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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
(during the winter months)

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

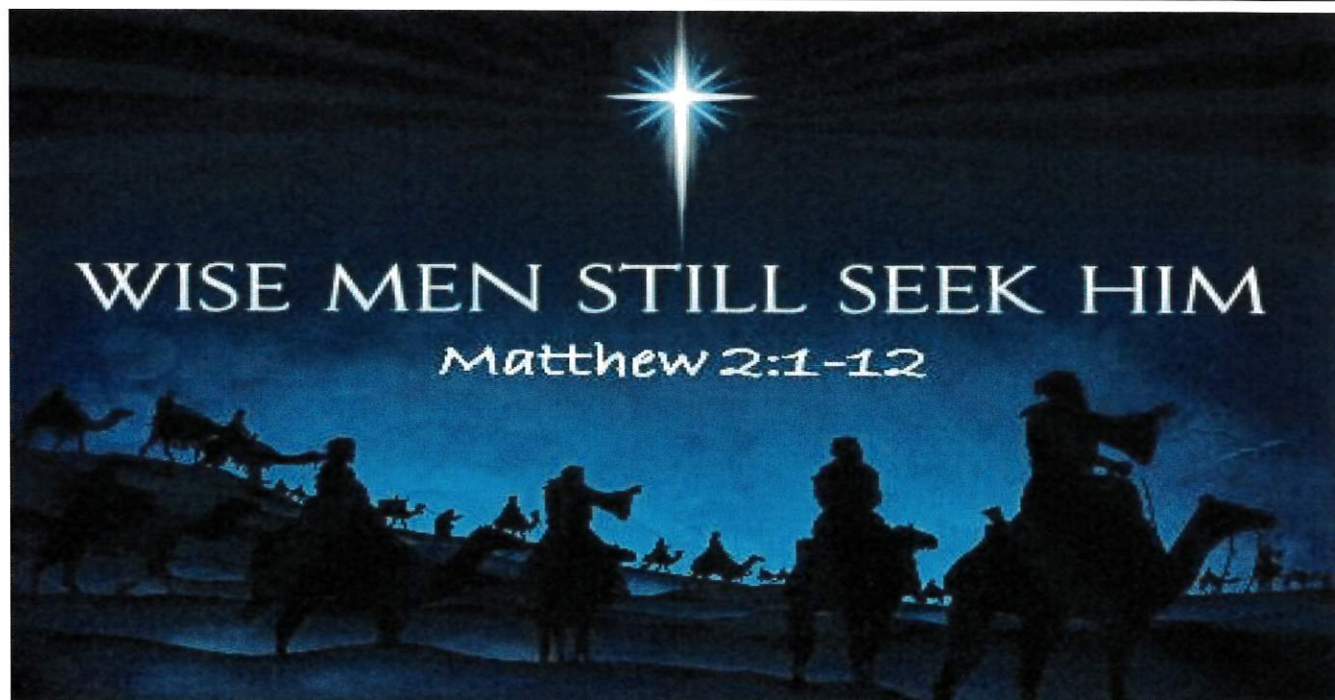
Rosary: Every 1st Saturday After 8:00 am Mass
in the Chapel

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



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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

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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.



IHM Library Hours



Our Library is open, with entry from the front of
the church. Sundays 4-5:00 pm Mondays 2:30-
3:30 pm Thursdays 2:30-3:30 pm Saturdays 3:4:00 pm.
Come in and browse.

Please Pray For:



Elvy Vigna, Beth Huber-Robinson, Mardi Evans, Maria Herrera, Marie Herrera, 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, Jan Sewell, Augustine DeFurio, Dorothy Alzes, Natalia Souza, Jean Sullivan, Marena Fritzler, Dick Neville, Phyllis Veale, Jenna Veale, Kelsay Shackelford, Shirley Armstrong, Beckett Diers, Cindy Lively, Anthony Mundschau, Sue Burns, Phyllis Shupak, Penny Olesky, 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 the parish Secretary in the office after receiving permission from the person or persons.



THE FEAST OF EPIPHANY: B: THE VISIT OF THE THREE WISE MEN (Is: 60: 1-6; Eph: 3: 2-3 & 5-6; Mt: 2: 1-12)

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

I am very happy to see you all after the Holidays Season. Today's first reading is from the book of the Prophet Isaiah. This passage refers to the joyful return of the people in exile to the holy city of Jerusalem. They find their beloved Jerusalem in ruins. Isaiah encourages them and cheers them up with a vision of a future restored city. The second part of the passage is about the final pilgrimage of the people of God to the heavenly Jerusalem. This prophecy of Isaiah has some echoes in today's feast of Epiphany.

The second reading is from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians. In this passage Paul explains to the Christian community in Ephesus that God invites the Jews and Gentiles to share on an equal footing the salvation brought by Christ. The feast of Epiphany reminds us of God's invitation to all people to be part of the salvific event without any distinction of social standing or place of origin. The Church is complete only when both Jews and gentiles live in harmony as members of the body of Christ.

Epiphany: The manifestation of the Lord.

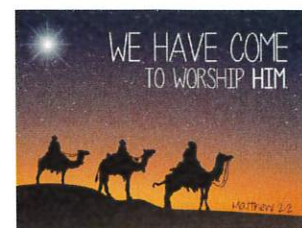
Today's Gospel reading is from St. Matthew. This passage gives us an account of how the three wise men from the east came to pay homage to infant Jesus at Bethlehem. They paid homage and offered their precious gifts to the divine child. Jewish leaders ignored or rejected the infant in the manger and some of them even plotted to kill him.

These three men left their homeland in search of the child. This story of the three wise men is a story of all genuine faith seekers. They left everything precious to them and were guided by a star. They diligently searched for the child Jesus until they found the child and His mother. When they found Him they worshipped Him. Thus the Gospel story gives us three important messages:

1. It speaks of the journey of the three wise men from the east to Jerusalem. This journey of theirs is a symbol of search for truth by genuine seekers of God.
2. The meeting between the wise men and King Herod tells us that people in authority and power try to suppress and even destroy God's messengers for their own selfish reasons.
3. The wise men paying homage to the child Jesus is a touching story of all moments of grace and their total surrender to the Almighty.

I wish you all to Have a Continued grace filled New Year and
Blessed weekend to you all. May God Bless you all.

Fr. Selva.



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Catholic Daughters News

Catholic Daughters will meet at 2:30 p.m.
on January 14, 2024 at
St. Joseph's Guadalupe Room.



*Thank you to all who help with the
Bulk Mailings each month.*

*Thank-you to the faithful Five who
arrived to do the tithing & Christmas letter
bulk mailing on Dec.13, 2023.*

*Our group could definitely use more hands for the tithing
mailings each month and especially before the Christmas
and Easter letters. We generally meet on the 2nd
Wednesday of the month at 9:00 am.*

*Anyone interested in helping this dedicated group every
month or even two times a year please Call Bonnie
243-4698 for information.*



*Please join us for
the IHM Youth Mass
Sunday January 28, at 5:00 pm.*

Our needs for this Mass are:

*Youth volunteers to Lector, altar server
and Youth Hospitality to greet
parishioners!*

*Please contact Bernadette in the
parish office to sign-up!
970-242-6121 ext. 204*



There will be a second
collection next weekend,
January 6 & 7 for the
Immaculate Heart of Mary
Parish Building Fund. This is for capital
improvements and maintenance
necessary for the church.
Thank you in advance for you generosity.



Please join us for the
The Annual Chili Supper!
Saturday January 13, 2024

After the 4:00 pm mass

Dinner includes:
Chili in a bread bowl, desserts,
drinks & condiments.

For only \$7.00 per person or \$17.00 per family. As
always children under 6 are free!

Everyone is welcome!

Financial Report - December Collections:

Monthly Envelopes : \$ 76,322.50

On Line Giving: \$ 23,176.34

Loose Donations: \$ 10,877.32

Total: \$ 110,376.16



"They prostrated themselves and did him homage." As we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, let us give homage to the presence of God in our marriages by participating in an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on:
Dillon - April 26-28; Elk Mountain, WY - April 12-14; Colo. Springs - June 28-30; & Dillon - Nov. 1-3

For questions, or to find out more about a Virtual Encounter Weekend, feel free to contact:

Brenda & Gary Granger: 720-213-8833 Space is limited, so reserve your weekend early. For more
information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit www.wwme.org.

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Minister Schedule for Jan. 13/14, 2023

All who are on this schedule have chosen to serve.

8:00 am Jan. 13, 2024 (†) Cecilia Cutshaw by Joan Wasinger
Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

4:00pm Jan. 13 (†) Floy Young by Zipse Family
Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Eucharistic: G. Bennett, M. Meyers, K. Murphy, & 5 Volunteers
Hospitality: R. Bertrand, A. Davis & 2 Volunteers
Servers: 2 Volunteers
Lectors: B. Luff

7:30 am Jan. 14 (I) IHM Parishioners
Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

Eucharistic: M. Kiser & 7 Volunteers
Hospitality: L. Duncan, G. Watts & 2 Volunteers
Servers: 2 Volunteers
Lectors: M. Katzer

9:30 am Jan 14, 2024, Sunday Mass at Palisade St. Ann's
Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

10 am Jan. 14 (†) Donna Haynes by Ralph & Marie Cerbone
Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

Eucharistic: J. Peugh, D. Peugh & 6 Volunteers
Hospitality: J. Nasalroad & 3 Volunteers
Servers: 2 Volunteers
Lectors: M. Herrera & M. Lipic

5:00 pm Jan. 14 (†) Rita & Lawrie Fernandes by Menon Family
Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Eucharistic: M. Calderone & 7 Volunteers
Hospitality: A. Alu & 3 Volunteers
Servers: 2 Volunteers
Lectors: 2 Volunteers

Readings for the Week of January 7, 2024

Sunday: Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11 Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1 Mk 2:13-17

Calendar of Events Week of January 7, 2024

Sunday, Jan. 7 7:30 am Mass
 9:30 am St. Ann's Palisade
 10:00 am Mass
 NO CLASSES
 4-5:00 pm Library Open
 5:00 pm Mass

Monday, Jan. 8 10:00 am
 2:30-3:30 Library Open
 6-9 pm Fiber Fellowship

Tuesday, Jan. 9 8:00 am Mass
 7:00 pm Centering Prayer

Wednesday, Jan. 10 8:00 am Mass
 9-12:30 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 & Parent Class
 6-7 Middle & High School Youth Group

Thursday, Jan. 11 8:00 am HFS Mass
 2:30-3:30 pm Library Open

Friday, Jan. 12 8:00 am Mass
 9 am-5:00 pm Adoration in Chapel

Saturday, Jan. 13 8:00 am Mass
 2:00-3:30 pm Confessions
 3-4 pm Library closed due to
 prior arrangement
 4:00 pm Mass
 5:15 pm Chili Supper in Friendship Hall

Mass Intentions

Sunday Jan. 7

7:30 am - (†) **Allen & Yvonne Beuerle** by Judy Blevins &
 Carroll Multz

10:00 am - (†) **Michael Herrera** by Catholic Daughters

5:00 pm - (†) **Roger & Ann Dornburg** by Friends

Monday Jan. 8

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

Tuesday Jan. 9

8:00 am - (†) **Josefina Escorsia** by Edwin Tagares

Wednesday Jan. 10

8:00 am - (†) **Bill Dorsey** by Kathy Sassano

Thursday Jan. 11

8:00 am - (†) **Roger Dornburg** by Family

Friday Jan. 12

8:00 am - (I) **Jeri Schulz** by Denise Buchner

Saturday Jan. 13

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

4:00 pm - (†) **Floy Young** by Zipse Family

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INCENSE

Etymology: Incense is an aromatic biotic substance, which releases fragrant smoke when burnt. The word incense is used to describe the aromatic fragrance or materials used for the ritual. Materials for incense resemble tree resin native to Africa, Asia and India. Since the prehistoric era, people have burned the balsamic tree parts for multiple purposes. To understand the origin of the word incense, a more modern word, perfume, would be helpful. The word perfume is a translation from ancient French word *perfumar*, which means through smoke, and the Latin word *incendere* burning. The first historical documentation of incense was around 6000 BC.

The modern history of incense is also associated with spirituality, rituals and hygienic purposes. Incense was used in Africa, southern Asia, and especially in India, long before being used in other parts of the world. It reached ancient China around 2000 BC for the purpose of prayer and worship. Before the children of Israel were in Egypt, aromatic trees and leaves were burned for religious purposes, on the streets when a dignitary was passing and for respiratory hygienic purposes, particularly in the Middle East, Egypt, Arabia, Syria, & Mesopotamia. It was part of the ingredients used in communicating to deities and for mummification in Egypt. The ancient Egyptians used a variety of aromatic resins and woods, like frankincense and myrrh, in their elaborate religious ceremonies. They believed the smoke carried their prayers and offerings to the gods, while also purifying the air and warding off evil spirits. By 754 AD Tang Chinese and Japanese priests and monks blended incense balls for medical purposes. The use of incense transformed from its use as a fragrance into a medical remedy and introduced a thriving incense culture through China to Japan. Later, around the 8th century, incense went through another need-based transformation of graceful aromatic pleasure. The sanitation of the ancient world was not perfect. Incense was used in everyday life to combat odors. Wealthy nobles employed skillful fragrance extractors for the purpose of making sophisticated fragrances to be used in different seasons and for different occasions as needed. The burning of incense was common and universal across history.

To be continued...

By Father Chrysogonus Nwele

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Kids Corner-Epiphany of the Lord

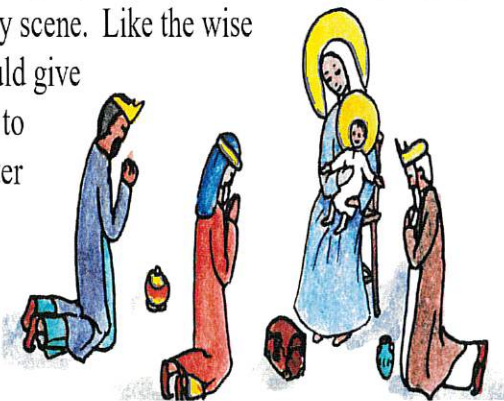
The Magi Come to Worship Jesus



Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, which is when the Magi, or wise men, of the East came to find and worship Baby Jesus. They travelled for many weeks across harsh country to find the new King, bringing their best treasures to give to Him.

Where did these men find the baby King? Not in Jerusalem in the palace, with riches and servants! They found Him in a little town, in a house with just His mother, Mary. But they still knew Who the Baby was, so they bowed down to Him and gave Him their treasures.

The wise men teach us that we can honour God in all sorts of places. Jesus is there when you help ordinary people and poor people. He is honoured when you pray at a little nativity scene. Like the wise men, we should give our very best to Jesus no matter where He is.



Answers to Cross-Word: Across: 4. myrrh 6. to 8. East 9. star 11. find 14. secretly 15. king 16. gold 18. Bethlehem Down: 1. Frankincense 2. Jesus 3. at 4. Mary 5. Herod 7. overjoyed 10. they 12. as 13. its 17. lie

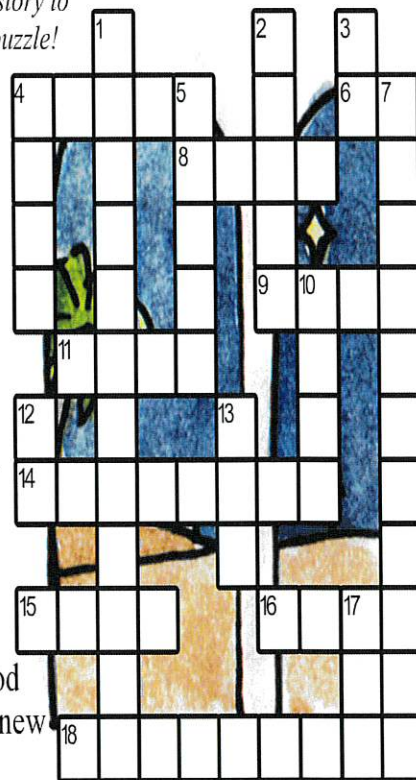
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EPIPHANY CROSS-WORD

Fill in the blanks in the story to find the words for the puzzle!

Around the time that _____ (2d) was born, some wise men from the _____ (8a) saw in the sky a special _____ (9a) at _____ (13d) rising, and followed it to _____ (11a) the new-born Saviour. First they came to Jerusalem where _____ (10d) went to ask _____ (15a) Herod if he knew where the new King would be born.

_____ (12d) Herod did not know, he called the priests and scribes, who told them that the Baby would be born in _____ (18a). Then Herod told a _____ (17d) and said that he wanted to go and honour the Baby King too, and told the men to return once they had found him and tell him where the Baby was. The men were _____ (7d) when they found Jesus with his mother _____ (4d), and they did him homage, giving their gifts of _____ (16a), _____ (1d) and _____ (4a). But _____ (3d) night an angel appeared _____ (6a) them and told them to _____ (14a) go home by another road, since King _____ (5d) wanted to kill Baby Jesus.

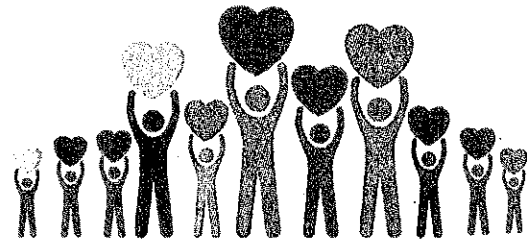


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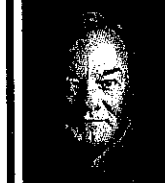
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