

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

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## 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

Holy Day Masses 8:00 am & 6:00 pm

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



A big Thank you  
goes out to  
all our Parish  
Decorators,  
along with Alison  
and Maverick who spent extra time  
making the Christmas at Immaculate  
Heart of Mary a beautiful and  
welcoming home for parishioners and  
visitors this season!

A special Thank you goes to all our  
Altar Servers, Eucharistic, Lectors  
& Hospitality Ministers who  
volunteered to assist with our  
Christmas masses. Also thank you to  
Molly and all our fabulous  
Musicians who brought us beautiful  
music and singing for our Masses.



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

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

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**2:00-3:30**

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**9:00-5:00 M-F**

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## Please Pray For:

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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

## **The CHOSEN**

**"The Chosen"** will be shown on  
Thursday's in the IHM Friendship room  
beginning January 12 after the daily

Mass. This multi-season television drama is about the  
beginning of Jesus Christ's public ministry. Each episode runs  
approximately 45 minutes. Come re-acquaint yourself with  
Jesus' ministry and meet his Apostles. It is amazing!

Grab a cup of coffee and join us. Questions call  
Bob Bianchi 970-822-1147





**FEAST OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD: A: NEW YEAR:  
"MARY, MOTHER OF GOD"  
(Num: 6: 22-27; Gal: 4: 4-7; Lk: 2: 16-21)**

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

First of all, I wish you all **A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR**. "May Our Blessed Mother Mary, the Mother of Our God bless you all through the coming year 2023" and bring you Peace, Love, Happiness and Joy.

I am very happy to see you all though this Homily. Today's first reading is from the book of Numbers. In this passage the Lord God instructs Moses to tell the priests to bless the people of Israel in His name. The chosen people are to bless by the words, "It is the Lord's blessing that will make this coming year good and truthful". With Blessed mother Mary we too seek the blessings of the Lord God.

The second reading is from the letter of St. Paul to the Galatians. In this passage Paul tells the Christians in Galatia and us that by giving us His own Son, through Mary, God enables the whole human race to become His sons and daughters in whose hearts the Spirit of God cries "Abba, Father".

**"Mary with child Jesus in the manger"**

Today's Gospel reading is from St. Luke. This passage describes the meeting of shepherds with child Jesus and Mother Mary in the manger. The eagerness of the simple shepherds to pay homage to the divine child and Mary's reflective and contemplative mood are graphically depicted.

By our celebration of the New Year coinciding with the Feast of Mother of God we are celebrating the feast of all the mothers. It is a fitting tribute to Mother Mary that she is the perfect model for all mothers. God showered Mary with numerous blessings; so we too invoke God's blessings on all mothers today. Blessed Mother Mary was a simple, humble peasant woman. Yet Harvard historian Harry Adams calls her the "most powerful religious symbol for centuries."

**"Mary is given to us as a mother to accompany us on our tiring pilgrimage through life". - Pope Paul VI**

**"As mariners are guided by the shining of a star, so Christians are guided to heaven by Mary" - St. Thomas Aquinas.**

Once again I wish you **A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR** and Blessed Sunday to you all.

God Bless you. **Amen. Fr. Selva.**

# MERRY CHRISTMAS



## 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.

## IHM's Chili Supper

Annual Chili in a Bread Bowl Supper is on Saturday January 14, at 5:00 pm (after the 4:00 pm Mass) in the Friendship Room! The cost for this wonderful meal is \$6.00 (kids 6 & under free) or \$16.00 per Family

This includes, drinks, desserts & condiments!



## Healing Masses

We will be having Healing Masses, starting in January. We will need volunteer Lectors, EM's, Altar Servers, and Hospitality Ministers. If you would like to volunteer for any of these dates, please sign up in the narthex, call Alison in the parish office at 970-242-6121

The dates for the whole year are as follows:

January 11, 2023 12:00 noon  
May 10, 2023 6:00 p. m.  
September 13, 2023 12:00 Noon  
October 11, 2023 6:00 p.m.



Mesa County Right to Life is sponsoring an essay contest for middle school and high school students.

The topic is **"Roe was egregiously wrong and on a collision course with history from the day it was decided."** Essays should be 300 to 500 words and the deadline is January 31st.

Call (970) 243 9871 or see our website at [mcrtl.net](http://mcrtl.net) for details.



To all our wonderful Parishioners. Please make sure if you give a donation to the church you put your envelope number on your check. This will ensure you get proper credit for your contributions. Once you are registered you are assigned an envelope number. If you have questions or concerns please call the Parish Office at 970-242-6121

**2023**  
HAPPY NEW YEAR



Catholic Outreach Mother Teresa House received \$652.75 from the Catholic Daughters Court #941 bake sale at IHM. Thank you for generously supporting this fundraiser.

Catholic Daughters First Saturday Mass and Memorial Mass for Pat Hurley will be at IHM on Jan. 7 at 8 a.m.

Our next meeting is at St. Joseph's Church Community Room on Jan. 8, at 2:30 p.m. Please wear purple or yellow.

A second Memorial Mass for Pat Hurley will be at IHM on Sunday Jan. 15 at 10:00 am



"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." Experience God's grace and peace on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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Dillon: Apr. 28-30, Colorado Springs: June 2-4,  
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Brenda & Gary Granger: 720-213-8833

Space is limited, so reserve your weekend early.

For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit [www.wmme.org](http://www.wmme.org).

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**Minister Schedule for Jan. 7/8 2023****All who are on this schedule have chosen to serve.**

**8:00 am Jan. 7 Mass** (†) Pat Hurley by Catholic Daughters  
**Presider:** Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

**4:00 pm Jan. 7 Mass** (†) Allen & Yvonne Beuerle by Judy  
 Blevins & Carrol Multz

**Presider:** Fr. Selvanathan**Eucharistic:** T. Chapman, K./Jarrell, K. Sassano, L. Watson & 4 Vol.**Hospitality:** A. Davis & 3 Vol.**Servers:** 2 Volunteers**Lectors:** E. Hoy

**7:30 am Jan. 8 Mass** (†) John & Anna Marie Suppes by George &  
 Presider: Fr. Selvanathan Marie

**Eucharistic:** L. Meyers & 7 Vol.**Hospitality:** D. Lytle & 3 Vol.**Servers:** 2 Volunteers**Lectors:** M. Katzer

**9:15 am Jan. 8 Mass at Palisade St. Ann's**

**Presider:** Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

**10:00 am Jan. 8 Mass** (†) Kaleb Weighall by Marie

**Presider:** Fr. Selvanathan**Eucharistic:** J. Peugh, D. Peugh, B. Schaneman & 5 Vol.**Hospitality:** E. Bergethon, B. Bianchi & 2 Vol.**Servers:** 2 Volunteers**Lectors:** K. Bergethon & T. Cooper

**6:00 pm Jan. 8 Mass** (†) Gene Stanek by Janet Masteller

**Presider:** Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele**Eucharistic:** 8 Volunteers**Hospitality:** A. Alu & 3 Vol.**Servers:** 2 Volunteers**Lectors:** K. Coomer**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 Jan. 1, 2023****Sunday, Jan. 1**

10:00 am Mass  
 NO CLASSES  
 6:00 pm Mass

**Monday, Jan. 2**

8:00 am  
 OFFICE CLOSED

**Tuesday, Jan. 3**

8:00 am Mass  
 6-9 pm Knights  
 7-8:00 pm Ladies Auxiliary  
 7:00 pm Centering Prayer

**Wednesday, Jan. 4**

8:00 am Mass  
 NO CLASSES

**Thursday, Jan. 5**

8:00 am Mass  
 1:30-2:30 pm Centering Prayer

**Friday, Jan. 6**

8:00 am Mass  
 9 am - 5 pm Friday Adoration in Chapel

**Saturday, Jan. 7**

8:00 am Mass  
 1st Sat. Rosary  
 2:00-3:30 pm Confessions  
 4:00 pm Mass

**Mass Intentions****Sunday Jan. 1, 2023**7:30 am - (†) **James Boni** by Family10:00 am (†) **Deborah Stepisnik** By Teri & Mike Born6:00 pm- (I) **Charles Olesky** by Charles Olesky**Monday Jan. 2, 2023**8:00 am - (†) **Betty Labrum** by George & Marie**Tuesday Jan. 3, 2023**8:00 am - (†) **Michael Ensworth** by Marge Bystedt**Wednesday Jan. 4, 2023**8:00 am-(†) **Steve Pomeroy** by Genevieve Fernandez**Thursday Jan. 5, 2023**8:00 am- (†) **Cecilia Cutshaw** by Joan Wasinger**Friday Jan. 6, 2023**8:00 am- (I) **Victoria Lamb** by Pond Family**Saturday Jan. 7, 2023**8:00 am - (†) **Pat Hurley** by Catholic Daughters4:00 pm- (†) **Allen & Yvonne Beuerle** by Judy Blevins &

Carrol Multz

**Readings for the Week of January 1, 2023****Sunday:** NM 6:22-27 GAL 4:4-7 LK 2:16-21**Monday:** 1JN 2:22-28 JN 1:19-28**Tuesday:** 1JN 2:29-3:6 JN 1:29-34**Wednesday:** 1JN 3:7-10 JN 1:35-42**Thursday:** 1JN 3:11-21 JN 1:43-51**Friday:** 1JN 5:5-13 M 1:7-11**Saturday:** 1JN 5:14-21 JN 2:1-11





## The Presider's Chair

**The Sacred Liturgy** is an action of the Lord Jesus the High Priest and of His Mystical Body (the Church). It requires the active participation of the people of God in the work of God. Through the liturgical celebrations of the church, especially the Eucharistic Sacrifice (Mass), we participate in the Paschal Mystery of Christ, His Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven. For Christ is present to us in a special way in the liturgy. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) therefore directs that the different parts of the Mass should be associated with different places in church. There are most important liturgical places in the church during Mass

- a. The Altar
- b. The Presidential Chair
- c. The Ambo – also called the lectern or pulpit

Each of these locations reminds us of the different, yet complementary ways that Christ Jesus is present to us. Notice that the Tabernacle was not mentioned because at the beginning of the Mass when the priest kisses the altar, attention is changed from the tabernacle to Altar.

**The Presidential Chair** is different from the Bishops Chair. The difference simply put, is that the Chair of Saint Peter presides over the chairs of the bishops, the chair of the bishop preside over the chairs of priests in parishes, and the chair of the priest indicate his presiding over the faithful who sit in the pews. The presider's chair is normally used by the priest (the principal celebrant) when he does not need to be at the Ambo or Altar. The Priest uses the President's Chair at these different times in Mass:

- a. The Introductory Rite
- b. The Liturgy of the Word - while the readers and deacon or concelebrant proclaim the Readings and the Gospel
- c. The Homily - may be preached from the chair
- d. Lead the Profession of Faith
- e. General Intercessions
- f. Conclusion Rite

The GIRM #310 clearly states this, "The chair of the priest celebrant must signify his office of presiding over the gathering and of directing prayer." It further states that, "the presidential chair in a parish church signifies the priest's headship during the sacred liturgy and also his mission to sanctify and govern those entrusted to his pastoral care." Hence, the priest in his parish is the sacrament of Christ (Alter Christus), presiding as the head of the Mystical Body (the Church) and his chair indicates these roles. Ipso facto, the "chair" is more than and everyday chair we would use in different places such as in homes or in the church. This President's Chair is a symbol of the invisible spiritual reality of the Love of God made visible in Christ Jesus. The sanctifying, governing and teaching mission of the Lord Jesus Christ continues in the hierarchy of the church. The liturgical structures both support this activity and also make it clear. In the sacred liturgy, the chair – from the throne of our Lord Jesus Christ to the humblest pew, speaks of the diffusion of Gods own life in Love to His chosen people. For this reason, the Presidential Chair should not be used by lay people, even if they are leading in an act of worship. This is not a needless clericalism nor liturgical elitism rather, drawn from the proper liturgical office of the presiding priest. In truth the significance of any liturgical action is not in its practicality but in the symbolism which is found in the liturgical persons, actions, and objects. Let's explore this more in the Eucharistic Bible Study. See you there.

By Father Chrysogonus Nwele

Bernadette Hendrickson & Shirley Petroff

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Kids Corner- Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

### Octave of Christmas Word-Find



Can you find all the words in the list in the puzzle below?  
Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

ANGELS	GLORY	PRAISE
ANIMALS	GOD	SAVIOUR
BABY	HOLY	SHEEP
BARN	JESUS	SHEPHERDS
BETHLEHEM	JOSEPH	SING
BORN	MANGER	SKY
COLD	MARY	STABLE
FIELDS	MOTHER	WONDER
FOUND	NIGHT	WORSHIP

W P M S I N G N I G H T  
O R A T A N I M A L S B  
N A S A N G E L S R H E  
D I A B M O T H E R E T  
E S V L A D J O S E P H  
R E I E R Y E L T H H L  
G L O R Y E S Y M O E E  
F B U T H E U S K Y R H  
O A R W O R S H I P D E  
U B A R N F I E L D S M  
N Y R M A N G E R O F G  
D O D C O L D P B O R N

On the eighth  
day of  
Christmas we  
honour in a  
special way

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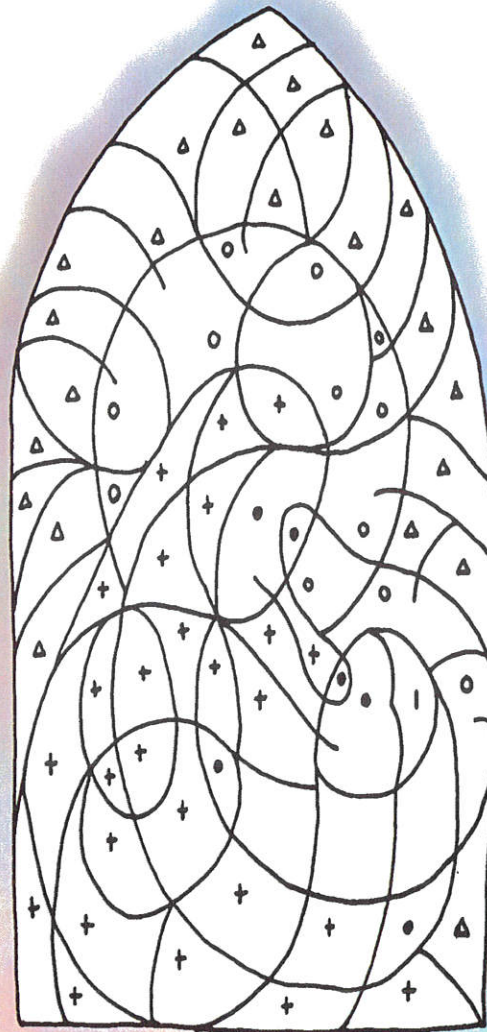
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Sunday January 1st, 2023  
Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God



Whose feast is it on New Year's Day?  
Colour in the spaces to see! Here's the code:

+ Blue      ▲ Pink      ○ Yellow  
! Brown      • Skin colour

[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)

Our Faith formation Program is in need of one more 1st year RCIC teacher for upper elementary students on Sunday 11:30am-12:30pm. This Catechist needs to be experienced to help these older kids. If interested please contact Bernadette in the Parish office at 970-242-6121 or email her at [faithformation@ihmgjt.org](mailto:faithformation@ihmgjt.org).



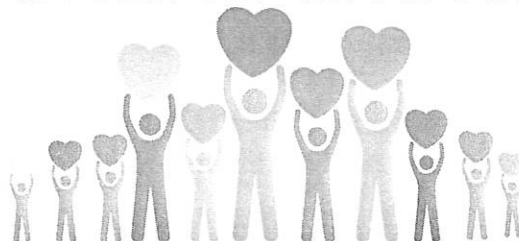


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