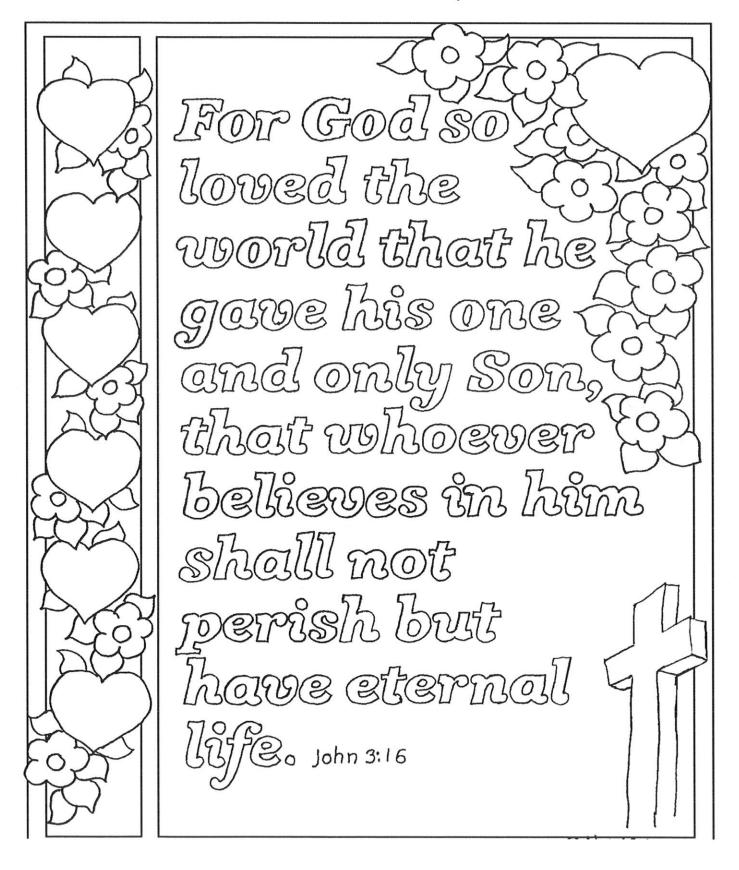
Invest in your marriage and see big payoffs. Couples who have learned to embrace their shared fertility as a blessing have discovered their communication, relationship and love life are better with Natural Family Planning. To learn more visit www.live-the-love.org or call Robert and Bernadette Jones 970-245-5722. The Main NFP Series of virtual classes is starting on April 11th and August 15th. A postpartum class will be offered on April 25th. Please sign up at http://register.ccli.org

The following is a segment of the "Message from Pope Francis for Lent 2021"

"3. Love, following in the footsteps of Christ, in concern and compassion for all, is the highest expression of our faith and hope. Love rejoices in seeing others grow. Hence it suffers when others are anguished, lonely, sick, homeless, despised or in need. Love is a leap of the heart; it brings us out of ourselves and creates bonds of sharing and communion. "'Social love' makes it possible to advance towards a civilization of love, to which all of us can feel called. With its impulse to universality, love is capable of building a new world. No mere sentiment, it is the best means of discovering effective paths of development for everyone" (Fratelli Tutti, 183). Love is a gift that gives meaning to our lives. It enables us to view those in need as members of our own family, as friends, brothers or sisters. A small amount, if given with love, never ends, but becomes a source of life and happiness. Such was the case with the jar of meal and jug of oil of the widow of Zarephath, who offered a cake of bread to the prophet Elijah (cf. 1 Kings 17:7-16); it was also the case with the loaves blessed, broken and given by Jesus to the disciples to distribute to the crowd (cf. Mk 6:30-44). Such is the case too with our almsgiving, whether small or large, when offered with joy and simplicity. To experience Lent with love means caring for those who suffer or feel abandoned and fearful because of the Covid-19 pandemic. In these days of deep uncertainty about the future, let us keep in mind the Lord's word to his Servant, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you" (1/s 43:1). In our charity, may we speak words of reassurance and help others to realize that God loves them as sons and daughters. "Only a gaze transformed by charity can enable the dignity of others to be recognized and, as a consequence, the poor to be acknowledged and valued in their dignity, respected in their identity and culture, and thus truly integrated into society" (Fratelli Tutti, 187)."

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