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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

IHM Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday we have
Adoration in the Chapel
following the 8 am mass until
5:00 pm. There is a signup
sheet in the Chapel.



Prayer Opportunities:

Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 7:30am in the Chapel Morning Mass: Monday-Saturday 8:00am in the Chapel Adoration: Fridays from 9:00 am-5:00 pm in the Chapel Silent Prayer: 1st & 3rd Thursdays by Christ in

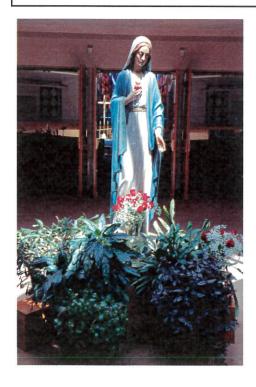
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Centering Prayer: Tuesday Evenings from 7:00 - 8:00 in

the IHM Library

Rosary: Every 1st Saturday After 8:00 am Mass in

the Chapel





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

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BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study This study will include the history of the Mass and the importance of the Eucharist. The Mass is a call to each of us personally from Jesus Christ. Join us, All are welcome!



The Chosen"

will be shown on Thursday's in the IHM Youth Room after the daily Mass. Grab a cup of coffee and join us. Questions. Call Bob Bianchi.



Flocknote

One of the ways to reach you and keep you informed

about our Parish is through Flocknote. We only need your Cell phone number or email to keep you updated on information, events or changes to a schedule for IHM.

Sign up for Flocknote in the Narthex after the Masses to stay informed!



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: A:

A TIME FOR DESERT EXPERIENCE"
(Gen:2: 7-9 and 3: 2-7; Romans: 5: 12, 17-19; Mat: 4: 1-11)

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 Genesis. This passage tells us that God created humans out of great love. The first parents, Adam and Eve, were given every facility in the Garden of Eden. But they succumbed to the temptations of the devil and disobeyed God. As a result sin and death came into the world and a rift between humankind and God came to be.

Second reading is from St. Paul's letter to the Romans. In this passage Paul explains to Christians in Rome and us how sin and death came into the world through the disobedience of one person. But Jesus Christ through His obedience, freed humankind from sin and death. We receive the abundance of grace and free gift of righteousness through Jesus.

"Temptations of Jesus"

Today's Gospel reading is from St. Matthew. In this passage Jesus' desert experience is narrated in the first part. In the second part temptations faced by Jesus from the devil are described in detail.

The devil tempts Jesus in three different ways. The first temptation is to turn stones into bread. It is the temptation to be popular among the hungry masses and get instant fame. Jesus when tempted answers the devil," Man does not live by bread alone but by the word of God."

The second temptation is to perform a spectacular feat so that He will be acclaimed by the people around Him. The devil tells Jesus "Throw yourself from the pinnacle of the temple because God will send His angels to protect you". Jesus firmly tells the devil," You shall not tempt the Lord your God".

In the third and final temptation the devil tells Jesus to worship (subject Himself to) the devil. Jesus firmly rejects this temptation too by telling the devil," You shall worship the Lord your God".

Jesus overcame the temptations and the powers of evil by fasting and prayer. Lent is a grace filled time when all followers of Jesus are invited to renew their lives. We too go to the desert with Jesus to overcome the powers of evil and inclinations to sin.

"Lent comes providentially to reawaken us to shake us from our lethargy"

Pope Francis.

"Lent is a time to renew wherever we are in that process, that I call divine therapy"

Thomas Keating.

I wish you all very happy and fruitful Lenten Season and a lovely weekend to you all. Fr. Selva.

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FISH FRY

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus would like to invite you to our fish fries every Friday during Lent beginning 2/24-23/03-31/23 from 4pm-7pm.

The cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children (aged 6-12).

There will also be donations accepted at the door. Please join us for fantastic fish and fundraising as we raise money for many fine charitable groups!

Altar Server Training is held every other Wednesday from 3:00 - 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Our next session is on March 1.

The training will continue every other week throughout the year. If interested in attending and learning this ministry please contact Alison in the Parish Office 970-242-6121



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1-3 p.m. Come join in the festivities.

Please join us in praying the Rosary everyday after morning Mass



"The Rosary is the best therapy for distraught, unhappy, fearful, and frustrated souls, precisely because it involves the simultaneous use of three powers: the physical, the vocal, and the spiritual, in that order."

Archbishop Fulton Sheen



IHM is in need of Cantors for the weekend Masses.

If you love to Sing please consider becoming a Cantor.

FORS If interested please call Molly in the parish office 970-242-6121 or email musicdirector@ihmajt.org

Altar Linen Care

Looking for a way to help your church community?

Consider joining the Altar Care Crew!

You may never have seen them, but every week an Altar Care Crew member comes and picks up all of the linens used during mass.

They wash them, iron them, and return them. It is usually around one day of work, and benefits the IHM community in immeasurable ways.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering once a month to carry out this important ministry.

For more information and to volunteer your time, contact Alison Bartlett at the parish office 970-242-6121 or email pastorlassistant@ihmgit.org

The Parishes within the Grand Valley will be providing a Marriage Prep Retreat for all engaged (and soon to be engaged) couples. This will be held on Friday May 5 and

Saturday May 6 at one of the local parishes. This fulfills the Diocesan marriage preparation requirements and is a great opportunity to deepen your love relationship. The class has terrific content about life skills, conflict resolution, and growing a family, just to name a few, You will never regret investing this time into your marriage!

Please make arrangements to attend.

This retreat is also beneficial for those couples seeking Convalidation. Registration is required.

Contact Judy Fox for more information or to register at 970-250-7008 or email

at <u>coloradofoxes@gmail.com</u>. Share this information with other people seeking a Joy Filled Marriage!

Minister Schedule for Mar. 4/5, 2023 All who are on this schedule have chosen to serve.

8:00 am Mar. 4 Mass (I) IHM Parishioners

Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

4:00 pm Mar. 4 Mass (†) Stanley Schaeffer by Linda Tipping & Family

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Eucharistic: T. Chapman, K. Jarrell, M. Meyers, J. Rau, K.

Sassano, L. Watson & 2 Volunteers

Hospitality: A. Davis & S. Mills & 2 Volunteers

Servers: 2 Volunteers Lectors: T. Cooper

7:30 am Mar. 5 Mass (†) Ryan & Phillip Moyer by Sara Moyer

Carlson

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Eucharistic: J. Snoddy & 7 Volunteers Hospitality: G. Watts & 3 Volunteers Servers: M. Pierce & 1 Volunteer

Lectors: K. Porras

9:15 am Mar. 5 Mass at Palisade St. Ann's

Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

10:00 am Mar. 5 Mass (†) Tom Graves by Wayne & Margie Campbell

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Eucharistic: J. Peugh, D. Peugh & 6 Volunteers

Hospitality: R. Bergethon, B. Bianchi, J. Nasalroad & 1 Volunteer

Servers: D. Hurd & 1 Volunteer Lectors: M. Hurd & G. Hurd

6:00 pm Mar. 5 Mass (†) IHM Parishioners

Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

Eucharistic: A. Rubalcaba, R. Thibault-Lloyd & 6 Volunteers

Hospitality: A. Alu & B. Mills & 2 Volunteers

Servers: 2 Volunteers
Lectors: N. Hall & P. Hall

Readings for the Week of February 26, 2023

Sunday: GN 2:7-9, 3:1-7 ROM 5:12-19 MT 4:1-11

Monday: LV 19:1-2, 11-18 MT 25:31-46

Tuesday: IS 55:10-11 MT 6:7-15

Wednesday: JON 3:1-10 LK 11:29-32

Thursday: EST C:12, 14-16, 23-25 MT 7:7-12

Friday: EZ 18:21-28 MT 5:20-26 **Saturday:** DT 26:16-19 MT 5:43-48

| Calendar of Events Week of Feb. 26, 2023 | |
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| Sunday, Feb. 26 | 7:30 am Mass 9:15 am St. Ann's 10:00 am Mass 8:45-9:45am Sac Prep & RCIC 11:30-12:30 Confirmation & Sac Prep 6:00 pm Mass |
| Monday, Feb. 27 | 8:00 am Mass |
| Tuesday, Feb. 28 | 8:00 am Mass 2:00 pm Faber Wedding Rehearsal 6-9:00 pm Knights 7:00 pm Centering Prayer |
| Wednesday, Mar. 1 | 8:00 am Mass with HFS 9:30-10:30 am Eucharistic Group 6-7:00 pm Children's Faith Formation 6-7:00 pm Youth Group HS & MS 6-7:00 pm Sac Prep & RCIC 6-7:00 pm RCIA 6-7:00 pm Eucharistic Study |
| Thursday, Mar. 2 | 8:00 am HFS Mass Deanery Meeting St. Mary's Montrose 9-10 am Chosen Series in Youth Room 9-11:30 am Mary's Moms 1:30-2:30 pm Silent Prayer |
| Friday, Mar. 3 | 8:00 am Mass 9 am - 5 pm Adoration in the Chapel 2:00 pm Faber Wedding 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross 4:00 -8:00 Knights Fish Fry |
| Saturday, Mar. 4 | 8:00 am Mass 9:00 am First Saturday Rosary 2:00-3:30 pm Confessions 4:00 pm Mass |

Mass Intentions

Sunday Feb. 26, 2023

7:30 am - (†) Lawrence & Betty Suppes by George & Marie

10:00 am- (†) Greg Carrico by Mom & Wayne

6:00 pm- (†) Deceased Members of IHM

Monday Feb. 27 2023

8:00 am - (†) Peter Travison by Family

Tuesday Feb. 28, 2023

8:00 am - (I) Kathy & Sal Sassano by Pat Bowman

Wednesday Mar. 1, 2023

8:00 am- (†) Alan Ewbank by Pat Kimbrell

Thursday Mar. 2, 2023

8:00 am- (†) James Lawrence by Justine Tilger

Friday Feb. 3, 2023

8:00 am- (†) Norman Weber by Art & Trish Weber

Saturday Feb. 4, 2023

8:00 am - (I) IHM Parishioners

4:00 pm- (†) Stanley Schaeffer by Linda Tipping & Family

Mingling of Water and Wine (continued from last week)

Mingling the water and wine symbolizes the Incarnation of Christ:

The incarnation of Christ is the greatest miracle there ever was. Nothing exceeds the miracle of *"The Word"* becoming flesh.

Cardinal John Henry Newman says:

"Catholics hold the mystery of the Incarnation as the most stupendous event which ever can take place on earth. And after it happened, and henceforth forever, I do not see how we can scruple at any miracle on the mere ground of its being unlikely to happen. No miracle can be so great as that which took place in the Holy House at Nazareth. It is definitely more difficult to believe than all the miraclesput together. And there is the grossest inconsistency on the very face of the matter, for anyone so to strain out the gnat and to swallow the camel, as to profess what is inconceivable {the Incarnation}, and yet to protest against what is surely within the limits of intelligent hypothesis {lesser miracles}. If, through divine grace, we once are able to accept the solemn truth that the Supreme Being was born of a mortal woman, what is there to be imagined which can offend us on the ground of its marvelousness?"

When Jesus took on human flesh he humbled himself, so that we could be built up and share completely and inseparably in his divine life. Christ's human will does not resent or oppose, but rather submits to his divine will.

Once water is poured into the wine it is impossible to take it out again. Likewise, Christ is perfect in divinity and perfect in humanity, and his two natures cannot be separated or divided. It is equally true that the Church can never be separated from Jesus, nor Jesus from the Church. This mystical union between Christ and his Church is gained because of the divinity of Christ, who himself is not bound by time nor space. The union between Christ and the faithful is complete at the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Mingling the water and wine symbolizes Baptism:

During the Eucharistic celebration, the mixture of water and wine represents the inclusion of us, the faithful, into the mystical body of Christ through our baptism. Again, the water symbolizes our weak humanity and the wine symbolizes the divinity of Christ.

As the presider pours a little water into the chalice he silently prays a prayer that goes all the way back to the fourth century:

"By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity."

(Saint Athanasius (296-373AD)

Mingling the water and wine symbolizes the water and blood that flowed from the side of Christ on the cross:

Pope Alexander (1 107-115) taught the priests:

"In the Lord's chalice neither wine only nor water only ought to be offered, but both mixed, because we read that both flowed from Christ's side in the Passion."

At the very beginning of time God created Adam. God then caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and God brought forth Eve from Adam's side.

"Therefore a man leaves his father and mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh." (Genesis 2:24).

The union of Adam and Eve was the foundation for all marriages, as the two were inseparably united. Likewise, when Christ was "sleeping" on the cross, a Roman soldier pierced Christ's side causing blood and water to flow out, and this became the foundation of the marriage between Christ and his bride, the Church who are also inseparable.

Eve was given life by the miracle of the gift of the flesh of Adam. And the Church received a two-fold gift from the side of Christ (two sacraments) the living water of the Holy Spirit that is given at baptism and the blood of the Eucharist. To be continued... By Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele Bernadette Hendrickson Shirley Petroff

(Recommended Reading: <u>Jesus The Bridegroom</u> by Brant Pitre)

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Kids Corner-First Sunday of Lent

What Happens in Lent?

In today's Gospel story, Jesus goes out into the desert to fast and pray for forty days. In the forty days of Lent, the Church asks us to fast, give alms, and pray.

In Lent we don't eat meat on Fridays. Many people give up things like candy or dessert for all of Lent. When we give up food that we like, it reminds us that food isn't the only thing we need- we need God too!

Giving alms means giving money or things to the poor or the Church. God lets there be people who need our help so that we can become better by helping them!

The third thing that we should do in Lent is praying. You could say an extra prayer every day- maybe an "Our Father" or a "Hail Mary" when you wake up or before you go to bed. Another good idea is reading a bit from the Bible, because when we read the Bible we let God speak to us.

What are some little things you could do for Lent? Try to do things that will help you think a bit more about God every day.



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Youth Corner



The next Deanery Youth Mass will be at IHM. Join us at the 4 pm mass Saturday February 25th. We will have pizza and games afterwards in the youth room. Please join us!

The next Youth Group Meeting will be Wednesday March 1st in the youth room from 6-7pm. Once a month we will have an electronic game night. We will keep you posted when we have those!

Events In the Valley this Summer:

- Sacred Heart hosts a Vacation Bible School from May 30th
 June 2nd
- IHM host Vacation Bible School June 5th June 9th from 9
 Noon
- St. Joseph's hosts Totus Tuus July 2nd July 7th

Colorado Youth Conference: Steubenville of the Rockies June 23rd-June 25th We are trying to find a way to make this happen as a youth group but if there are any families interested in doing this with your children places lead in the interest.

happen as a youth group but if there are any families interested in doing this with your children please look into it. It is an amazing opportunity for your children to grow in their faith and discover they are not alone in the joy of being Catholic.

IHM Youth Web Site: It is under construction! Watch for updates. I am working on learning the ropes to build our website. You are welcome to check it out, so you know how to find it. Some of the information is old and we are looking forward to updating it with all the fun things we are doing.

Thank you to our Guest Speakers:

Father Chrysogonus spoke to the students three Sundays ago. He spoke to the Confirmandi about being strong in who they are. To remember that they are learning to be leaders through their faith as Catholics, and to allow themselves to be transformed by the Holy Spirit into the people God is calling them to be.

Father Selvan spoke to the students two Sundays ago about the call to vocations, including marriage, single life, and holy orders. We worked to understand what it means to be Called = To accept and fulfill your God given purpose. And he asked the kids to realize that confirmation was not the end of their faith journey but the beginning. To work to come to mass and participate, even if there weren't family members attending.



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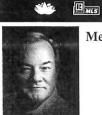
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