

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

Wednesday: 12:15 pm

Holy Day Masses 8:00 am 12:00 noon & 6:00 pm

Reconciliation: Friday 8:30-9:00 am Saturday 9:00 -9:30 am & again 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: 5:30 pm 10:30 am Mass every Tuesday

Office hours: M-F 8:00 am-4:00 pm Open during lunch hours

Prayer Opportunities:

Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 7:30am in the Chapel

Morning Mass: Monday-Saturday 8:00am

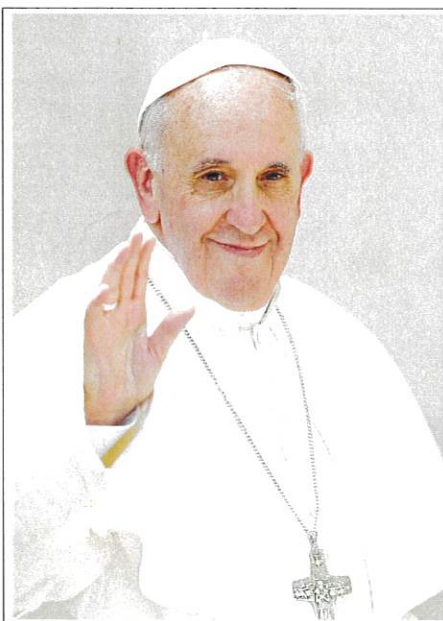
Silent Prayer: 1st & 3rd Thursdays 1:30-2:30 pm
in the Seton Room

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

Divine
Mercy
Sunday
April 27,
2025



We give thanks to the Father for the pontificate of Pope Francis and ask God to welcome this blessed servant into his merciful and loving embrace.

We ask Jesus to choose a worthy successor to Peter, the Apostle whom he chose to lead his Church. And we ask the Holy Spirit to guide the Church again and still. Amen

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2:00-3:30

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a home or hospital visit.

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*To register as a parishioner at IHM, please stop by the Parish Office.
We would love to meet you!*

Please Pray for

Lucas Marchun, Frank Kochevar, Larry Palmer, Gerald Onsrud, Dan Flenniken, James Stone,
Alex & Ashlynn Kirstatter, Alice Davis, Lou Garcia, Tim Allon, Hugh McCool, Kay Dawson,
Charlie Mishmash, Michael Antonelli, Mary Lou Graham, Bill McKendry, Martha Mondragon,
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Glenn Enos, Dorothy Alves, Arthur Anthony Zamora, Jesse Morrow, BG, Arlene, Alice, Sophie & Teddy, Lisa Marie
Hessel, Connie Lovelace, Sharon Palmer, Joe Chapman, Jimmy Weber, Anthony Mundscha, Pat Goben, Barb Delosa,
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Emilie Stoddard, Joan Wasinger, Veronica Cukro, Rich Jurewicz, Penney Barger, Alice Bristol,
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 Administrative Assistant,
after receiving permission from the person or persons whose name you want added.

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“Encountering God”

“John the Baptist was there with his two disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he said,
behold the Lamb of God.” (Jn 1:35-36)

I find it striking how John the Baptist reached his conclusion. I mean, he could have said anything upon recognizing Jesus. For example he could have said, “there is Jesus” or “there’s my cousin I was telling you about.” No, he chose those exact words to let everyone know that Jesus, the Messi-ah, the Lamb of God, has arrived. I imagine that John always knew that. Recall, after the Blessed Mother received the message of the Archangel Gabriel that she was to bring the baby Jesus into the world, she left where she was and went to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who was pregnant with baby John. And when the four met, Elizabeth reacted by saying, “at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leapt for joy.” In that instance, before he could even walk or talk, John the Baptist had an encounter with God, feeling God’s presence. Then, without words, he reacted, leaping for joy in the presence of the Lord. Fast forward some years, to another encounter, on the banks of the Jordan river where words finally caught up to the experience that John had had as a baby. And in that moment, God gave John the Baptist the perfect words to describe what he felt as he leapt for joy decades earlier, “behold the Lamb of God.” Have you ever experienced a moment when you felt the undeniable presence of God? When I think of those moments, in my own life, often I find it hard to put them to words. I can remember things in vivid detail like how the sun was coming through the chapel window as I was praying before the Blessed Sacrament. Or how calm everything felt as the Eucharist was elevated at Mass during the consecration. But it seems like whenever I try to explain exactly what the undeniable presence of God was like, words fall short, or I can’t come up with any at all. It would seem to me that when we experience moments of God’s presence, they can be so overwhelming all we can do is, well, experience it like John the Baptist did as an infant, letting those moments wash over us as a blessing, are minder, a gift from God that words cannot describe. Thanks be to God for John the Baptist, who experienced God’s presence and was blessed to be able to put it into words, and at each Mass, as the Eucharist is elevated those same words echo through time to us, some 20 centuries later. “Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”

BY REV. MICHAEL CHRISMAN, DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP
AND PASTOR, SHRINE OF ST. THERESE, PUEBLO

**NET ~ National Evangelization Teams are Coming to IHM!**

NET holds retreats across the country for middle and high school age youth. They will be here at IHM on May 7, 2025 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Friendship hall. They are in need of Host Families as the missionaries (5 young women & 4 young men) will need to be housed during their time here. They will need somewhere to sleep, a few meals, transportation etc. If you are interested in being a Host Family for these few short days or if you need additional information please call Julianna in the Parish Office. 970-242-6121 ext. 204.

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**Communion
for the
Homebound**

Please consider this beautiful ministry to bring Holy Communion to those who cannot attend mass. Could you offer your time four (4) times per year? Once a month or every other week? If interested please Contact Cathy Luebbers (303) 981-4733 for introduction or questions.

**Homebound
Ministers Needed**



Bible Study with Deacon Leo

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Wednesday until completed. You will need a
copy of Catechism of the Catholic Church
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of a New American Bible and a
Standard Revised Version Bible.
CONTACT IHM or Deacon Leo Truscott



Coffee and donuts are such a great way to meet fellow parishioners! However, we are in need of individuals or groups to sign up to host.

If someone is not listed to host the 10 am mass THE WEEKEND BEFORE, we may have to order less donuts and close up after the 7:30 mass crowd.

If interested please contact Bonnie Hartman at 970-243-4698. Please consider assisting with this fun and important ministry!



Knights News

The Knights of Columbus would like to remind/inform all parishioners of one of the promises of the Lord, revealed to Sister Faustina, regarding Divine Mercy Sunday, 4/27/25.

- The Feast of Mercy is a refuge and shelter for all souls, especially poor sinners
- The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment
- Go to Confession before Divine Mercy Sunday
- Stay in a state of grace, and receive Holy Communion with great trust in Divine Mercy

A Divine Mercy Chaplet is to be read and conducted by the Knights after each Mass on Divine Sunday. This is the weekend immediately following Easter.



Come! Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on April 27th, the Sunday after Easter. Plan on joining us for a Holy Hour of prayer and adoration during the 'Hour of Mercy' beginning at 3:00pm at St. Joseph's Church. This will be followed by a video in the St. Therese room with discussion and refreshments.

Come celebrate God's greatest gift, His infinite and unfathomable mercy! Also, remember to begin the Divine Mercy Novena on Good Friday, April 18th. Join with millions around the world who will be praying for God's Mercy to be poured out upon the world during the nine days leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday.



Christ said, "Receive the Holy Spirit". Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage through the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on: Aug. 8-10, Light of the World Parish, Littleton, CO For questions 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 Follow us on Instagram and Facebook! @worldwidemarriageencounter



Library News

Books available in the parish library:

"Jesus: A Pilgrimage", by James Martin, S.J. This is a spiritual journey, a travel guide through Israel/Palestine, a meditation, and a pilgrim walk with Jesus, from Bethlehem to Emmaus.

"Pope Francis Takes the Bus...and Other Unexpected Stories", by Rosario Carello.

From "A" for Attentiveness, to "Y" for Young People, the author tells delightful, thought-provoking stories from and about Pope Francis.

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Men's Bible Study

TAAB (Tea and a Bible). Plan to meet on Thursday May 8 at 7 p.m. in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Conference room. All men are invited to join.



Jubilee of Young People - Fundraiser

Our young adults will be selling a variety of Catholic religious items at reasonable prices on the weekends of May 11, 18 & 25th, after masses. You will be able to purchase rosaries, Catholic medals, crucifix necklaces, bracelets and other faith-inspired jewelry.



The money raised will go towards our young adults attending the

“2025 Jubilee of Young People.”

Which is the Celebration of the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of the Lord in Rome Italy, July 28 - August 3, 2025.

Please help support our young adults on their journey to the Eternal City for the pilgrimage experience of a lifetime!



Natural Family Planning

Invest in your marriage and see big payoffs. Couples who have learned to embrace their shared fertility as a blessing discover their communication, relationship and love life are better with Natural Family Planning. To learn more call Robert and Bernadette Jones 970-245-5722. The Live Online Main NFP Series is starting on March 11th. Please sign up at <https://learnnfp.org/>

WE'RE HIRING!

Immaculate Heart of Mary is seeking a Pastoral Assistant. The position is a full-time position, which is a minimum of 30 hours per week. The job requires some weekend work as needed to fulfill the requirements of the Job Description. It includes health insurance, retirement, vacation, sick pay and life insurance. Please contact Rick Aluise at (970) 242-6121 or raluise@ihmgit.org for more information. The deadline for applications is Friday, May 2, 2025.



Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities for their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, ay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Holy Days of Obligation 2025

Thursday May 29, 2025 is the Ascension of Jesus. This moves to Sunday June 1, so is no longer a Holy Day of Obligation.

August 15, 2025 is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ministry Schedule for May 3/4, 2025

8:00 am May 3 (I) Catholic Daughters by Catholic Daughters
Presider: Fr. Abraham Eigbegbea

4:00pm May 3 (†) Fr. James Plough by Diane & Alex Fritzler
Presider: Fr. Carl Wertin

Eucharistic: K. Jarrell, M. Meyers, L. Watson
Hospitality: S. Mills
Servers: B Stobbe & C. Stobbe
Lectors: C. Dawson
Sacristan: J. Rau

7:30 am May 4 (†) Frank & Pauline Hradecky by Katen & Tim Winegardner
Presider: Fr. Carl Wertin

Eucharistic: G. Bennett, K. Smith, A. Smith, C. Ulman, D. Ulman
Hospitality: L. Duncan, D. Lytle, G. Watts
Servers: E. Scott & N. Scott
Lectors: J. Bennett
Sacristan: J. Snoddy

9:30 am May 4 Sunday Mass at Palisade St. Ann's
Presider: Fr. Abraham Eigbegbea

10 am May 4 (I) IHM Parishioners
Presider: Fr. Carl Wertin

Eucharistic: L. Meyers, J. Stuckenschneider
Hospitality: J. Nasalroad & C. Nasalroad
Servers: P. Jones
Lectors: R. Jones & M. Jones
Sacristan: S. Ross

5:00 pm May 4 (†) Maria Brumbaugh by Madelineine Sayegh
Presider: Fr. Abraham Eigbegbea

Eucharistic: J. Marston
Hospitality: B. Mills
Servers: L. Kempton
Lectors: N. Hall & P. Hall
Sacristan: M. Calderone

Readings for the Week of April 27, 2025

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16 Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
John 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31 John 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37 John 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26 John 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33 John 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42 John 6:1-15

Saturday: 1 COR 15:1-8 John 14:6-14

Calendar of Events Holy Week of April 27, 2025

Sunday, April 27 7:30 am Mass
7-11:30 Library Open
8:45-9:45 Sac Prep
9:30 am St. Ann's Palisade
10:00 am Mass
11:30 am Sac Prep
5:00 pm Youth Mass

Monday, April 28 8:00 am Mass
4:30-5:30 Confirmation

Tuesday, April 29 8:00 am Mass
6-9 Knights
7:00 pm Centering Prayer

Wed. April 30 8:00 am Mass
12:15 pm Mass
3:00 pm Parish Leadership Team
6-7:00 pm Faith Formation & Youth Group

Thursday, May 1 8:00 am HFS Mass
1:30-2:30 pm Silent Prayer

Friday, May 2 8:00 am Mass
8:30-9:00 Confessions
9-5:00 pm Adoration
5:30 Confirmation w/ Bishop Berg

Saturday, May 3 8:00 am Mass
1st Saturday Rosary
9-9:30 am & 2-3:30 pm Confessions
3:00-6:00 pm Library Open
4:00 pm Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday April 27

7:30 am- (I) **IHM Parishioners**
10:00 am- (I) **Phillip Jones** by Papa & Grandma
5:00 pm - (†) **Nicholas Conway** by Pam Taylor

Monday April 28

8:00 am - (†) **Mike Phillips** by Friends

Tuesday April 29

8:00 am- (†) **Deceased Fritzler & Miniar Families** by Jerry & Irene Fritzler

Wednesday April 30

8:00 am-(†) **Don Longshore** by Family
12:15 pm- (I) **Larry Palmer** by Linda Weber

Thursday May 1

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

Friday May 2

8:00 am- (†) **Patsy Stewart** by Kathleen Hollingsworth

Saturday May 3

8:00 am - (I) **Catholic Daughters** by Catholic Daughters
4:00 pm - (†) **Fr. James Plough** by Diane & Alex Fritzler

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Kids Corner- Divine Mercy Sunday



Divine Mercy

In today's Gospel we hear about the first time that Jesus came to the Apostles after He rose from the dead. He breathed on them and told them that they had the power to forgive sins. Jesus had just given us the Sacrament of Confession- now a priest could take God's place to hear our sins and tell us that we are forgiven.

Today, the second Sunday of Easter, is also the feast of Divine Mercy. Mercy means being treated well even though we don't deserve it. God is so merciful that He wants to forgive ALL our sins, no matter how bad. All we have to do is be sorry and go to Confession.

God's Divine Mercy is so great that even the worst sinner in the world can be saved from Hell if he asks for it. But even our little sins hurt Jesus, so we need to ask God for mercy too. Don't ever imagine that God can't forgive you when you are sorry- remember, Jesus died on the cross so that you would be able to go to Heaven!

Jesus, I Trust in You!

Answers to True or False:
1. true 2. false 3. false 4. true 5. true 6. false 7. true

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True or False:

When Jesus Came to the Apostles

1. When Jesus first came to the Apostles after His resurrection, He said "Peace be with you" twice. True or False?

2. When Jesus rose from the dead, you couldn't see the marks from the nails in His hands and feet any more. True or False?

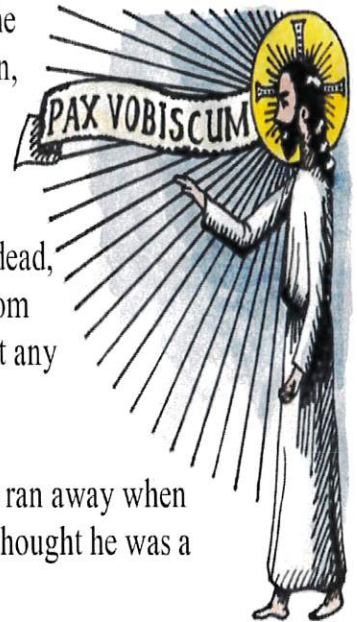
3. The Apostles panicked and ran away when they saw Jesus because they thought he was a ghost. True or False?

4. Jesus breathed on the Apostles and told them that they now had the power to forgive people's sins. True or False?

5. The Apostle Thomas was not with the others when Jesus first came to them after He rose from the dead. True or False?

6. Thomas believed that they had seen Jesus, so he wasn't surprised when Jesus came again a week later. True or False?

7. Jesus told Thomas to put his fingers in the nail-holes in His hands and put his hand in Jesus' side where the spear had gone in. True or False?



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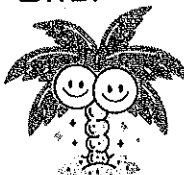
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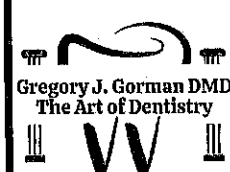
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