

# **Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish**

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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  
9am-5:00 pm

**St. Ann, Palisade Sunday Mass:**  
9:30 am,

**Holy Days:** TBD  
10:30 am Mass every Tuesday

**Office hours:** M-F 8:00 am-4:00 pm

### **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.

Our next Healing Mass is January 10, 2024

We will not have a healing mass in December.



**Advent**  
First Sunday of Advent

RAISING DISCIPLES TO INSPIRE RELATIONSHIPS WITH JESUS

*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**

**8:00-4:00 M-F**

(for winter months)

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**Bible Study**

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



**Please Pray For:**

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Yona & Matt Slostad, Wing-Garcia Baby, T.J. Morelli, Jan & Wade Enger, Dallas Mortensen, Amber Price,  
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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 in the parish office after receiving permission from the person or persons.





## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: B:

### WATCH AND PRAY

(Is: 63: 16b-17, 19 & 64:2-7; 1 Cor: 1:3-9; Mk: 13: 33-37)

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 Isaiah. Isaiah laments over the sad state of the chosen people of God who had returned from the exile in Babylon. He recalls the Lord God's past goodness to His people. The Prophet prays that the heavens may be rent open and the savior come among His people. This prayer is echoed in the liturgy during this holy season of Advent.

Second reading is from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. Paul thanks God for all the graces the people of Corinth have received in the past. He earnestly urges them to remain faithful and sinless as they await the return of the Lord Jesus. Paul assures the Christian community at Corinth and all of us that as they/we await the coming of Christ in glory the Holy Spirit keeps them/us steadfast in bearing witness to Him.

### STAY AWAKE

Advent marks the beginning of our journey of a new liturgical year. It calls us to wake up and look at our relationship with God. We are His servants in whom He has placed His enormous trust.

Today's Gospel reading is from St. Mark. We have a short little parable for our reflection. It is about a householder who goes on a long journey. Before leaving he called his servants and gave each of them a job to do. He urged them to be responsible and not to fall asleep. He singled out the doorkeeper and told him: "When I return I want to find you awake."

Christ's story ends there with that warning ringing in our ears. Let us take this story a little further: concentrating only on the doorkeeper. Perhaps the greatest danger facing him is not so much that he may fall asleep on the job but rather it will become just another job and nothing more. A person can get used to anything and complacency follows. Advent invites us to wait in joyful hope for the coming of our savior Jesus Christ.

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*The surest road to hell is the gradual one." - C.S. Lewis.*

*\*"Sunday Homilies with Fr. Joy Joseph SVD" is available on YouTube from the first Sunday of Advent, 29th November, 2020. Kindly subscribe to it.*

I wish you all Have **A Wonderful and Lovely Season of Advent and Have A Blessed Sunday to you all.** May God bless you. Fr. Selva.

## IHM Penance Day

IHM Advent Penance will be Tuesday **December 5**, from 9:00 am until 6:00 pm

Holy Family school will come over between 12:30 & 2:30 pm



### Attention all Mothers!

"Mary's Moms" is a group for moms at all stages of parenting. Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month from 9:00-11:00 at the IHM Parish Hall. Come meet other moms of faith (and bring your kiddos!) Contact Molly Turro for details. Phone 802-343-8607. Email [molly.turro@gmail.com](mailto:molly.turro@gmail.com)



IHM is in need of a Part Time Youth Minister.

The position will not exceed 20 hours a week. If interested, please contact Rick in the Parish Office at 970-242-6121.

### ***Holy Day of Obligation:***

***The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

IHM Mass schedule: **December 8**, 8:00 , 12:00 Noon, & 6:00 pm

St. Ann's in Palisade Mass schedule : **December 8**, 5:30 pm



### **You can help.**

"Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next week. Dec. 10, 2023. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.

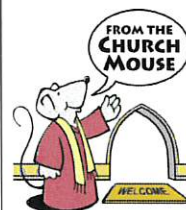
### **New Parish Office Hours**

The parish office has new winter hours.

We will be open from

8:00 am until 4:00 pm

and always open during the lunch hours



### **IHM Library**

Your IHM Library is coming to life again! Father James Plough, our pastor for many years, was devoted to reading and learning. He donated a large number of intriguing books to our library.

Thanks to our gracious volunteers who are there to assist you find literary resources available, and to help you check material out and in, visiting your library should be an enjoyable and rewarding event. Come and see! In addition, we still need to increase our volunteer staff. If you are interested, please come by and visit with the volunteer on duty. Or contact Frank Huber at 970-260-1757 or catch him at one of the masses. He will be glad to visit with you about volunteering.

**Minister Schedule for Dec. 9/10, 2023**

**All who are on this schedule have chosen to serve.**

**8:00 am Dec. 9 Mass** (†) Maria Nguyen Thong by Family  
 President: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

**4:00pm Dec. 9 Mass** (†) Andrew Haake by Marcia Lackey  
**4:00pm Dec. 9 Mass** (†) Chuck Rosa by Linda & the Rosa  
 President: Fr. Selvanathan Family

**Eucharistic:** G. Bennett, K. Jarrell, K. Murphy, J. Rau,  
 L. Stefan, K. Sassano, & 2 Volunteers  
**Hospitality:** A. Davis & S. Mills & 2 Volunteers  
**Servers:** 2 Volunteers  
**Lectors:** B. Luff

**7:30 am Dec. 10, Mass** (†) Connie Schmalz by Schmalz Family  
 President: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

**Eucharistic:** C. Craig, M. Kiser & 6 Volunteers  
**Hospitality:** D. Lytle, G. Watts & 2 Volunteers  
**Servers:** 2 Volunteers  
**Lectors:** K. Porras

**9:30 am Dec. 10, Mass at Palisade St. Ann's**  
 President: Fr. Selvanathan

**10 am Dec. 10, Mass** (†) Caesar Dotta By Burns & Born Families  
 President: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

**Eucharistic:** J. Peugh, D. Peugh & 6 Volunteers  
**Hospitality:** J. Nasalroad & 3 Volunteers  
**Servers:** P. Jones  
**Lectors:** R. Jones & M. Jones

**5:00 pm Dec. 10, Mass** (†) Marisa & Guido Raffo by Ruffo-  
 President: Fr. Selvanathan Risco Family

**Eucharistic:** R. Thibault-Lloyd & 7 Volunteers  
**Hospitality:** A. Alu & 3 Volunteers  
**Servers:** 2 Volunteers  
**Lectors:** M. Lipic

**Readings for the Week of December 3, 2023**

**Sunday:** IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7 1COR 1:3-9  
 MK 13:33-37

**Monday:** IS 2:1-5 MT 8:5-11

**Tuesday:** IS 11:1-10 LK 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** IS 25:6-10a MT 15:29-37

**Thursday:** IS 26:1-6 MT 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** GN 3:9-15, 20 EPH 1:3-6, 11-12 LK 1:26-38

**Saturday:** IS 30:19-21, 23-26 MT 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Calendar of Events Week of December 3, 2023**

**Sunday, Dec. 3**  
 7:30 am Mass  
 9:30 am St. Ann's Palisade  
 10:00 am Mass  
 11:30 am Faith Formation, Confirmation,  
 RCIA, 2nd Yr. RCIC & Sac Prep &  
 Parent class  
 4-5 pm Library Open  
 5:00 pm Mass

**Monday, Dec. 4**  
 8:00 am Mass  
 2:30-3:30 pm Library Open

**Tuesday, Dec. 5**  
 8:00 am Mass  
**9am-6:00 pm Advent Penance**  
 6-9 pm Knights  
 7:00 pm Centering Prayer  
 7-8 pm Ladies Auxiliary

**Wednesday, Dec. 6**  
 8:00 am Mass  
 9:30-10:30 am EM Meeting  
 6-7:00 pm Bible Study  
 6-7:00 pm Prek-5th grades Faith Formation,  
 1st yr. RCIC, Sac Prep  
 6-7 Middle & High School Youth Group  
 6-7 Parent Class

**Thursday, Dec. 7**  
 8:00 am Mass  
 2:30-3:30 pm Library Open

**Friday, Dec. 8**  
 8:00 am HFS Mass HOLY DAY  
 9 am-5:00 pm Adoration in Chapel  
 12:00 Noon Mass  
 6:00 pm Mass

**Saturday, Dec. 9**  
 8:00 am Mass  
 2:00-3:30 pm Confessions  
 3-4 pm Library Open  
 4:00 pm Mass

**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday Dec. 3, 2023**

7:30 am - (†) Floy Young by Pat Graves  
 10:00 am - (†) Tom Graves by Pat Graves  
 5:00 pm - (†) Caesar Dotta by Margaret Talley

**Monday Dec. 4, 2023**

8:00 am - (†) James Rauen by Janet Rauen

**Tuesday Dec. 5, 2023**

8:00 am - (†) Theresa Avila by Friends

**Wednesday Dec. 6, 2023**

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

**Thursday Dec. 7, 2023**

8:00 am - (†) Joseph & Marcella Tharp by Justine Tilger

**Friday Dec. 8, 2023**

8:00 am - (†) Marceen Ann Alicia Kreider by Doreen Pond  
 12:00 pm - Pro Popula  
 6:00 pm - Pro Popula

**Saturday Dec. 9, 2023**

8:00 am - (†) Maria Nguyen Thong by Family  
 4:00 pm - (†) Andrew Haake by Marcia Lackey  
 4:00 pm - (†) Chuck Rosa by Linda & the Rosa Family



### Stewardship in the Eucharistic Covenant

Stewardship is the underlying theme of Scripture and a one-word summary of the Christian way of life. The word “stewardship” is the English translation of a Greek term formed from two words *οἰκονομία* *oikonomia*, “manager” and “house” steward literally means the house manager. A steward then is someone who manages the owner’s home and possessions or one who manages another person’s household. A steward is not a servant. While the primary role of the servant is to be at the availability and service of his master, the steward focuses on accomplishing the purpose of the master. The servant is at the disposal of the master while the steward is entrusted with the purpose of the master so that he may accomplish the will of the master. The servant does what he is told to do but the steward knows the will of the master. Within the church, a steward is the one who manages an aspect of the house of the Lord, out of love for God. Christian stewards emulate Jesus the servant Lord, who came not to be served but to serve and to fulfill the will of his Father. As Paul wrote: “Though he was God, Jesus did not claim equality with God, something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; and being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” (Philippians 2:6-11) With the Church, stewardship then connotes using everything we have to point others to God and to advance his Kingdom for the fulfillment of our prayers: “Thy kingdom come”. God’s kingdom comes when Christ is prayer “that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.” (Jn. 17:21). A good steward in the church is dedicated to the progress of the good news of salvation.

David while presenting materials to the assembly and to his son, and Solomon, for building the temple, prayed to God: “Riches and honor come from You, and You are the ruler of everything. Power and might are in Your hand, and it is in Your hand to make great and to give strength to all... But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand”. (1Chr. 29:12-14) All creation, time, treasure and talents belong to God. He has distributed his graces of these according to his mercy for human beings to use them in serving him in others and care for creation. In the beginning, *“the Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to till it and keep it”*. (Gen. 2:15). Adam was the first steward of the creations of God. All his children inherited the task of caring for creation as God’s stewards. The word “Steward” is vastly used in the whole Bible. Stewardship is an obligation from creation. As each person is born, he comes with unique gifts almost as distinctive and irreplaceable as a personal *dna*, these gift are to be used in the service of God, human, and nature. For “as each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” (1Peter 4:10).

To be continued...

By Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele



## STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*



## RAISING DISCIPLES TO INSPIRE RELATIONSHIPS WITH JESUS

## Kids Corner-First Sunday of Advent

*Advent is Here!*  
*Jesus is coming!*



Advent is here! It's time to begin preparing for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

Jesus came the first time long ago in Bethlehem. Now He comes to us every time we go to Mass, in Holy Communion. But we celebrate Jesus' coming in a special way at Christmas time.

Advent is the time to get ready for Christmas. We get our houses ready by cleaning and decorating. We get our souls ready by cleaning out our sins when we go to confession, and by learning and thinking about Jesus.



Here are some things that will help you get ready for Christmas:

~ Light a candle on an advent wreath when you say your prayers every day.

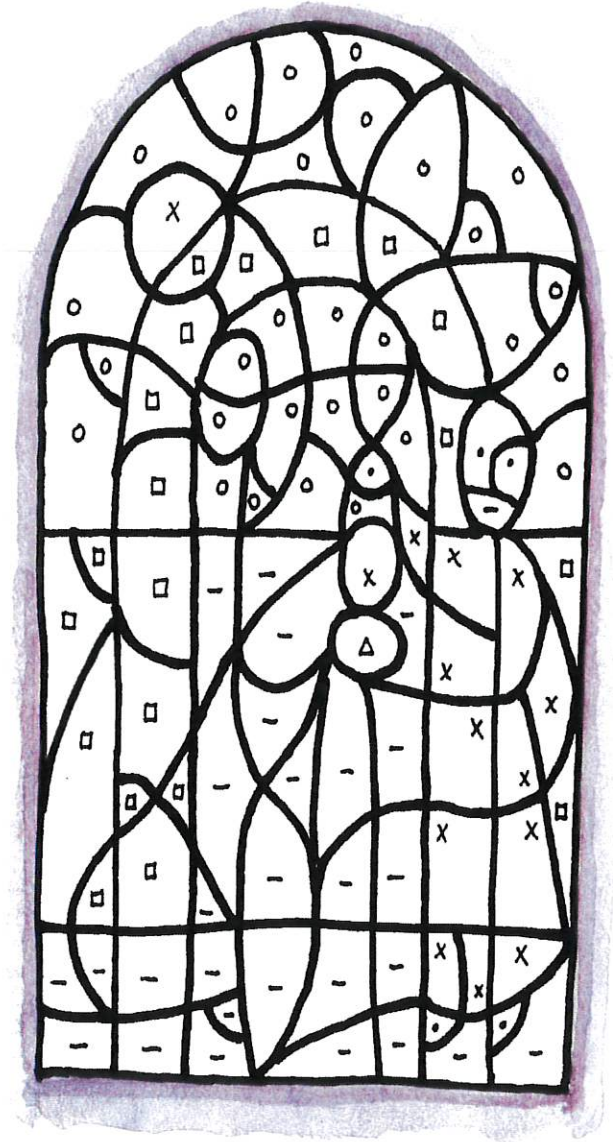
~ Read a book about Advent or Christmas.

~ Go to Confession before Christmas.



~ Do nice things for people. Remember that anything you do for someone else you do for Jesus!

First Sunday of Advent  
 December 3rd, 2023



*In the Gospel, Jesus tells us to always be ready.  
 Here's someone waiting  
 for his master to return...*

*Use this code to colour the picture in:*

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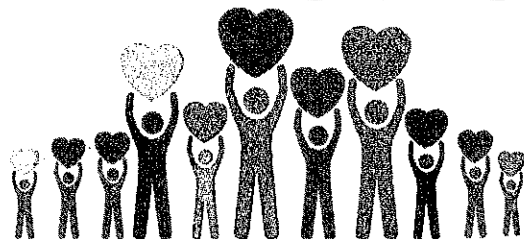


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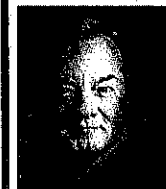
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