

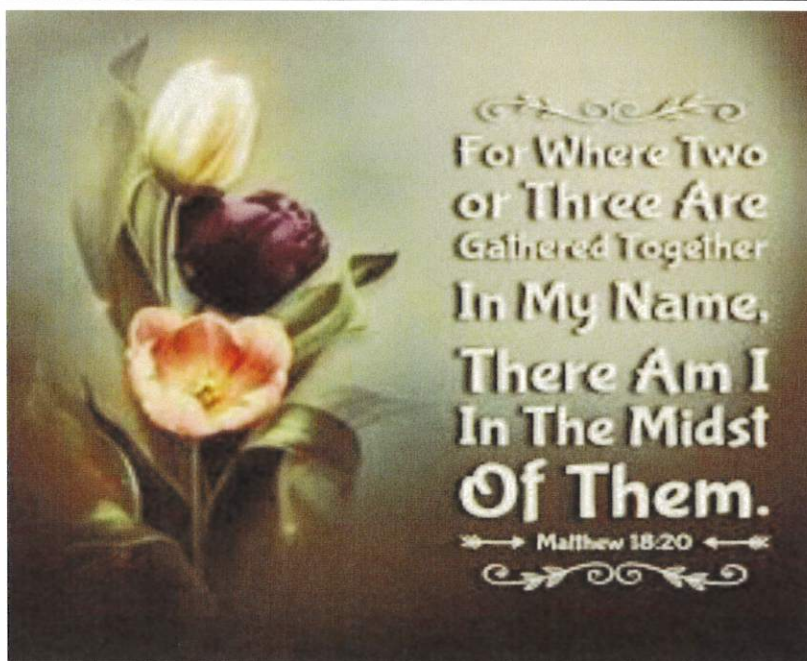
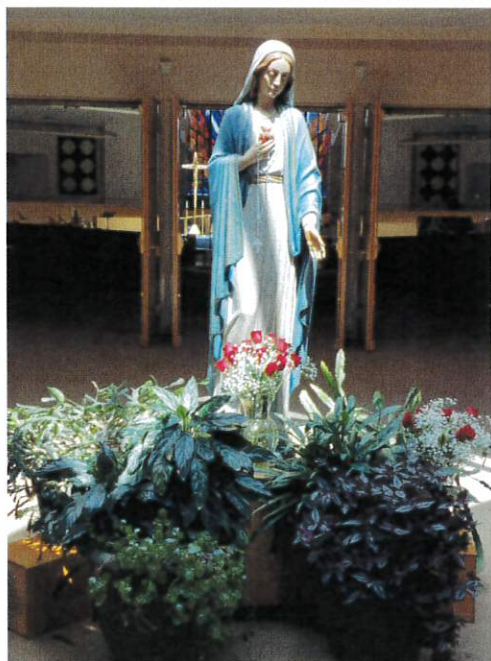
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Immaculate Heart of Mary Mass

Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 pm **Sunday Masses:**

7:30 and 10:00 am & 5:00 pm

Monday-Saturday: 8:00 am

Holy Day Masses will be posted in the bulletin & on the website

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

Healing Masses

IHM Healing Mass is 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
September 13 at 12:00 noon

Prayer Opportunities:

Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 7:30am in the Chapel

Morning Mass: Monday-Saturday 8:00am

Silent Prayer: 1st & 3rd Thursdays 1:30-2:30 pm
in the Seton Room

Adoration: Fridays from 9:00 am-5:00 pm in the Chapel

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

Centering Prayer: Tuesday Evenings from 7:00 - 8:00
in the IHM Library

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

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Confessions Saturday

2:00-3:30

Parish Office Hours

9:00-5:00 M-F

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Please Pray For:

The Allons Family, Dick Christiansen,
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Jean Sullivan, Marena Fritzler, Justin Marchun, Dick Neville,
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Nancy Boggus, Tiffany Hughes, Bernard Kochevar, Emilie Stoddard,
Joan Wasinger, Veronica Cukro, Tia Hasley, Rich Jurewicz,
Penney Barger, Karen Hernandez, Alice Bristol, Gerry Lemarr,
Theresa Brandorff, Lee Byram, Alex & Ashlynn Kirstatter,
Bob Ferencsik, Marty Olesky, 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



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and still receiving
envelopes in the
mail? Are you
receiving more
envelopes than you
need? Are you just putting
your tithing in the basket at
mass? Have you had a change
of address or phone number?
If any of these apply, please
notify the Parish Office at
970-242-6121. This will allow
us to update your information
in our records. Thank you!



**TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: A:
DUTY OF CORRECTING THE ERRING
(Eze: 33: 7-9; Rom: 13: 8-10; Matt: 18: 15-20)**

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 Ezekiel. Ezekiel is asked by the Lord God to be a watchman for the house of Israel. He is given the duty to warn all the wicked people in the land. The instructions given to Ezekiel by the Lord God are applicable to all leaders who have a prophetic role to play. He or she has to speak out against every type of evil in the community and correct the erring members.

The second reading is from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans. Paul reminds the Christian community in Rome and all of us about the preeminence of the law of love in every situation in life. He instructs us that the practice of Christian love fulfills all other commandments and prevents a person from doing wrong.

Healing broken relationships

Today's Gospel reading is from St. Matthew. Jesus gives us some important and relevant guidelines regarding the duty of a Christian and the Christian community in correcting an erring member of the community in a gentle and delicate manner.

The instructions of Jesus in this context are straight forward. The offended person - not the offending one- should be the first one to seek reconciliation. The message is that members of the Christian community should straighten things out with one another privately and in a personal manner. The purpose of this open personal meeting is not to humiliate the offending person but to be reconciled with him/her. Hence this kind of action is to regain the brother or the sister who had a break in relationship. It is to restore the broken relationship and not for denouncing or to put blame on the other. That is why Jesus said, "If he listens to you, you have gained your brother."

In the second part of the Gospel, Jesus assures of us His divine and continued presence wherever two or three are gathered in His name. These words of Jesus should encourage us and strengthen us to be part of a caring, forgiving and praying community.

"The fruits of charity are joy, peace and mercy; charity demands beneficence and fraternal correction." - St. Augustine.

"Today we have to learn all over again that love for the sinner and love for the person who has been harmed are correctly balanced." - Pope Benedict XVI.

I wish you all A Blessed weekend and a Lovely Sunday to you all. God Bless you. Fr. Selva.

Attention Eucharistic Assembly (Mass)
Ministers!

There will be a training
Tuesday September 12 at 9:30 am
in the Sanctuary.

This training will bring all
Assembly Eucharistic Ministers (not homebound)
together using the same procedures
given by Church teachings for those
of you who serve at mass. Questions
and concerns will be welcome.



To sign up please contact
Judy Hettinger in the Parish
office at 970-242-6121.



Catholic Daughters invite all
women of the Grand Valley to join
them! They meet on a rotation
basis at Sacred Heart,
St. Joseph's and IHM.

They have their All Souls Candle
Sales coming up soon and do
some amazing things for our community. It is a
wonderful group to be a part of.

For more information about joining Catholic
Daughters,
contact Mary Folchert at 970-596-8961

IHM's Finance Corner

August Collections:

Monthly Envelopes: \$32,458.50

Online Giving: \$16,117.82



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Knights of Columbus

Pancake Breakfast

The Knights will host their
Third Sunday Pancake Breakfast on
Sept. 17. It's a great place to meet new friends and
have a great breakfast. Children under 7 eat free!

Breakfast consists of

Knights of Columbus
Pancake Breakfast



pancakes, scrambled eggs, choice of bacon or
sausage, biscuits, and gravy, coffee,
tea or lemonade.

Adults \$8 Children 8-11 \$5
Please support our Knights!



Women Faith & Fun!



Our next get together is
Thursday Sept. 21. 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.

Save the Date



**28th Annual
EMPTY Bowls**

**Saturday,
October 14, 2023**
11:00a.m.-1:30p.m.

Grand Valley Catholic Outreach 245 S. 1st Street
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\$25.00 ticket buys: Soup, Dessert and a
Handmade Pottery Bowl of your choice to keep!

Tickets available here at IHM in the Parish
office, www.catholicoutreach.org, at Catholic
Outreach or on the day of the event.

*"Feeding the Hungry in the
Grand Valley"*



Please join Father Chrysogonus
Wednesday evenings from 6-7:00 pm for
Bible Study in the friendship room. The first
study will be the Book of Revelation. Join us
for an evening of spiritual growth and wisdom in our
Catholic Faith.

Minister Schedule for September 16/17, 2023

All who are on this schedule have chosen to serve.

8:00 am Sept. 16, Mass (†) Dave Faricy by Shettler Family
Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

4:00 pm Sept. 16, Mass (†) Lisa Pond by Pond Family
Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

Eucharistic: B. Kline, M. Meyers & 6 Volunteers
Hospitality: S. Mills & 3 Volunteers
Servers: 2 Volunteers
Lectors: J. Rau

7:30 am Sept. 17, Mass (I) Patti Jachim by George Jachim
Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Eucharistic: M. Kiser & 7 Volunteers
Hospitality: A. Ambrosier, G. Ambrosier, L. Duncan, G. Watts
Servers: E. Scott & N. Scott
Lectors: 2 Volunteers

9:30 am Sept. 17, Mass at Palisade St. Ann's
Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

10 am Sept. 17, Mass (†) George McGintie by Pat Graves
Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Eucharistic: C. Dotta & 7 Volunteers
Hospitality: 4 Volunteers
Servers: 2 Volunteers
Lectors: D. Seatvet

5:00 pm Mass Sept. 17, (†) Joseph Dreilling by Frank & Maryls Hoffman
Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

Eucharistic: N. Hall, A. Rubalcaba & 6 Volunteers
Hospitality: M. Simpson & 3 Volunteers
Servers: 2 Volunteers
Lectors: B. Luff

Readings for the Week of September 10, 2023

Sunday: EZ 33:7-9 ROM 13:8-10 MT 18:15-20

Monday: COL 1:24-2:3 LK 6:6-11

Tuesday: COL 2:6-15 LK 6:12-19

Wednesday: COL 3:1-11 LK 6:20-26

Thursday: NM 21:4b-9 PHIL 2:6-11

Friday: 1 TM 1:1-2, 12-14 JN 19:25-27

Saturday: 1 TM 1:15-17 LK 6:43-49

Calendar of Events Week of September 10, 2023

Sunday, Sept. 10	7:30 am Mass Volunteer Fair Narthex 8:45-9:45 Sac Prep 9:30 am St. Ann's Palisade 10:00 am Mass Volunteer Fair Narthex 11:30 am Faith Formation, Confirmation, RCIA, 2nd Yr. RCIC & Sac Prep 5:00 pm Mass Volunteer Fair Narthex
Monday, Sept. 11	8:00 am Mass 6-9pm Fiber Fellowship
Tuesday, Sept. 12	8:00 am Mass 5:15 Finance/Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm Centering Prayer
Wednesday, Sept. 13	8:00 am Mass 9-12 noon St. Bridget's Circle 12:00 noon Healing Mass 6-7:00 pm Bible Study 6-7:00 pm Faith Formation, 1st yr. RCIC, Sac Prep 6-7 Middle & High School Youth Group 6-7 Parent Class
Thursday, Sept. 14	8:00 am Mass
Friday, Sept. 15	8:00 am Mass 9 am-5:00 pm Adoration in Chapel
Saturday, Sept. 16	8:00 am Mass 2:00-3:30 pm Confessions 4:00 pm Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday Sept. 10, 2023

7:30 am - (†) Bill Dorsey by Cliff & Dee Ulman
 10:00 am - (†) Sal Sassano by Kathy
 5:00 pm - (I) Darlene Menifield by Kerski Family

Monday Sept. 11, 2023

8:00 am - (I) First Responders

Tuesday Sept. 12, 2023

8:00 am - (†) Lois Barrick by Sister

Wednesday Sept. 13, 2023

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

Thursday Sept. 14, 2023

8:00 am - (†) Rita & Lawrie Fernandes by Menon Family

Friday Sept. 15, 2023

8:00 am - (†) Isabelle Thompson by Family

Saturday Sept. 16, 2023

8:00 am - (†) Dave Faricy by Shettler Family
 4:00 pm - (†) Lisa Pond by Pond Family

Transforming Distractions At Mass and Eucharistic Adorations

Continued from last week...

What is active participation? The word participation when used liturgically does not mean mere external activity during the celebration. Active participation connotes submerging the whole of the self into the mystery and therein serve as a participant. In the words of Pope Pius X, "If you wish to participate in the Mass actively, you must follow with your eye, heart and mouth all that happens on the altar. Further, you must pray with the Priest the holy words said by him in the Name of Christ and which Christ says through him. You have to associate your heart with the holy feelings which are contained in these words and in this manner you ought to follow all that happens at the altar. When acting in this way you have prayed Holy Mass." If active participation means involving the whole self in the action of the altar as though we are the priest, what then should be our disposition? We should assume "the dispositions which the Divine Redeemer had when he sacrificed himself to the will of the Father; that is, of adoration, love, praise and thanksgiving to the great majesty of God... We should reproduce in ourselves the condition of victimhood; the self-denial that follows the Gospel's teaching, whereby of our own accord we make the willing sacrifice of penance, sorrow and expiation for our sins." So, if we are totally involved in what is happening at the altar with our body, spirit and soul committed to it, there will be some distractions which we may not notice because of our level of concentration towards the sanctuary.

Remember, if you take part in praying, singing, kneeling, rising, and sitting and sincerely concentrate in all of these, you may not notice possible distractions.

Second, I suggest that you read the scripture passages of the day so as to prepare your heart and soul for what you are about to hear at Mass. Listening to the Word of God read to us can be an impediment if the proclaimer has an impairment caused by a natural phonological obstruction such as stammering or cultural elocution barrier such as an accent. If this is a constant problem in your church, as it is in many churches, it is advised that you follow the Mass from your worship aid or missal. That is why we provide missalettes at the beginning of every liturgical year. This year we will provide them for free and educate you on how to use them in order to get the needed result. I believe this approach will help to limit some phonological barriers out there.

Third, understand the Mass to be an act of worship. Worship means willingly putting the self beneath God with humility, love, and great respect (fear of the Lord) and so empty the self before him. We worship God to praise, bless, thank him for all his graces, and then present our petitions. While the Mass is communal, personal commitment is necessary if the Mass is to go through us as we go through it. Therefore, we must be committed in prayers, aware of God's omniscience and our insignificance.

To be continued next week...

By Father Chrysogonus Nwele & Shirley Petroff



If you are a university student, and would like more information about how to get involved in Mesa Catholic, feel free to message us on our Instagram @mesacatholic. Mesa Catholic is the Colorado Mesa University catholic campus ministry. It allows college students to come together, build a community, and grow in faith! We meet for several events during the week and on Sunday nights following the 5 pm mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church we meet up for a "family meal" at our Newman house. For

information please contact: Olivia Linnebur olivia.linnebur@gmail.com
970-222-7670 Mesa Catholic House Coordinator

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Kids Corner- Twenty-third Sunday

*What should I do
when somebody else sins?*

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us that if someone sins against us we should quietly go and talk to them about it. Have you ever seen someone else do something bad? Did you talk to them about it?



When we talk to somebody about something bad they are doing we should do it with love. We aren't trying to make them feel bad; we're trying to help!

Has anyone ever told you when you were doing something wrong? Did you find it easy to listen to them? When we try to help people who do bad things, what God wants us to do is be kind to them and help them to turn away from their sins. It's hard to do, but it makes God so happy to see us helping people come back to Him!



Answer: Pray with Others

www.thekidsbulletin.com

**...Where two or three
are gathered in my Name...**

T W H I C H P R T A Here is the last part of
H H E A R T H S H T today's Gospel reading.
R E A G A I N H E O See if you can find all
E R V R M Y W A R G the words in CAPITALS
E E E E S G L E E in the puzzle. Use the
P I N E N A R L N T left-over letters to fill in
R T L H O Y A T A H the blanks.

What is Our Lord asking us to do?

Y Y O U F A T H E R _ _ _ _ _
G A T H E R E D H E _ _ _ _ _
R T W O M I D S T S _ _ _ _ _

AGAIN, AMEN, I SAY to YOU, if two of you AGREE on EARTH about ANYTHING for WHICH they are to PRAY, it SHALL be GRANTED to them by my HEAVENLY FATHER. For WHERE TWO or THREE are GATHERED TOGETHER in my NAME, THERE am I in the MIDST of them.



Our Faith Formation Program is still in need of a 1st year RCIC Catechist for our Wednesday night Class from 6-7:00 pm and 2nd year RCIC Catechist Sundays 8:45-9:45 am. If you enjoy working with children and love our faith please consider this rewarding Ministry! If interested call Bernadette in the parish office 970-242-6121 ext. 204



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