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 (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 March 13, We will not have a Healing Mass in February as the second Wednesday is Ash Wednesday this year.



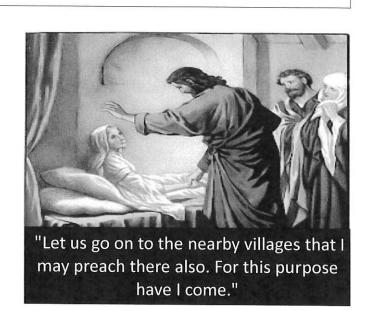
Ash Wednesday

February 14, Mass Schedule

8:00 am with Holy Family School 12:00 noon

6:00 pm

5:30 pm at St. Ann's Palisade



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

Parish Staff

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Parish Office Hours 8:00-4:00 M-F

(for winter months)

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Bible Study



Please join Bible Study Wednesday evenings from 6-7:00 pm for 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:



Landon Streker, Donna Mae Worrell, Gerald Onsrud, Lloyd Moore, Elvy Vigna, Beth Huber-Robinson, Mardi Evans, 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 Shackleford, 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.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: B:

THE HEALING MINISTRY OF JESUS (Job 7: 1-4 & 6-7; 1 Cori: 9: 16-19 & 22-23; Mk: 1: 29-39)

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 Job. It graphically explains how Job, a just man, comes to grips with the problem of sufferings in his life. Job was severely tested by Satan. The Lord God allowed Job to be tested by the adversary. He lost his beloved children and all his possessions. He was afflicted by pain and sickness. He felt that there is only misery and sufferings in this world. For all his deliberations about the cause of his sufferings, he was not able to come up with a convincing answer. Some time or other we too may have faced the problem of sufferings in our lives without any reasonable explanations.

The second reading is from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. Paul explains to us the compulsions of preaching the Gospel. To that end he has become all things to all: even to the weak and those who suffer. He has no choice but to preach the Gospel because he is commissioned to do so.

He healed many who were sick

Today's Gospel reading is from St. Mark. Jesus expresses His love and compassion for the sick and the suffering. He visited Simon Peter's mother-in-law who was sick and was bedridden with fever. He stretched out His hands and healed her. In the same way Jesus healed many who were sick and those who were possessed by evil spirits.

Jesus gives us no answers about the question of sufferings in this world nor does He try to explain why people have to suffer. However through His healing ministry He showed us the importance of turning our experiences of sufferings and pain to God. By identifying Himself with the sick and the dying and by His death on the cross, He teaches us how to face sufferings in our lives. He reveals to us that sufferings are part of God's mysterious plan. It all depends on us how to shoulder our cross; for by uniting our trials with Jesus we too can become victorious and lead meaningful lives. Like Jesus we too are invited to bring healing and solace to someone: maybe by a word of sympathy or by a kind and loving gesture or by a silent prayer. That is what is expected of us when we meet people who are suffering.

In the second part of the Gospel we see that after His healing ministry Jesus went to a lonely place to pray. In spite of His busy day, Jesus found time to be in communion with the Heavenly Father. All our busy life and activities should be nourished by prayer.

"How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear! It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds and drives away his fear." - John Newton

"Be not wise in your own eyes, fear the Lord and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones." - Proverbs 3: 7-8

I wish you all Have a wonderful weekend and Lovely Sunday. May God bless you. Fr. Selva.

In preparation for Lent we have placed a container in the Narthex for your old palms to be burned for Ash Wednesday,

February 14. Please begin bringing your palms in anytime.



Catholic Daughters News

Catholic Daughters is collecting baby items for Birthright in Grand until February 11, 2024. Items needed are listed in the back of church. Please be generous in your support.

The Birthright Baby shower will take place during the Catholic Daughters meeting on February 18, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. in the Guadalupe Room at St. Joseph's Church.

Women Faith & Fun!

Our next get together is Thursday
February 15. 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.

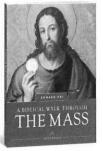
Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner, February 11, 2024 from 11:00 am-2:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Dinner includes: Entrée, Salad, Bread, Beverage & Dessert

\$8.00 per individual or \$20.00 per Family ~ 6 years old and under eat free!

A Biblical Walk Through The Mass



Discover the Beauty, the Riches, and the Profound Meaning of the Mass Saturday February 10, 2024 from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm in the IHM Parish Hall.

Lunch will be provided by the church. Please RSVP so we know how many to prepare for. We will watch videos as

a large group and discuss the lessons between them. The cost is up to you! If you would like to purchase the course materials, the cost is \$27.

Please order through Ascension Press. For more information or to register call Kathy Sassano at 970-773-1824.



Thank you for your generous support for last week's Collection for the Church in Latin America. As a parish, we collected \$1347.00 to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean, so they

in turn can share the Good News in their communities. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/latin-america. #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the collection— see usccb.igivecatholictogether.org.

Your gift makes a difference!

Join us for our annual Fish Fry hosted by The Knights of Columbus Council 13621.

Menu: Baked Cod, Fried Pollock, French Fries, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Clam Chowder, Roll, Dessert, Lemonade.

Proceeds benefit many local charities.

Every Friday (4-7 PM) from February 16, 2024, through March 22, 2024

Adults \$12.00, Children 6-12 \$6.00 Children 5 and under free.

Knights of Columbus News

Each year we honor the deceased Knights of council 13621. Knights of Columbus Divine Mercy Chaplet will be February 6th at 6:40pm in the Chapel. The Memorial Mass will be February 11th at the 10:00am Mass.

Minister Schedule for Feb. 10/11, 2023 All who are on this schedule have chosen to serve.

8:00 am Feb. 10, 2024 (†) Kevin Sullivan by Justine Tilger Presider: Selvanathan

4:00pm Feb. 10 (I) Gutho Family by Cathy & Brian Luebbers Presider: Fr. Abraham Eigbegbea

Eucharistic: G. Bennett, E. Hoy, B. Luff M. Meyers, K. Murphy,

J. Rau & 2 Volunteers

Hospitality: R. Bertrand, A. Davis & 2 Volunteers

Servers: 2 Volunteers Lectors: F. Huber

7:30 am Feb. 11 (†) Bob Kline by Gregory & Rosalyn Reis Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

Eucharistic: M. Kiser & 7 Volunteers Hospitality: L. Duncan & 3 Volunteers

Servers: 2 Volunteers Lectors: M. Katzer

9:30 am Feb. 11, 2024, Sunday Mass at Palisade St. Ann's

Presider: Fr. Abraham Eigbegbea

10 am Feb. 11 (†) All Deceased Members of K of C by Knights

Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

Eucharistic: J. Peugh, D. Peugh & 6 Volunteers Hospitality: J. Nasalroad & 3 Volunteers

Servers: P. Jones

Lectors: R. Jones & M. Jones

5:00 pm Feb. 11 (†) Lawrence Basford by Cathy Lemarr

Presider: Fr. Henry Wertin

Eucharistic: R. Thibault-Lloyd & 7 Volunteers

Hospitality: A. Alu & 3 Volunteers

Servers: 2 Volunteers Lectors: M. Lipic

Readings for the Week of February 4, 2024

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 1Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Mk 1:29-

39

Monday: 1Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1Kgs 10:1-10 Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13 Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Mk 8:1-10

Calendar of Events Week of February 4, 2024	
Sunday, Feb. 4	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, 2 nd Yr. RCIC, Sac Prep, Parent Class 4-5:00 pm Library Open 5:00 pm Mass
Monday, Feb. 5	8:00 am Mass 2:30-3:30 Library Open
Tuesday, Feb. 6	8:00 am Mass 6-9 pm Knights 6:30-8:30 Ladies Auxiliary 6:40 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:00 pm Centering Prayer
Wednesday, Feb. 7	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, Parent Class 6-7 Middle & High School Youth Group
Thursday, Feb. 8	8:00 am HFS Mass 1:30-2:30 Library Volunteer Meeting 2:30-3:30 pm Library Open
Friday, Feb. 9	8:00 am Mass 9 am-5:00 pm Adoration in Chapel
Saturday, Feb. 10	8:00 am Mass 9-3:00 A Biblical Walk Through the Mass 2:00-3:30 pm Confessions 3-4 pm Library Open 4:00 pm Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday Feb. 4

7:30 am -(I) IHM Staff

10:00 am -(†) Sal Sassano by Kathy Sassano

5:00 pm-(I) IHM Parishioners

Monday Feb. 5

8:00 am - (†) Robert Cantrell by Friends

Tuesday Feb. 6

8:00 am - (†) Joan Elizabeth Helfrich by Jane & Michael Smith

Wednesday Feb. 7

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

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Thursday Feb. 8

8:00 am-(†) Eric Wynn by Kathleen Holingsworth

Friday Feb. 9

8:00 am-(†) Louise Dapolito by Bobby Dapolito

Saturday Feb. 10

8:00 am - (†) Kevin Sullivan by Justine Tilger

4:00 pm -(I) Gutho Family by Cathy & Brian Luebbers



Meeting Jesus in the Mass

I. Introduction and Preparation for Mass

The Sacred Liturgy is an invitation to enter more deeply into the truth of who we are in relationship with Our Lord. Deeply wounded by sin and fallen from original harmony with God and one another, God's loving faithfulness is seen in His plan for the One who would restore all that was lost in Original Sin. In the fullness of time, God sent His son, Jesus, who offered himself in supreme sacrifice on the Cross, reconciling all humanity with Our Lord.

The Liturgy of Mass is an invitation to respond to what God has done for us in Christ. In short, it is our opportunity to praise and thank God for the gift of salvation by participating in the Paschal Mystery (the Passion, Death, and Resurrection) of Jesus.

"Kerygma" is the proclamation of the Good News, the story of salvation in Christ. This is our story:

God has created us wonderfully good and in His image and has created a beautiful world for us. Sin separates us from God, from one another, from Creation, and from the goodness God intends.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, has become man, suffered, died, risen from the dead, and ascended into heaven that we might be reconciled to the Father.

We are invited to respond to this loving act of Jesus by committing to following Jesus with our lives as His disciples, and by proclaiming the Good News to those we encounter as Missionary Disciples by lives of charity, inviting others into the salvation they will find in Jesus.

(Throughout this booklet, some obvious points of connection between Mass and Kerygma are emphasized in *bold italics*. These points of connection reflect encounters with Jesus where we enter into the Good News proclaimed in the Eucharistic celebration. As you see these connections, reflect on your personal comprehension of the Kerygma and how this is being deepened.)

We begin our attention in this process by recalling the four complementary aspects of the presence of Christ in the liturgy. We see His presence in:

the proclamation of the Word

the gathered assembly the person of the priest

and especially the Body and Blood of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist.

In response to requests throughout the Diocese to have the opportunity to consider more deeply our celebration of the Mass, over the next 7 weeks, we will be addressing the different parts of the Mass and how they put us in touch with the loving mercy of God.

Today we begin with the question, "When does the Mass begin?" The Mass begins when we are preparing ourselves to come to church. It is important even as we arise and organize ourselves and family that we are intentionally transitioning from the experience of the worldly environment into the realm of God's Kingdom. Many things distract us from the effects of God's presence during the week. Our minds and hearts are focused on everyday tasks of work or school, troubles, doubts, and other situations. We want to open ourselves to gratitude, which is the key disposition for entering into the Eucharist.

We should be conscious of emptying ourselves of worldly concerns by observing the one-hour fast requirement before receiving Holy Communion. The Mass is an encounter with the Living God and so we begin to transition our hearts and minds into this heavenly encounter. The Eucharist is the place where heaven meets earth. As we enter the church, we sign ourselves with holy water, recalling our being chosen by Jesus through our baptism.

As we worship God today in the Mass, you are invited to ask God these questions:

- 1. How could my process of transition from home to Church change to prepare me to be ready to celebrate when I arrive? Would a specific prayer or routine such as reading the readings ahead of time or praying the Prayer before Mass by St. Thomas Aquinas help focus my attention on the mystery of Who I am about to encounter?
- 2. As I sign myself with holy water upon entering sacred ground, how do I renew my decision to accept Jesus as the Lord of my life?

Kids Corner-Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time

Spending Time with God



In today's Gospel reading,
Our Lord went to Simon and
Andrew's house, where He
spent the evening healing the
sick and casting out demons.
But early the next morning

before the sun came up He went away into the wilderness to pray.

At first we wonder why Jesus would have to pray- He is God, after all! But He was also human so He needed to take some time to be with His Heavenly Father.

And that is what real praying is- it's being with God and talking to Him and listening to Him.

Like Jesus, we also need to spend time with God. Even if we are always doing His work, like helping people or studying His truths, we still need to take some time to talk with Our Father in Heaven. Starting today, take a few

minutes every day to go to a quiet place and talk with God.

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 4th, 2024

At the end of today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells Simon that they will go to the nearby villages to preach.

Can you find your way through the maze to the nearby village?



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