

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26, 2026

So Jesus said again,
"Amen, amen, I say
to you, I am the gate
for the sheep."
John 10:7

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A MESSAGE FROM KIT

Lead the Lambs

Hello my friends! I love you!

This weekend, I'm looking forward to speaking about our **Children's Faith Formation** program. We have the largest program in the diocese*, and I love to brag about the amazing children, families, and volunteers who make everything possible.

But first, I want to talk about farming.

Like many millennials, I am infatuated with the idea of homesteading. I myself keep bees and chickens, tend a garden, and do my best to get dirt under my nails.

In today's Gospel, Jesus shares a homesteading lesson: Jesus is the Good Shepherd, and the sheep know His voice, and listen to Him. The idea that sheep can listen in this way is intriguing. As someone who loves the idea of farming, but lacks familiarity with sheep, I did what most people my age do: I googled.

As it turns out, sheep are pretty amazing, and I'm adding them to my list (shh, don't tell my husband, Dale!).

Sheep are **emotionally perceptive, social creatures**. They not only learn to know the voices of the shepherds who care for them, but they learn to know the sounds of their steps, the vehicles they drive, and specific words and names they use. Sheep have **personalities**, desire **praise**, love **recognition**, and appreciate **treats**.

Additionally, when lambs are born, they stay in family groups, and **they learn from other sheep through "flocking"** - which not only teaches them essential basics (eating, avoiding danger), but also more nuanced skills like **communication**, flock hierarchy, acceptable sheep behavior, and **who to trust (like a good shepherd)**. **These lessons happen primarily through mother-child interactions, but are also reinforced at a flock level.**

The lambs do not automatically know how to live, or, more importantly, who to listen to. **They are taught.**

As a mother of five children, this is familiar to me.

Most of us understand family life, and how children are raised into adults. **Just like raising lambs, raising children requires (1) parents and (2) community.** While some claim that parents have little influence upon children, the data shows the opposite: **parents are their children's number one most important influence, especially when it comes to passing on the faith.**

Parents teach children to listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd in many ways - through prayers, Bible stories, traditions, and more. But, parents can also show children the faith in more than words by getting involved at church. **Children are watching**, and when they see parents get involved in parish life, this makes a lasting impression - the data is clear on this. **This is especially true if they see their parents taking time to teach them, and their friends, about the faith through our Children's Faith Formation program.**

We have great opportunities to share in your children's faiths in the children's program: we have 10 classrooms to fill with catechists, we have spaces that need monitoring while classes are in session, and we have families who need to see holy habits modeled through our **Guides program**.

The Voice of the Good Shepherd is calling helpers for this new generation. If you are feeling a tug on your heart, He may be calling you. Talk to me, and the other volunteers familiar with the program, to learn more, and to get involved in the life of our parish, in the lives of our families, and the lives of our children.

*There isn't great data on this, but I have not heard of one that is larger, so I'm making this claim and seeing if anyone comes forward to contradict me.

Kit Sanders, *Director of Childrens Faith Formation*





THE SHEEP

Parents Teach Children
to Listen to the Shepherd

The data is clear: passing down the faith begins at home. Parents are the #1 influence on the future faith of their children.

THE HERD

The Herd Amplifies the
Voice of the Shepherd

When children interact with believers outside their home, they are verifying that what their parents have taught them is true.

THE SHEPHERD

Volunteering provides a place to
follow the voice of the Shepherd

Serving the church let's volunteers use their God-given talents. Additionally, when children see a parent volunteer, it confirms that God is important to their family.

Is **God** calling you to get involved in the **Children's Faith Formation Program**?
Discover opportunities now,
scan the QR code!

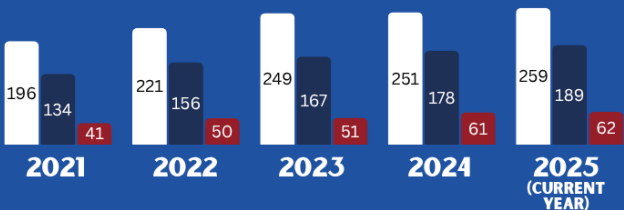


Have questions?
Let's discern together!
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CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION IN #S

WHO ARE WE SERVING?

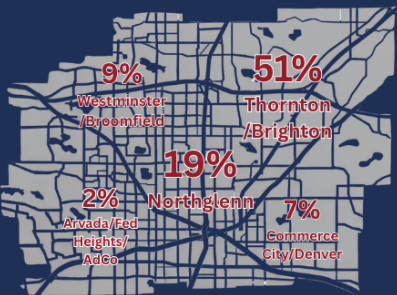
● Children ● Families ● Volunteers



While most families have only one child in the program, **30%** Have at least two children in the program.



WHERE ARE FAMILIES COMING FROM?



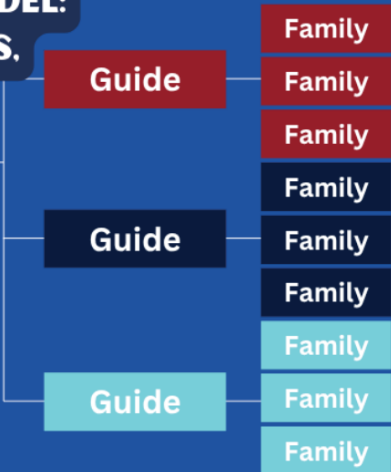
The top three zip codes are 80233, 80602, and 80241.

THE BY-THREES MODEL: COACHES, GUIDES, FAMILIES

Coach

Guides will accompany families beginning sacramental preparation next year.

Learn more:
ihmco.org/guides



MASS SCHEDULE, READINGS AND INTENTIONS

Monday, April 27			
<i>Acts 11:1-18</i>	<i>Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3, 4</i>	<i>John 10:11-18</i>	
8:30 am	Simon Hermosillo †	Fr. Tadeusz	
Tuesday, April 28			
<i>Acts 11:19-26</i>	<i>Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7</i>	<i>John 10:22-30</i>	St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr
6:30 am	All Souls	Fr. Tadeusz	
8:30 am	Cindy Tonczos †	Fr. Andrew	
Wednesday, April 29			
<i>Acts 12:24-13:5a</i>	<i>Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8</i>	<i>John 12:44-50</i>	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor
6:30 am	Felix Martinez †	Fr. Tadeusz	
8:30 am	Steve Lovato †	Fr. Andrew	
Thursday, April 30			
<i>Acts 13:13-25</i>	<i>Psalm 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27</i>	<i>John 13:16-20</i>	St. Pius V, Pope
8:30 am	Abandoned Souls	Fr. Andrew	
Friday, May 1			
<i>Acts 13:26-33</i>	<i>Psalm 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab</i>	<i>John 14:1-6</i>	St. Joseph the Worker; National Day of Prayer
8:30 am	Eric Eccleston	Fr. Andrew	
Saturday, May 2			
<i>Acts 13:44-52</i>	<i>Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4</i>	<i>John 14:7-14</i>	St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor
9:00 am	All Souls	Fr. Andrew	
4:00 pm	Edgar W. Herrera Rodriguez †	Fr. Andrew	
6:00 pm	Ruby Law †	Fr. Tadeusz	
Sunday, May 3			
<i>Acts 6:1-7</i>	<i>Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19</i>	<i>1 Pt 2:4-9</i>	5th Sunday of Easter
7:00 am	Tiburcita Gurule †	Fr. Tadeusz	
9:00 am	Felix Martinez †	Fr. Andrew	
11:00 am	Pro Populo	Fr. Ernest	
1:00 pm	Vitor Farrer Aguias †	Archbishop Golka/Fr. Ernest	

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Will Albo	Albert Garibay	Tami Mendez	Brian Sundstrom
Eva Arias	Rosalie Higgs	Joseph Mondragon	Geri Swartz
Herrera/Barriga Family	Phyllis Lambert	Rosemary Munoz	Cynthia Thompson
Doli Brown	Ron and Janette Landwehr	Elba Nava	Patricia Valencio
Melynie Campbell	Steve Lund	Bob, Jeanne, Nevaeh Peters	
Linda Cobos	Molly Martin	Kelly Rodwell	
LeRoy/Helen Dinkel	Lydia Martinez	Carol Seavall	
Dennis Garcia	Pitsie Maynard	Marie Subia	
James Garcia	Judy McCoy	Carolyn Suarez	



Please submit any prayer requests through
the Welcome Desk by Mondays

THIS WEEK AT IHM

Monday, April 27	9:30 am	St. Monica Group	Assisi
	6:00 pm	St. Monica Group	Assisi
	6:30 pm	Fatima Group	Peter & Paul
Tuesday, April 28	9:00 am	Rosary Makers	Cecilia
	4:00 pm	OCIA Farewell dinner	Cabrini Hall
	6:30 pm	The Chosen: Season 1	Assisi
	6:30 pm	OCIT	JPII Youth Room
	6:30 pm	Family of Nazareth	Upper Room
Wednesday, April 29	4:30 & 6:30 pm	Children's Faith Formation	Cabrini Hall
	6:30 pm	High School Youth Group	JPII Youth Room
	6:30 pm	Middle School Youth Group	Holy Family
Thursday, April 30	9:30 am	Knitting and Crochet	Isaiah
	6:30 pm	Lector Workshop	Cenacle Room
	7:00 pm	Spanish Bible Study	Assisi
Friday, May 1	9:15 am	Patriotic Rosary	Cenacle Room
	9:30 am	Families of Nazareth	Peter & Paul
Saturday, May 2	5:00 pm	OLSW Gala Dinner	Cabrini Hall

SURRENDERING TO GOD

What It Means and How We Can Do It



DENVER CATHOLIC
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ST. JOHN VIANNEY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY LAY DIVISION

JOIN US ON 5/9 FROM 9:45AM-1:15PM

Save Your Seat:

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IHM FOOD BANK

Activity Report
Week of April 12, 2026

Families Served
365
Individuals Served
1,387
Food Managed
32,742

FOOD & SUPPLIES NEEDED

Soup, Jam/Jelly, 1 or 2 lbs of Garbanzo Beans (dry), Small bags of flour, 1 lb bags pinto beans, canned chicken or tuna, Spaghetti sauce, Top Ramen Noodles, Rice

STEWARDSHIP CENTER

Mary's Corner

Thank you to Malley Elementary for their recent food drive. Additionally much gratitude to the Kalvoda Family for their continued support of IHM's Food Bank.

"When we work, we work. When we pray, God works."



ALL DONATIONS NEED TO BE BROUGHT DIRECTLY TO THE FOODBANK DURING OUR OPERATING HOURS

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NO EXPIRED FOOD PLEASE

Drop donations in basket
at church ONLY if
you are unable to bring
donations to our facility.
We greatly appreciate
your understanding and
support!



Return to Jesus: A Parish Novena to Pray for Our Loved Ones

Do you love someone who does not engage in a relationship with Christ and/or has fallen away from the Catholic Church? IHM will offer a Novena to St. Monica to pray for them from May 1 – 9, 2026. It will take place in Church every day after the morning Mass (on Sunday after the 9 am Mass). The prayers are brief, lasting about 7 minutes. Each day we will have the opportunity to write the names of our loved ones on a tear drop symbol and offer them to God before the altar.

On May 9, the Novena will be incorporated into the 9 am Mass. This novena is sponsored by the St. Monica's Group of IHM to help us prepare with hope for Mother's Day, May 10.

PARISH APOSTOLATES

**Silver Threads**

Meeting: Wednesday, May 6th

Time: 9:30 AM

Where: Parish Hall

Entertainment:

The Cinco de Mayo dancers

We will have a Memorial Breakfast for Fran and Stan Walzal. Your donation is an item of fresh fruit or berries. The Widows Group have also been Invited to join us.

RSVP with Cathy (303-451-0375) that way Charlie knows how much food to prepare.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY

Join our Knights of Columbus and other parishioners as we prayer for our Government leaders, military members, first responders, and our whole nation as we pray our monthly patriotic rosary on May 1st following the 8:30 am Mass in the Cenacle Room.

MAY 1ST
@ 9:15 AM
CENACLE ROOM

**Active Seniors**

Meeting: Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Where: Holy Family Room

Our meetings are the first Tuesday of each month from September through May. You may bring a snack to be shared, if you like. Anyone 55 years and older are welcome to attend.

Call Judy McCoy at 303-808-7103 with questions.

 **BETHLEHEM HANDICRAFTS**

Religious Articles

— from the —

Holy Land

May 9th & 10th

After all Masses, the Bannoura Family of Bethlehem Handicrafts will be here with hand-carved olive wood gifts from the Holy Land.

Each piece, crucifix, rosary, and statue is a labor of love handcrafted by Christian families in Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus. For many, this sacred work is their only source of income amid ongoing hardships in the region.

When you take one of these beautiful pieces home, you hold a small piece of the Holy Land and provide necessary support to Christian families in the region, helping preserve our holy sites and keep our faith alive for generations.



Explore our collection and make a difference today at.

www.bethlehemhandicrafts.com



YOUTH MINISTRY



Middle & High School Youth Ministry

It is never too late to join our Middle and High School Youth Groups. Both groups meet on Wednesday Nights at 6:30 pm. Each week we spend time building community and growing in our faith together. Scan the QR code to register.



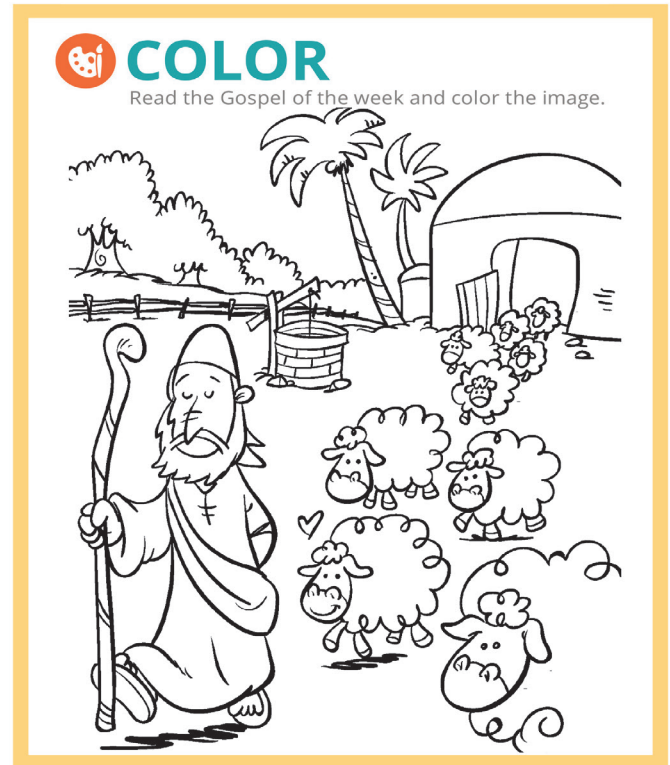
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4th Sunday of Easter • John 10:1-10

Vacation Bible School

CATHLETICS!
TRAINING TO BE CHAMPIONS FOR CHRIST

JUNE 8-12
9:15-12:15

PRE-K – 5TH
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**OUR LADY OF
SORROWS
ADORATION
CHAPEL**

IMMACULATE
HEART OF MARY
CATHOLIC PARISH

During this Easter Season consider spending some time in prayer in our adoration chapel. Sign up via the QR code or contact the parish for more information.



Today is Called by Name Sunday!

Archbishop Golka is asking us to identify faithful young men (ages 15-30's) who may be open to learning more about the priesthood.

To submit names, please visit
denver vocations.com/calledbyname.

Men whose names you submit will receive a letter of encouragement from Archbishop Golka, invitations to discernment events, and ongoing support from the Vocation Office. Thank you for your participation in this important campaign!





Join us on **Monday, June 1**, starting at 6:30 am, for the **16th Annual Priest and Seminarian Appreciation Day at The Ridge at Castle Pines North**, hosted by Catholic Radio Network and other generous sponsors. Priests and Seminarians are encouraged to visit our website at CatholicRadio.com, click on Golf4Priests tab and select from a variety of activities. Lay participants can explore the website for ways to support and donate to make this an unforgettable day.

All activities and meals are FREE to Priests and Seminarians, thanks to our sponsors and donors.

16TH ANNUAL PRIEST AND SEMINARIAN APPRECIATION DAY

START AND END POINT
THE RIDGE AT CASTLE PINES NORTH
1414 CASTLE PINES PARKWAY, CASTLE PINES 80108

Custom suits for Priests and final year Seminarians

SCAN the Code for event activities and how to donate!




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HOLY FAMILY
HIGH SCHOOL

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
INFORMATION NIGHT**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29
6:00 PM**

Meet & Ask Questions

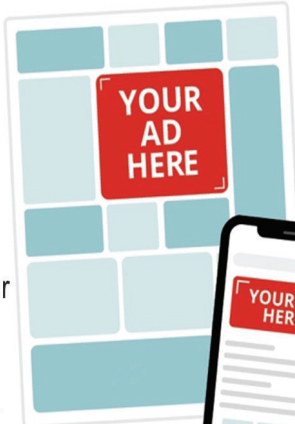
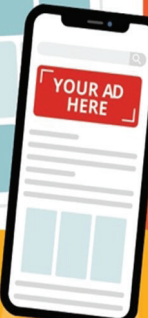
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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday: 4:00 pm,
6:00 pm (Spanish)
Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am,
11:00 am, 1:00 pm

Weekdays

Mon- Fri: 8:30 am
Tues & Wed: 6:30 am
Sat: 9:00 am

Confessions

Mon- Fri: 8:00 - 8:30 am
Saturday: 8:00 - 9:00 am

HUNGRY SOUL BOOKSTORE

Monday - Friday

9 am - 5 pm

Saturday

8 am - 5 pm

Sunday

8 am - 2 pm

Hours based on volunteer availability
Please call to confirm
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GIVING



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