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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

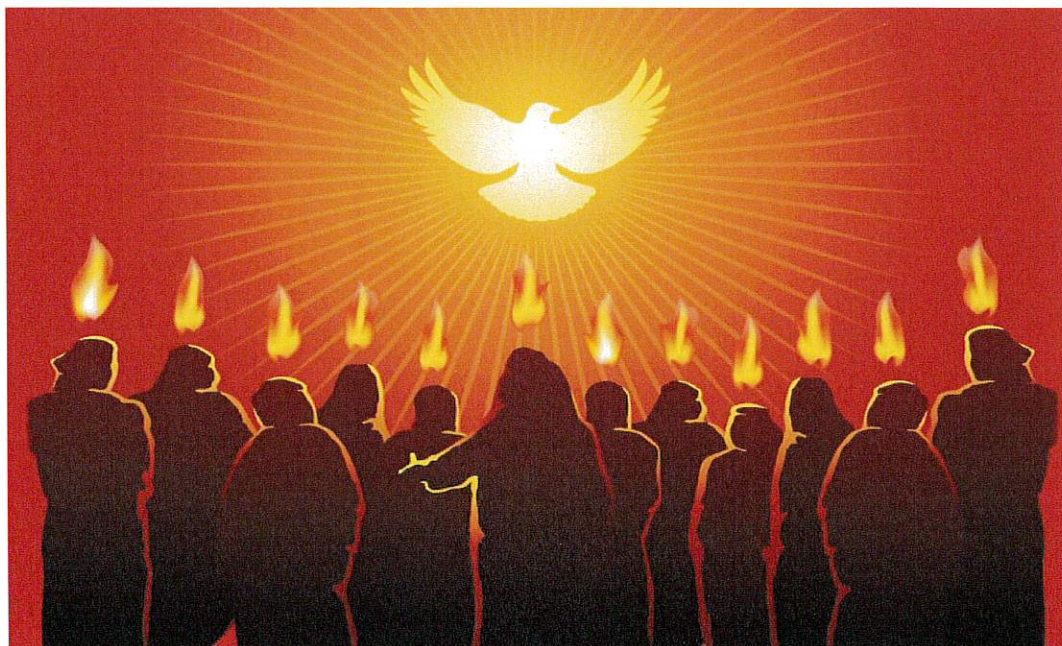
Centering Prayer: Tuesday Evenings from 7:00 - 8:00
in the IHM Library

Holy Days of Obligation 2025

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

November 1, 2025 for
All Saints Day - Not Obligatory
this year.

Pentecost
Sunday
June 8,
2025



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Please Pray for

Vivian Glaze, Lucas Marchun, Frank Kochevar, Larry Palmer, Gerald Onsrud, Dan Flenniken,
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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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THE MYSTICAL AND SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE
OF ST. AUGUSTINE FOR PRESENT TIMES
BY REV. WILLIAMS OSPINO, PASTOR, ST. MICHAEL, DELTA

The Confessions of Saint Augustine present themselves as a deep dialogue with God, where the reader, although not explicitly mentioned, acts as a speaker in the shadows, who participates in the silence in which Augustine addresses himself to God. This book is not only an autobiography, but also a manifestation of Augustine's passionate love for God, a love that dwells in the innermost depths of the human being. (Conf. II, 2) Through his words, Augustine expresses his astonishment at the unusual and permanent action of God in his life, a presence that transforms and guides the human being

St. Augustine's mysticism is based on an ontological conception: The human being has been created by God with a nature that directs him towards Him. In his thought, mysticism is not only a feeling or an emotional experience, but it is inscribed in the human being, which by its essence is destined to seek and unite with the divine. In this way, the Augustinian mysticism is, in a certain sense, an ontological determinism: The human being is predestined to find God because his being is oriented towards him.

For Augustine, the path to union with God is marked by a harmony between thought and love. While his work highlights the importance of intellect, it also highlights that love for God is what ultimately drives and directs the mind. In this sense, we could say that for him the path leading to God is not only an intellectual journey, but above all a process of loving intensely. Love, in its conception, is not a mere feeling, but an active force that pushes to knowledge and inner transformation. (Conf. IX, 10) This direct experience of God, which Augustine experiences with absolute certainty, has the power to transform the life of those who live it. The mystic, when contemplating God, experiences a radical change: he no longer recognizes himself, he feels a renewed being, trans-figured. In this process of change, mystical knowledge is not only theoretical but experiential. The certainty of divine presence leads to a deep conversion that requires an interior purification and commitment to a life of asceticism and spiritual discipline. (Conf. VIII, 12) The Confessions of Augustine as a literary and theological work becomes the stage from which the saint not only narrates his personal experience but proclaims it to the whole world, inviting everyone to experience joy and gratitude for God's favors and blessings. St. Augustine's struggle to find meaning in life is one of the most universal elements of his work. In his youth, Augustine felt lost in his search for truth, trying out various philosophies (Conf. IV, 4), before finding peace in Christianity. This search process is a deeply relevant experience today, as many in the world today feel equally disconnected or dissatisfied with the answers offered by science, technology, or society. In a time of great uncertainty and crisis of meaning, the experience of Augustine invites us to reflect on the importance of an authentic search, which does not settle for easy or superficial answers. His story encourages us to question, explore and above all, not give up in the search for a deeper and more transformative truth. Finally, this mystical and spiritual journey invites us to ask fundamental questions about our own lives. Where is it that I am looking for truth? What gaps or concerns do I feel that I have not been able to understand or resolve? How does my life reflect a spiritual journey or a deeper purpose quest? These questions, which Augustine asked himself in his time, remain relevant today, because they help us to reflect on our own relationship with the Divine, with ourselves, with others, and with the creation around us.



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



Library Book Report

Losses Later in Life,
A New Way of Walking with God
By R. Scott Sullender

Losses in life are inevitable. This book focuses primarily on the losses of the second half of life and how to deal with them in ways that augment our emotional and spiritual health. Faith plays a large part in navigation losses and aging successfully.
You can find this book in the death, grief, loss section.

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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.

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.

**IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT**

"Over the last year, there have been many items placed in front of the columbarium niches,

including flowers, notes, hand-made memorials and other items. In addition, graffiti has been found on the face of some niches. As a reminder, the Columbarium Guidelines prohibit placing anything of a permanent or temporary nature in the columbarium area. While the Guidelines do allow the Pastoral Council and the Pastor the ability to approve specific items under specific circumstances, they have determined not to allow any, since approving some and denying others would be unfair to some.

Please keep in mind that we have 768 Niches, nearly 450 of which are filled. It is not feasible to allow items on or around the columbarium.

Thank you for your understanding!"



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You're Invited!

Join us in celebrating
Sister Karen Bland's retirement
after 26 years of dedicated service as
Executive Director of Catholic Outreach.
GVCO Board will be hosting an **open house**
on **Thursday, June 12, from 3:00–7:00 p.m.**
at **IHM's Friendship Hall.**

Come enjoy light refreshments and take a moment to visit with Sister Karen as we honor her remarkable contributions to our community.

All are welcome!

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"Grand Valley Catholic Outreach is in need of volunteers for various positions with a time commitment of 3-4 hours, one morning per week. Also need Afternoon Receptionists from noon - 4:00 pm one day per week. Please call the Volunteer Coordinator at (970) 241-3658 ext. 103, for more information."

Men's Bible Study

TAAB (Tea and a Bible). Plan to meet on Thursday June 19 at 7 p.m. in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Conference room. All men are invited to join.



Eucharist Ministers



Eucharist Ministers are asked to attend one of the Corpus Christi masses on the weekend of

June 21 & 22nd for Re-commissioning.

Please plan on attending this formal acknowledgement of the call to serve in your Ministry. Commissioning blesses you and affirms the use of the gifts that God has given you.

On Saturday June 14, 2025 we will have a visiting Priest Msgr. Patrick Pollard a retired Priest from the Diocese of Chicago.

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.

Women Faith & Fun!



Our next get together is Thursday June 19, in the Seton Room Library. Gathering starts at 6:00 pm with prayer at 6:30 pm, then fun & games. 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.

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 mczasj7@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.

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.



Ministry Schedule for June 14/15, 2025

8:00 am June 14, (†) Rita & Lawrie Fernandes
Presider: Msgr. Patrick Pollard

4:00 pm June 14, (I) IHM Parishioners
Presider: Msgr. Patrick Pollard

Eucharistic: T. Chapman, K. Jarrell, M. Meyers, K. Murphy, A. Rastrelli
 Hospitality: R. Bertrand
 Servers: A. Rastrelli
 Lectors: D. Dinkel
 Sacristan: J. Rau

7:30 am June 15, (I) Violet Stephens
Presider: Fr. Abraham Eigbegbea

Eucharistic: G. Bennett, A. Peterson
 Hospitality: A. Ambrosier, G. Ambrosier
 Servers: E. Scott & N. Scott
 Lectors: D. Walsh
 Sacristan: J. Snoddy

9:30 am June 15, Sunday Mass at Palisade St. Ann's
Presider: Fr. Abraham Eigbegbea

10 am June 15, (†) Edwin Schmitz
Presider: Fr. Carl Wertin

Eucharistic: J. Stuckenschneider
 Hospitality: M. Guidi
 Servers: Not Filled
 Lectors: J. Simmons
 Sacristan: S. Ross

5:00 pm June 15, (†) Maria Brumbaugh
Presider: Fr. Carl Wertin

Eucharistic: R. Thibault-Lloyd
 Hospitality: M. Simpson
 Servers: Not filled
 Lectors: N. Hall & P. Hall
 Sacristan: M. Calderone

Readings for the Week of June 8, 2025

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11 1 COR 12:3b-7,12-13
 John 20:19-23

Monday: Genesis 3:9-15, 20 John 19:25-34

Tuesday: 2 COR 1:18-22 Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 COR 3:15-4:1, 3-6 Matthew 5:20-26

Friday: 2 COR 4:7-15 Matthew 5:27-32

Saturday: 2 COR 5:14-21 Matthew 5:33-37

Calendar of Events June 8, 2025

Sunday, June 8 7:30 am Mass
 7-11:30 Library Open
 9:30 am St. Ann's Palisade
 10:00 am Mass
 5:00 pm Mass

Monday, June 9 8:00 am Mass in Chapel
 6-9 Fiber Fellowship

Tuesday, June 10 8:00 am Mass in Chapel
 7:00 pm Centering Prayer

Wed. June 11 8:00 am Mass in Chapel
 12:15 pm Mass
 3:00 pm Parish Leadership Team
 6-8:00 pm Catechist Meeting

Thursday, June 12 8:00 am Mass
 12-7:30 pm Open House Sr. Karen Bland

Friday, June 13 8:00 am Mass
 8:30-9:00 Confessions
 9-5:00 pm Adoration

Saturday, June 14 8:00 am Mass
 9-9:30 am & 2:30-3:30 pm Confessions
 1:00 pm Barbara Fox Funeral
 3:00-6:00 pm Library Open
 4:00 pm Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday June 8

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

10:00 am- (†) Robert Wilcox & Steven Lyon Boesse

5:00 pm - (I) IHM Parishioners

Monday June 9

8:00 am - (I) All Priests in Diocese of Pueblo

Tuesday June 10

8:00 am- (†) Sal Sassano

Wednesday June 11

8:00 am- (†) Clekburn Gordon

12:15 pm- (I) IHM Parishioners

Thursday June 12

8:00 am- (†) Henry & Frances Murphy

Friday June 13

8:00 am- (†) Marlene Vidmar

Saturday June 14

8:00 am - (†) Rita & Lawrie Fernandes

4:00 pm - (I) IHM Parishioners

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Kids Corner- Pentecost Sunday



Come Holy Spirit!

The feast of Pentecost came nine days after Jesus had ascended into Heaven. The disciples and Mary were praying together when the Holy Spirit suddenly came with the sound of a huge wind and what looked like flames of fire coming down on each of them. The apostles went right out and began to preach and teach people about Jesus.

The Holy Spirit comes to us in Baptism and lives in us whenever our souls are in a state of grace (when we don't have any serious sins.) He comes into us more whenever we receive a Sacrament, especially Confirmation. He helps us do what is right and serve God using all the gifts He gives us. The Holy Spirit, who is the third Person of the Blessed Trinity, draws us closer to God the Father and Jesus.

Pray to the Holy Spirit every day to help you to do everything for God. Then see how your life changes!

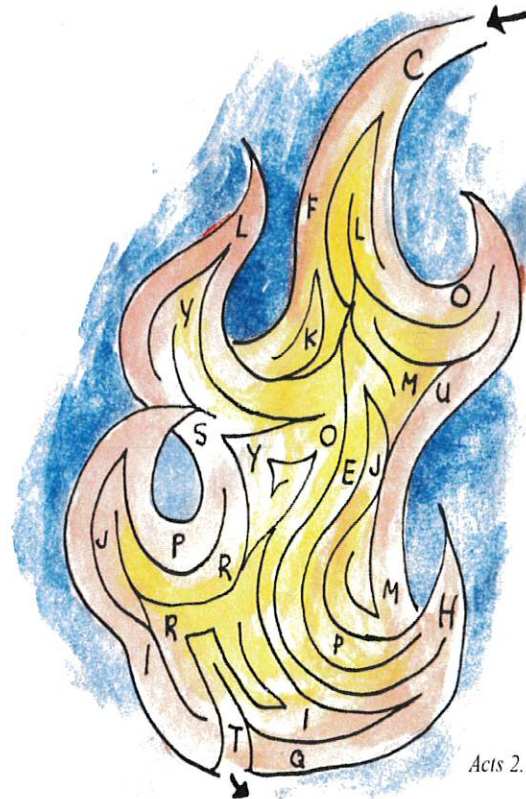


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The Kids' Bulletin

Pentecost Sunday

June 8th, 2025



Acts 2.1-11

Today is the feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came to Mary and the Apostles in the form of wind and tongues of fire.

Can you find your way through this maze and use the letters in your path to fill in the blanks?

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Walk For Life

Please join us on Saturday, June 21st for the annual Walk for Life. We will gather at the old Mesa County Courthouse at 6th and Rood at 10:00am for a rally and then walk peacefully through downtown Grand Junction with our pro-life signs. We will then regather at the parish hall at St. Josephs for lunch provided by the Knights of Columbus. Our keynote speaker this year will be Jeff Hurd.



Happy Father's Day! Wives, give your husbands the greatest gift of all, the gift of your love.

Participate in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience 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.wvme.org Follow us on Instagram and Facebook! @worldwidemarriageencounter



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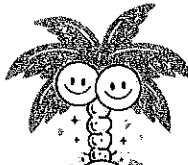
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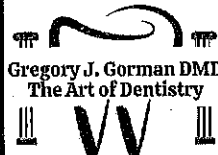
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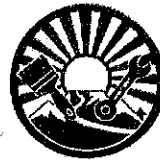
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