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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.

Luke 9:11b-17



The Most Holy
Body and Blood
of Christ -
Corpus Christi
June 22, 2025

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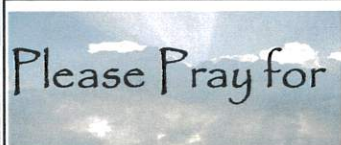
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If there is someone you wish to have put on our prayer list please contact Judy, the parish Administrative Assistant, after receiving permission from the person or persons whose name you want added.

RAISING DISCIPLES TO INSPIRE RELATIONSHIPS WITH JESUS**CARDINAL FRANCIS XAVIER NGUYEN VAN THUAN'S "SOLITARY" CONVERSION**

BY PEGGY HASLAR, PARISHIONER, ST. JOSEPH, MONTE VISTA

Servant of God Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan never wrote a book without mentioning St. Therese of Lisieux, who is known as "the Little Flower." His biographer Andre Nguyen recounts that Thuan's mother had introduced him to the Little Flower when he was only four. Many years later in the darkness of a Viet Cong prison camp, Thuan would realize how much he had internalized her thought, as God transformed the agony of confinement into one of great conversion.

Thuan was appointed Bishop of Saigon in 1975, just as the Vietnam War was ending. When the city fell to the North Vietnamese, Thuan, seen as a threat, was placed under house arrest. He wrote messages on the back of calendar pages, which were quietly distributed as an encouragement to his people.

A much darker time awaited him, however, when the North Vietnamese sent Thuan by ship to a re-education camp where he spent the next 13 years. He endured much of that time in solitary confinement peppered by interrogation and torture. Thuan agonized as he tried to comprehend why God was allowing all his plans to fail.

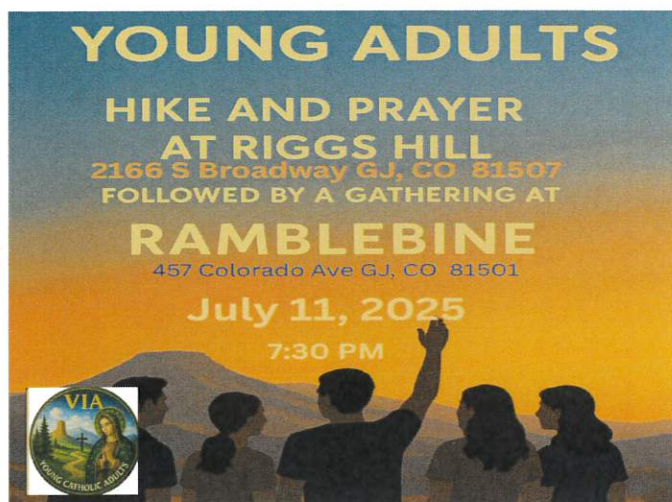
But as the imprisoned bishop cried out to God, he received a higher understanding of his situation. "There is God's work, and then there is God," the Lord said in his heart. Alone in his cell Thuan pictured Christ crucified and realized that "when Jesus was most helpless, his arms and legs nailed to the cross and life draining out of his body... he accomplished the most for humanity." Thuan then remembered St. Therese praying alone in her Carmelite cell. She, too, desired to accomplish great things for God. He thought as well of his patron St. Francis Xavier entrusting his mission to Christ while dying on a beach near China. Like the saints who had gone before him, Thuan resolved to offer each moment, no matter how dark, to Jesus and the Blessed Mother Mary.

Thuan's prison became a center of missionary action. Family members had sent him wine "for a stomach ailment" and hosts hidden in a flashlight. With these, he celebrated silent Masses for Catholic prisoners, using his hand as a chalice.

Dr. Anthony Lilles describes how Thuan "turned communist re-education camps into schools of love," frustrating his captors as even the guards began to convert. When they were rotated to prevent them from being contaminated by Thuan's love, many more of them "came to be touched by the Gospel through their contact with the imprisoned bishop, and many received baptism from him." In captivity, Thuan came to deeply understand what St. Therese had discovered a century before: God does not demand great works but asks only to be loved moment by moment. Each little renunciation of our own will allows us to embrace Christ more and more fully. Nguyen Van Thuan was eventually released from the camp but was exiled in Australia before being allowed to serve in Rome, where later Pope John Paul II made him a Cardinal of the Church.

In Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical *Spe Salvi*, Cardinal Van Thuan is honored as "a witness to ... that great hope which does not wane even in the nights of solitude." St. Paul assures us in his letter to the Ephesians that God can do far more than we can ask or even think. Servant of God Van Thuan's life confirms this truth in a powerful way. What seems a "solitary" conversion can touch more lives that we may ever know, because God cannot be outdone when we offer each present moment to him.

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Thank you to everyone who supported this and made it happen through donated items, supplies, or your time to assist with the Bake Sale for Gaza!

A total of \$1700.00 was raised. Special thanks to Carol Asher for organizing this event .



A friendly reminder, IHM is still offering Eucharistic Adoration every Friday 9 am until 5 pm, ongoing through the summer. We do ask for you to sign up on the sheets located in the Narthex next to the chapel. If you could commit to one hour with our Lord the Blessed Sacrament will not be alone.



Marriage Prep Classes

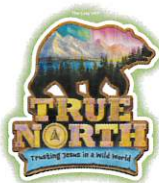
Sacred Heart in Fruita has scheduled Marriage Prep Classes for all engaged couples beginning July 9.

These classes will be held on 5 consecutive evenings to accommodate schedules and to promote better retention of the material.

We will have classes Wednesdays from 6pm to 9pm for 5 consecutive weeks, starting July 9 using the Joy Filled Marriage program by Ascension Press.

Classes are scheduled for July 9, 16, 23, 30 and August 6 from 6pm to 9 pm. Location to be determined.

For more information or to register, please contact



Vacation Bible School would not happen if it weren't for our wonderful volunteers and all their hard work to make sure our "Little ones" learn to "Trust in Jesus".

This year's VBS was a great success and the children learned if they Wonder, feel Alone, feel Powerless, need Hope or need Help that they can

"Trust in Jesus"!!!

Thank you to Maddison Pallaoro, Tatum Hall, Tori, Connor, Mason Dibble, Mary Jean Coates, Cheryl Morelli, Hailey Neal, Cathy Hulse, Michael Jones, Philip Jones, Christopher Stobbe, Eric Scott, Caleb Rosson, Shaelynn Thome for volunteering for this awesome event!

Special thank you to Maddie McBride for music, and to Justine Benedict and Julianna Campos for organizing this fun week!



"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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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 navigating losses and aging successfully.

You can find this book in the death, grief, loss section. Open hours are Saturday 3:30 to 5:30 Sunday 7:00 to 11:30



He has set you apart and called your marriage to be great and by his grace, learn how to live your vocation by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Weekend 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

Men's Bible Study

TAAB (Tea and a Bible). Plan to meet on Thursday July 3 at 7 p.m. in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Conference room. All men are invited to join.



There's a new Catholic Young Adult Community starting here in the Grand Valley called VIA, rooted in friendship, faith and purpose. Their first event is a sunset hike, happening soon! It's a great way to meet new people, enjoy the outdoors, and grow in faith. Flyers are available at the entrance of the church with a QR code to follow them and get involved.



We would like to Thank the Morning Coffee Group along with the Knights of Columbus for organizing the Father's Day Event to celebrate the Ordination Anniversaries of our Priests and to say Happy Father's Day to all fathers out there! Thank you to everyone who attended, it was a great turn out and showed just how much our parish supports our Priest's and each other.

Congratulations once again to Fr. Larry Radice celebrating 40 years as a priest, Fr. Carl for his 10th anniversary and Fr. Abraham for his 7 years in the priesthood.

Peter's Pence Collection

Be a sign of mercy.

Next weekend June 29 we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Francis. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous.

For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.



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Getting to know Eden Invitation

Do you remember the first time you encountered someone with an LGBTQ+ experience? Did you feel joyful about the Church's invitation to chaste love? Or did you look at your loved one with a dozen emotions on your face (or none at all), a little lost for words? Did you know where to point them for support and encouragement rooted in the Catholic faith?

Eden Invitation is a communal movement for Catholics and Christians with LGBTQ+ experiences. We believe abundant life in Christ is possible for people with LGBTQ+ experiences

- we can thrive in fidelity to the Church's wisdom about sexuality and the human person. We strive to create a space where someone can receive their whole person (the beauty and the mess), grow friendships of mutual support, and be empowered to live creative discipleship, however God is inviting them to love and serve over the course of their lifetime. When an adult reaches out to Eden Invitation through the website, we offer them a welcoming "story call" to share their life experiences with one of our trained community members. We offer a number of English language programs, including a vibrant online forum, book studies, local chapters and retreats.

<https://www.edeninvitation.com/>

Ministry Schedule for June 28/29, 2025**8:00 am June 28, (†) Jack Rau (I) IHM Parishioners****Presider: Fr. Abraham Eigbegbea****4:00 pm June 28, (†) John Cesarlo****Presider: Fr. Abraham Eigbegbea**

Eucharistic: T. Chapman, K. Jarrell

Hospitality: R. Bertrand

Servers: B. Stobbe & C. Stobbe

Lectors: D. Dinkel

Sacristan: M. Meyers

7:30 am June 29, (†) Frances Ann Ficklin**Presider: Fr. Abraham Eigbegbea**

Eucharistic: A. Smith, K. Smith

Hospitality: A. Ambrosier, G. Ambrosier

Servers: Not Filled

Lectors: M. Katzer & K. Porras

Sacristan: Not Filled

9:30 am June 29, Sunday Mass at Palisade St. Ann's**Presider: Deacon Luke Konantz****10 am June 29, (I) IHM Parishioners****Presider: Fr. Abraham Eigbegbea**

Eucharistic: J. Peugh

Hospitality: M. Guidi

Servers: Not Filled

Lectors: M. Lipic

Sacristan: S. Ross

5:00 pm June 29, (†) Michael Herrera & Bryan**Presider: Fr. Abraham Eigbegbea**

Eucharistic: C. Zaums

Hospitality: C. Morelli

Servers: S. Noffsinger

Lectors: S. Konantz

Sacristan: M. Calderone

Readings for the Week of June 22, 2025**Sunday:** Genesis 14:18-20 1 COR 11:23-26 Luke 9:11b-17**Monday:** Genesis 12:1-9 Matthew 7:1-5**Tuesday:** Jeremiah 1:4-10 1 Peter 1:8-12 Luke 1:5-17**Wednesday:** Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Matthew 7:15-20**Thursday:** Genesis 16:1-12, 15-16 Matthew 7:21-29**Friday:** Ezekiel 34:11-16 Rom 5:5b-11 Luke 15:3-7**Saturday:** Genesis 18:1-15 Matthew 8:5-17**Calendar of Events June 22, 2025**

Sunday, June 22 7:30 am Mass
 7-11:30 Library Open
 9:30 am St. Ann's Palisade
 10:00 am Mass
 Knight Member Drive
 5:00 pm Mass

Monday, June 23 8:00 am Mass in Chapel

Tuesday, June 24 8:00 am Mass in Chapel
 6-9:00 pm Knights
 7:00 pm Centering Prayer

Wed. June 25 8:00 am Mass in Chapel
 J. Lister 97th Birthday Celebration
 10:00 am John Pabst Funeral
 12:15 pm Mass

Thursday, June 26 8:00 am Mass in Chapel
 6-8:30pm Catholic Outreach Private Event

Friday, June 27 8:00 am Mass
 8:30-9:00 am Confessions
 9-5:00 pm Adoration

Saturday, June 28 8:00 am Mass
 9-9:30 am & 2:30-3:30 pm Confessions
 3:00-6:00 pm Library Open
 4:00 pm Mass

Mass Intentions**Sunday June 22**

7:30 am- (†) Marlene Vidmar (I) IHM Parishioners

10:00 am- (†) Jan & Weronika Jurewicz

5:00 pm- (†) Pete Mondragon

Monday June 23

8:00 am- (†) Joseph C Marcella Tharp

Tuesday June 24

8:00 am- (†) Most forgotten Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday June 25

8:00 am- (I) Jeanine Lister

12:15 pm- (†) Sal Sassano

Thursday June 26

8:00 am- (I) Faris Kasterman & Family

Friday June 27

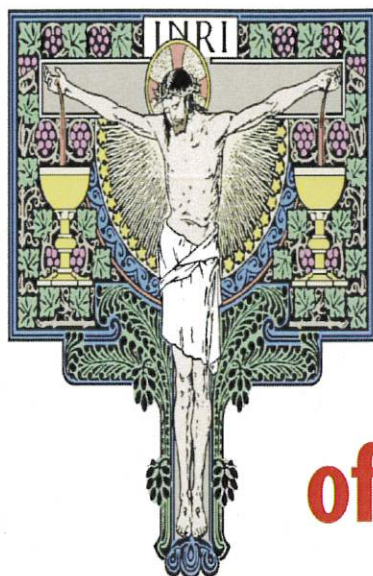
8:00 am- (I) Joseph Conway

Saturday June 28

8:00 am- (†) Jack Rau

4:00 pm- (†) John Cesarlo

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Kids Corner- Corpus Christi

The Body and Blood of Christ

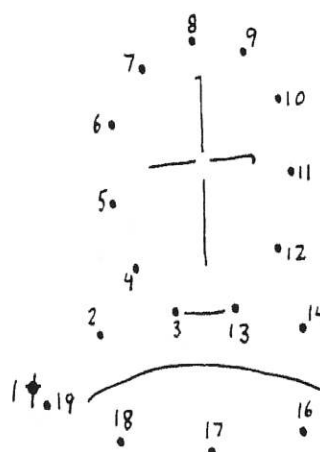
When Jesus went back to Heaven He didn't want to leave us all alone, so He gave Himself to us in the Holy Eucharist. First He gave Himself to the Apostles at the Last Supper, and today He gives Himself to us in Holy Communion.

Normally when we eat something it gets absorbed into our body. But receiving Jesus in Holy Communion does something different. It makes us more into Jesus' Body! It brings our soul closer to God and closer to all the other people in the Church. That's what "Communion" means.

When we go to Communion in a state of grace we can get so much more grace from God. Our venial (small) sins can be taken away and we can get more strength to do His will. In fact, the time that your prayers are the most powerful is right after you receive Holy Communion, when Jesus is right inside you. He is your closest friend and only wants what is good for you. When you go to Communion remember Who you just received and don't forget to thank Him for coming to you!

The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ
Sunday June 22nd, 2025

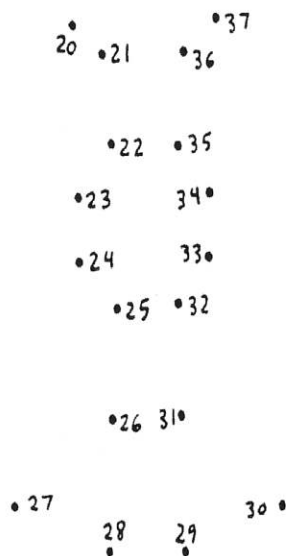


Today is the feast day of the Body and Blood of Jesus.

When He died on the cross He offered up His Body and Blood for us.

Jesus also gave us His Body and Blood to eat and drink at the Last Supper.

Connect the dots to see where He comes to us now!





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