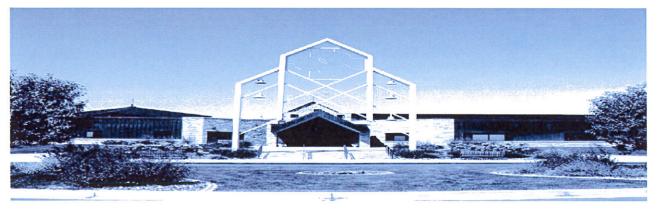
# Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

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# PASTOR Rev. Chrysogonus Nwele, Ph.D.

# IN RESIDENCE PAROCHIAL VICAR Fr. Kenneth Obasi, Ph.D.

#### 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

# <u>Retiring</u>

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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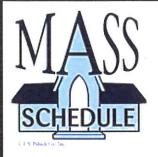
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To register as a parishioner at IHM, please stop by the Parish Office.



# 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 ihmgjt.org under Masses for the link.



#### We are in the New Covenant

Introduction: Fellow Pilgrims, the love of God has gathered us together into this church today. May our worship bring Him honor and assure our salvation. Our reflection today is taken from Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrew 5:7-9; and John 12:20-33. These biblical spots teach that a grain of wheat must be sown into the earth, dies and decays so that it may produce much living wheat stalks. This dying should be borne in obedience to God's will and his commands of love and

forgiveness written in our renewed clean heart and steadfast spirit.

The Contexts: The Gospel according to St. John is divided according to tradition into two parts; part one John 1:1-12:1-19, deals with the ministry and miracles of Jesus. Part 2, John 12:19-21:125 deals with the Passion, Death and the Resurrection of the Lord. John did not record the ascension of Jesus. The gospel reading of today cuts through both parts: 'for we would like to see Jesus whom when HE is lifted up, in obedience to the Father, will draw everyone to Himself'. Likewise, the writings of the prophet Jeremiah combines the history, biography and prophecy of Israel. Jeremiah's prophecy ran between 628 BC during the reign of King Josiah and went beyond the destruction and exile around 587 BC. It contains the records of his faith journey and that of Israel. He witnessed Israel's infidelity, abominable pollution of the temple of God and how they spurned the Lord's covenant; 2Chronicles 36:14. In his lifetime, because of their transgression Israel was humiliated severally by the nations. The highest insult was their defeat, destruction and exile to Babylon. They lost the promise land, the temple of God's glory and their king. Such was the situation when Jeremiah proclaimed his pre-Christian gospel of the "new covenant": his message of hope and renewal needed then more than anytime.

The Message: Children of God, we are the people of the new covenant of God's love and forgiveness. His loving mercy is carved into our hearts and flows in our bloods. We are also the messengers of this new covenant. The new covenant of the Old Time is fulfilled in Christ Jesus. He is the face of the Father, the Way, the Truth and the Life. Jesus is the Word who reveal God to us. He is God's hand extended to us sinner. He is our consolation in moments of trial, fear and tribulations. He has invited all to the will of the Father. Every Friday of Lent, we are reminded that the vocation of Jesus is *via crucis*. The same is the truth of our journey to the Father. We have to deny the self every day, take up crosses and follow Him, seeking Him in the challenges of our daily lives. JESUS IS THE NEW COVENANT. He is the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him. He will lead them to the Father's glory.

#### Yours in Christ, Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

#### Let Us Pray:

Lord Jesus, you are the source of eternal salvation. Bless your church with holy joy, and with the spirit of seeking and finding you in every situation: We pray to the Lord.

Father, we, who bear the seal of your covenant of love, pray for those new in faith. May they bear fruits that will last for eternity: We pray to the Lord.

We pray for Pope Francis, Bishop Berg, and all spiritual and civil leaders. May they foster justice, freedom, and equal opportunity so that our world may know peace: We pray to the Lord.

For our parish community. May we be obedient to your will, die to self, and produce much fruits for eternal salvation: We pray to the Lord.

Father, heal our world from fears, man-made sicknesses, and untimely deaths. May the sick among us rise with newness of holy and joyful spirit: We pray to the Lord.

May all the dead spring up like grain of wheat in your kingdom. May their fruits be harvested for all eternity: We pray to the Lord

## 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 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 Last day for donations will be Sunday March 28,2021

#### **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 <a href="mailto:rbianchigi@gmail.com">rbianchigi@gmail.com</a> or call Bob Bianchi at 970-822-1147.

<u>Prices are</u>: Adults \$10, Children 7-11 \$6 & Children under 7 Free.
<u>Menu includes</u>: 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 31<sup>st</sup> which apply to the subsidy guidelines for 2021-22

# Tour Guide of the Mass

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

I bet you thought the Creed was over last week. You forgot there is something ELSE at the end of every prayer!

#### "Amen."

Well that's simple, why would I waste your time talking about one word whne I could've included it last week? WellIII! It is the last word of our Creed. Not only that, it is the last word of the *Bible*. Plus, all throughout the New Testament, the Hebrew word concludes a whoooole buncha prayers.

So, do you know what Amen means? It really is a simple word with a simple meaning "Amen – So be it." Like commanding your prayer to BE. The Hebrew word "Amen" (yes, we are a quad-lingual people: Greek, Latin, Hebrew, English [or whatever your local lingo happens to be]) is actually from the same root as the word "believe."

So it's full meaning: We believe and it is.

Something really interesting is God's affinity toward circling and connecting EVERYTHING. Catechism: "Thus the Creed's final "Amen" repeats and confirms its first words: "I believe." To believe is to say "Amen" to God's words, promises and commandments."

So, amen amen I say to you, the Creed is concluded! Believe it, because it is true! Come back next week as we return to Tour Guide of the Mass. 2 I'm so excited, and I just can't hide it 2 I know! SM

Minister Schedule for Mar.27/28 2021 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. 27 (I) Elaine Collins by Irene Fritzler

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

4:00pm, Mar. 27 (I) Daniel Joseph Huber by Frank Huber

Presider: Fr. Kenneth Obasi

Servers:

Lectors: K. Church

**Eucharistic:** 

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

7:30am, Mar. 28 (†) Casimir & Adela Burza by Peter & Elizabeth

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Servers:

Lectors: J. Shettler **Eucharistic:** Hospitality:

9:15 am Mar. 28 St. Ann's Palisade

Presider: Fr. Kenneth Obasi

10:00am, Mar. 28 (I) Johnny & Isaiah & Elijah by Mom

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Servers:

Lectors: Y. Orehek & D. Seatvet Eucharistic: B. Schaneman Hospitality: C. Dotta

6:00pm, Mar. 28 (I) Dylan Plsek by Family

Presider: Fr. Kenneth Obasi

Servers:

Lector: K. Coomer Eucharistic:

Hospitality: T. Jasso

#### Readings for the Week of March 21, 2021

**Sunday:** JER 31:31-34 HEB 5:7-9 JN 12:20-33

Monday: DN 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 JN 8:1-11

Tuesday: NM 21:4-9, JN 8:21-30

Wednesday: DN 3:14-20,91-92,95 JN 8:31-42

Thursday: IS 7:10-14, 8:10 HEB 10:4-10 LK 1:26-38

Friday: JER 20:10-13 JN 10:31-42 Saturday: EZ 37:21-28 JN 11:45-56 Calendar of Events Week of March 21, 2021

Sunday Mar. 21 7:30am Mass 9:15am St. Ann's 10:00am Mass

6:00pm Mass

Monday, Mar. 22 8am Communion Service

Tuesday, Mar. 23 8am Communion Service

Wednesday, Mar. 24 8am Communion Service

Thursday, Mar. 25 8am HFS Mass

Friday, Mar. 26 8am Mass

> 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross 4:30-7:30 pm Knights Fish Fry with Social Distancing & To Go orders available.

Saturday, Mar. 27 8am Mass

2:30-3:30pm Confessions

4:00 pm Mass

#### **Mass Intentions**

Sunday Mar. 21, 2021

7:30 am - (†) Patricia Smeaton by Darrell Smeaton

10:00 am - (†) Frances Arnhold by Tom Arnhold

6:00 pm -(†) Fiona Hanrahan by Dowling/Steinbach Family

Monday Mar. 22, 2021

8:00 am -(†) Lori Eckman & Kendra by Chuck Rosa

Tuesday Mar. 23, 2021

8:00 am - (†) Golden James Thompson by Kathleen

Hollingsworth

Wednesday Mar. 24, 2021

8:00 am - (†) Barbara Carey by Justine Tilger

Thursday Mar. 25, 2021

8:00 am - (†) Warren Bystedt by Nancy Johnson

Friday Mar. 26, 2021

8:00 am - (†) Jared White by Denney Family

Saturday Mar. 27, 2021

8:00 am - (I) Elaine Collins by Irene Fritzler

4:00 pm- (I) Daniel Joseph Huber by Frank Huber

#### **Prayer Opportunities:**

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

#### RAISING DISCIPLES TO INSPIRE RELATIONSHIPS WITH JESUS

# IHM Charitable Giving

## Catholic Outreach Donations

December: \$2,325 January: \$1,212 February: \$692

# Emergency Aid - Assistance to the Poor

## **Donations**

December: \$400 January: \$300 February: \$300

#### Holy Family School Subsidy

December: \$4,833 January: \$4,833 February: \$4,833

#### **DMF**

Paid: 138,612 (86.7%)

Pledged: \$121,095.25 (75.7%)

Thank you for all your support! Please help us to pay off 2020 DMF by March 31, 2020.

#### Easter Candy Donations

WE are asking for Easter Candy Donations!
Pre-packaged and unopened. If you can donate
please drop off candy in the parish
office Mon.- Fri. 9 am -5 pm before March 29, 2021

#### PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the collection you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday

### <u>Updated Information of</u> <u>Coronavirus at IHM</u>

As of March 15, 2021 IHM <u>will be following</u> the latest COVID-19 restrictions. We are

allowed 175 person capacity at mass while maintaining <u>6 feet</u>

<u>Social Distancing</u>. We are asking that the

<u>Governor Mandated wearing of Face</u>

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.

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More from the Pope's Message: "In these times of trouble, when everything seems fragile and uncertain, it may appear challenging to speak of hope. Yet Lent is precisely the season of hope, when we turn back to God who patiently

continues to care for his creation which we have often mistreated . Saint Paul urges us to place our hope in reconciliation: "Be reconciled to God" (2 Cor 5:20). By receiving forgiveness in the sacrament that lies at the heart of our process of conversion, we in turn can spread forgiveness to others. Having received forgiveness ourselves, we can offer it through our willingness to enter into attentive dialogue with others and to give comfort to those experiencing sorrow and pain. God's forgiveness, offered also through our words and actions, enables us to experience an

Easter of fraternity. In Lent, may we be increasingly concerned with "speaking words of comfort, strength, consolation and encouragement, and not words that demean, sadden, anger or show scorn"). In order to give hope to others, it is sometimes enough simply to be kind, to be "willing to set everything else aside in order to show interest, to give the gift of a smile, to speak a word of encouragement to listen and general indifference". Through recollection and

speak a word of encouragement, to listen amid general indifference". Through recollection and silent prayer, hope is given to us as inspiration and interior light, illuminating the challenges and choices we face in our mission. Hence the need to pray (cf. Mt 6:6) and, in secret, to encounter the Father of tender love. To experience Lent in hope entails growing in the realization that, in Jesus Christ, we are witnesses of new times, in which God is "making all things"

new" (cf. Rev 21:1-6). It means receiving the hope of Christ, who gave his life on the cross and was raised by God on the third day, and always being "prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls [us] to account for the hope that is in [us]" (1 Pet 3:15).

#### Natural Family Planning

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visit <u>www.live-the-love.org</u> or call Robert and Bernadette Jones 970-245-5722. The Main NFP Series of virtual classes is starting on April 11<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup>.

A postpartum class will be offered on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up at http:/<u>register.ccli.org</u>

## RAISING DISCIPLES TO INSPIRE RELATIONSHIPS WITH JESUS

# Kids Corner - Fifth Sunday of Lent

# Unless a grain falls to the ground and dies...

Jesus knew He was going to die soon.
It made Him sad, but He knew that He had to do it. He told the apostles,
"Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it

dies, it bears much fruit." Because Jesus died, we can be freed from our sins and live!

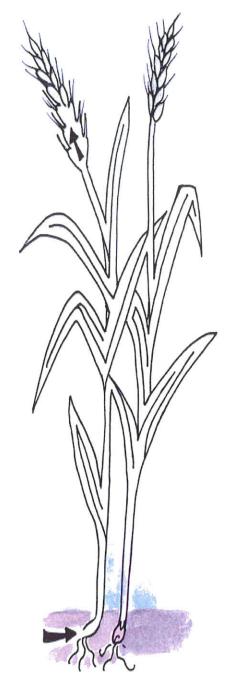
Have you ever tried planting seeds? The little seeds are hard and dry and seem to be dead. We put them into some damp soil, and cover them up. After a few days you can see little sprouts coming out of the soil, and soon there are little plants growing! Maybe your Mom or Dad can help you plant some seeds this spring.



Our Lord was telling His friends that He had to be like a seed. He would die and be buried, and then

after a few days, come back to life! And like a plant that grows and produces more seed, the Church would grow

from Jesus and bring other holy people, saints, into the world. Saints are people that are ready to give up their good things and even their lives for love of God, just like Jesus.



In today's
Gospel reading
Jesus says,
"Unless a grain
of wheat falls
to the ground
and dies, it
remains alone;
but if it dies, it
bears much
fruit.

Can you find your way from this grain of wheat to the new seeds at the top?

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