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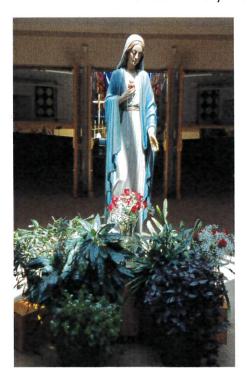
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Immaculate Heart of Mary Mass Schedule

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

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 1:30-2:30 pm by Christ in the Desert
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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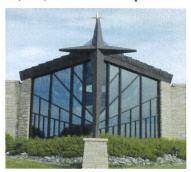
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: A:

THE GIFT OF VISION

(1 Sam: 16: 1, 6-7 & 10-12; Eph: 5: 8-14; Jn: 9: 1-41)

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 Samuel. In this passage Samuel was asked by the Lord God to anoint one of the sons of Jesse to be the King of Israel. The Lord God chose David, the youngest of the sons of Jesse to be the King although the Prophet thought better of other sons of Jesse. This explains to us the fact that the Lord God chooses the weak; makes them strong and works through them to manifest His power and glory. When people look at the appearances, the Lord God looks at the heart of a person and makes His choice.

The second reading is from the letter of St. Paul to Ephesians. In this passage Paul reminds the Christians in Ephesus that although once they were in darkness now they are in the light of the Lord. Hence as children of the light they should bear the fruits of the light and should not take part in the unfruitful works of darkness.

Gaining vision and losing vision

Today's Gospel reading is from St. John. In this passage the healing of a man born blind is narrated in great detail. This man was born blind and approached many doctors and healers of that time to be healed. But none of them could heal him. Finally he approaches Jesus to be healed of his blindness. Jesus knowing his pathetic situation makes a paste and applies it to his eyes and asks the blind man to wash his eyes in the pool of Siloam. As a result he is healed of his blindness and is able to see everything. The blind man receives physical vision which is followed by a deeper vision of Jesus as the story unfolds.

The healing took place on a Sabbath. When the Pharisees question the man born blind regarding his healing and how he received his vision, he explains to them the healing process. Gradually his own vision of Jesus becomes more and more clear. At first he said, "A man called Jesus healed me". When further questioned he said," He is a prophet". When they tried to intimidate him, he said to the Pharisees, "Unless this man came from God he would not be able to do such a miracle." Later when Jesus asked him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He declared," Lord I believe," and knelt before Him and worshiped Him.

The man born blind resists all pressures by the Pharisees and he grows in faith and accepts Jesus as Lord. This transformation takes place based on his own experience of being a blind man to a man with total vision.

The man born blind has a transformation and sees; whereas the Pharisees, although they had physical vision, became more and more blind and lost their vision. The story of the blind man has a deep significance for each of us. At first we meet the Lord as a man called Jesus. Then the realization comes to us that he is a prophet. Later on we realize that he has come from God. Finally we have to realize and accept that He is the Saviour and Lord of our lives. Lent is the time for us to have a deeper vision of Jesus and to get in touch with the divine.

"While light is being given to this man (man born blind) by the light of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ, the Pharisees show their own blindness and darkness in which they live by attacking this miracle of Christ" - St. Gregory Palamas.

I wish you all fruitful Lenten Season and Wonderful weekend and God bless you all. Fr. Selva.

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IHM is in need of Cantors for the weekend Masses. If you love to Sing please consider becoming a Cantor. If interested please call Molly

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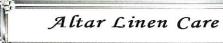
The Knights of Columbus would like to invite you to our fish fries every Friday during Lent beginning 2/24/23 to 03/31/23 from 4pm-7pm. The cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children (aged 6-12).



"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. 970-822-1147



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. 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 ext. 206 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. 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. To register or for more information contact Judy Fox at 970-250-7008 or email

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



Altar Server Training will be postponed until after Easter. Watch the bulletin for the dates we

resume training or call Alison in the parish office 970-242-6121 to sign up for our next class.



"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall Want." Let the Lord be the shepherd of your marriage. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on: Dillon: Apr. 28-30,

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Eucharist 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! Wednesdays, 6:00 pm, In the Chapel

Minister Schedule for Mar. 25/26 2023
All who are on this schedule have chosen to serve.

8:00 am Mar. 25, Mass(I) IHM Parishioners

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

4:00 pm Mar. 25 Mass (†) Pat Smeaton by Daryl Smeaton

Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

Eucharistic: E. Hoy, B. Kline, L. Stefan & 5 Volunteers

Hospitality: R. Bertrand & 3 Volunteers

Servers: 2 Volunteers Lectors: D. Dinkel

7:30 am Mar. 26, Mass (†) Frances Peterson by George

Jachim

Presider: Fr. Selyanathan

Eucharistic: M. Kiser, D. Ulman, C. Ulman & 5 Volunteers

Hospitality: L. Duncan, D. Lytle & 2 Volunteers

Servers: N. Scott & E. Scott

Lectors: K. Coomer

9:15 am Mar. 26, Mass at Palisade St. Ann's

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

10:00 am Mar. 26, Mass (†) Tom Graves by Marv & Ellie

Walworth

Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

Eucharistic: C. Dotta, J. Peugh, B. Schaneman & 5 Volunteers

Hospitality: C. Dotta & 3 Volunteers Servers: D. Hurd & 1 Volunteer Lectors: Y. Orehek & J. Simons

6:00 pm Mar. 26, Mass (I) IHM Parishioners

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Eucharistic: M. Calderone & 7 Volunteers

Hospitality: A. Rastrelli Family Servers: A. Rastrelli & 1 Volunteer

Lectors: T. Cooper

Readings for the Week of March 19, 2023

Sunday: 1SM 16:1b,6-7, 10-13a EPH 5:8-14 JN 9:1-41

Monday: 2SM 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 ROM 4:13, 16-18, 22

MT 1:16, 18-21, 24A

Tuesday: EZ 47:1-9, 12 JN 5:1-16 **Wednesday:** IS 49:8-15 JN 5:17-30

Thursday: EX 32:7-14 JN 5:31-47

Friday: WIS 2:1a, 12-22 JN 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

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

Calendar of Events Week of Mar. 19, 2023

Sunday, Mar. 19 7:30 am Mass

9:15 am St. Ann's Palisade

10:00 am Mass

NO CLASSSES SPRING BREAK

6:00 pm Mass

Monday, Mar. 20 8:00 am Mass

Tuesday, Mar. 21 8:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Centering Prayer

Wednesday, Mar. 22 8:00 am Mass

6-7:00 pm Eucharistic Bible Study

Thursday, Mar. 23 8:00 am Mass

9-10 am Chosen Series in Youth Room

Friday, Mar. 24

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

5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

4:00 -8:00 Knights Fish Fry

Saturday, Mar. 25 8:0

8:00 am Mass 9-11 am Musicians Training

2:00-3:30 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Children's Mass

- Mass Intentions

Sunday Mar. 19, 2023

7:30 am - (†) Manual & Irene Schmalz by George & Marie

10:00 am-(†) Deceased Knights of Columbus by Knights of Col.

6:00 pm- (†) Don Fallis by Nancy Fallis

<u> Monday Mar. 20, 2023</u>

8:00 am - (†) Stephen Thompson By Lux Wohlfahrt Family

<u>Tuesday Mar. 21, 2023</u>

8:00 am - (†) Michel Marin by Family

Wednesday Mar. 22 2023

8:00 am+ (†) Lorraine Billingsley by Ellie Walworth

Thursday Mar. 23, 2023

8:00 am-(†) Dale & Anna Thompson by Family

Friday Feb. 24, 2023

8:00 am-(†) Charles Gallegos by Helen Gallegos

Saturday Feb. 25, 2023

8:00 am - (I) IHIVI Parishioners

4:00 pm-(†) Pat Smeaton by Daryl Smeaton

The Kiss of Peace: The Holy Kiss

CULTURAL BACKGROUND

It was a widespread custom in the ancient Western Mediterranean for men to greet one another with a kiss. This same custom also existed among the ancient Hebrews, although they included women, as long as women and men stayed on opposite sides of the room, and the kissing remained segregated. To this day people in most cultures kiss upon meeting or parting, to display their love, sincere affection and friendship for each other. Europeans often kiss one another on one cheek and then the other, while the more conservative Americans prefer a handshake. During the time of Christ, greeting with a kiss was customary, and the apostles and early Christians imitated the Hebrew custom.

A SCRIPTURAL TRADITION EVOLVES

The New Testament transformed the ancient custom of kissing into what is now known as the holy kiss. The holy kiss in scripture goes beyond a mere cultural greeting, and is mentioned several times in the epistles. At the end of Saint Paul's first letter to the Corinthians he says:

"All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss." I Corinthians 16:20.

In his letter to the Church at Rome, Saint Paul says:

"Salute one another with a holy kiss. The Churches of Christ salute you." Romans 16:16.

Paul repeats this greeting in Second Corinthians 13:12, and also First Thessalonians 5:26.

Saint Peter also uses the greeting at the end of one of his letters:

"Greet one another with a kiss of charity. Peace be with you all that are in Christ Jesus. Amen."
First Peter 5:14.

When first century Christians initiated the verbal exchange of 'peace' with a kiss, there was no clear example of it in any pre-Christian literature; rather, it was a new thing, born of the love of the brethren through their love of Christ. The holy kiss thus came to be revered as a biblical teaching rather than a cultural tradition. The early Christian apologist Tertullian wrote that before entering or leaving a house, Christians are to give the holy kiss and say "peace to this house". Peace, reconciliation and unity were the very essence of the church's life, and without them communion would have seemed a sham.

The exchange of a holy kiss soon found its way into the liturgy of the first century Mass. The early liturgy was written in Greek, and the Greek words, more than our modern English translation, denoted a kiss which was sacred, physically pure and morally blameless; to prepare hearts to receive the Eucharist.

The kiss among the faithful is called "holy" to distinguish it from kisses of a sexual nature, and from hypocritical and deceitful ones such as Joab gave to Amasa in 2 Samuel 20:9-10, or such as Judas gave to Jesus when he cried, "Hail Rabbi!" and betrayed him into the hands of his enemies. (Matthew 26:49)

For Christians, the holy kiss further expressed the deep brotherly love they had for one another, and their unity; and it was considered especially precious and holy to the new believers because they were often outcasts from their own families, due to their new faith. Some of the early Christians were shunned, and therefore gloried in the spiritual kinship they had found among other Christians.

By Father Chrysogonus Shirley Petroff Bernadette Hendrickson



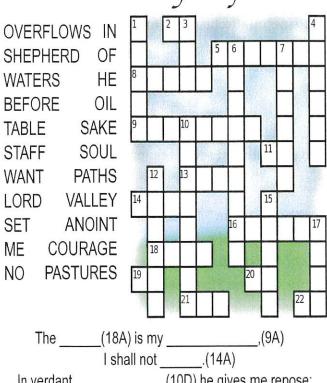
Divine Mercy The Knights of Columbus Parish Catechism Hour.

Ever wondered about the extraordinary graces associated with the Divine Mercy image that says "Jesus, I trust in you" Come and find out Tuesday March 28 at 7:00 pm in the Friendship room. Babysitting available by the Ladies Auxiliary and refreshments will be served afterwards. Sponsored by the Knight of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary

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Kids Corner-Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Lord is my Shepherd...



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Answers to cross-word. <u>Across</u>: 2. no 5. courage 8. table 9. shepherd 11. in 13. soul 14. want 16. waters 18. Lord 19.me 20. of 21. set 22. he <u>Down</u>: I paths 3. oil 4. before 6. overflows 7. anoint 10. pastures 12. valley

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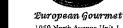


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