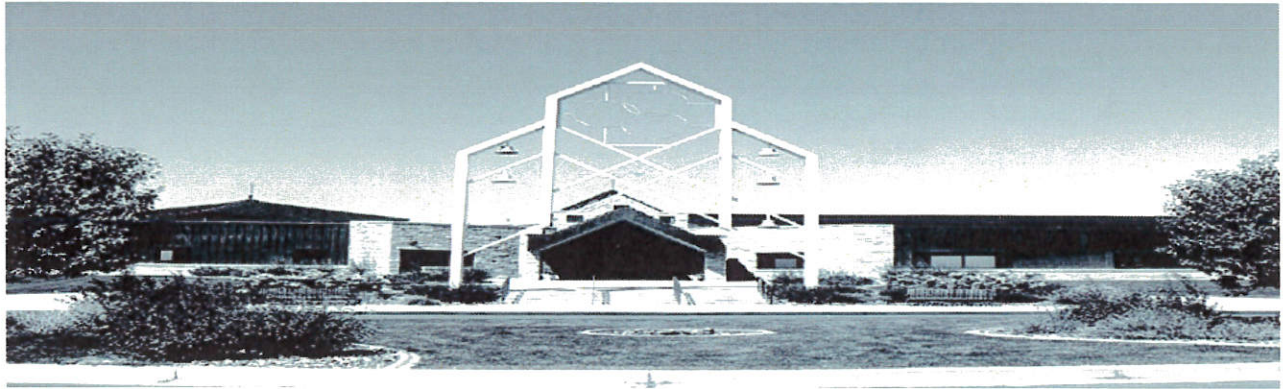


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### Schedule

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



### *Congratulations on receiving your First Eucharist May 9, 2021*

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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 225 person capacity,  
we are also following **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](http://ihmgjt.org) under Masses for the link.



7<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter Yr. B

## CALLED TO BEAR WITNESS IN A TROUBLED WORLD

As the season of Easter is gradually coming to an end after the celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, the readings of today redirect us to the call of witnessing and continuing the work of evangelization (Matt.28:18-20). Evangelization is all about bearing witness to the love of God made visible in the life, ministry, death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and sharing this love with others. The Gospel pericope of today is the concluding part of the farewell speech of our Lord Jesus Christ to His disciples in the Upper Room on the night that preceded His death (Jn. 13-17). After explaining to His disciples of their own mission, i.e. to bear witness and make disciples of their own (us) who will in turn continue the witnessing. The Lord explained to them that for their ministry to be fruitful, they must abide in Him and remain in communion with Him and one another because he is the Vine and they are the branches (Jn. 15). Again, they were reminded of the challenges associated with their mission of bearing witness to the Gospel. They would face persecution, rejection, hatred to the point of even losing their lives. This is because their mission would be contradicting the world's vies. They, though in the world but not of the world. It was in full realization of magnitude and difficulty of this mission that the Lord Jesus on that fateful night commended them into the loving and protective hands of His Eternal Father to keep them one and united on this mission. Discipleship will be possible and productive if we love God and recognize His image in others. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles presents to us the account of the election of Matthias to fill the vacant apostolic seat abandoned by Judas. The replacement of Judas was important to the apostolic mission of bearing witness to the love of God in the world which places emphasis on the urgency and importance of the great mandate of making the love of God known to all the ends of the earth.

Beloved friends, just like the apostles we are all called to the same ministry by our Lord Jesus to witness to God's love and mercy. We are also called to continue the sacred ministry of sharing God's love with one another and so fulfill our Baptismal vows. We all have a share in this sacred apostolic mission. We are to witness to the postmodern world; a world marked by insatiable greed and inordinate ambitions. A world of injustice and fear. A world divided by dissention and discord build around a new form of economic and political enslavement. truth, justice and love have been averted. This world is anti-God and the things of God. All these are challenges to the faith and to the sacred ministry of witnessing. The Lord Jesus foresaw this danger, hence, He prayed for His disciples and their successors, all of us, His Church so that we would not be deterred by the hatred of the world. The more the world hates us, the more urgent and compelling this sacred mission becomes.

People of God, as we prepare to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost) next Sunday, let us pray for the renewal of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the life-wire and soul of the Church and her mission of evangelization. May we remain faithful to Our Lord and the mission He entrusted to us. This will enable us to abide in God's love and share His love with one another despite the difficulties and challenges of this mission.

So we pray: COME O HOLY SPIRIT AND FILL THE HEARTS OF THE FAITHFUL AND ENKINDLE IN US THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE.

Father, may all who serve in your Church, especially Pope Francis and Bishop Berg, be animated in faith and charity in the mission of Christ so that His church may rise every day to where our nature is united with His.

Father you glorified your Son through his Resurrection and ascension into Heaven, raise our world from fear and division so that in common we may worship you with joyful hearts.

As our parish community grows in faith, hope and love in anticipation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, may all in need find us supportive and testifying on our behalf when we see you face to face.

Father May the gifts of your spirit descend richly upon us so that the weak and the sick may be healed and so witness to God's glory.

May the ascending Lord take with him all the departed faithful, so that the good shepherd may always be accompanied by the faithful flock.

Your Servant in Christ, Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele





## RAISING DISCIPLES TO INSPIRE RELATIONSHIPS WITH JESUS



### Coffee & Donuts

Coffee & Donut gathering  
will resume on May 23  
Pentecost Sunday

If you would care to serve in this way, please  
call Bonnie 243-4698. There are  
instruction sheets for those who have  
never done it before and are interested.  
Please consider this ministry!



Catholic Daughters next meeting will be on  
June 13, 2021 at Sacred Heart church in  
Fruita. There will be an update and summary  
of the convention.



The Knights of Columbus at IHM  
are restarting our Pancake Breakfast  
after the 7:30 am and 10:00 am  
Masses on each third Sunday of the  
month. Our first Pancake Breakfast will be held  
in the Friendship Rooms on May 16. Please join  
us after Mass. The cost is for adults are \$7.00,  
children 7-16 are \$5.00, and children  
under 7 are free.



### Teen Fun in the Sun!

Saturday June 12,  
12:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish  
will be hosting a

Teen Fun in the Sun party!

For all Grand Valley Catholic Teens ages 13-18.

Activities will include Lunch, a Keynote  
Speaker, carwash/H2O activities, Teen Mass,  
dinner, capture the Flag & pray/play.

Please RSVP by Tuesday May 25

or for more information  
call Lydia 970-759-8173 or

Tracy 303-877-4442

### Tour Guide of the Mass

Your Guide for Remembering What in the World  
Happens During Mass After Being Unable to Attend  
Because of a Global Pandemic!

Use this same format for the "Blessed are you" over the  
wine. CALL BACK!

At this point, some parishes will continue the preparatory  
hymn during this prayer, and some will conclude the hymn  
*before* the prayer. It all depends on the priest, parish,  
musicians, and traditions of each. However it's done, the  
prayer remains the same. Fr. Priest takes the paten with the  
bread and says:

**"Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
For through your goodness we have received the bread we  
offer you:**

**Fruit of the earth and work of human hands,  
It will become for us the bread of life."**

Well, there are a lot of details in that. Let's talk.

**First**, we praise God (blessed are you).

**Second**, we talk about Who and What God is (Lord of  
everything [creation]).

**Third**, we say what He has given us (we have received the  
bread...and then we offer it back.

**Fourth**, we describe said bread physically (fruit of the  
earth...[wait what?...Oh! WHEAT from the earth!] and  
work of human hands [from God, of God, but *through*  
humans).

**Fifth**, we describe that same bread as food (it *will* [in the  
near future] become the Bread of Life [like we have to eat  
it to live?]). I refer you to the Bible. "Unless you  
eat the flesh of the Son of Man...you have no life in  
you." (John 6:53). Hmmm...we have to have the Bread of  
Life to *live*. Otherwise we have no life? That seems like a  
*huge deal*—I think we'll have to talk more about that  
later in the Mass. All in due time!

ANYWAY, at this point, Fr. Priest lays the paten with  
the bread back onto the corporal. The congregation  
continues to praise, "Blessed be God for ever!" and we  
move into the next prayer next week! SM

Minister Schedule for May 22/23, 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 May 22 (†) Warren Bystedt by Church Friends**

Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

**4:00 pm May 22 (†) Lisa Pond by Doreen Pond**

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Servers:

Lectors: B. Kline

Eucharistic: M. Meyers & K. Sassano

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

**7:30am, May 23 (†) St. Rita by George Jachim**

Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

Servers:

Lectors: J. Shettler & M. Katzer

Eucharistic:

Hospitality: L. Duncan

**9:15 am May 23, St. Ann's Palisade**

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

**10:00am, May 23, (†) Jack & Shirlee Gamble by Kathleen Hollingsworth**

Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

Servers:

Lectors: E. Deschamp & D. Seatvet

Eucharistic: J. Peugh & B. Schaneman

Hospitality: C. Dotta

**6:00pm, May 23 (I) Tim Foster by Bernice Lucero**

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Servers:

Lector: J. Young

Eucharistic:

Hospitality: T. Jasso

Readings for the Week of May 16, 2021

**Sunday:** ACTS 1:1-11 EPH 1:17-23 MK16:15-20

**Monday:** ACTS 19:1-8 JN 16:29-33

**Tuesday:** ACTS 20:17-27 JN 17:1-11a

**Wednesday:** ACTS 20:28-38 JN 17:11b-19

**Thursday:** ACTS 22:30, 23:6-11 JN 17:20-26

**Friday:** ACTS 25:13b-21 JN 21:15-19

**Saturday:** ACTS 28:16-20, 30-31 JN 21:20-25

Calendar of Events Week of May 16, 2021

**Sunday May 16** 7:30am Mass 1st Communion  
Knights Pancake Breakfast  
9:15am St. Ann's  
10:00am Mass 1st Communion  
Knights Pancake Breakfast  
6:00pm Mass

**Monday, May 17** 8am Mass

**Tuesday, May 18** 8am Mass

**Wednesday, May 19** 8am Mass

**Thursday, May 20** 8am Morning Mass

**Friday, May 21** 8am Morning Mass

**Saturday, May 22** 8am Morning Mass  
2:30-3:30 Confession  
4:00 pm Mass

Mass IntentionsSunday May 16, 2021

7:30 am - (†) **Mothers Day Novena**

10:00 am - (†) **Mothers Day Novena**

6:00 pm - (†) **Mothers Day Novena**

Monday May 17, 2021

8:00 am -(†) **Mothers Day Novena**

Tuesday May 18, 2021

8:00 am - (I) **Lydia Meyers & Susan Menon** by Friends

Wednesday May 19, 2021

8:00 am - (I) **Matthew Rosebaugh** by Family

Thursday May 20, 2021

8:00 am - (†) **Clebe T. Gordon** by Kathleen Hollingsworth

Friday May 21, 2021

8:00 am - (I) **Rita Hahn** by Family

Saturday May 22, 2021

8:00 am - (†) **Warren Bystedt** by Church Friends

4:00 pm- (†) **Lisa Pond** by Doreen Pond

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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Did you know the feast of the Ascension has been celebrated for many centuries?

There is no documentation before the fifth century although St. Augustine said it is of Apostolic origin and he speaks of it in a way all Christians celebrated it long before his time.

St. Augustine lived from 354-430. Christ's *ascension* is mentioned in the Nicene Creed which has been important to Christians since it was made in 325. The Ascension is included in the Mass and mentioned in the Apostles' Creed.

It is Christian belief that Jesus' humanity was taken to Heaven. Ascension Day is one of the most important feasts that we celebrate during the Christian year.



### St. Ann Catholic Mission Annual (except in 2020) Yard Sale

Thursday, June 3rd & Friday, June 4th 8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Saturday, June 5th 8:00 am - 10:00 am. Treasures, treasures and more treasures Come join the fun!



### Memorial Mass

A memorial mass will be held on Saturday June 5, 10:30 am for those who passed away during the restricted times of Covid-19, as some were unable to hold funerals or inurnments. If you would like to honor your loved ones bring in a photo of them with your contact information on the back. We will display the photos during the Mass. For more information please contact the Parish Office 242-6121



### Updated Information of Coronavirus at IHM

IHM will be following the latest COVID-19 restrictions. We are allowed 225 person capacity at mass while maintaining **6 feet Social Distancing**. We are asking that you wear **Face Coverings over the nose and mouth** upon entering and moving throughout the building be followed.

Please practice personal hygiene and be respectful of your fellow parishioners. Thank You, IHM Staff.

### IHM Charitable Giving

#### Catholic Outreach Donations

February: \$692  
March: \$782

#### Emergency Aid - Assistance to the Poor Donations

February: \$300  
March: \$250

#### Holy Family School Subsidy

February: \$4,833  
March: \$4,833

#### DMF 2020

Paid: \$143,191.75 (89.5%)  
Shortfall: \$16,747.25 (10.5%)

Thank you for all your support!



### Baptism Preparation Classes

For parents wishing to baptize their child/children, infant to the age of seven, IHM will be hosting a Baptism Prep Class on Saturday 5/19 from 5:30 to 9:30pm.

There will be snacks and a light meal. The Sacrament of Baptism cannot be celebrated unless both the Parents and God Parents have attended a pre Baptism class. Both the parents and Godparents **must** attend. For more information, please contact Katie Coomer in the parish office at 970-242-6121 ext. 221 or email [kcoomer@ihmgjt.org](mailto:kcoomer@ihmgjt.org)

### Bottles for Babies Fundraiser!

The IHM Ladies Auxiliary is holding their annual Bottles for Babies fundraiser next weekend, 5/15 & 5/16.



We will pass out empty baby bottles after all weekend masses. Please take one (or more!) home and fill with loose change, cash or a check and return to IHM on Fathers Day weekend 6/19 & 6/20. All proceeds are donated to Birthright, Grand Junction. To learn more about Birthright, please visit [Birthright.org](http://Birthright.org). Thank you for your generosity!

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Kids Corner - The Ascension of the Lord

# The Kids' Bulletin

*Feast of the Ascension*

*May 13th or Sunday May 16th, 2021*

*Forty days after  
Jesus rose from the  
dead he went up a  
hill with His  
followers and  
disappeared through  
the clouds and went  
up into Heaven.*



*Jesus had promised  
to send a Comforter  
to them after  
He left them.*

*Can you find your  
way through the  
cloud maze?*

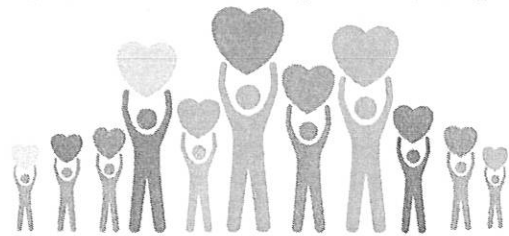




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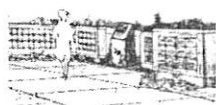
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