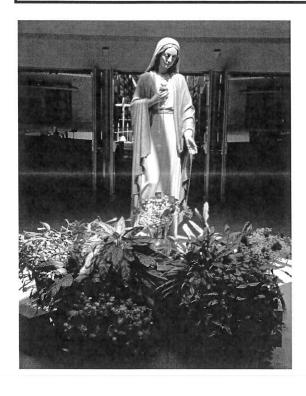
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IHM Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday of the month we will have
Adoration in the Chapel following the 8 am mass until
5:00 pm. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex. We are
asking for at least 3 people per hour, so the Blessed
Sacrament is Never left alone. You can sign up for as long
as you want, for one time a month, or every Friday. All

are invited to come and spend time with our Lord! Contact Anna Neam at 970-424-0546 or Vince Stone at 720-936-1996 for questions.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday Masses: 7:30 am, 10:00 am & 6:00 pm

Monday-Saturday: 8:00 am
Holy Days: Anticipated Mass, 6:00 pm
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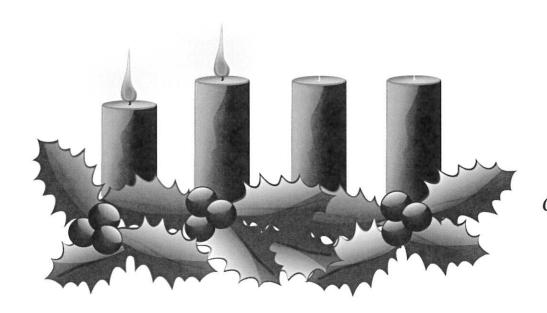
Reconciliation: Saturday: 2:00 pm — 3:30 pm or

by appointment

Adoration: Every Friday of the Month Office hours: M-F

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

St. Ann, Palisade Sunday Mass: 9:15 am Holy Days: TBD 10:30 am Mass each Tuesday of the month



Second
Sunday
of Advent

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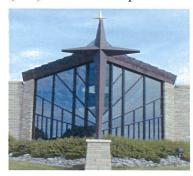
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Weekend Mass Schedule

We would like to welcome you to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish! 4:00 pm on Saturday, 7:30 & 10:00 am and 6:00 pm Sunday St. Ann's in Palisade 9:15 am Sunday

All Souls Candles

Please pick up any All Souls Candles that you ordered.



They are in the Parish office.
Thank you.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: A:

"ADVENT PREPARATIONS: REPENTANCE" (Is: 11: 1-10; Rom: 15: 4-9; Matt: 3: 1-12)

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

I am very happy to see you all through this Homily. Today's first reading is from the book of the Prophet Isaiah. In this passage Isaiah describes the person of the Messiah when he comes. He will be an ideal King, who will bring two great gifts to the world; two gifts the world needs greatly. They are justice and peace. The sign of his kingdom will be seen in nature too: wolf dwells with the lamb; leopard lies down with the kid; calf and lion live together. There will be no hurt or destruction in nature. Advent is the ideal time to prepare for the coming of the King of peace and justice.

The second reading is from St. Paul's letter to the Romans. In this passage Paul speaks about the importance of hope. He says Jesus Christ is the hope of all humans. In Him we find hope, harmony and peace. Just as Jesus welcomes everyone to share the joys of His Kingdom, we must extend a welcome to one another, united in body and mind to offer glory to God.

"John's call to repentance"

Today's Gospel reading is from St. Matthew. In this passage we have the call of John the Baptist in the wilderness. John invited everyone to repent, saying, "The Kingdom of God is close at hand!" John's appearance in the wilderness was rather eccentric. He wore a garment of camel's hair with a leather belt. His food was locusts and honey. John called the people from every walk of life to repentance and to be baptized. Those who were moved by his call confessed their sins and were baptized. Hence John's call is for everyone for a change of heart. John warns that those who do not change their lives will face punishment.

John recalled the infidelity of Israel and spoke of the promised Messiah who would be more powerful than he and who would exercise His authority and judgment. Thus the call to repentance that we hear in the season of Advent is addressed to all of us. We need to address the areas in which need to change. We need to be transformed and to be touched by the forgiving love of God. Unless we accept our sins and failures and correct them, we cannot truly prepare for the coming of the Lord.

"Repentance means change and it takes a humble person to change."
- F.T. Benson.

"Of all acts of man, repentance is the most divine." - Thomas Carlyle.
"How else but through a broken heart may the Lord Jesus Christ enter in."
- Oscar Wild.

I wish you all Lovely and Blessed Sunday and remind you to continue to renew our spiritual Journey in this Season of Advent. God bless you all. Fr. Selva.

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2023 Missals

We have received the new 2023 Missals!
They are \$4.00 each and can be purchased in the Parish office or after all Masses in the Narthex.





Second Collection

Next weekend December 10/11, 2022 we will have a second

collection benefiting the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation helps furnish care, medicine, and other necessities for many retired priests, sisters and brothers.



Holy Day of Obligation: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

IHM Mass schedule: Wednesday **December 7**, 6:00 pm

Thursday December 8, 8:00 am, 12:00 Noon, & 6:00 pm St. Ann's in Palisade December 8, 5:30 pm

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Thank you to all who donated items for the Catholic Daughters Court #941 collections benefitting the Catholic Outreach Day Center.

Catholic Daughters will have their monthly meeting on 12/11 at 2 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. The potluck Christmas party will be at noon on 12/14 at Sacred Heart. Please bring 18 small items to be distributed to our homebound and 50+ members. Call Mary Folchert at 970-596-8961 to sign up.

Attention Lectors!

We have the New 2023 Lector Books now available in the Parish office. You may pick one up between

9:00 am & 5:00 pm These are once again compliments of Fr. Chrysogonus.



IHM Youth interested in singing in a choir at the 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve, will practice after the 10am Mass on December 4, 11, and 18 in the Chapel.



Advent Penance

Immaculate Heart of Mary's
Advent Penance will be held
Tuesday December 13
from 9:00 am until 7:00 pm
with the students from Holy Family
from 12:30-2:30 pm

Women, Faith & Fun!

Our next get together is Thursday Dec.8 from
6:00–9:30 pm in the IHM Friendship room. This
is a wonderful way to meet other Catholic women. We will
support each other (remember, "You are not alone.")
through praying together, playing board games,
relaxing, talking and just having fun!
You are welcome to attend.

A Prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent

Father, let your hope arise in our hearts! Lift our eyes up to see that you alone are where our hope comes from. Help us to shake off the anxiety, discouragements, and distractions that have filled this year. May we pause to remember that we have hope in You. You know the end of our stories, and we give thanks because you promised that it would be a victorious ending. Give us the grace we need to wrap up this year joyfully. We invite your Spirit into this beautiful Advent season. Renew our sense of holy anticipation! Let us be those who are waiting eagerly for Jesus to come again. More than anything, we ask that you be glorified in this season of expectation. Amen



Chili Supper

IHM's PAC group is planning the **Annual Chili Supper** Saturday January 14, After the 4:00 pm Mass



Minister Schedule for Dec. 10/11,2022 All who are on this schedule have chosen to serve.

8:00 am Dec. 10 (†) Jim Koher by Stephanie Valera

Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

4 pm Dec. 10 (†) Jean Fritzler by Diane & Alex Fritzler

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Eucharistic: G. Bennett, K. Jarrell, K. Murphy, L. Stefan & 4 Vol.

Hospitality: R. Bertrand, A. Davis & 2 Volunteers

Servers: 2 Volunteers Lector: D. Dinkel

7:30am Dec. 11 (†) Dorothy Ratcliffe by Larry & Mary Moran

Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

Eucharistic: L. Meyers & 7 Volunteers Hospitality: D. Lytle & 3 Volunteers

Servers: E. Scott & N. Scott

Lector: K. Coomer

9:15 am Dec. 11, St. Ann's Palisade

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

10:00 am Dec. 11, (†) Marceen & Alicia Kreider by Doreen Pond

Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

Eucharistic: D. Peugh, J. Peugh, B. Schaneman & 5 Volunteers

Hospitality: B. Bianchi & 3 Volunteers

Server: 2 Volunteers

Lector: D. Seatvet & J. Simmons

6 pm Dec. 11 (†) Aelred Meyer by Justine Tilger

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Eucharistic: 8 Volunteers

Hospitality: A. Alu & 3 Volunteers

Server: 2 Volunteers Lector: N. Hall & P. Hall

Readings for the Week of December 4, 2022

Sunday: IS 11:1-10 ROM 15:4-9 MT 3:1-12

Monday: IS 35:1-10 LK 5:17-26 Tuesday: IS 40:1-11 MT 18:12-14 Wednesday: IS 40:25-31 MT 11:28-30

Thursday: GN 3:9-15, 20 EPH 1:3-6, 11-12 LK 1:26-38

Friday: IS 48:17-19 MT 11:16-19

Saturday: SIR 48:1-4, 9-11 MT 17:9a, 10-13

Prayer Opportunities:

Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 7:30am in the Sanctuary Morning Mass: Monday-Saturday 8:00am in the Sanctuary

Calendar of Events Week of Dec. 4, 2022	
Sunday, Dec. 4	7:30 am Mass 9:15 am St. Ann's 10:00 am Mass 11:30 -12:30 Confirmation, Sac Prep, & RCIC 6:00 pm Mass
Monday, Dec. 5	8:00 am
Tuesday, Dec. 6	8:00 am Mass 6-9:00 pm Knights 6:30-8:30 pm Ladies Auxiliary 7:00 pm Centering Prayer
Wednesday, Dec. 7	8:00 am Mass 6:00 pm Mass Anticipated Holy Day Reconciliation Practice - Sac Prep only No Faith Formation Classes No Bible Study Class
Thursday, Dec. 8	8:00 am Mass Holy Day 12:00 noon Mass Holy Day 6:00 pm Mass Holy Day 6:00-9:30 pm Women Faith & Fun
Friday, Dec. 9	8:00 am Mass 9 am - 5 pm Friday Adoration in Chape

Mass Intentions

2:00 - 3:30pm Confessions

8:00 am Mass

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday Dec. 4, 2022

Saturday, Dec. 10

7:30 am - (†) Elenore Muender by Earl & Floy Young

10:00 am - (I) Tommy Closz by Ellie Walworth

6:00 pm- (†) Marcia Dalton by Justine Tilger

Monday Dec. 5 2022

8:00 am - (I) Karla Campenelli by Deirdre McLoughlin

Tuesday Dec. 6, 2022

8:00 am - (†) Ruth & Marleen Burgin by Doreen Pond

Wednesday Dec. 7, 2022

8:00 am- (†) Allen & Yvonne Beuerle by Judy Blevins & Carroll

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6:00 pm- (†) Michael Ensworth by Family

Thursday Dec. 8, 2022

8:00 am- (†) IHM Parishioners & Holy Family School

12:00 pm - (†) Gene Stanek by Josephine Young

6:00 pm- (†) Jay Kole by Family

Friday Dec. 9, 2022

8:00 am- (I) Karla Campenelli by Deirdre McLaughlin

Saturday Dec. 10, 2022

8:00 am - (†) Jim Koher by Stephanie Valera

4:00 pm - (†) Jean Fritzler by Diane & Alex Fritzler

HOW CAN I PROPERLY PREPARE FOR THE MASS? CONTINUED...Part 3

BY OBSERVING SILENCE

- Silence is observed during different parts of the Mass for different purposes:
- **During penitential rites -** silence is observed to allow the faithful to articulate their confession, and to offer their contrition with heartfelt repentance.
- **During the Collect -** allowing the people of God time to present their intentions for the sacrifice and make themselves fully present.

At the end of the homily - so that the faithful may internalize the word of God which they have received.

After receiving the Holy Eucharist - to welcome Christ into our life and to thank God for his many gifts to us.

*Note - Koinonia notwithstanding, it is a praiseworthy practice to observe silence before the celebration of the Mass starts, especially in the sacristy, vestry and within the sanctuary "so that all may prepare themselves to carry out the sacred celebration in a devout and fitting manner." (GI 48) Visiting should be limited to the Narthex and Friendship Hall.

BY PRONOUNCING AND PROCLAIMING

- There are no spectators in the Eucharistic assembly, everyone participates.
 - All Ministers in the Eucharistic assembly such as the members of the clergy, proclaimers and singers, are called to announce with clarity the mystery of God's love as seen in the texts.
 - The people of God are then to show their unity with the universal Church by actively participating in the prayers, responses and acclamation.

BY MAKING THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

- The sign of the cross is a signature of the Church. It is known all over the world that the Catholic Church begins and ends everything with the invocation of the Holy Trinity in the signification of the sign of the cross.

In the sign of the cross:

We call on the name of the Lord, affirming that we gathered in the name of the Trinity, and that we belong to the Trinity.

We call upon the Trinity to affirm our gathering and join us as he promised: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20

We call upon the Trinity to accept us as his own, "Lord, we are here in your name".

- We affirm our unity with one another, including the unity of the faithful and the unity of the Spirit. Scripture says, "(Endeavor) to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, even as you are called in one hope of your calling. One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all, and in you all." Ephesians 4:3-6
- We bring to life our baptism and reaffirm our baptismal vows by dipping our hands into holy water and then making the sign of the cross.
- We make Satan run away. Saint Basil advises the faithful to make the sign of the cross all the time, no matter where you are, because with the sign of the cross, the devil runs away. It is all about calling on the name of the Lord. The Psalmist says: "I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord..." Psalm 116:13

BY ACCEPTING AND GIVING GREETINGS

- Many greetings go back and forth within the context of the Mass. These greetings usually go from the presider to the faithful, who in turn respond back to the presider. The most popular of these greetings include: The Lord be with you! Peace be with you! May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- The Blessing The Lord be with you, is an invocation on those going on a special assignment, or those going on a dangerous mission for the good of many. The greeting appears many times in the Bible. He is impacting the blessings of the Triune God whom you have already invoke in the sign of the cross.
- Sometimes the Lord himself says "I am with you." "Remain in this land and I will be with you and will bless you..." (Genesis 26:3; Genesis 31:3, 46:4, Exodus 3:12, 4:12, 15, I Kings 11:38, Isaiah 41:10, Matthew 28:20, Hebrews 13:5)

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Kids Corner-Second Sunday of Advent

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

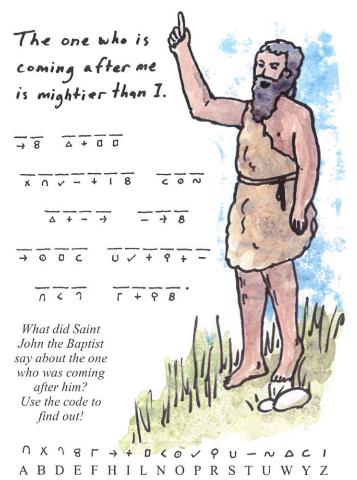
This Thursday we will be celebrating the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Mother. The words "Immaculate Conception" mean that she had no sin on her soul, not even original sin, from the first moment her life began!

Why do you think God saved Mary from all sin? He wanted her to be the perfect mother for His Son Jesus. If you could make your own mother wouldn't you make her perfect too?



Mary is also a model to all people of how to live a good Christian life and to serve God as best we can. We should thank God for giving us such a beautiful example in His holy Mother. We should pray to Mary every day and ask her to help us love her Son Jesus more. Can you say an extra 'Hail Mary' on Our Lady's feast day?

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Answer to Puzzle: He will baptize you with the Holy spirit and Fire.



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Some people prayed that the Lord would be with them on their mission - "....and Jacob vowed a vow saying, 'If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothes to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God. And this stone which I have set up for a pillar shall be God's house; and of all that you give me I will surely give a tenth to you." (Genesis 28:20)

Sometimes it is a blessing bestowed upon people - "Those things which you have both learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace shall be with you" (Philippians 4:9) And the Lord says: "Have not I commanded you? Be strong and of good courage, be not afraid, neither be dismayed; for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9; Also Romans 8:38-39 and John 14:17)

Perhaps you may recall the greeting of the angel Gabriel to the Blessed Virgin Mary - "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you". (Luke 1:28)

Whenever the Priest offers you this blessing, please accept it with an open heart; otherwise his peace will return to him - "And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you." (Matthew 10:13)

REMEMBER - If you don't accept that the Lord is within the Eucharistic assembly and is with you, how can you be motivated to confess your sin? Or how can you prepare to receive the Word of God and partake in the sacrifice?

By Father Chrysogonus Nwele Shirley Petroff & Bernadette Hendrickson



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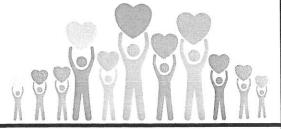


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