

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

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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

Healing Masses

IHM Healing Mass is on the second Wednesday of every month, ongoing at 12:00 noon.. For all those suffering from Cancer, serious illness, any type of disease, healing after surgery and all who need healing of mind, body & Spirit.

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
9am-5:00 pm

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 every Tuesday

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

Parish Staff

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Confessions Saturday

2:00-3:30

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9:00-5:00 M-F

Please call the office to schedule a
home or hospital visit.

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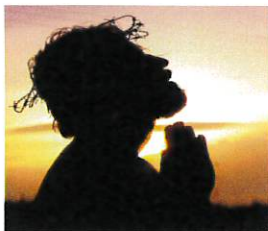
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Please Pray For:

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



Bible Study

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

Pro-Life

Please come to hear Dr. Christina Francis,
president of the American
Academy of Pro-Life
Obstetricians and
Gynecologists, at 6:00p at the
Four Winds Cafe 1235
Bookcliff Ave. on Friday, September 29th. Also,
please join us for the annual **Life Chain** from
3:00pm to 4:00pm on Sunday, October 1st
beginning at Messiah Lutheran, 840 N 11th





**TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: A:
THE GENEROSITY OF A VINEYARD OWNER
(Is: 55:6-9; Phil: 20: 24-27; Mat: 20: 1-6)**

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

I am very pleased to see you all though homily. Today's first reading is from the book of the Prophet Isaiah. Prophet Isaiah urges the people of Israel to turn away from their evil and sinful ways and return to the Lord God. He tells them and us too that the Lord God's ways are not our ways. The Lord God in His infinite wisdom has His own way of dealing with us that may not be always to our liking. Often we try to shape the Lord God according to human understanding and ways of thinking which may not correspond to the way the Lord God deals with us.

The second reading is from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians. Paul expresses his deep conviction that to live for Christ or to die for Christ is the same for him. His only ambition is to proclaim and glorify Christ and be united with Him always. This message of Paul should rule the hearts of all who follow the Lord.

"The last will be first and the first last." (Reversal of values in the Kingdom of God)

Today's Gospel reading is from St. Matthew. The parable of the vineyard owner and his generosity is narrated in great detail. The owner gives a day's wages (one denarius) for everyone who worked in his vineyard no matter whether the person worked just one hour (ones who came last) or the person worked the whole day (ones who came first). The owner's generosity makes those who worked the entire day dissatisfied and angry. The question of the vineyard owner to the disgruntled workers is very relevant: "Have I no right to do what I have with my own?" This parable may seem quite strange and unjust at the outset for many of us. Some may even think that the vineyard owner does not understand the feelings of those who toiled all day. According to one Biblical Scholar, the parable does not depict reckless, arbitrary action of the owner. Rather it shows the behaviour of a large-hearted man who is very compassionate, kind and full of sympathy for the poor and the deprived. It is out of pity for their poverty that the owner decided to give them a full day's wages. If not, their families would be starving that day.

Through this parable Jesus is expressing the unlimited goodness, compassion and graciousness of a kind and loving God and not about labour relationships. Often we grudge others who are in some way more favored by God. Sometimes we are not ready to accept God's unlimited generosity. Hence through the parable, Jesus gives us a lesson that it does not matter when we come to the Kingdom of God: early, middle or at the last hour. All that matters is that we are part of His Kingdom.

"For it is in giving that we receive." - St. Francis of Assisi

"Generosity is giving more than you can." - Khalil Gibran

"Every sunrise is an invitation for us to arise and brighten someone's day." - R.E. Goodrich

I wish you all Have a Blessed Sunday and a Lovely weekend. Thank you very much and God Bless you all. Fr. Selva.



The IHM Library
re-opening is on schedule!

The team of volunteers who will supervise the library after the 4 pm Saturday and 7:30 and 10 am Sunday Masses have met and are ready to serve parishioners. The library will be open after these three Masses beginning September 30 and October 1 for one hour. Come, browse and enjoy your unique IHM resource. Please enter the Library on the south side of the front entrance not through the office.

The
Blessing
of the
Pets



Our Priests will be blessing
pets/animals on Wednesday
October 4 at Holy Family School
8:00 am by the round about.

Then again on Sunday October 8
after the 10:00 am mass. Please bring all animals for
this wonderful blessing
in honor of St. Francis of Assisi.

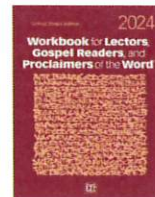


Holy Family Catholic School
Giving Day 2023

will take place on Wednesday
October 4. This is a 24-hour event where
the funds support all areas of the school such as,
Classroom support, art, music, technology and Tuition
assistance. Call Holy Family School for more
information. 970-242-6168

Attention Lectors!

We have the New 2024 Lector
Books now available in the Parish
office. You may pick one up
between 9:00 am &
5:00 pm



Please join us for the annual **Life Chain** from 3:00pm to 4:00pm
on Sunday, October 1st beginning at Messiah Lutheran, 840 N
11th. And plan on attending **Mesa County Right to Life's Fall
Banquet** to be held on Friday, October 20th beginning at 5:00pm
at Immaculate Heart of Mary. And please
go to mcrtl.net to sign up for the Fall **40
Days for Life** campaign, as we fast and
pray to end abortion in our country. Please
call Carl Malito at 243 9871 for details.



Catholic Daughters News

Catholic Daughters All Soul's Day
candles will be available for sale for \$10
at IHM 9/30 and 10/1 after all masses.

Candles may be personalized with a picture of a
saint or loved one, names, dates and a photo, if you
desire. The proceeds from the sale will be
donated to the Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine
(20%), Drops of Hope Foundation (20%), and
Catholic Daughters projects and charities (60%).



Catholic Outreach is looking for volunteers to share
the love of reading with children, through their Book
-in-Hand program. When kids come into the Center
with their parents, we help them choose a book of
their very own to keep, and then read books with
them while their parents are accessing services.
You would be volunteering one or more days a week from
9-noon. Please call Ellen at Catholic Outreach at
970-241-3658 if you are willing to help. Thank you!



Attention Eucharist Homebound
Ministers!

There will be a training
Wednesday October 11 at 9:30 am
in the Sanctuary.

This training will bring all
Homebound Eucharist Ministers (not Assembly)
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

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 Grand
Junction, CO 81501 **\$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"

Minister Schedule for Sept. 30/Oct. 1, 2023

All who are on this schedule have chosen to serve.

8:00 am Sept. 30, Mass (†) John Olinger by Marie
Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

4:00 pm Sept. 30, Mass (†) Virginia Dougherty by Pat Graves
Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

Eucharistic: B. Kline, M. Meyers & 6 Vols
Hospitality: R. Bertrand & 3 Volunteers
Servers: 2 Volunteers
Lectors: J. Rau

7:30 am Oct. 1, Mass (†) Caesar Dotta by Family
Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Eucharistic: M. Kiser & 7 Volunteers
Hospitality: G. Watts, D. Lytle & 3 Volunteers
Servers: N. Scott & E. Scott
Lectors: M. Katzer & J. Bennett

9:30 am Oct. 1, Mass at Palisade St. Ann's
Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

10 am Oct. 1, Mass (†) Fr. James Plough by Elizabeth & Joshua
Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Eucharistic: C. Craig, J. Peugh, D. Peugh & 5 Volunteers
Hospitality: J. Nasalroad & 3 Volunteers
Servers: P. Jones
Lectors: R. Jones & M. Jones

5:00 pm Mass Oct. 1, (†) Bernard & Irene Hoffman by Mary, Don & Mike
Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

Eucharistic: M. Calderone & 7 Volunteers
Hospitality: B. Mills & 3 Volunteers
Servers: 2 Volunteers
Lectors: M. Lipic

Readings for the Week of September 24, 2023

Sunday: IS 55:6-9 PHIL 1:20c-24,27a MT 20:1-16a

Monday: EZR 1:1-6 LK 8:16-18

Tuesday: EZR 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 LK 8:19-21

Wednesday: EZR 9:5-9 LK 9:1-6

Thursday: HG 1:1-8 LK 9:7-9

Friday: DN 7:9-10, 13-14 or RV 12:7-12ab JN 1:47-51

Saturday: ZEC 2:5-9, 14-15a LK 9:43b-45

Calendar of Events Week of September 24, 2023

Sunday, Sept. 24	7:30 am Mass 8:45-9:45 Sac Prep 9:30 am St. Ann's Palisade 10:00 am Mass 11:30 am Faith Formation, Confirmation, RCIA, 2nd Yr. RCIC & Sac Prep 5:00 pm Mass Dotta Rosary after Mass
Monday, Sept. 25	8:00 am Mass 11:00 am Caesar Dotta Funeral
Tuesday, Sept. 26	8:00 am Mass 5-9 Knights Awards Banquet 7:00 pm Centering Prayer
Wednesday, Sept. 27	8:00 am Mass 9:00 am Bulk Mailing 6-7:00 pm Bible Study 6-7:00 pm Faith Formation, 1st yr. RCIC, Sac Prep 6-7 Middle & High School Youth Group
Thursday, Sept. 28	8:00 am Mass
Friday, Sept. 29	8:00 am Mass 9 am-5:00 pm Adoration in Chapel
Saturday, Sept. 30	8:00 am Mass 2:00-3:30 pm Confessions 4:00 pm Mass Catholic Daughters All Souls Candle Sales

Mass Intentions

Sunday Sept. 24, 2023

7:30 am - (†) Barb Katzer by Pam & Bob Wimer
 10:00 am - (†) Ian Chaffee by Elizabeth & Joshua
 5:00 pm - (†) Darlene Merrifield by Kerski Family

Monday Sept. 25, 2023

8:00 am - (†) Ester Olesky by Charles Olesky

Tuesday Sept. 26, 2023

8:00 am - (†) Marilee Thompson by Kathleen Hollingsworth

Wednesday Sept. 27, 2023

8:00 am - (†) Larry Tilger by Justine Tilger

Thursday Sept. 28, 2023

8:00 am - (I) Charles Souders by Family

Friday Sept. 29, 2023

8:00 am - (†) Caesar Dotta by Justine Tilger

Saturday Sept. 30, 2023

8:00 am - (†) John Olinger by Marie
 4:00 pm - (†) Virginia Dougherty by Pat Graves

The Holy Eucharist and Peace

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. (Matthew 26:26-27) The mission of Jesus the Lord is to establish God's peace on earth for the children of God, a peace that allows us to be in oneness with God. Being in oneness with God is the true meaning of completeness. Jesus draws us into the house of God as one family, one with God, and in loving peace with one another. If fear is an awareness of the absence of God, then the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, the Holy Eucharist, the source and summit of Christian life, the testimony of church's mission is also the Sacrament of peace, tranquility and calm. It is the sacrament of peace because it gives meaning to everything and every situation in the church's life. Peace is not the absence of war and strife but the presence of wholeness, the presence of holiness, the presence of Christ.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid: (John 14:27) In every Eucharistic celebration, there is an opportunity for the faithful to come face to face with Jesus Christ. Jesus is peace! In our world of confusions, wars, terror, family upheavals and economic instability, it can be hard to find wholeness (peace) and calm, but on the night of the Last Supper Jesus gave the world the greatest gift of Himself. "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." (Jn. 15:13). Just as Paul testified: "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation;" (Romans 5:8-11). It is almost like God knows that the world in which we live is always full of crises, confusion, and craziness, but He wants us to know that He is always with us and gives peace to our days. Jesus wants us all to be at peace.

Peace is the opposite of worry, stress, and anxiety, which come from controlling all the situations of our lives. When we forget who is in control, then we lose peace. Jesus wants us to have freedom, joy and rest. You will have when you participate wholly in the Mass; pray the prayers, sing the songs, worship during the consecration of the Holy Eucharist and take time to internalize the Word and the Eucharist. Peace also comes from the Homily. You may even, take in enough fulfillment from the faithful whom you meet, through discussion, prayers or sharing.

By Father Chrysogonus Nwele



There will be a second collection the first Sunday of every month for the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Building Fund. Beginning the weekend of September 30 & October 1. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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Kids Corner- Twenty-fifth Sunday**Fill in the blanks:**

Saint Paul tries to decide if it is better
to live or die!

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks,
and then put the letters from the boxes into the spaces at the bottom.

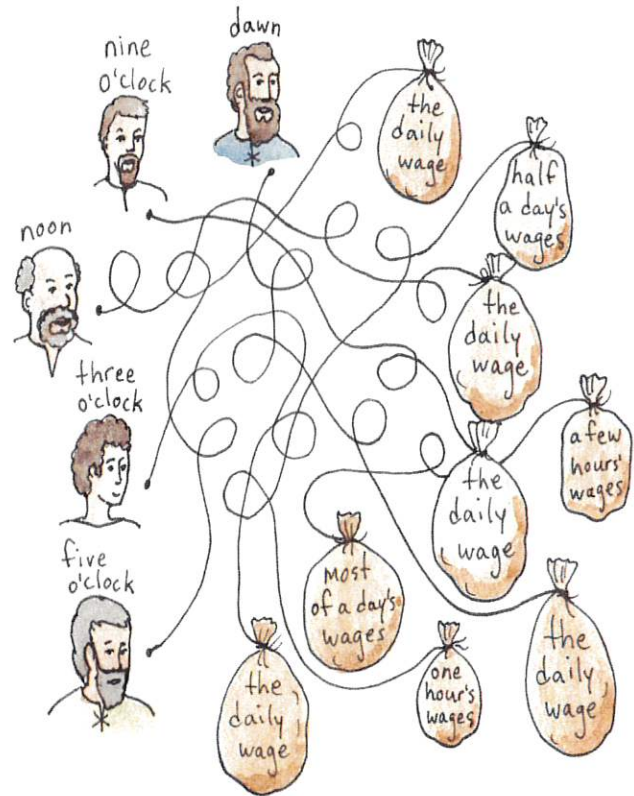


Brothers and _____⁵_____, Christ will be
magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.
For to me life is Christ, and _____²_____ is gain.
If I go on living in the flesh, that means
_____⁴_____ labour for me. And I do
not know which I shall _____¹_____. I am
caught _____⁶_____ the two. I long to
depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far
better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more
necessary for _____³_____ benefit.

between
death
sisters
your
fruitful
choose

Like Saint Paul, we
should be ready to
either live or die for

1 2 3 4 5 6

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**September 24th, 2023**

*In the parable in today's Gospel reading, Jesus
tells the story of a man with a vineyard who
went out to hire men at different times of the day.*

*At the end of the day,
how much did each man get paid?
Follow the wiggly lines to see!*

Answers to fill in the blanks: Christ
Answer to parable question: all received the full day's wage.

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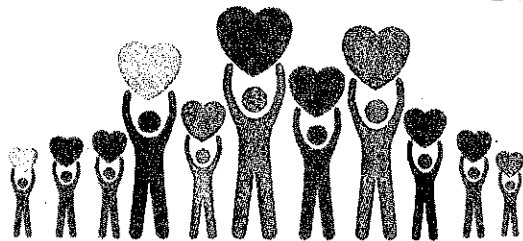
Our Faith Formation Program is still in need of a 2nd year RCIC Catechist for our
Sunday morning 8:45-9:45 am. If you enjoy working with children and
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the parish office 970-242-6121 ext. 204

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