

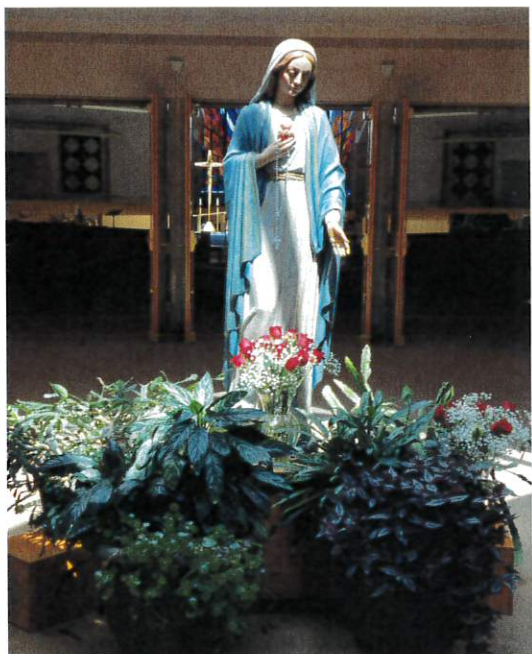
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

790 26 1/2 Road Grand Junction, Colorado 81506

Phone: (970) 242-6121 Fax: (970) 256-0276 www.ihmgjt.org

PASTOR Rev. Chrysogonus Nwele, Ph.D.
Deacon Luke Konantz

PAROCHIAL VICAR Fr. Selvanathan
Deacon Leo Truscott



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
Second Sunday of Advent



RAISING DISCIPLES TO INSPIRE RELATIONSHIPS WITH JESUS

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

Parish Staff

Pastor

Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele, Ph.D.
(970) 242-6121 ext. 205

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Selvanathan
(970) 242-6121 ext.208

Pastoral Assistant

Judy A. Hettinger
Funerals, Baptisms,
Columbarium, Marriage, Liturgy
& Homebound Ministry
(970) 242-6121 ext.206

Parish Secretary

Judy Hirschfeld
(970) 242-6121 ext. 201

Maintenance

Maverick Burns
Derek Faber
(970) 242-6121 ext. 210

Confessions Saturday

2:00-3:30

Parish Office Hours

8:00-4:00 M-F

(for winter months)

Please call the office: To schedule
a home or hospital visit.

Emergency Anointing

(970) 242-6121 — press 9



Bookkeeper

Linda Weber
970-242-6121 ext.211

Parish Part Time Staff

Financial/ Business Manager

Rick Aluise
(970) 242-6121 ext.214

Music

Molly Lather
(970) 242-6121 ext. 212

**Religious Education
Faith Formation K-12th**

Bernadette Hendrickson
970-242-6121 ext. 204

Technology

Linda Peck
970-242-6121 ext. 207

Deacon Luke Konantz

970-216-9670

Deacon Leo Truscott

970-640-4717

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:



Maria Herrera, Marie Herrera, Les Melchor, Mike Campbell, Samuel Smith, Dave McWilliams,
Casandra & Sonny Richards, Yona & Matt Slostad, Wing-Garcia Baby, T.J. Morelli, Jan & Wade Enger,
Dallas Mortensen, Amber Price, Marie, Paul & Ramona Blee, Heidi Calhoon, The Allons Family,
Mallory O'Conner, Les Stefan, Leta Curry, Therese Cooper, Jan Sewell, Augustine DeFurio,
Dorothy Alzes, Natalia Souza, Jean Sullivan, Marena Fritzler, Justin Marchun, Dick Neville, Phyllis Veale, Jenna Veale,
Kelsay Shackelford, Shirley Armstrong, Beckett Diers, Cindy Lively, Anthony Mundschau, Sue Burns, Phyllis Shupak,
Penny Olesky, Lorita Perry, Dori Smeaton, 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 in the parish office after receiving permission from the person or persons.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: B:
PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD
(Is: 40: 1-5 & 9-11; 2 Pet: 3: 8-14; Mk: 1: 1-8)

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 Prophet Isaiah. Isaiah speaks about the great blessings the Lord God is going to bring in the lives of His chosen people when they return from Babylonian captivity. They are urged to prepare the way of the Lord and make straight a highway for the Lord by leveling the mountains and hills and all uneven grounds. This theme of how to prepare the way of the Lord is explained and expanded in today's Gospel reading.

The second reading is from the second letter of St. Peter. Peter speaks about the second coming of the Lord Jesus. At His coming, Christ will establish a new heaven and a new earth. For that we should prepare ourselves by living our lives in holiness and godliness. The Apostle warns us that if the Lord appears to be slow in coming, it is only for all people to have a chance to repent and be ready to meet Him when He comes.

John the Baptist: The voice of the one crying in the desert.

Today's Gospel reading is from the first chapter of St. Mark. It introduces and elaborates the mission and life of John the Baptist. John announces the imminent coming of the Saviour and all people are invited to prepare for His coming. Later he introduces Jesus to the people. John worked no miracles and held no office of repute. He did not belong to any influential group of that time. Yet his importance to Jesus was very unique. He is the only religious leader whom Jesus sought and spoke to with affection and admiration. He is described as a voice crying in the wilderness. John introduces Jesus as someone who is more powerful than he. John understands that his own importance is directly related to the greatness of Jesus.

John is challenging all of us during this advent to prepare the way of the Lord and to foster greatness in others without feeling threatened about our own importance. John was a voice crying in the wilderness, a lonely voice that many choose to ignore. Today also there are many lonely voices in this world that go unheeded.

"Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern." - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

"When you journey through Advent to Christmas, you begin to see Jesus more fully. You recognize that His incarnation was the beginning of the redemption."
- Glenn Packiam

I wish you all to **Have A Blessed Sunday and Lovely Weekend.**

May God bless you all. Fr. Selva.



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.



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



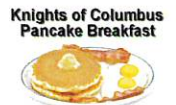
Women Faith & Fun!

Our next get together is Thursday December 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.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast



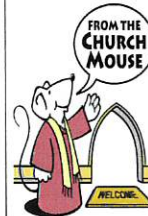
The Knights will host their Third Sunday Pancake Breakfast on Dec. 17. It's a great place to meet new friends and have a great breakfast. Children under 7 eat free! Breakfast consists of pancakes, scrambled eggs, choice of bacon or sausage, biscuits, and gravy, Coffee, tea or lemonade Adults \$8 Children 8-11 \$5
Please support our Knights!



Retirement Fund for Religious

Support a lifetime of service. Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need—usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications.

Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give 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 Hours

Our Library is open, with entry from the front of the church. Sundays 4-5:00 pm (before mass); Mondays 2:30-3:30 pm (during pickup times from HFS); Thursdays 2:30-3:30 pm (during pickup times from HFS); Saturdays 3:40:00 pm (during confession times and before Mass). Come and browse.

2024 CAMP CEDAREdge RETREAT!

It is time to register your youth for the GJ Deanery Youth Retreat, being held at Camp Cedaredge Jan.13-15, 2024. Sacraments, Games, Cross Country Skiing, Small & Large Group Activities. The fee is \$120.00. Deadline to register Jan.2, 2024 at

sacredheartfruita.com/confirmation
or contact Colleen Nycum
at 970-640-7761



Minister Schedule for Dec. 16/17, 2023

All who are on this schedule have chosen to serve.

8:00 am Dec. 16 Mass (†) Janet Steinkirchner by Mary Simpson
Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

4:00pm Dec. 16 Mass (I) Irene & Clarence Reaume Family by
 Jan Rau

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Eucharistic: T. Chapman, M. Meyers & 6 Volunteers

Hospitality: S. Mills & 3 Volunteers

Servers: 2 Volunteers

Lectors: E. Hoy

7:30 am Dec. 17, Mass (†) Virginia Hollingsworth by Family
Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

Eucharistic: J. Snoddy, C. Ulman & 6 Volunteers

Hospitality: A. Ambrosier, G. Ambrosier & 2 Volunteers

Servers: N. Scott & E. Scott

Lectors: M. Katzer

9:30 am Dec. 17, Mass at Palisade St. Ann's
Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

10 am Dec. 17, Mass (†) Joseph Dreilling by Frank & Maryls
 Hoffman

Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

Eucharistic: 8 Volunteers

Hospitality: 4 Volunteers

Servers: D. Hurd

Lectors: G. Hurd & M. Hurd

5:00 pm Dec. 17, Mass (†) Barbara Katzer by Schmalz Family
Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Eucharistic: M. Calderone, A. Rubalcaba & 6 Volunteers

Hospitality: M. Simpson & 3 Volunteers

Servers: 2 Volunteers

Lectors: 2 Volunteers

Readings for the Week of December 10, 2023

Sunday: IS 40:1-5, 9-11 2PT 3:8-14 MK 1:1-8

Monday: IS 35:1-10 LK 5:17-26

Tuesday: ZEC 2:14-17 LK 1:26-38

Wednesday: IS 40:25-31 MT 11:28-30

Thursday: IS 41:13-20 MT 11:11-15

Friday: IS 48:17-19 MT 11:16-19

Saturday: SIR 48:1-4, 9-11 MT 17:9a, 10-13

Calendar of Events Week of December 10, 2023

Sunday, Dec. 10
 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. 11
 8:00 am Mass
 2:30-3:30 pm Library Open
 6-9 pm Fiber Fellowship

Tuesday, Dec. 12
 8:00 am HFS Mass
 5:00 pm Fin/Parish Counsel Meetings
 7:00 pm Centering Prayer

Wednesday, Dec. 13
 8:00 am Mass
 9-12 noon Bulk Mailing
 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

Thursday, Dec. 14
 8:00 am Mass
 2:30-3:30 pm Library Open
 6-9:30 pm Women Faith & Fun

Friday, Dec. 15
 8:00 am Mass
 9 am-5:00 pm Adoration in Chapel

Saturday, Dec. 16
 8:00 am Mass
 2:00-3:30 pm Confessions
 3-4 pm Library Open

Mass Intentions

Sunday Dec. 10, 2023

7:30 am - (†) **Connie Schmalz** by Schmalz Family
 10:00 am -(†) **Caesar Dotta** by Burns & Born Families
 5:00 pm-(†) **Marisa Guido Raffo & Teresa Arrascue** by
 Raffo-Risco Family

Monday Dec. 11, 2023

8:00 am -(†) **Sal Sassano** by Kathy

Tuesday Dec. 12, 2023

8:00 am - (†) **Guri & Dana Jewell** by Justine Tilger

Wednesday Dec. 13, 2023

8:00 am- (†) **Fred Buchner** by Denise

Thursday Dec. 14, 2023

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

Friday Dec. 15, 2023

8:00 am-(†) **Jim Kerski** by Family

Saturday Dec. 16, 2023

8:00 am - (†) **Janet Steinkirchner** by Mary Simpson

4:00 pm - (I) **Irene & Clarence Reaume Family** by Jan Rau

Stewardship in the Eucharistic Covenant

Continued from last week...

Many people through history have been used as God's conduit in service of God and humanity: Hugo Junkers created the first passenger aircraft which made traveling around the world more possible. Marie Curie showed the world how to treat tumors with radiation and helped to create the x-ray machine, which has positively changed the world of medicine. God gave us Michelangelo to beautify our world, culture, and faith. Mother Theresa was a gift to the world for healing, hope, compassion and to match the faces of those suffering to that of Jesus when he hung on the cross. Garrett Morgan gave the world the three way traffic signal which helps traffic flow. Sister Elizabeth Seton, was a model of Catholic education. Pope Benedict, Joseph Ratzinger's theological insight changed the science of theology, Fulton J. Sheen was a teaching Bishop; finally each of us does our part to participate as instruments of God. Paul speaks of himself as a "steward" of the Gospel. He has received the "good news" from the Lord, and it has been given to him so that he can share it with others. All of us are God's stewards, because everything that exists was created by God and belongs to Him. It is God who continually keeps it in existence. "In God we live, we move and we have our being." God has empowered us to use all the resources he has given us in the service of his creation, the world, and his mission the Church. In establishing his church, the Lord Jesus first gathered those he called apostles whom he groomed for three years. They were ordinary fishermen, tax collectors and from other walks of life. They possessed no special talents nor were they wealthy in the eyes of the world. When Jesus called them, He said "Come, follow me." They left everything and followed him. It was a personal invitation to each of them.

The life and role of those early stewards help us regroup ourselves and be better girded for the tasks ahead. The primary mission of Jesus, the Lord, is to bring all humanity into the house of God. It was his intention to build a united world, carrying out his mission. First, he lavishes His grace on humanity, so that humanity can be better fortified to transform creation into the blessedness of God. Second, the stewardship of the apostolic ministry was to redirect the Jews into an inclusive worship, to bring the entire world into the worship of one God, thereby transforming their understanding of God and to advance His kingdom to include all people. To do this, they first and radically inspired the new Jewish church to embrace an innovative mindset of oneness in God the father of all people. The apostles transformed the Jewish culture and incorporating the Gentiles into the faith without shoving the Decalogue down their throats, (Acts 15.) They further transformed things, which already existed in the Jewish culture such as the Pascal feast into Easter and Pentecost into the birthday of the Church.

Therefore, three models of apostolic stewardship contributed to the survival and growth of the Church namely: pioneering something new, such as Paul in the subject of circumcision (Acts 15:1-35.), reforming things already existing, and maintaining and preserving the mission of Christ. (Acts, 1:21-26; Acts 6:1-15). Hence, Paul became the pioneer steward of apostolic mission outside Judea, starting new Churches and new ways of life and became the apostle to the gentiles. Peter reformed Judaism by helping Jewish converts to move from circumcision and Levitical laws to accept the law of love in Jesus: "a new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn. 12:23f).

To be continued...

By Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele



*Christmas
Sing-Along*

Merry Christmas Carol Sing a Long!

Lite refreshments will follow.



Please join the

Faith Formation Children on

Wednesday December 20, 6-7:00 pm

for a

Financial Report - November Collections:

Monthly Envelopes : \$ 52,404.42

On Line Giving: \$13,731.85

Loose Donations: \$ 4,720.03

Total: \$70,856.30



RAISING DISCIPLES TO INSPIRE RELATIONSHIPS WITH JESUS

Kids Corner-Second Sunday of Advent*Prepare the Way of the Lord!*

The readings in today's Mass remind us that we are preparing for the coming of Jesus. The first reading says, "A voice cries out in the desert, 'Prepare the way of the Lord!'" Saint Paul,

in the second reading, tells us to conduct ourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for the day of the Lord.

In the Gospel reading we hear about Saint John the Baptist preparing the people for the coming of Christ.

What can we do to prepare for the coming of Jesus, which we remember especially at Christmas?

YOU'RE BEING
SUCH A GOOD
HELPER!



First, we should try to be holy like Saint Paul says. We should pray and do good. Then, we should make sure that we have repented of all our

sins, like Saint John the Baptist taught the people. Finally, we should tell people about Jesus! The first reading tells us, "Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God!"



Second Sunday of Advent

December 10th, 2023

I am the voice of

one crying out in

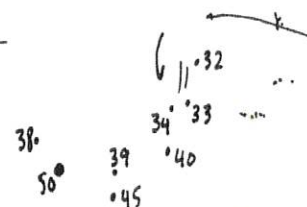
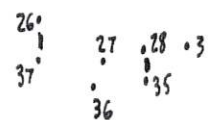
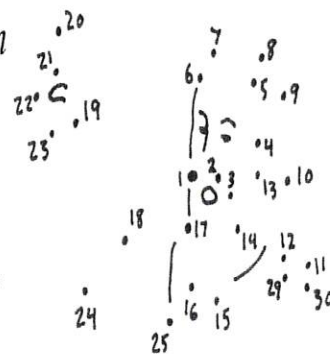
the desert,

"Prepare the

way of the Lord,

make straight

his paths!



What did God send before Jesus to prepare the people for His coming?

Connect the dots to find out!

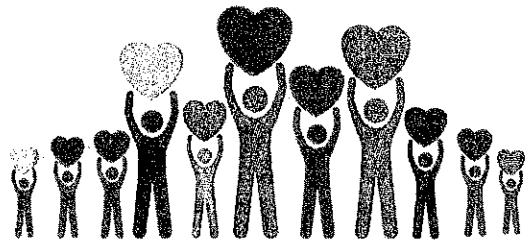


7970-242-4429
HEATING | COOLING | PLUMBING

GREG & JENNA DAHL
(970) 640-4325
dahlbulthomes@gmail.com
dahlbulthomes.com



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY WWW.IHMGJT.ORG ONLINE GIVING



TIP TOP SCREEN SHOP

Re Screen - Security Screen Doors - New Screens - Entry
Screen Doors - Sliding Screen Doors - Delivery Available -
The Mobile Window & Door Screen Specialist
Doug & Mary Mansur Open 8:00-5:00
(970) 628-4186 Monday thru Friday
www.tiptopscreenshop.com
Gift Certificates Available on our Website



Grace Varley
Broker Associate
Certified Negotiation
Expert

RE/MAX
4000

Cell: (970) 210-4029

grace@gjproperties.com

Susan Ross Realty



Service, Experience, Dedication
Call Susan at
970-819-2300
www.susanrossrealty.com

**DUFFORD
WALDECK**
LAW



970-241-5500
www.dwmk.com
Annie Murphy



HOME OF UNIQUE GIFTS
Music Boxes
Religious & NFL Products
3002 17th Business Loop at 30 Road
Grand Junction, Colorado 81504
970-434-NICK

Hours: Mon. - Sat. 10-5:30, Sun. Closed



Real Estate With Kate!

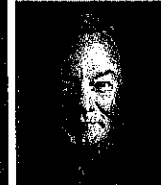
970-985-8555

www.KatePorras.com

Kate Porras - Realtor
Certified Residential Specialist



European Gourmet
1659 North Avenue Unit 1.
Grand Junction, CO 81501
www.euromartgj.com
970-424-5215
euromartgj@gmail.com
Tue-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat 9am-4pm



Medicare | Life | Hospital | Dental

Local Licensed Broker

DanielJonesInsurance.com

(970) 300-1988

833-933-LIFE (5433)

Knights of Columbus - Council 13621

If interested in becoming a member contact Jim Nasalroad membership chairman
640-3263



Fr. Nicolas Bertrand Assembly 1519

If you are a Fourth Degree Knight and would like to join our assembly please
contact Dave Peitz 640-8211



Construction Supplies Rebar Fabrication

(970) 242-4651

2474 Industrial Blvd, Grand Junction

www.concretetools.com

Gallagher's Flooring

Pat and Char Smith

Carpet * Tile * Hardwood

Sales * Installation

970-245-6959

We invite you to be
part of our family



Carl A. Feghali, DDS

245-9546
gjsmiles.com



Construction Manager
General Contractor
PO Box 1767
Grand Junction, CO 81502
970 434-9093
970 434-7583 f
www.fcicons.com

KayDee the Cleaning Lady

**Commercial &
Residential**

KayDee Fukuzawa
Cell: 970.623.4722
Office: 970.241.1270

ENSTROM.
TOFFEE & CONFECTIONERY



7th & Colorado • 1st & Patterson • enstrom.com

True Value.

START RIGHT. START HERE.™

Visit us on the web at:
www.truevalue.com/peachtree
www.truevalue.com/grandjunction
www.truevalue.com/orchardmesa
www.truevalue.com/fruita

Peachtree 2963 North Ave Grand Jet Co 81504 (970) 245-1736	Fruita 1690 Highway 6&50 Fruita Co 81521 (970) 658-3100	Grand Jet 1838 N. 12th Street Grand Jet Co 81503 (970) 245-1617	Orchard Mesa 2668 Highway 6&50 Grand Jet Co 81503 (970) 245-1617
--	---	---	--

The Columbarium of Immaculate Heart of Mary



A consecrated burial ground
for cremated remains

970-242-6121

Callahan-Edfast

Mortuary & Crematory

2515 Patterson Road
Grand Junction, CO 81505
970-243-2450

www.Callahan-Edfast.com

Dignity®

A LIFE WELL CELEBRATED®

"Respectfully Serving the Grand Valley since 1910"

Senior Home Safety LLC

Colorado

970-596-5448

Certified SHS Specialist



lal@seniorhomesafe.com

To allow everyone we serve to live their lives to the
fullest, through cleanliness, peace of mind, and
enhanced value of their homes and properties.



ABOVE ALL
Window Cleaning & Services
(970) 464-1400
www.aboveallpro.com



**NEVER
PAY RETAIL
AGAIN**



970-787-0923
10jacobrien@msn.com
Metalstacks.com/obrien1
JOIN OUR CLUB TODAY

patton's
printing co.
your project. our priority.

- digital & offset printing
- custom graphic design
- promotional products
- direct-to-garment
- screenprint & embroidery
- ...and so much more.

970.245.5065

2460 Patterson Road, Suite 1B
www.pattonspainting.com