

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

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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, Palsade 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

Second Sunday in

Ordinary Time

January 18, 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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8:00-4:00 M-F

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

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

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January 22, 2026- Roe v. Wade

On January 22, our nation marks the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. While the legal landscape has changed, our call to prayer remains steadfast. We invite all parishioners to join in a day of prayer for the protection of every human life from conception to natural death. We also pray for the healing of those wounded by abortion and for mothers in crisis pregnancies.

For Parishioners who would like to join in prayer:

- ◆ A Rosary will be held in the Chapel, praying for the unborn on January 22 after the 8:00 am Mass.
- ◆ A 9 Day Novena (January 16-24) will be available for pickup or a link is provided on the ihmgi.org website.
- ◆ Visit <https://www.rvrcolorado.org/>

“Every Life is Worth Living” Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life.

Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain and suffering.

Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living.

Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all.

Through our words and actions, may others encounter the outstretched hands of Your Mercy.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.



During the duration of ordinary time: January 12 through February 17, we will be having daily mass Monday through Thursday (including Wednesday 12:15 pm mass) in the Chapel here at IHM. Friday, Saturday and Sunday masses will remain in the main sanctuary.

February 2, 2026- Candlemas

We will have blessing of the candles on Monday, February 2, 2026 at the 8:00 am Mass.

Feel free to bring your own votive candles to be blessed but if you do not have any, 8-day burning candles are available in the office for a \$5 donation.

We bless candles on Candlemas (February 2) because the feast celebrates Jesus as the "Light of the World," fulfilling Simeon's prophecy when he met the infant Jesus in the Temple, and the blessed candles symbolize Christ's divine presence dispelling spiritual darkness. Used throughout the year as aids to prayer and signs of faith, this custom links Jesus' presentation to his role as the illuminating light for all people, with the beeswax representing his pure body, the wick his soul, and the flame his divinity.

Spiritual Aid: Blessed candles serve as sacramental, helping to create a sacred atmosphere for prayer and bringing Christ's presence into our homes.

Year Round Use: These candles are used for various needs, including during baptism, for comfort in times of trouble, and connecting daily life to Christ's light.

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Linda's Financial Corner

December Collections

Tithing Envelopes - \$110,464.25
 Credit Card - \$23,790.99 Loose - \$5,004.06
 Total - \$139,259.30

WHAT'S NEXT? Projects & Improvements!

Carpet for the Narthex. \$33,000.00

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

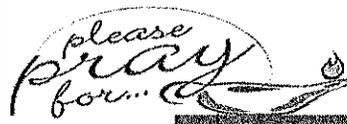
Security Cameras Outside the building. Waiting on bids.

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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 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.



Upcoming Youth Group Activities!!!

- February 13 Get Air Trampoline | 6-7:00 pm
IHM will pay for 1 hour of jump
- March 6 Rock Climbing | 6-8:00 pm
Climbing Gym \$10 per kid
- April 10 Outdoor Movie @ IHM | 6-8:00 pm
- May 22 Pickle Ball @ Lincoln Park | 6-8:00 pm



Thank you, IHM, for helping with the Mesa County Partners Giving Tree in honor of Karen Hernandez. Thanks to your generosity, 54 kids were able to receive gifts for Christmas.

IHM has a ministry of Christians who attend daily mass and are committed to the service of God and others. The goal is to promote Christian community, fellowship and values.

All are invited to meet after daily mass in the friendship Room for informal interaction with fellow parishioners.

All are encouraged to come in and meet fellow parishioners on a social level.

Contact person for the group is Kathy Sassano
 Cell: 970-773-1824 IHM: 970-242-6121



Theology on Tap will meet Friday January 23rd at 6pm at the Kannah Creek Brewery. Come join in on fellowship and a discussion of theology. This session's topic is "Pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago". For questions contact: Brian at 970-270-5293 or Julianna at the office.

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



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.



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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

Ministry Schedule for Jan. 24/25, 2026

8:00 am Jan. 24 (†) Dale Thompson
 Presider: Fr. Edwin Ogbanje

4:00 pm Jan. 17 (I) IHM Parishioners
 Presider: Fr. Edwin Ogbanje
 Eucharistic : H. Seago, L. Watson
 Hospitality: R. Bertrand
 Servers: G. Treves
 Lectors: C. Dawson, E. Hoy
 Sacristan: T. Chapman

7:30 am Jan. 25 (I) IHM Parishioners
 Presider: Fr. Carl Wertin

Eucharistic: M. Ness, A. Peterson, K. Smith, A. Smith
 Hospitality: A. Ambrosier, G. Ambrosier, J. Davis, L. Davis
 Servers: NOT FILLED
 Lectors: MK. Katzer
 Sacristan: J. Snoddy

9:30 am Jan. 18 Sunday Mass at Palisade St. Ann's
 Presider: Fr. Edwin Ogbanje

10:00 am Jan. 25 (I) IHM Parishioners
 Presider: Fr. Carl Wertin

Eucharistic : J. Peugh, D. Peugh
 Hospitality: M. Guidi, C. Nasalroad, J. Nasalroad
 Servers: B. Dockery
 Lectors: Y. Orehek, K. Porras
 Sacristan: S. Ross

5:00 pm Jan. 25 (I) IHM Parishioners
 Presider: Fr. Carl Wertin

Eucharistic:
 Hospitality:
 Servers:
 Lectors:
 Sacristan:

ALL 5:00 PM POSITIONS
 WILL BE SIGN-UP
 BEFORE MASS ONLY

Calendar of Events Jan. 18, 2026

Sunday, Jan. 18 7:30 am Mass
 Knights Breakfast
 7-11:30 am Library Open
 8:45-9:45 am Faith Formation
 9:30 am Mass St. Ann's Palisade
 10:00 am Mass
 5:00 pm Mass

Monday, Jan. 19 8:00 am Mass

Tuesday, Jan. 20 8:00 am Mass
 7:00 pm Centering Prayer

Wed, Jan. 21 8:00 am Mass
 12:15 Mass
 6:00-7:00 pm Faith Formation
 6:00-7:00 pm Bible Study

Thurs, Jan. 22 8:00 am HFS Mass
 Rosary for the Unborn

Friday, Jan. 23 8:00 am Mass
 8:30-9:30 am Confessions after Mass
 9:00 am -5:00 pm Adoration

Saturday, Jan. 24 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. 18
 7:30 am - (†) Ann Sears
 10:00 am - (†) Mark Amoroso
 5:00 pm - (I) IHM Parishioners

Monday, Jan. 19
 8:00 am - (†) Mark Amoroso

Tuesday, Jan. 20
 8:00 am- (†) Mark Amoroso

Wednesday, Jan. 21
 8:00 am- (†) Zygmunt Kaliszczak
 12:15 pm- (I) Patty Neville

Thursday, Jan. 22
 8:00 am- (I) IHM Parishioners

Friday, Jan. 23
 8:00 am- (†) Wayne Olson

Saturday, Jan. 24
 8:00 am - (†) Dale Thompson
 4:00 pm - (I) IHM Parishioners

Readings for the Week of January 18, 2026

Sunday: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
 John 1:29-34

Monday: 1 Samuel 15:16-23 Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51
 Mark 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Samuel 18:6-9:1-7 Mark 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Samuel 24:3-21 Mark 3:13-19

Saturday: 1 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27
 Mark 3:20-21

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Kids Corner- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

John the Baptist: Was He the Messiah?



Everybody thought that John the Baptist was a great preacher and prophet. Some people thought that he might even be the Messiah who would save their people. But John knew that was not his job. When Jesus came to him at the river to be baptized, John pointed at Him and told the people, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" He told the people that he was not the great one; Jesus was.

The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 18th, 2026

Saint John the Baptist is an example to all of us. If we are really good then our lives will show other people the way to Jesus.

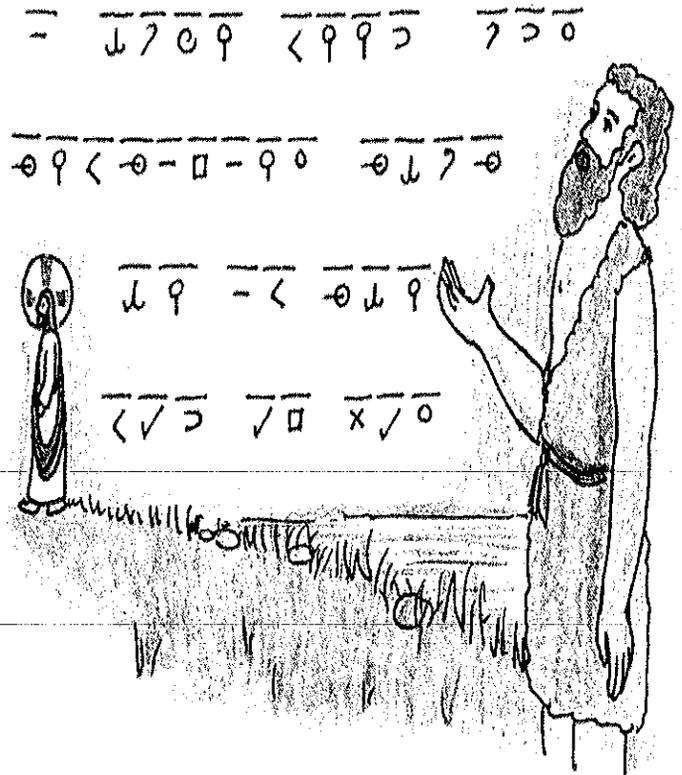


John the Baptist taught the people by telling them to repent of their sins and be baptized. God wants some people to teach about Him by teaching and preaching to the people. But for most of us, the best way to teach others about God is by living a good life and loving



God. If you really do your best to love God then your life will be like St. John the Baptist's and point the way to Jesus.

What is something that you can do today to lead someone to Jesus?



What did Saint John the Baptist say about Jesus?
Use the code to figure it out!

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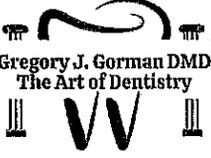
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