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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

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. 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

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 21, 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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Saturday 9:00-9:30 am
2:00-3:30 pm

Please call the office: To schedule
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A Christmas Prayer from the IHM Staff.

Heavenly Father, we pray you watch over the parishioners and staff of Immaculate Heart of Mary. Give us the courage to become better disciples in the new year by doing what Jesus instructed us to do. To live our lives being a good model for those around us. To live our lives with love, compassion and understanding. Let us be forgiving. Help us be humble servants, joyfully sharing our Catholic Traditions of faith with others as we develop a deeper relationship with You. We pray we don't forget the birth of Jesus and the journey He made for our Salvation. Put in our hearts forever the joy of this Christmas season. Amen



*Fr. Carl Wertin, Fr. Edwin Ogbanje, Deacon Luke Konantz,
Deacon Michael Doehrman, Angela Kuntz, Judy Hirschfeld, Molly Lather,
Linda Weber, Elizabeth Rose-Bartlett, Kathy Sassano, Julianna Campos,
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Christmas Readings

Mass in the Morning (8:00 am): 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Luke 1:67-79

Vigil Mass (4/4:15 pm): Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Matthew 1:1-25

Mass During the Night (10:00 pm): Isaiah 9:1-6 Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14

Mass During the Day (10:00 am): Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 Hebrews 1:1-6 John 1:1-18

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Linda's Financial Corner

November Collections

Tithing Envelopes - \$52,409.00

Credit Card - \$21,239.46 Loose - \$7,797.01

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!



Bernice Lucero,
Terry & Gladys Olsen &

Family, Andrew J. Miller, Madeline Carlson, Elizabeth Wilson, Judy Hirschfeld, Bev Schaneman, Gina Barber, Joseph Chapman, Brent Everheart, Terry and Gladys Olson & Family, Markus Linke, Taylor Donaldson, McWilliams Family, Nettie Antonelli, 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, Pat Goben, Arthur Anthony Zamora, Jesse Morrow, Anthony Mundscha, Barb Delosa, Les Stefan, Devlyn Coleman, Jan Sewell, Phyllis Shupak, Penny Olesky, Dori Smeaton, 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.



Please join the Knights of Columbus this weekend for donuts and fellowship as they will not be holding their usual breakfast. The council will provide donuts and liquid refreshments after both masses on December 21st. See you there, in the Friendship Hall.



Solemnity of Mary

The Holy Day of Obligation, 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

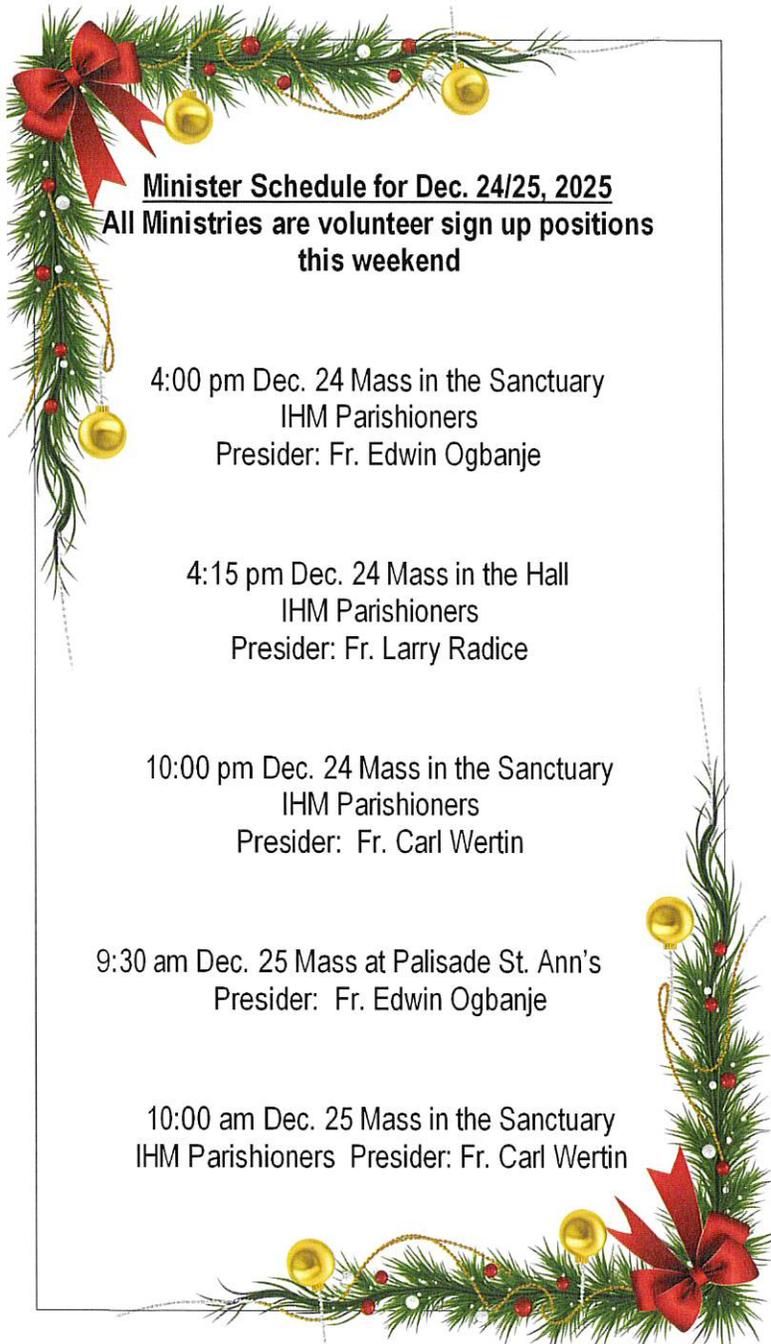
St. Joseph's or Sacred Heart for their masses offered on that Holy Day.

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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Minister Schedule for Dec. 24/25, 2025
All Ministries are volunteer sign up positions
this weekend

4:00 pm Dec. 24 Mass in the Sanctuary
IHM Parishioners
President: Fr. Edwin Ogbanje

4:15 pm Dec. 24 Mass in the Hall
IHM Parishioners
President: Fr. Larry Radice

10:00 pm Dec. 24 Mass in the Sanctuary
IHM Parishioners
President: Fr. Carl Wertin

9:30 am Dec. 25 Mass at Palisade St. Ann's
President: Fr. Edwin Ogbanje

10:00 am Dec. 25 Mass in the Sanctuary
IHM Parishioners President: Fr. Carl Wertin

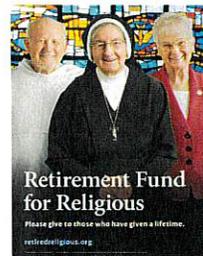


Please note as our Liturgical Year moves from Advent to the Christmas season followed by Ordinary Time, we'll be changing to the *Mass of Creation*. You'll probably recognize this familiar setting of the *Gloria, Holy, Holy, Memorial Acclamation A, Amen, and the Lamb of God*. It can be found in our gray Gather 4 hymnal beginning at #225.



Journey of the Magi, The Gift Givers
By Bernadette Hendrickson

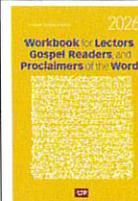
We know their names but who were they? How did they know about the birth of Christ? Why did they come to see? This book is a good read for all ages and presents possible answers to these questions. Written by an IHM parishioner, this book is a delight. Find it in the Women's Authors section. Library Hours: Saturday 3:30 to 5:30 Sunday 7:00 to 11:30



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thank you

Thank you to Deb Shults, Bernadette Hendrickson and Sue Noffsinger. They participated in their last Parish/Finance Council meeting. We appreciate the years you put in this council for Immaculate Heart of Mary.



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.

Ministry Schedule for Dec. 27/28, 2025

8:00 am Dec. 27 (†) Marie Dapolito

Presider: Fr. Carl Wertin

4:00 pm Dec. 27 (I) IHM Parishioners

Presider: Fr. Edwin Ogbanje

Eucharistic : K. Jarrell, M. Meyers, L. Watson

Hospitality: R. Bertrand

Servers: NOT FILLED

Lectors: C. Dawson, E. Hoy

Sacristan: T. Chapman

7:30 am Dec. 28 (I) Joseph Conway, (†) John Chambers

Presider: Fr. Carl Wertin

Eucharistic: A. Peterson

Hospitality: A. Ambrosier, G. Ambrosier, J. Davis, L. Davis

Servers: NOT FILLED

Lectors: K. Porras

Sacristan: NOT FILLED

9:30 am Dec. 28 Sunday Mass at Palisade St. Ann's

Presider: Fr. Edwin Ogbanje

10:00 am Dec. 28 (†) Lester Onyszko, (†) Vernon Frenzel & (I)

Frances Baughman

Presider: Fr. Carl Wertin

Eucharistic : J. Peugh, D. Peugh

Hospitality: M. Guidi

Servers: B. Dockery

Lectors: Y. Orehek

Sacristan: S. Ross

5:00 pm Dec. 28 (†) Mariah Brumbaugh

Presider: Fr. Edwin Ogbanje

Eucharistic: ALL 5:00 PM POSITIONS

Hospitality: WILL BE SIGN-UP

Servers: BEFORE MASS ONLY

Lectors:

Sacristan:

Readings for the Week of December 21, 2025

Sunday: Isaiah 7:10-14 Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-24

Monday: 1 Samuel 1:24-28 Luke 1:46-56

Tuesday: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24 Luke 1:57-66

Wednesday & Thursday:

For all Christmas Readings,

refer to page 2 of the Bulletin

Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Matthew 10:17-22

Saturday: 1 John 1:1-4 John 20: 1a and 2-8

Calendar of Events Dec 21, 2025

Sunday, Dec. 21

7:30 am Mass

7-11:30 am Library Open

9:30 am St. Ann's Palisade

10:00 am Mass

5:00 pm Mass

NO CLASSES

Monday, Dec. 22

8:00 am Mass

Tuesday, Dec. 23

8:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Centering Prayer

Wed, Dec. 24

4:00 pm Christmas Mass in Sanctuary

4:15 pm Christmas Mass in Hall

10:00 pm Christmas Mass

NO CLASSES

Thurs, Dec. 25

10:00 am Mass

9:30 am Mass St. Ann's Palisade

Friday, Dec. 26

8:00 am Mass

8:30-9:30 am Confessions after Mass

9:00 am -5:00 pm Adoration

Saturday, Dec. 27

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. 21

7:30 am- (†) George & Elaine Jachim Sr. & (†) John Chambers

10:00 am - (†) Fr. Kevin Novak & (†) Dr. Vicene Pasa

5:00 pm - (†) (I) IHM Parishioners

Monday Dec. 22

8:00 am - (I) Penny Olesky

Tuesday Dec. 23

8:00 am- (I) Trisha Hunter

Wednesday Dec. 24

8:00 am- (†) (I) IHM Parishioners

4:00 pm- (†) (I) IHM Parishioners

4:15 pm- (†) (I) IHM Parishioners

10:00 pm- (†) (I) IHM Parishioners

Thursday Dec. 25

10:00 am- (†) (I) IHM Parishioners

Friday Dec. 26

8:00 am- (†) Rene Schabron

Saturday Dec. 27

8:00 am - (†) Marie Dapolito

4:00 pm - (†) (I) IHM Parishioners

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Kids Corner- Fourth Sunday of Advent

Jesus' Birthday is almost here!



Now there is less than a week left until Christmas!

In today's Gospel reading God gave St. Joseph a special job. He told him to take care of Mary and the baby Jesus. St. Joseph thought he was just an ordinary person and didn't expect to have such an important responsibility, but he did what God asked.



God has given us a responsibility too. We have to love Jesus as much as we can. How can you love and honour Jesus at Christmas time? If your family has a nativity scene you can pray to Jesus while you look at it. Right now you have a few days left to get ready for Jesus' birthday. Ask St. Joseph to help you prepare for Jesus' coming.



Answers to Cross-Word: Across: 2. Sheol 6. Immanuel 7. deep 8. the 10. virgin 12. child. Down: 1. name 3. house 4. man 5. Heaven 7. David 9. high 11. God

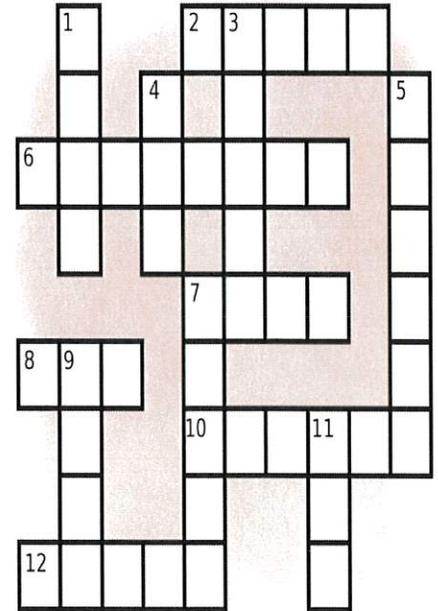
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Isaiah 7 Cross-Word

Find the words that fit into the spaces in today's first reading, and then fit them into the puzzle. A=Across and D=Down.

- HOUSE
- VIRGIN
- HIGH
- SHEOL
- CHILD
- THE
- DAVID
- HEAVEN
- NAME
- DEEP
- IMMANUEL
- GOD
- MAN



8A LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the LORD your 11D; let it be 7A as 2A or 9D as 5D." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O 3D of 7D! Is it too little for you to weary 4D, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the 10A shall be with 12A, and bear a son, and shall 1D him 6A.





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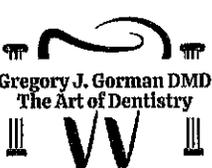
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