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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

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.



Ascension
of the Lord
June 1, 2025

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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

Vivian Glaze, 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, 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.

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WHAT IF YOU WERE ASKED?

BY MARTI GARCIA, PARISHIONER, ST. COLUMBA, DURANGO

Many devotional readings and theologians have stated that Jesus wants us to ask Him in prayer. What a simple request! Yet, every day, I find myself grappling with this question. Either I feel capable of handling the situation and don't want to bother Jesus with my prayers, or I simply forget to ask. That's my pride taking over, bullying its way into the situation. How many have experienced God's answers to prayers and felt truly filled with His peace and understanding? Once you experience that, you yearn to feel His presence more and more. I read recently that the simplest prayer request pleases the Lord. A dear friend once shared that they talk to Jesus so frequently that one day, they paused their prayer conversation and asked, "Am I talking so much that you stop listening?" The Lord answered, "I always love to hear you share and speak to me about your day and concerns."

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

What if Jesus asks you a question? Are you open to His message, and do you feel worthy? I was asked to be a sponsor, or godparent, by a catechumen. At first, I thought I wasn't a strong enough Catholic in my faith. Then I wondered if I had the time. I wasn't sure what that role truly entailed. Taking a deep breath, I felt overwhelmed with humility that this person would ask me to share in this incredible journey. I noticed the nervousness in her eyes, and before I knew it, I said yes, I would be glad to. Truthfully, when I got home that day, I looked up what it means to be a sponsor. As I read the definition, doubts began to creep in. Am I an upstanding, active Catholic?

I guess that doesn't mean do I physically work out. Will I be there to support, answer questions, and be a mentor? With my mind swirling with questions and uncertainties, I remembered that I needed to seek the Lord for understanding. "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

(Matthew 7:7-8) We humans aren't perfect, and yes, we are all sinners. I have learned to use the gift of discernment to help me walk in my faith. Discernment doesn't mean judgment; it actually means (in a Christian context) to obtain spiritual guidance and understanding. I like to think of it as asking the Lord to hold my hand and guide me in His ways. Our ultimate goal is to do His will, not our own. I realized that if Jesus wanted me to help mentor this catechumen and I drew on Mary as an example, I would say yes. Working on complete trust is always a work in progress. Just start with the first step, and each subsequent step will lay before you. If you don't take any step at all, you can see how this turns you around and heads you in the opposite direction of what he asks of you. "Though young men faint and grow weary, and youths stagger and fall, They that hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar on eagles' wings;

They will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint." (Isaiah 40:30-31) I haven't looked back since saying yes. You might be surprised to learn that you, too, will grow in faith as you embark on this spiritual journey with your catechumen. You will be amazed by the gifts the Holy Spirit bestows upon those entering the Catholic faith. You have a front row seat.

Please say yes! BACKGROUND BY GETTY IMAGES/ MARK ASTAKHOV



Immaculate Heart of Mary Church is looking to hire a Grounds Keeper/ Maintenance Supervisor. This position will be overseeing basic church grounds and irrigation system, sprinkler repair, overall upkeep and basic maintenance duties within the church and outside on the property as well as supervising the Maintenance Assistant. Please contact Rick Aluise in our Parish office for more information at 970-242-6121 ext. 214 by June 8, 2025

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Knights News

The Knights of Columbus would like to remind parishioners that the feast of Corpus Christi is June 21st and 22nd. Please join council #13621 at the 4pm Sat. and 10am Sun. Mass for the Eucharistic Procession on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. This is a great opportunity to share Jesus Christ with the community and experience what the disciples did 2 thousand years ago, as they walked with our Lord.

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The Knights of Columbus are also conducting a membership drive the weekend of June 22nd. We'll have a table in the narthex with a knight standing by after each mass. The knights are founded on three virtues: Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Council #13621 is asking all men in our parish to consider a calling to join us as a member.

We look forward to seeing you after one of those masses.

Celebration

Come and celebrate the Anniversary of Ordinations of our priests!

Sunday June 15 from 11:00 am-1:30 pm
(after the 10:00 am mass).

The Knights of Columbus and the morning coffee group will be hosting snacks and beverages for this event. It is a perfect opportunity to thank our priests for their dedication and service to the Church.

Fr. Carl is celebrating 10 years,
Fr. Abraham is celebrating 7 years and
Fr. Larry is celebrating 40 years

The Knights will not be hosting the third Sunday breakfast in June.



Get ready to hit the trails for the ultimate Alaskan adventure!

You will have mountains of fun at this years 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



Library Book Report

*The Holy Longing, the Search
for a Christian Spirituality*

By Ronald Rolheiser, © 1999, 239 pgs.

An inspirational and insightful work by Father Rolheiser that leads us to deep, hard questions that challenge religious posturing. He digs into the hard truths about compassion, forgiveness, and action in the world, leading the reader to true and lasting hope. His book is an antidote to the consumerist view of religion by his easygoing, delightful and challenging writing style. Hard to put down till you've finished reading. FH



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The deadline to reserve a spot to go with the IHM group is June 1, 2025. For additional information please contact Julianna Campos in the Parish office at 970-242-6121 ext. 204

The youth will sell coupon cards for \$20 each to raise money for this trip.

IHM Ladies Auxiliary will be collecting the filled Baby Bottles June 14 & 15 after all masses.

Please remember to fill an empty baby bottle with spare change! 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.



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Men's Bible Study

TAAB (Tea and a Bible). Plan to meet on Thursday June 5 at 7 p.m. in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Conference room. All men are invited to join.



Bible Study with Deacon Leo



Deacon Leo will resume his weekly Bible Study Group August 27, 2025.

On Saturday June 14, 2025 we will have a visiting Priest and due to his schedule Confessions on that day will be from 2:30-3:30 instead of the regular time. Thank you for your understanding.



Father's Day Bake Sale

On June 14 & 15, 2025 after all masses. Join in purchasing a baked good at a fundraiser for the very needy at Holy Family Church in **Gaza, Israel**.

They will have an assortment of home baked goods, cakes, cookies, brownies and themed Gift Baskets for great treats and gifts for you to take home on Father's Day weekend.

Carol Asher, who is hosting this event, is asking for three volunteers to assist her after each mass, and contact Carol if you would like to donate a baked good or an item for a Gift Basket.

If you are interested in any of these please contact Carol at 225-400-7151 or email at mccasj7@gmail.com

Wish List: Plastic wrap for gift baskets (~12) & Blue ribbons for a bow, balloons for celebrating Father's Day, paper to go Cake boxes for items both large and small, & any recycled bags to take product home.

Ministry Schedule for June 7/8, 2025

8:00 am June 7, (I) Catholic Daughters

Presider: Fr. Carl Wertin

4:00 pm June 7, (†) Allen & Yvonne Beuerle

Presider: Fr. Abraham Eigbegbea

Eucharistic: M. Meyers, J. Rau, D. Schmitz, L. Watson

Hospitality: S. Mills

Servers: Not filled

Lectors: C. Dawson & E. Hoy

Sacristan: T. Chapman

7:30 am June 8, (†) Most Rev. Arthur Tafoya (†) Ray Gauna & Pam Ray Gauna

Presider: Fr. Carl Wertin

Eucharistic: C. Ulman, D. Ulman

Hospitality: L. Duncan, D. Lytle

Servers: B. Dockery

Lectors: M. Katzer & A. Padalecki

Sacristan: J. Snoddy

9:30 am June 8, Sunday Mass at Palisade St. Ann's

Presider: Fr. Abraham Eigbegbea

10 am June 8, (†) Robert Wilcox (†) Steven Lyon Boese

Presider: Fr. Carl Wertin

Eucharistic: D. Peugh, J. Peugh, J. Stuckenschneider

Hospitality: J. Nasalroad & C. Nasalroad

Servers: P. Jones

Lectors: R. Jones & M. Jones

Sacristan: S. Ross

5:00 pm June 8, (I) IHM Parishioners

Presider: Fr. Abraham Eigbegbea

Eucharistic: R. Thibault-Lloyd, C. Zaums

Hospitality: A. Alu

Servers: Not filled

Lectors: S. Konantz

Sacristan: J. Marston

Readings for the Week of June 1, 2025

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 Luke 24:46-53

Monday: Acts 19:1-8 John 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27 John 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38 John 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 John 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21 John 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 John 21:20-25

Calendar of Events June 1, 2025

Sunday, June 1

7:30 am Mass

7-11:30 Library Open

9:30 am St. Ann's Palisade

10:00 am Mass

1:30-3:30 pm Catholic Daughters

5:00 pm Mass

Totus Tuus

Monday, June 2

8:00 am Mass in Chapel

Totus Tuus

Tuesday, June 3

8:00 am Mass in Chapel

7:00 pm Centering Prayer

6-9 pm Knights

Totus Tuus

Wed. June 4

8:00 am Mass in Chapel

12:15 pm Mass

3:00 pm Parish Leadership Team

Totus Tuus

Thursday, June 5

8:00 am Mass

1:30-2:30 Silent Prayer

6:00 pm TAABS Mens Bible Study

Totus Tuus

Friday, June 6

8:00 am Mass

8:30-9:00 Confessions

9-5:00 pm Adoration

Saturday, June 7

8:00 am Mass

1st Saturday Rosary

9-9:30 am & 2-3:30 pm Confessions

3:00-6:00 pm Library Open

Mass Intentions

Sunday June 1

7:30 am- (†) Beverly Wacker

10:00 am- (I) IHM Parishioners

5:00 pm - (†) Maria Brumbaugh

Monday June 2

8:00 am - (I) Rex & Violet Stephens

Tuesday June 3

8:00 am- (I) No Intention

Wednesday June 4

8:00 am- (†) Beverly Wacker

12:15 pm- (I) No Intention

Thursday June 5

8:00 am- (†) Charlie Derosiers

Friday June 6

8:00 am- (†) No Intention

Saturday June 7

8:00 am - (I) Catholic Daughters

4:00 pm - (†) Allen & Yvonne Beuerle

Kids Corner- Ascension of the Lord

Jesus Ascends into Heaven!



Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension- when Jesus went up, body and soul, into Heaven. Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead He took his disciples up to a big hill and told them that He was going to send the Holy Spirit to them soon. Then He went up into the sky and disappeared behind the clouds.

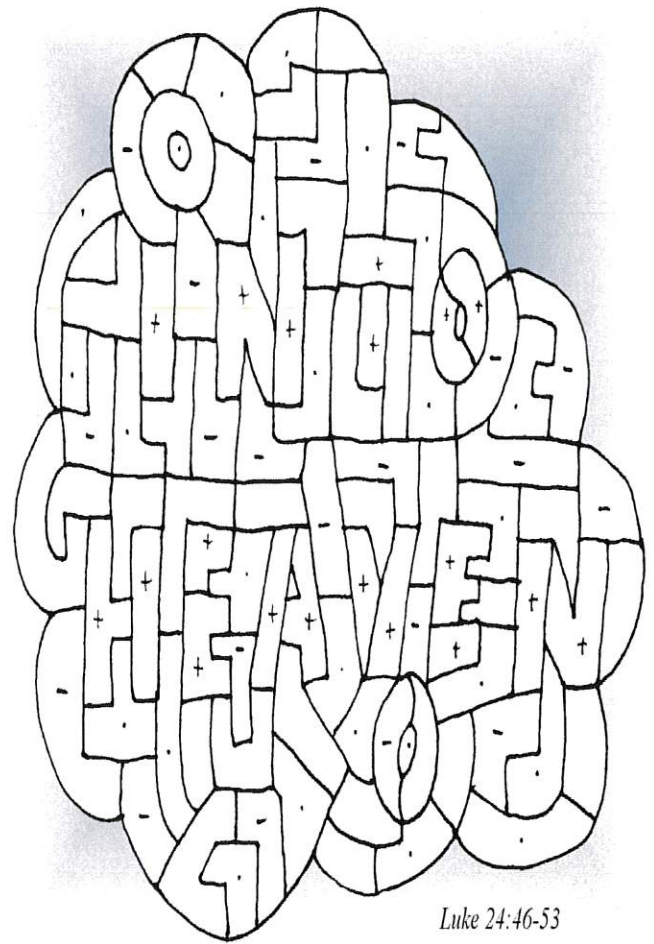
At first it seems kind of sad that Jesus left His friends, doesn't it? But how could they be sad when Jesus was returning with joy to His Father in Heaven?

Sometimes we are sad when somebody we love dies or moves away, and that's okay. We can't stay with our friends forever in this world, but we will in Heaven. Jesus is there waiting for us to come and live forever with Him and all our friends.

So today we should celebrate Jesus' going into Heaven, and remember that He has gone ahead of us to make a place ready for us when we die.

The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of the Ascension
May 29th or June 1st, 2025



Luke 24:46-53

*Jesus disappeared into a cloud forty days after
He rose from the dead. Where did He go?*

*Colour in the spaces with crosses (+)
to find out!*



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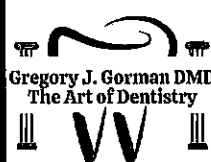
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