

# 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 Conference Room

### Holy Days of Obligation 2025

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

Dec. 25 Christmas

### IHM 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

Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2025



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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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Parish Office Hours

8:00-4:00 M-F

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Please call the office: To schedule a home or hospital visit.

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*A few special staff moments...*



We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Mesa County DA's office and Community Hospital for donating items to us for our Thanksgiving Basket Event. They contributed to this years success.



A special thank you also goes to Kate Porras and Chrissy Wesolowski for once again organizing this entire project!

The Holy Day of Obligation, on January 1, 2026, The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God IHM will have only one Mass offered that day at 8:00 am.

We encourage you to attend either St. Joseph's or Sacred Heart for their masses offered on that Holy Day.

Due to the "2026 SEEK" Conference in Denver from January 1 to January 5, 2026, our Priests and Parish Staff will be out of the office to attend this spiritual opportunity!

SEEK is a five-day experience where thousands of Catholics come together to encounter Christ through prayer, Adoration, the sacraments, and inspiring speakers. It's a chance to focus on what matters most, grow in authentic community, and be transformed in your faith.

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Faith Formation Christmas Celebration!

Sunday, December 14th after the 10:00 Mass  
all students and catechists are invited to the  
Friendship Room for a Christmas celebration!  
We will be joining those having Coffee and  
Donuts.  
Please bring cookies to share!

While the Sunday morning Communion class is in session, an adult Bible class takes place at HFC meeting room. All are invited. It's time well spent while the kids are in class that hour. No sign up necessary, no obligation. Just come. We are watching short videos from Sycamore, and then some discussion. Please feel free to join us any time.



The IHM Thanksgiving Food Basket Committee sends a big thank you to everyone who helped make the annual food drive and distribution a huge success. This year IHM and Holy Family School combined provided 115 local families with complete Thanksgiving meals plus a few extra staples, which fed more than 660 people. We are very grateful for the dozens of volunteers who helped sort food, fill boxes, and distribute it to the families, as well as for the very generous monetary donations that allowed us to purchase some needed items. We hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving.



Madeline Carlson,  
Elizabeth Wilson,  
Maverick Burns, Bev Schaneman, Gina Barber,  
Joseph Chapman, Brent Everheart,  
Terry and Gladys Olson & Family, Markus Linke,  
Taylor Donaldson, McWilliams Family, Nettie Antonelli,  
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Anthony Mundscha, Barb Delosa, Les Stefan,  
Devlyn Coleman, Jan Sewell, Phyllis Shupak,  
Penny Olesky, Dori Smeaton, Bernard Kochevar,  
Emilie Stoddard, Joan Wasinger,  
Rich Jurewicz, 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.

Linda's Financial Corner

November Collections

Tithing Envelopes - \$52,409.00 Credit Card - \$21,239.46 Loose - \$7797.01 Total - \$81,445.47

WHAT'S NEXT? Projects & Improvements!

Carpet for the Narthex. \$33,000.00

Reupholstering the Kneelers. \$10,000.00 Waiting on Bishops approval.

Security Cameras Outside the building. Waiting on bids.

Sealing of outside brick. \$12,000.00

UPDATE:

We have received enough money to cover the cost of the painting of the parking lots around the church.

Thank you for your generosity!



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**IHM Advent Penance Service**

Will be on Tuesday, December 16th from 6:00 pm through 7:30 pm.



*Penance service for Holy Family School and the Elderly will be held Wednesday, December 17th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.*



**Mesa County Partners Giving Tree**  
In Loving memory of Karen Hernandez.

Support the Mesa County Partners Giving Tree located in the Narthex from Nov. 9th to Dec.10th. Please take a tag and return an unwrapped gift with the tag attached to the Partners Office by Dec. 10th.

Let's bring joy to youth this Christmas Season!



Knights News

The Knights of Columbus, Council #13621, would like to invite all those interested to participate in a fun Christmas tradition. Each year, at this time, trees are harvested from the Grand Mesa and are used to help decorate our Church for the season. On December 20th, Knights and others will brave the snow and cold and have the trees to the Church by 1-1:30pm and that's when the fun begins! The council is seeking helpers to unload trees for trimming and staging in the Church. The best part... there will be several types of warm chili and refreshments for those who decide to help!

For those interested please contact Dr. Dale Utt @ 970-261-2425 so it's known how much chili to prepare.



**Holy Day**

**Mass Schedule -**



*The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

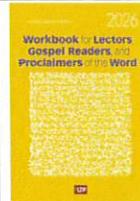
*Monday December 8, 2025*

*8:00 am 12:00 noon & 6:00 pm at IHM  
5:30 pm at St. Ann's in Palisade*



The Knights of Columbus are accepting donations for the Tiger Boutique at Grand Junction High School. They will accept donations of any hygiene items that a teenager could need, such as shampoo, conditioner, face wash, acne patches, soap, body wash, deodorant, hair products, lip balm, cologne, perfume, feminine hygiene products, lotion, shaving cream, razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, combs, body wipes, etc. The donations drive will take place on the weekend of December 13-14. A donation box will be placed in the church with a display board. Thank you for your assistance and donation.

**Attention all Lectors**



The 2026 Lector Workbooks are now available in the Parish Office. To help absorb some of the cost we are asking for a \$10 donation for the books. Please stop by between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm to get a copy.

**Sidewalk of Hope Days**



Mesa Students for Life invite you to come and pray with them outside of the Planned Parenthood in Glenwood Springs Friday, December 12th. Carpooling available.

For more information please contact Victoria Pierce at 970-417-9117 or Jeannette Pierce at 970-783-2908.



**A lifetime of service deserves care in return.**

"Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community," says Sister M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious. Please consider giving next week.



Catholic Daughters will meet on Saturday, December 13, at St. Ann's in Palisade from 12:00 to 3:00 pm for our Annual Christmas Luncheon.

**Ministry Schedule for Dec. 13/14, 2025**

**8:00 am Dec. 13 (†) Carl Perrin**

**Presider: Fr. Carl Wertin**

**4:00 pm Dec. 13 (†) Marilyn Sullivan**

**Presider: Fr. Edwin Ogbanje**

Eucharistic : T. Chapman, K. Jarrell, M. Meyers, K. Murphy,  
A. Rastrelli, L. Watson

Hospitality: R. Bertrand

Servers: NOT FILLED

Lectors: C. Dawson, E. Hoy

Sacristan: J. Rau

**7:30 am Dec. 14 (†) Rita & Lawrie Fernandes**

**Presider: Fr. Carl Wertin**

Eucharistic:: A. Smith, K. Smith

Hospitality: J. Davis, L. Davis, S. Peacock, D. Peacock

Servers: NOT FILLED

Lectors: M. Katzer

Sacristan: J. Snoddy

**9:30 am Dec. 14 Sunday Mass at Palisade St. Ann's**

**Presider: Fr. Edwin Ogbanje**

**10 am Dec. 14 (†) (I) HM Parishioners**

**Presider: Fr. Carl Wertin**

Eucharistic : D. Peugh, J. Peugh, J. Simons

Hospitality: M. Guidi, C. Nasalroad, J. Nasalroad

Servers: D. Hurd, V. Hurd

Lectors: G. Hurd, M. Hurd

Sacristan: S. Ross

**5:00 pm Dec. 14 (†) Maria Brumbaugh**

**Presider: Fr. Edwin Ogbanje**

Eucharistic: ALL 5:00 PM POSITIONS

Hospitality: WILL BE SIGN-UP

Servers: BEFORE MASS ONLY

Lectors:  
Sacristan:

**Calendar of Events Nov. 30, 2025**

**Sunday, Dec. 7**

7:30 am Mass

7-11:30 am Library Open

9:30 am St. Ann's Palisade

8:45-9:45 am Confirmation & 1st Com.

10:00 am Mass

5:00 pm Mass

Mesa Students for Life Bake Sale after Masses

**Monday, Dec. 8**

8:00 am HFS / Holy Day Mass

12:00 pm Holy Day Mass

5:30 pm St. Ann's Holy Day Mass

6:00 pm Holy Day Mass

6-9:00 pm Fiber Fellowship

**Tuesday, Dec. 9**

8:00 am Mass

5:45 pm Parish/ Finance Council

7:00 pm Centering Prayer

**Wed, Dec. 10**

8:00 am Mass

9:00 am Bulk Mailing

9:00 am - 12:30 pm St. Bridget's Circle

12:15 pm Mass

6-7:00 pm Faith Formation Classes

**Thurs, Dec. 11**

8:00 am Mass

11:00 am Vernon Frenzel Funeral

**Friday, Dec. 12**

8:00 am Mass

8:30-9:30 am Confessions after Mass

9:00 am -5:00 pm Adoration

**Saturday, Dec. 13**

8:00 am Mass

8:30-9:30 am Confessions after Mass

2:00-3:30 pm Confessions

3:30-5:30 pm Library Open

4:00 pm Mass

**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday Dec. 7**

7:30 am- (†) (I) IHM Parishioners

10:00 am - (†) Edwin Schmitz

5:00 pm - (†) Allen & Yvonne Beuerle

**Monday Dec. 8 - Holy Day**

8:00 am - (†) (I) IHM Parishioners

12:00 pm- (†) (I) IHM Parishioners

6:00 pm- (†) (I) IHM Parishioners

**Tuesday Dec. 9**

8:00 am- (I) Gwen Campbell

**Wednesday Dec. 10**

8:00 am- (†) Sal Sassano

12:15 pm- (†) Ryan McClary

**Thursday Dec. 11**

10:00 am- (†) Judy Losasso

**Friday Dec. 12**

8:00 am- (†) Carl Perrin

**Saturday Dec. 13**

8:00 am - (I) Marilyn Sullivan

**Readings for the Week of December 7, 2025**

**Sunday:** Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:49

Matthew 3:1-12

**Monday:** Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12

Luke 1:26-38

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 40:1-11 Matthew 18:12-14

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 40:25-31 Matthew 11:28-30

**Thursday:** Isaiah 41:13-20 Matthew 11:11-15

**Friday:** Zechariah 2:14-17 Luke 1:26-38

**Saturday:** Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

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Kids Corner- Second Sunday of Advent

The Immaculate Conception

Tomorrow we will be celebrating the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Mother. The words "Immaculate Conception" mean that she had no sin on her soul, not even original sin, from the first moment her life began!

Why do you think God saved Mary from all sin? He wanted her to be the perfect mother for His Son Jesus. If you could make your own mother wouldn't you make her perfect too?



Mary is also a model to all people of how to live a good Christian life and to serve God as best we can. We should thank God for giving us such a beautiful example in His holy Mother. We should pray to Mary every day and ask her to help us love her Son Jesus more. Can you say an extra 'Hail Mary' on Our Lady's feast day?

Answer to "Peace Among Animals" puzzle: lamb, leopard, calf, bear, lion, baby.

Peace Among the Animals

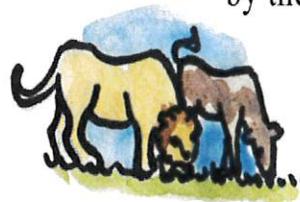
In today's first reading, the prophet describes peace between animals and people in God's kingdom.

Can you figure out which animals (or people) go with which?

Clue: the pictures might help!



Then the wolf shall be a guest of the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ shall lie down with the kid; the \_\_\_\_\_ and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the \_\_\_\_\_ shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the \_\_\_\_\_ shall eat hay like the ox. The \_\_\_\_\_ shall play by the cobra's den,



baby leopard calf bear lamb lion



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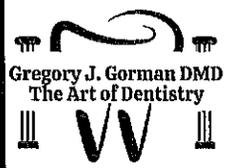


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