

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 & 5:00 pm

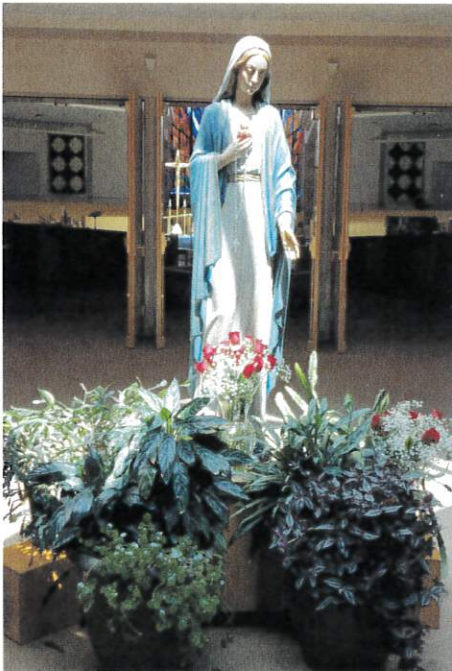
Monday-Saturday: 8:00 am **Holy Days:** Anticipated Mass, 5:00 pm

Holy Day Masses 8:00 am & 5:00 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: 9:30 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 in the Seton Room

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

Holy Day of Obligation

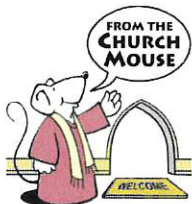
August 15, 2023 is the
Holy Day of Obligation for
the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary.

Please join us for one of our masses:

8:00 am IHM

10:30 am at St. Ann's
in Palisade

12:00 noon & 5:00 pm
at IHM



ICE CREAM *Meat & Mingle* SOCIAL!

Hurray! The Ice Cream Social, one of IHM's oldest traditions, is back! You are invited to this free event at IHM on Sunday, August 13 at 2:00 PM and ending at 4 PM. Enjoy delicious ice cream while renewing acquaintances and strengthening IHM's community.

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

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Please Pray For:



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Sue Burns, Phyllis Shupak, Penny Olesky, Sofia Grasso, Lorita Perry,
Thomas Gannon, Dori Smeaton, Mark Hirschfeld, Nancy Boggus,
Tiffany Hughes, Bernard Kochevar, Emilie Stoddard, Joan Wasinger,
Veronica Cukro, Tia Hasley, Rich Jurewicz, Penney Barger,
Karen Hernandez, Alice Bristol, Diane Gigliotti, Gerry Lemarr, Dolores K.,
Fr. Carlos Gallardo, Theresa Brandorff, Lee Byram, Alex & Ashlynn Kirstatter,
Bob Ferencsik, Richard Hopkins, Stephanie Lane, Marty Olesky,
Charles Chisholm, Tim Allons, Nikki Allons, Kim B.
and for all those written in the Red Book of Prayer.

If there is someone you wish to have put on our prayer list please contact Judy

Healing Masses

Father Chrysogonus is announcing
IHM will be having a
Healing Mass on the
second Wednesday of every month,
ongoing. For all those suffering from
Cancer, serious illness, any type of
disease, healing after surgery and all
who need healing of mind,
body & Spirit.

Our next Healing Mass is
August 9 at 12:00 noon

We will need volunteer Lectors, EM's,
Altar Servers, and Hospitality Ministers.

If you would like to volunteer for
this mass please call
the parish office or there is a sign up
sheet in the Narthex by the Chapel.

The Transfiguration of the Lord

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON ... LISTEN TO HIM

My brothers and sisters, today, we have been given the apocalyptic writings of Daniel written from the Babylonian exile about the year 165BC. It coincided with the persecution of the remnant of Israel during the Maccabean revolt. Daniel spent most of his life in the Babylonian exile. His writings as were, as most Jewish apocalyptic scriptures were, meant to bring hope to the suffering people of God. His message to his contemporary Jews and to us is that God has not yet abandoned us. God is aware of our sufferings and will send to us a Messiah “whose dominion is an everlasting dominion ... a kingdom that shall not be destroyed.

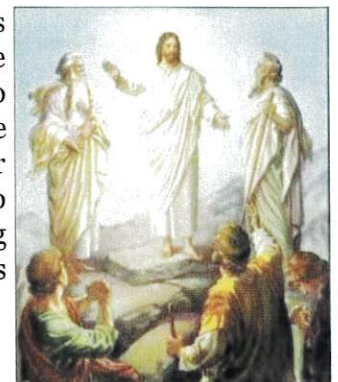
Saint Peter in today’s reading bears witness to the transfiguration: God declares, “This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am pleased.” Peter claims that the transfiguration is one of the beacons which strengthens his faith and hope in the moments of tribulation. Each of us should equally have a beacon which strengthens our faith.

But why did Jesus take his most trusted disciples to the mountain? Remember that they were on their way to Jerusalem for his crucifixion. At this time, the concern of Jesus was the lives of his disciples and the survival of his church after the crucifixion. First, he took them to the mountain to teach them that getting to heaven is a challenging task. Through the Transfiguration Jesus prepared the disciples against the scandal of the cross. Jesus knew that his disciples would be shocked by his death on the cross and therefore wished to show them an inkling of his glory; this will help them to know that though his cross would be shameful and painful, it would lead to his glory and their reunion with the Father.

He already announced his death, and his disciples were distraught with untold disappointment. Through his transfiguration, Jesus helped them to know that his death would not be in vain.

The appearance of Moses and Elijah, two main pillars of the Old Testament, symbolized that Jesus is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets; only he can open the seal of the law and the prophets, only he can interpret them with their rightful meaning and application (Revelation 5:1-7). The cloud is not necessarily hiding God from us but an assurance that God who led Israel through the desert is still using his glory to shade his people (Exodus 13:17). And the voice which was heard said of Jesus, “This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favor. Listen to him.” This voice reminds us of the same voice during his baptism at the Jordan (Matthew 3:13-17) which also commanded us to listen to Jesus. Jesus is here reconfirmed for his mission.

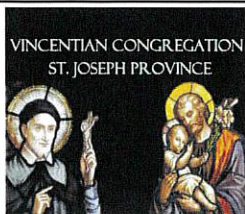
On our part, in our sufferings, our crosses, we should not give up because Jesus is in charge, he knows our problems. If we lean on him, he will take us to the Father. Second, the transfiguration event is both comforting and challenging to us. It is comforting because we know that our Lord and Savior, Jesus, is truly the Son of God and beloved of the heavenly Father. His relationship with the father will bring us abundant grace. It is a challenge because the Father invites us to listen to His Son and follow His teachings and be intentional witnessing disciples. If we faithfully follow Him, we too will one day experience this heavenly glory in all its beauty for all eternity.



See you in the Eucharistic assembly.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

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Visiting Missionary

Fr. Joseph J Arackal V. C., a Vincentian Missionary Priest, will be in our parish on the weekend of August 19 & 20, 2023 to participate in our

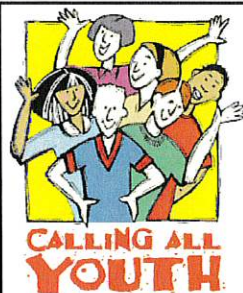
Annual Missionary Cooperation Plan. He will preach at all the Masses on the August 19 & 20 weekend and will make an appeal on behalf of the Vincentian Mission. The Vincentian Congregation (V.C.), a missionary-sending Religious Congregation, was founded in Kerala, India and modeled after the Congregation of the Mission founded by St. Vincent de Paul. Members of this flourishing Religious Congregation are engaged in Mission Work in all parts of India, Sri Lanka and Nepal. There will be a special mission collection on the August 19 & 20 weekend to help the Missionary Works of the Vincentian Missionaries. We urge you to be very generous in your mission offering since these Missionaries need our help. Please keep Fr. Joseph and all the Vincentian Missionaries and seminarians in your prayers.



STROKE SCAN PLUS

A representative will visit Immaculate Heart of Mary church the weekend of August 26 & 27th. He/she will be available to answer questions, collect names and numbers of those who are interested in signing up for a stroke scan.

The scanning will take place on September 7 & 8th here at the church. **Please see the bulletin insert for additional information.**



Attention!

All Middle and High School students! We are excited to announce the return of middle and high school youth group! Our youth group will meet on Wednesdays in the Youth Room from 6pm-7pm. Come join us as we play games, enjoy food, and tap into our creative gifts.

Be sure to join us for our first meeting on Wednesday, September 6th and feel free to bring your friends!



Women Faith & Fun!

Our next get together is Thursday Aug.17. Gathering starts at 6:00 pm with prayer at 6:30 pm, then fun & games in the friendship room. Park in the handicap parking lot. This is a wonderful way to meet other Catholic women. We will support and make friends through praying and playing. You are not alone as a faith-filled catholic woman. We look forward to seeing you.



Please join Father Chrysogonus Wednesday evenings from 6-7:00 pm for Bible Study. The first study will be the Book of Revelation.

Join us for an evening of spiritual growth and wisdom in our Catholic Faith.



IHM is in need of volunteers for Eucharist Ministers to the Homebound. This is a very rewarding ministry. If you would like to assist those who don't have the privilege of attending mass, please contact Judy Hettinger in the parish office at 970-242-6121.

Minister Schedule for Aug. 12/13, 2023

All who are on this schedule have chosen to serve.

8:00 am Aug. 12, Mass (†) Maria Bagnera by Mike & Raquel
Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele Guidi

4:00 pm Aug. 12, Mass (†) Janet O'Driscoll by Steve & Lena
Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele Watson

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

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

Servers: 2 Volunteers

Lectors: J. Rau

7:30 am Aug. 13, Mass (†) Lawrence & Betty Suppes by George &
Presider: Fr. Selvanathan Marie

Eucharistic: J. Snoddy & 7 Volunteers

Hospitality: D. Lytle, G. Watts & 2 Volunteers

Servers: 2 Volunteers

Lectors: M. Katzer

9:30 am Aug. 13, Mass at Palisade St. Ann's
Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

10 am Aug. 13, Mass (I) (†)
Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

Eucharistic: B. Schaneman & 7 Volunteers

Hospitality: J. Nasalroad & 3 Volunteers

Servers: P. Jones & 1 Volunteer

Lectors: R. Jones & M. Jones

5:00 pm Aug. 13, (I) (†)
Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Eucharistic: M. Calderone, R. Thibault-Lloyd & 6 Volunteers

Hospitality: A. Alu & 3 Volunteers

Servers: 2 Volunteers

Lectors: M. Lipic

Readings for the Week of August 6, 2023

Sunday: DN 7:9-10, 13-14 2PT 1:16-19 MT 17:1-9

Monday: NM 11:4b-15 MT 14:13-21

Tuesday: NM 12:1-13 MT 14:22-36

Wednesday: NM 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35
 MT 15:21-28

Thursday: 2 COR 9:6-10 JN 12:24-26

Friday: DT 4:32-40 MT 16:24-28

Saturday: DT 6:4-13 MT 17:14-20

Calendar of Events Week of August 6, 2023

Sunday, Aug. 6 7:30 am Mass
 10:00 am Mass
 9:30 am St. Ann's Palisade
 5:00 pm Mass

Monday, Aug. 7 8:00 am Mass

Tuesday, Aug. 8 8:00 am Mass
 7:00 pm Centering Prayer

Wednesday, Aug. 9 8:00 am Mass
 12:00 noon Healing Mass
 6-7:00 pm Bible Study

Thursday, Aug. 10 8:00 am Mass
 1:30-2:30 Silent Prayer Seton Room

Friday, Aug. 11 8:00 am Mass
 9 am-5:00 pm Adoration in Chapel

Saturday, Aug. 12 8:00 am Morning Prayer
 2:00-3:30 pm Confessions
 4:00 pm Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday Aug. 6, 2023

7:30 am - (†) **Bill Dorsey** by Cliff & Dee Ulman

10:00 am - (I) **IHM Parishioners**

5:00 pm- (I) **Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele**

Monday Aug. 7, 2023

8:00 am -(†) **Allen & Yvonne Beuerle** by Judy Blevins &
 Carrol Multz

Tuesday Aug. 8, 2023

8:00 am -(†) **Cecilia Cutshaw** by Joan Wasinger

Wednesday Aug. 9, 2023

8:00 am-(†) **Alicia & Marceen Kreider** by Pond Family

Thursday Aug. 10, 2023

8:00 am- (†) **Susan Lohman** by Friends

Friday Aug. 11, 2023

8:00 am-(I) **Sadie & Monica Henninghan** by George & Stellas
 Shanks

Saturday Aug. 12, 2023

8:00 am -(†) **Maria Bagnera** by Mike & Raquel Guidi

4:00 pm-(†) **Janet O'Driscoll** by Steve & Lena Watson

The Saints and Us in the Spirit of the Holy Eucharist

Continued from last week...

Jesus invites us into His own life so that we might be free of whatever burdens weigh us down and keep us from being the person we were created to be. Coming to Jesus is the condition for finding relief. All we need to do is choose to enter into his presence and the pressures that weigh us down begin to dissipate. We know that it is Jesus who bears our crosses, we just follow behind him.

For the early saints, they found personal friendship, intimacy, compassion and God's love in their weakness, unhappiness, and failures and whatever they could call success. We can be the same way too if we allow the divine wind to flow into us. In this self-surrender into God we will find peace and rest. The rest and comfort he wants to give us is not just the end of our earthly struggles or difficulties, but it is a new life in his company, his being, his kingdom: in himself. If we are willing to take upon ourselves the yoke of Jesus we will never be alone, for his yoke is what sets us free. It gives us the strength to face daily chores.

How did the saints do what they did? How did they manage not to be overcome by the anxieties and the weight of the world? How did they keep their heads high even when they truly failed? How did Peter handle his denial of Jesus? (Lk. 22:54-62; Matt. 26:69-75) The woman caught in adultery who later became the disciple of Jesus (Jn. 8:1-11). Paul after killing Christians, (Acts 9:1-19) How were they able to face the critics? (LK 7:38) They allowed themselves to be like a child before God, entrusting themselves to their heavenly Father and accepted His perfect lovely understanding. (Jn. 21:15-17) They came to Jesus as they were to be with him and they found freedom in his yoke. (Jn. 21:15-17) Each of us in our own lives and unique situations, are called to do the very same! Relax, be still and let God reveal himself to you and you will find the greatest love, hope and peace you could ever imagine. He says to us: "be still and know that I am God" (Ps. 46:1). God is in control, he is in-charge my dear. Let go of self and external distractions and make a dwelling in Him who has already possessed you in the Holy Eucharist.

To be continued next week...

By Father Chrysogonus Nwele
Shirley Petroff



Registration is now open for Faith Formation!

Grades K-12 to begin the week of August 20. Sacramental Prep Classes (First Communion & Reconciliation) are being offered Sundays 8:30-9:30 am, 11:30-12:30 pm or Wednesday evenings from 6-7:00 pm.

Confirmation classes are planned for Sundays from 11:30-12:30 pm.

All other classes are scheduled Wednesday nights 6-7:00 pm.

A parent meeting will be held Sunday August 13th or Wednesday August 16th depending on your child's class time.

Please contact Bernadette in the parish office at 970-242-6121 ext.204 to volunteer or for more information.

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Kids Corner- Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

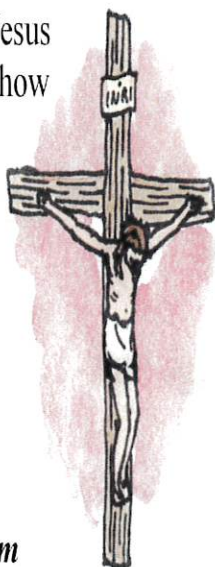
Looking at Jesus



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus took three of His Apostles up a mountain where they saw Him shining like the sun, and talking with Moses and Elijah. They were talking about how Jesus was going to go to Jerusalem and be killed. The apostles were amazed and confused.

Jesus let His friends see Him in His glory to help them understand why He had to suffer and die. We won't see Jesus in His glory until we see Him in Heaven, but it is good for us to think about the things that He and Moses and Elijah were talking about.












Look at a crucifix or a picture of Jesus on the cross every day. Think about how much He loves you - how much He suffered for you, and the perfect happiness He has waiting for you in Heaven! Try to think of how you can love Him better each day!



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Feast of the Transfiguration

August 6th, 2023

 took Peter, James and John up a 
 Suddenly His  became dazzling white, like the 
 began to speak with Moses and Elijah,
 who appeared beside Him.  were terrified.
 Peter said, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. Shall we
 build  : one for You, one for Moses and
 one for Elijah?" Then a  came over them, and a
 voice came out of it and said, "This is my beloved Son.
 Listen to Him." Then only  was there with them.
 Coming down the , He told  not to tell
 anyone what happened until after He rose from the dead.

*Use the pictures to help read the story
from today's Gospel reading!*



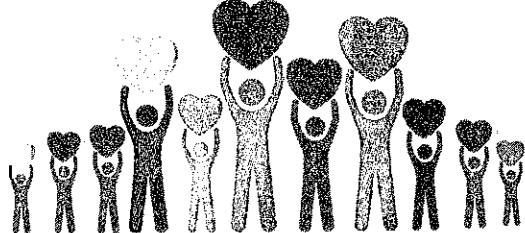
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