

# **Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish**

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**PAROCHIAL VICAR:** *Fr. Abraham Eigbegbea*  
*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

**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

### **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.

Fifth  
Sunday Easter  
May 18, 2025

"I give you a new commandment:  
love one another.  
As I have loved you, so you also should  
love one another. This is how all will know  
that you are my disciples,  
if you have love for one another."

John 13:34-35

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We would love to meet you!*

**Please Pray for**

Lucas Marchun, Frank Kochevar, Larry Palmer, Gerald Onsrud, Dan Flenniken, James Stone,  
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Charlie Mishmash, Michael Antonelli, Mary Lou Graham, Bill McKendry, Martha Mondragon,  
Ida Gauna, Terri Christiansen, Diane Fritzler, Donnie Braning, Joe Albertazzi, Cindy Bain,  
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,  
Les Stefan, Devlyn Coleman, Jan Sewell, Dick Neville, Phyllis Shupak, Penny Olesky, Dori Smeaton, Bernard Kochevar,  
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.



## RAISING DISCIPLES TO INSPIRE RELATIONSHIPS WITH JESUS

## Jesus: The Name Above All Names

BY GINNY REVEL, PARISHIONER, ST. JOSEPH, GRAND JUNCTION

When you meet someone and learn his or her name, it changes a stranger into a person whom you can treat with familiarity and perhaps even trust. A bond or connection is forged between two people, and both are changed. In the Old Testament when God changed someone's name, it meant they were given a new identity and a special commission.

The ultimate gift from God to us was to have His only Son incarnate as man with the sacred name of Jesus. As it says in Acts 4:12, "There is no other name under Heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

When the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, he told her she would bear a divine Son and His name would be

Jesus, which in Hebrew means "God saves," or "Savior." Jesus' holy name expresses both His identity and His mission. As the only begotten Son of God, Jesus is the perfect image of the Father. And it is through Jesus alone that man receives salvation from sin, because only God can bestow forgiveness. We should never underestimate the significance of Jesus' name and treat it always with love, reverence, and respect. In ancient

Israel, the name of God was only spoken once a year by the High Priest when he entered the Holy of Holies, and only in atonement. Yet the name of the God/Man Jesus was spoken everyday of His life on earth. And throughout the ages He has freely confided His holy name to those who believe in Him, as He wants to be known in the world. As Father Mike Schmitz teaches: "God loves you. That's why He told you His name." What could be more personal and intimate than to call upon the powerful name of Jesus to glorify and petition His Father, to comfort us, to guide us, to dispel evil spirits, to work miracles, and to request spiritual and temporal aid? This name is the very

heart of Christian prayer—even just the name "Jesus" is a complete prayer

in itself. All Catholic liturgical prayers end with "through Our Lord Jesus Christ." Every time we utter "Jesus," we profess the Lordship of Christ, the One who is high above us all. And yet, in our modern culture, instead of giving Jesus' name loving adoration (and thus also blessing, glorifying and praising His Father), we toss about Jesus' name, taking it in vain, misusing it in blasphemy, or to call evil upon our enemy.

We are seriously jeopardizing our salvation. A beautifully simple custom that seems to have fallen by the wayside was taught in Catholic grammar schools many years ago. The priests and nuns impressed upon their charges that "...the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, of those in Heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2: 9-11). We were taught to bow our heads every time we heard the name of Jesus, or when the crucifix processes into Mass. My head automatically bobs up and down following this reverence,

yet I haven't noticed many other people bowing their heads for Jesus. When and

why did this observance disappear? An easy way to "reinvent" this reverence is to practice the Chotki, or the "Jesus Prayer rope," that is popular in the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church. Similar to the rosary, this endless prayer rope provides a continual remembrance and invocation of the name of Jesus. On each bead repeat the Jesus Prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." This mercy prayer puts Jesus' precious name repeatedly on our lips and in our hearts. What better way to delight Jesus by practicing bowing our heads at His holy name? If you're interested in purchasing a Chotki, they are widely available online.

A prayer for all our local graduating classes of 2025

"Gracious God, we thank you for these graduates, and for the journey that has brought them to this moment.

We ask for your blessings as they step into new chapters, filled with both promise and uncertainty. Guide their steps, fill them with your wisdom and strength, and help them to use their gifts for the good of all. May they remain mindful of your presence in their lives, and may they be a source of light and hope in the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever." Amen



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The IHM Ladies Auxiliary annual Bottles for Babies fundraiser is quickly approaching! We will hand out empty baby bottles after all Masses May 17 & 18. Fill them up with spare change and return them the weekend of Father's Day June 14 & 15. It's that easy! All proceeds are donated to Birthright Grand Junction, a Pro Life pregnancy support service whose focus is on loving the mother, reminding her there is hope and ensuring she is not alone. Your generosity provides formula, diapers, wipes, infant clothes, sleepers, toiletries, food baskets for mom's nutrition and more. Please join us in this worthwhile endeavor.



Communion  
for the  
Homebound

**Homebound  
Ministers Needed**

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.



Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment: love one another." Learn how to love your spouse more on one of the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on:

Aug. 9-10, Light of the World Parish, Littleton, CO; Nov. 7-9, Golden, 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](http://www.wwme.org). Follow us on Instagram and Facebook! @worldwidemarriageencounter

Please join Knights of Columbus for the  
**Memorial Day Mass**  
at the Cavalry section of the  
Orchard Mesa Cemetery at 10:00 am on Monday,  
May 26th.

**Knights of Columbus  
Pancake Breakfast**



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The Knights will host their  
Third Sunday Pancake  
Breakfast on May 18. 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!



Library News

**"Father Damien The Man and His Era"**  
By Margaret R. Bunson

A remarkable book about a remarkable missionary  
priest and now Saint who volunteered to help the  
lepers confined to the Hawaiian Island of Molokai.  
Fr. Damien tirelessly provided the spiritual and  
physical needs of all the lepers on Molokai until  
leprosy took his own life. This book vividly  
describes his struggles and sacrifices he made to  
provide care and comfort for those suffering from  
the dreaded disease.

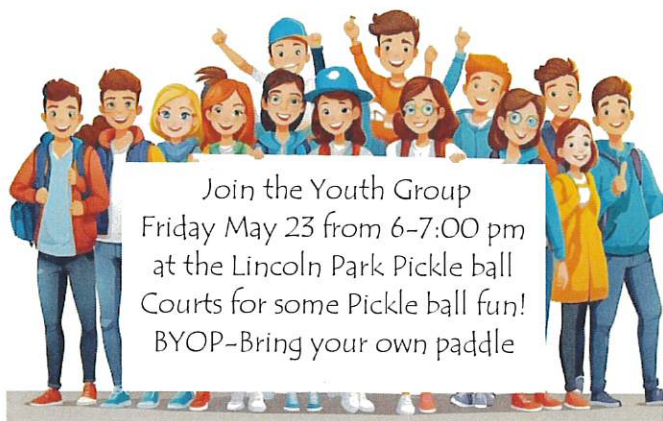


**Bible Study with Deacon Leo**

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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



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**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 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.”**

This 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!



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Please sign up at <https://learnfp.org/>

**Men's Bible Study**

TAAB (Tea and a Bible). Plan to meet on Thursday May 22 at 7 p.m. in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Conference room. All men are invited to join.



Get ready to hit the trails for the ultimate Alaskan adventure! You will have mountains of fun at this year's Vacation Bible School!



Looking “True North”  
“Trusting Jesus in a wild world”

This adventure begins Monday June 9, and goes through Friday June 13.

Each day from 9am until 12 noon at Holy Family School.

Get your gear ready for this amazing adventure!

But, please register before June 3, online at:

<https://ihmgj.org/vbs-enrollment> or call Julianna at 970-242-6121

**Office Closed**

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday May 28 for a staff Retreat. Thank you for your understanding.



There are Scam emails and text messages going around saying they are from Fr. Carl & Fr. Abraham. Our priests will NEVER email or text anyone asking for money or gift cards. If you receive an email or text please delete.

**Ministry Schedule for May 24/25, 2025****8:00 am May 24, (†) Joan Telinde****Presider: Fr. Carl Wertin****4:00 pm May 24, (†) Diane G****Presider: Fr Carl Wertin**

Eucharistic: E. Hoy, M. Meyers

Hospitality: R. Bertrand

Servers: B. Stobbe &amp; C. Stobbe

Lectors: C. Dawson &amp; D. Dinkel

Sacristan: T. Chapman

**7:30 am May 25, (†)****Presider: Fr. Carl Wertin**

Eucharistic: A. Ambrosier, K. Smith

Hospitality: G. Ambrosier, L. Duncan

Servers: No Filled

Lectors: A. Padalecki

Sacristan: J. Snoddy

**9:30 am May 25, Sunday Mass at Palisade St. Ann's****Presider: Deacon Luke****10 am May 25, (†)****Presider: Fr. Carl Wertin**

Eucharistic: J. Peugh, D. Peugh

Hospitality: M. Guidi

Servers: B. Dockery

Lectors: Y. Orehek &amp; K. Porras

Sacristan: S. Ross

**5:00 pm May 25, (†)****Presider: Fr. Carl Wertin**

Eucharistic: R. Thibault-Lloyd

Hospitality: B. Bianchi

Servers: Not Filled

Lectors: M. Herrera

Sacristan: M. Calderone

**Readings for the Week of May 18, 2025****Sunday:** Acts 14:21-27 Rev 21:1-5a John 13:31-33a, 34-35**Monday:** Acts 14:5-18 John 14:21-26**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28 John 14:27-31a**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6 John 15:1-8**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21 John 15:9-11**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31 John 15:12-17**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10 John 15:18-21**Calendar of Events May 18, 2025**

**Sunday, May 18** 7:30 am Mass  
 7-11:30 Library Open  
 9:30 am St. Ann's Palisade  
 10:00 am Mass  
 Jubilee Fundraiser  
 Ladies Auxiliary Baby Bottle Campaign  
 5:00 pm Mass

**Monday, May 19** 8:00 am Mass

**Tuesday, May 20** 8:00 am Mass  
 7:00 pm Centering Prayer

**Wed. May 21** 8:00 am HFS Mass  
 9:00 am Bulk Mailing  
 12:15 pm Mass  
 3:00 pm Parish Leadership Team

**Thursday, May 22** 8:00 am Mass  
 11:00 am Mary Melton Funeral  
 6:00 pm TAAB Men's Bible Study

**Friday, May 23** 8:00 am Mass  
 8:30-9:00 Confessions  
 9-5:00 pm Adoration

**Saturday, May 24** 8:00 am Mass  
 9-9:30 am & 2-3:30 pm Confessions  
 3:00-6:00 pm Library Open  
 4:00 pm Mass

**Mass Intentions****Sunday May 18**

7:30 am- (†) **Fr. James Plough**  
 10:00 am- (I) **Agata, Lukasz & Kids & (†) Beverly Wacker**  
 5:00 pm - (†) **Maria Brumbaugh**

**Monday May 19**

8:00 am - (†) **Clebe T Gordon**

**Tuesday May 20**

8:00 am- (†) **Larry Saxon**

**Wednesday May 20**

8:00 am- (I) **Holy Family Children & Staff**  
 12:15 pm- (†) **George Brown**

**Thursday May 21**

8:00 am- (†) **Joe Bystedt**

**Friday May 22**

8:00 am- (†) **Sue Miller & Larry Mossburger**

**Saturday May 22**

8:00 am - (†) **Joan Telinde**  
 4:00 pm - (†) **Diane G**



## RAISING DISCIPLES TO INSPIRE RELATIONSHIPS WITH JESUS

## Kids Corner- Fifth Sunday of Easter

## The New Commandment

In the Old Testament, before Jesus came, there were many commandments. They told the people how they should live and what they should and shouldn't do. Jesus obeyed the commandments, but He gave His followers a new one, something different than any of the others:

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER.**

The love that Jesus was talking about is called charity. It means doing what is best for a person. Here are some ways to love others:



Always think kindly of people. Even when you know something bad about someone, try to think nice thoughts about them.

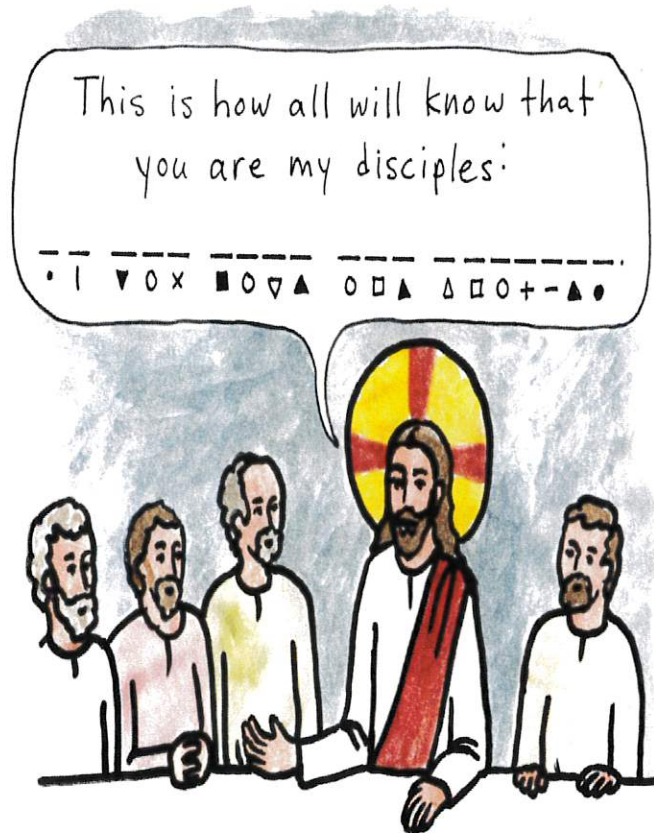
Always speak kindly about people. Saying bad things about others can hurt them.



Always act kindly toward others. Treat everyone in the way that you would want to be treated. Show that you are a follower of Jesus by how you love others!

## The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 18th, 2025



*What did Jesus tell His disciples  
in today's Gospel reading?  
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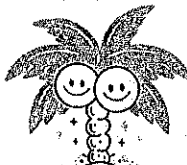
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