

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

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Deacon Michael Doehrman

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

Confessions: Friday 8:30-9:30 am Saturday 8:30-9:30 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

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

Dec. 8, 2025 Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary

New Confession Times:

Friday morning 8:30-9:30 am

Saturday morning 8:30-9:30 am and
again Saturday afternoon 2:00-3:30 pm

Will you enter through the
Narrow Gate?

Twenty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 24, 2025

Luke 13:22-30

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

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Saturday 9:00-9:30 am
2:00-3:30 pm

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Meet your Immaculate Heart of Mary Staff

Our staff consists of 11 members, along with one part-time Deacon and an additional Deacon who assists us when available. Together, we oversee at least eight different ministries, with each person carrying unique responsibilities within their ministry. We work together to make Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish the best it can be. I asked the staff to share how long they have worked at IHM, what the best part of their position is, how they contribute to making our parish “Amazing”, and what motivates them.

Last month I introduced six staff members including our two Priests. Now meet our remaining staff.

Angela Kuntz - Pastoral Assistant

Hello! My name is Angela Kuntz, and I am thrilled to be here. Since May 2025, I've had the joy of serving as the Pastoral Assistant at IHM. In this role, I help coordinate some of life's most meaningful moments—Weddings, Funerals, and Baptisms. It's a true blessing to walk alongside families during these sacred times. I absolutely love working with families. My heart is deeply fulfilled when I can share in a humble, grace-filled moment with someone reaching out during a significant life event. These encounters remind me daily of the beauty of faith and the power of presence. I am motivated by a deep desire to courageously share faith and have an intentional servant attitude while on the mission set before me. It is my honor to serve, and I look forward to continuing my IHM journey flourishing with compassion, dedication, and joy in Catholic tradition.

Kathy Sassano- Faith Formation Assistant

I have worked at IHM since March of 2024. However, I have worked in the capacity as Faith Formation Assistant since Oct. 2024. One of the best parts of my position is all the new things I am learning about Faith Formation. There is so much more to it than I ever realized. It is very gratifying helping to bring children, young adults and adults to know Christ and bring them closer to our Catholic Faith. Being part of a group dedicated to spreading God's word has been motivating and very rewarding. I'm grateful that our Lord has put me in the right place at the right time in my life.

Kathy Sassano Faith Formation Assistant.

Judy Hirschfeld - Administrative Assistant

I began working here at IHM in 2019. I truly believe God called me to my position here at IHM. Being at the center of the office allows me to be a part of every ministry which fuels my excitement and encourages me everyday. Some days God challenges me with His intentions, I have to remember doing the Lord's work is not, and cannot be selfish. I try to give all I can in my position so our parish can be "Amazing"! All the duties I am involved in keep me passionate about my job and my faith, from scheduling all events or meetings, to designing bulletin announcements, maintaining all parish sacramental records, and providing full support to all my team members.! God inspires me to see the goodness and kindness in everyone I encounter, and I see the love and joy our parishioners receive when they walk through our parish doors. I am here to serve you IHM!

Michael Guinn - Maintenance

Hi I'm Michael Guinn and I began working at IHM in June of 2025, as the maintenance supervisor. I enjoy working with my hands and the thought of knowing I'm giving back the Lord. I've had a long journey to get here, I finally feel I'm right where I'm supposed to be and that's giving back to the parishioners and the community. What inspires me everyday is helping people and motivating people when needed. Since I've been here I've been welcomed by just about every person I've come into contact with. I love the fact that there's a good sense of community here. What encourages me is giving back, a sense of community and most of all to treat one another the way I want to be treated. I'm hoping I can bring a positive attitude to others, to show others that I'm in fully capable and right for the position I'm in. I've worked just about any job you can think of, that's why I'm fully prepared for my position here at IMH. Thank you Michael Guinn.

Next month you will meet our Deacons and our support staff!

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Faith Formation
A Lifelong Journey



Youth Group Information

Movie Night

August 29, at 6:00 pm
in the Youth Room.



Attention Parents!!

Would you like help
your teen grow in
their faith?

Join us for Parent Formation!
Sunday mornings
from 8:45- 9:45 am over at
Holy Family School
in the Conference Room

Join us for Fr. Carl Wertin
Rite of Installation Mass with Bishop Berg!
This special liturgical ceremony marks the formal
acceptance of Fr. Carl Wertin as our Pastor.
Date: Saturday, September 13, 2025
Time: After the 4:00 PM Mass
More about this celebration will follow.

ALL ARE WELCOME!
President
Our Most Reverent
BISHOP BERG




JUBILEE 2025 — PILGRIMS OF HOPE
SUNDAY
Jubilee Holy Mass

The Diocese of Pueblo's pilgrimage site, Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, will host a Jubilee Mass for the Western Slope Deanery. A luncheon will follow the Mass, and everyone is welcome to attend.

14 SEPTEMBER | 11:00 AM

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Please Pray for

Mia Perez, Jimmy Weber, Vivian Glaze, Lucas Marchun, Frank Kochevar, Larry Palmer, Gerald Onsrud, Alex & Ashlynn Kirstatter, Alice Davis, Lou Garcia, Kay Dawson, Michael Antonelli, Mary Lou Graham, Bill McKendry, Martha Mondragon, Ida Gauna, Terri Christiansen, Diane Fritzler, Donnie Braning, Joe Albertazzi, Cindy Bain, Dorothy Alves, Arthur Anthony Zamora, Jesse Morrow, 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, 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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Garden Project

The Garden Project is up and running! This program will continue from now through the first weekend in October with proceeds going to Catholic Outreach/Soup Kitchen. We ask to keep the use of plastic down please bring in a reusable shopping bag if you wish to pick up items. If you are interested in volunteering please call the office at 970-242-6121.



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We looked like the perfect couple ... A Retrouvaille Weekend Retreat was exactly what we needed to get our marriage back on track. We learned to communicate in ways that were deeper than we ever had shared before. We knew we had a lot of work to do. But we knew our marriage was worth it. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **September 5-7, 2025**, call (720) 257-9106 or email: info@retrouvailleofdenver.org or visit the website at www.RetrouvailleOfDenver.org.



SOME LOVE STORIES ARE MEANT TO BE SHARED

If you know a couple who's been faithfully married for 50 years or more, help us honor their journey. Their love can remind us all what's possible when two hearts stay committed, rooted in grace, and growing together. Nominate a couple for the **Longest Married Couple Project**. Let their story inspire others to keep choosing love. To nominate a married couple in your life, go to wwme.org and click on the *Longest Married Couple* tab at the top of the page. Then scroll down to the **Longest Married Couple Entry Form** on the left side of the page. Nominations must be submitted on or before September 1st, 2025! If you have any questions, please send us an email. Our logo is attached in black and white or color in case you would like to use it with the bulletin announcement. Thanks so much, and God bless all our parishes! Susan Leach & Bill Hoagland
sdleach@comcast.net



Library News

The IHM Library has many books to check out. We also have 2 baskets with free books to take with you after your visit. Come in and See! Hours Saturday 3:30 – 5:30 Sunday 7:30-11:30



I would like to thank Father Carl, the IHM staff and the parishioners for allowing me to serve the parish as Business Manager for the last four years. It has been a pleasure and an honor. My background is varied. I served as a Town Administrator for two Colorado communities, I served as a Mayor for one, I owned businesses, and I became a Naturopath after my ten year old son passed away due to a brain stem tumor. Many of you know my history, since I have been friends with numerous parishioners for many years. My mother was a parishioner at IHM while she lived in Grand Junction. She passed away in 2014, and she is buried in Silt, Colorado.

My connection to Grand Junction spans my entire life. I was baptized at Sacred Heart Church in Silt, the first baptism after the church's completion in 1955. Father Eckert baptized me. I pass his photograph every day in the office hallway. In addition, Father John Costanzo, who served as the pastor of St. Joseph's parish for many years, is my cousin. My connection to this area and to IHM is very deep.

I have tried to be a responsible steward for the church. Along with our excellent staff, we have been able to build critical reserves and to accomplish long overdue improvements, including expansion of the columbarium, replacement of the carpet in the sanctuary and the chapel and, most recently, replacement of three HVAC units.

I am sad to leave you to move to the front range. Family issues require me to move there, and I am sorry to have to leave you all. I do wish you all the best. I also know that the parish has great leadership in Father Carl, Father Abraham, the Parish Leadership Team, the Finance Council and, as I mentioned, an excellent staff.

Once again, thanks to all who allowed me the privilege of working for you.

God bless each and every one of you. Rick Aluise

Ministry Schedule for Aug. 30/31, 2025

8:00 am Aug. 30 (I) **IHM Parishioners**
President: Fr. Abraham Eigbegbea

4:00 pm Aug. 30 (†) **Lisa Pond**
President: Fr. Abraham Eigbegbea

Eucharistic: E. Hoy
 Hospitality: R. Bertrand, S. Mills
 Servers: Not Filled
 Lectors: C. Dawson
 Sacristan: M. Meyers

7:30 am Aug 31 (†) **Manuel & Irene Schmalz**
President: Fr. Abraham Eigbegbea

Eucharistic: D. Ulman
 Hospitality: A. Ambrosier, G. Ambrosier, L. Duncan
 Servers: Not Filled
 Lectors: Not Filled
 Sacristan: C. Ulman

9:30 am Aug 31 Sunday Mass at Palisade St. Ann's
President: Fr. Larry Radice / Deacon Michael Doerhman

10 am Aug. 31 (†) **Robert Wilcox & (I) Brandon & Jocelyn**
Stafford Chutka
President: Fr. Abraham Eigbegbea

Eucharistic: J. Peugh
 Hospitality: Not Filled
 Servers: B. Dockery & P. Jones
 Lectors: R. Jones & M. Jones
 Sacristan: S. Ross

5:00 pm Aug. 31 (I) **IHM Parishioners**
President: Fr. Abraham Eigbegbea

Eucharistic:
 Hospitality: ALL 5:00 PM POSITIONS
 Servers: WILL BE SIGN-UP ONLY
 Lectors: BEFORE MASS
 Sacristan:

Calendar of Events Aug. 24, 2025

Sunday, Aug 24 7:30 am Mass
 7-11:30 am Library Open
 8:45-9:45 am Parent Meeting w/Fr. Carl
 9:30 am St. Ann's Palisade
 10:00 am Mass
 5:00 pm Mass

Monday, Aug. 25 8:00 am

Tuesday, Aug. 26 8:00 am
 6-9 pm Knights
 7:00 pm Centering Prayer

Wed. Aug. 27 8:00 am
 12:15 pm Mass
 6-7:00 pm Parent Meeting w/Fr. Carl

Thurs., Aug. 28 8:00 am Mass

Friday, Aug. 29 8:00 am
 8:30-9:30 am Confessions after Mass
 9-5:00 pm Adoration

Saturday, Aug. 30 8:00 am Mass
 8:30-9:30 am Confessions
 12:00 noon Quinceanera
 2:30-3:30 pm Confessions
 3:30-5:30 pm Library Open
 4:00 pm Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday Aug. 24

7:30 am- (†) **Barb Katzer**
 10:00 am-(I) **IHM Parishioners**
 5:00 pm - (†) **Michael Conway**

Monday Aug. 25

8:00 am - (†) **Robert Bowsher**

Tuesday Aug. 26

8:00 am- (†) **Diane G**

Wednesday Aug. 27

8:00 am- (†) **Robert Bowsher**
 12:15 pm- (†) **Sal Sassano**

Thursday Aug. 28

8:00 am- (†) **Joseph Vince Kasterman**

Friday Aug. 29

8:00 am- (I) **IHM Parishioners**

Saturday Aug. 30

8:00 am - (I) **IHM Parishioners**
 4:00 pm - (†) **Lisa Pond**

Readings for the Week of August 24, 2025

Sunday: Isaiah 66:18-21 Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
 Luke 13:22-30

Monday: 1 Thess 1:1-5, 8b-10 Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thess 2:1-8 Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thess 2:9-13 Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thess 3:7-13 Matthew 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thess 4:1-8 Matthew 6:17-29

Saturday: 1 Thess 4:9-11 Matthew 25:14-30

Kids Corner- Twenty-first Sunday

Being Punished...

In today's second reading, Saint Paul wrote to the Hebrews about being disciplined by God. When we are young God wants our parents to make sure we behave well. When we don't behave He wants them to discipline us so that we will learn to be good.



Our parents don't punish us just because they are angry at us; they do it because they really love us and want us to learn to be better. Saint Paul says that the Lord disciplines the people that He loves.



Being punished is a painful thing, but we will be happy once we have learned our lesson and become a better person. Saint Paul says, "make a straight path for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed." He means that

when you are punished, you should stop doing the wrong thing so that you won't be hurt worse from the punishment, but will get better instead. So the next time you are disciplined or punished, remember that God is allowing it to help you become a better person. If you can, even thank God for giving you the chance to make up for your sin and learn a good lesson!

HMM...
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BETTER NOT.

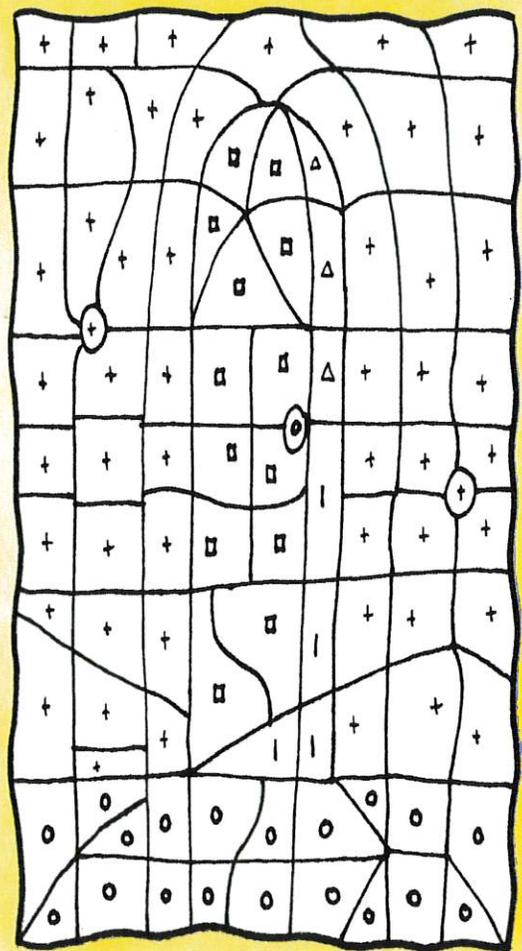


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The Kids' Bulletin

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 24th, 2025

Luke 13:22-30



What was the way that Jesus told the people to enter the Kingdom of Heaven by?

Colour in the spaces using the code to find out.

- △ Blue
- Brown
- + White
- | Green
- Grey



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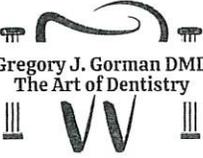
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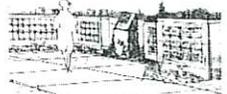

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