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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 2026

Ascension of the Lord, Thurs. May 14

All Saints Day Sun. November 1

Immaculate Conception

Tues. December 8

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



Epiphany of the Lord January 4, 2026

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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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Confessions Friday 8:30-9:00 am
Saturday 9:00-9:30 am
2:00-3:30 pm

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“Chalking of the Door” Blessing And It’s History

Houses and homes play a large role during the Christmas season. Think about the many homecomings as people travel to their childhood homes. Think about young families transforming newly purchased houses into homes with festive décor primed for new holiday memories. In prayer, we ask God to bless our homes not just at the beginning of the new year but for the whole year. We ask God to make our houses homes; not just any homes, but homes of peace and joy.

Houses and homes play an important role in the story of Christ’s incarnation, too. We begin the twelve days of Christmas with the celebration of Christ’s birth in Bethlehem, the House of Bread. Jesus, the Bread of Life, has a new home, an earthly one. The Prince of Peace blesses His new earthly home with His saving presence. “Peace on earth and goodwill to men!” At the end of the Christmas Season, we remember the visit of the Magi to Christ’s home. These men from afar bless the Holy Family’s home with material presents and their actual presence, just as homecoming children bless their parents’ home with their presence and maybe some presents too!

January 6th or the nearest Sunday (January 4, 2026), the day of Epiphany, has become a day to reflect upon our own homes. The “Chalking of the Door” is an old Christian custom performed on during Epiphany. This custom ties together the visit of the Magi, the blessing of our homes, and the start of a new year. It is a wonderful tradition to wrap up the Christmas Season with gratitude for the past twelve days of festivities and to begin a new year with faith in Christ’s blessings.

Every Epiphany, following a “House Blessing,” the family may practice the “Chalking of the Door.”

On account of the gifts and blessings that the Magi brought to the house where the Holy Family resided during Christ’s infancy, the Magi have been associated with the blessing of a home. Based on the traditional names given to the Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, an acrostic evolved during the Middle Ages using the letters of the three names (C+M+B), which were written in chalk on people’s houses at the time of the blessing. They formed the sentence in Latin, *Christus mansionem benedicat*, which is translated as “Christ, bless this house (mansion)”.

On the Day of Epiphany, a family might write on their stoop or by their front door (e.g. 20 + C+M+B + 26) and say a blessing.

Whether or not you have your house blessed in a formal way, ask God to bless your home. Whether or not you practice the “Chalking of the Door,” ask God for a good new year.

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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!



We wish you all a blessed New Year! Make the best decision this year for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage

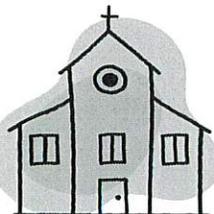
Encounter Experience on:

Upcoming 2026 dates: Feb. 20-22, Lincoln, NE; Apr. 18-19, Lakewood, CO; June 19-21, Golden, CO; Aug. 7-9, Wichita, KS; Sept. 18-20, Grand Island, NE; Nov. 6-8, Grand Junction, CO.

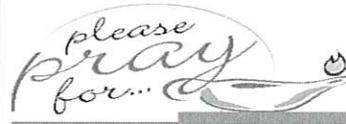
Check for more dates and locations at wwwme.org. Call or text 720-213-8833 for more information and to purchase a gift certificate to give to your spouse, or married family and friends!

For information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit www.wwme.org

The Membership Meeting will be held on January 11, 2026 at IHM from 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM



In honor of Catholic Schools Week we will be celebrating a school Mass with Bishop Berg on Wednesday, January 28 at 8 am.



John Brophy,
Bernard Kockevar

Sr., 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 Fritzer, 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.

Between Heaven and Mirth



The author of this book, Fr. James Martin, SJ, believes that joy, humor, and laughter are at the heart of the spiritual life. He says that God gave us humor as an outright gift, that fun is a foretaste of heaven. Fr. Martin lays out the case that holy people are joyful people, and that thinking about a Jesus without a sense of humor may be close to heretical! The book is full of examples of humor in the lives of saints in order to show that they were like us in every way, and this makes them more relevant to us. They appreciated the absurdities of life and responded to that with some famously witty remarks. As Fr. Martin says "by inviting God to lighten our hearts, we can enjoy a little heaven on earth." So, if you love to laugh, grab this book off the shelf and enjoy.

Find it in the Authors section.

Library Hours: Saturday 3:30 to 5:30 Sunday 7:00 to 11:30

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Faith Formation

1/11/26 we will return with the usual class schedule.

Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year.



Youth Group Activities

January 9 bowling at Orchard Mesa lanes, 6 pm.

IHM will pay for the lane and shoe rental.

Women Faith & Fun!



Our next get together is Thursday, January 15, in the Hall. 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.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

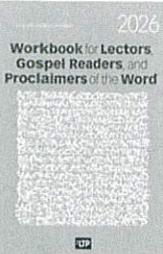


Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

The Knights will host their Third Sunday Pancake Breakfast on Jan. 18.

It's a great place to meet new friends and have a great breakfast. Children under 7 eat free! Breakfast consists of pancakes, scrambled eggs, choice of bacon or sausage, biscuits and gravy, coffee, tea or lemonade.

Adults \$10 Children 8-11 \$5. Please support our Knights!



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.



Please note as our Liturgical Year moves from the Christmas season to 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. Please join our musicians in singing!

After careful review and consideration to everyone, it has been decided IHM will change the Mass Intention policy.

We will now be accepting multiple intentions for the 4:00 pm and 10:00 am Masses. We do still ask for a \$10 donation for these Masses.

Thank you for your understanding.



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Ministry Schedule for Jan. 10/11, 2026

8:00 am Jan. 10 (†) Sheari & Elias Smith
Presider: Fr. Edwin Ogbanje

4:00 pm Jan. 10 (†) Diane G & (I) Gina Barber
Presider: Fr. Edwin Ogbanje
 Eucharistic : E. Hoy, M. Meyers, K. Murphy, A. Rastrelli, H. Seago
 Hospitality: R. Bertrand
 Servers: NOT FILLED
 Lectors: C. Dawson
 Sacristan: T. Chapman

7:30 am Jan. 11 (†) IHM Parishioners
Presider: Fr. Carl Wertin
 Eucharistic: R. DeFreece, J. DeFreece, N. Juarez-Alexander, K. Smith, A. Smith
 Hospitality: L. Duncan, D. Lytle, D. Peacock, S. Peacock
 Servers: NOT FILLED
 Lectors: M. Katzer
 Sacristan: J. Snoody

9:30 am Jan. 11 Sunday Mass at Palisade St. Ann's
Presider: Fr. Edwin Ogbanje

10:00 am Jan. 11 (I) IHM Parishioners
Presider: Fr. Carl Wertin
 Eucharistic : J. Peugh, D. Peugh, J. Simons
 Hospitality: M. Guidi
 Servers: P. Jones
 Lectors: R. Jones, M. Jones
 Sacristan: S. Ross

5:00 pm Jan. 11 (I) IHM Parishioners
Presider: Fr. Carl Wertin
 Eucharistic:
 Hospitality:
 Servers: ALL 5:00 PM POSITIONS
 Lectors: WILL BE SIGN-UP
 Sacristan: BEFORE MASS ONLY

Readings for the Week of January 4, 2026

Sunday: Isaiah 60: 1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
 Matthew 2:1-12
Monday: 1 John 3:22- 4:6 Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 John 4:7-10 Mark 6:34- 44
Wednesday: 1 John 4:11-18 Mark 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 John 4:19- 5:4 Luke 4:14- 22
Friday: 1 John 5:5-13 Luke 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21 John 3:22-30

Calendar of Events Jan. 4, 2026

Sunday, Jan. 4 7:30 am Mass
 7-11:30 am Library Open
 9:30 am Mass St. Ann's Palisade
 10:00 am Mass
 5:00 pm Mass
 NO CLASSES
 OFFICE OPEN 9 AM - 4 PM

Monday, Jan. 5 8:00 am Mass

Tuesday, Jan. 6 8:00 am Mass
 6-9:00 pm Knights
 6:30-8:30 pm Lady's Auxiliary
 7:00 pm Centering Prayer

Wed, Jan. 7 8:00 am Mass
 12:15 Mass
 NO CLASSES

Thurs, Jan. 8 8:00 am HFS Mass
 2-4:00 pm Mass

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

Saturday, Jan. 10 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 Jan. 4
 7:30 am - (I) IHM Parishioners
 10:00 am - (†) Marlene Vidmar
 5:00 pm - (†) Maria Brumbaugh

Monday Jan. 5
 8:00 am - (†) George Kalmon

Tuesday Jan. 6
 8:00 am- (†) James Boni

Wednesday Jan. 7
 8:00 am- (†) Allen & Yvonne Beuerle
 12:15 pm- (†) Dick Neville

Thursday Jan. 8
 8:00 am- (†) Peter Myers

Friday Jan. 9
 8:00 am- (†) Vernon Frenzel

Saturday Jan. 10
 8:00 am - (†) Sheari & Elias Smith
 4:00 pm - (†) Diane G & (I) Gina Barber

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Kids Corner- The Epiphany of the Lord



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