

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2026

"You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God."
Matthew 16:16

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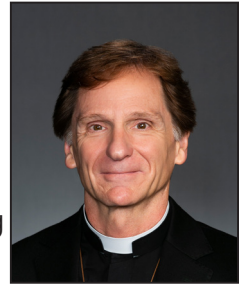
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A SHEPHERD'S CARE

Reflections on a Family Reunion

I recently attended a week-long family reunion near Okemo Ski Area in Ludlow, Vermont. At the peak of the week we filled two log cabins with 25 people aged 2 to 69! Our days began quietly with coffee on the deck, then developed into various excursions like paddle-boarding on a lake, hiking along waterfalls and swimming in their pools, visiting cheese factories, mountain-biking, and riding the gondola to the top of Killington Ski Area. Our days ended with homemade meals, card games, and soaking in the jacuzzi. It was as good of a family reunion as I had hoped for considering the level of dysfunction and pain with which some family members are struggling.

My extended family includes some who are divorced, some of whom remarried outside of the Church; some who have drug or alcohol problems, same-sex attraction or speech impediments; some who are living with cancer, arthritis or other ailments, and some who live alone. Although all were raised Catholic, most no longer attend Mass regularly. Perhaps some of these characteristics are also known to your family.

The effects of original sin permeate us all, though some of those effects are more obvious. As a priest among them I struggle to navigate the family dynamics. How can I live my priesthood among those who know me as "Sonny," the nickname I grew up with? I offered to celebrate Sunday Mass with them and only three accepted my invitation: my two brothers and my 15-year-old second cousin. It was wonderfully intimate and peaceful.

Although I was glad to spend this week away from the work of the parish, I also felt out of my comfort zone. My older brother, Jeff (a divorcee who lives alone), put it to me bluntly: "We are not 'part of' their nuclear families; rather, we are 'included' by them." This realization hurts a little, but it would hurt even more to not be included. So, our family reunion invited us to accept our limitations, our wounds and dysfunctions. It invited us to make sacrifices to be together, to tolerate, to affirm, and even enjoy one another. The most painful part for me was the times of silence, pregnant with mixed emotions, when I just did not know what to say. And as the week drew to a close, I felt a mysterious contradiction between wanting to return to my parish and wanting to cling to my family.

On the last day, as Jeff and I drove to the Albany airport singing with the radio's Sunday Praise music, the Lord urged me to praise Him for my family, especially for Jeff. For he has chosen to surrender his battered and broken life into the loving hands of our Redeemer. I praise the Divine Healer for transforming Jeff's maladies into humble faith, holy love and courageous hope. May He do the same for the rest of my family, and yours too. For God not only wants to "include" us in his family, but to make us "part of" his family. So let us pray for the healing our families need to reach the heavenly family reunion. For we are all the work of God's hands.

"The Lord is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar.
Your kindness, O Lord, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands"
(Psalm 138: 6, 8).

Your Loving Shepherd, *Fr. Ernest Bayer*

THIS WEEK AT IHM

Monday, August 24	6:30 pm	Fatima Group	Peter & Paul
Tuesday, August 25	9:00 am	Rosary Makers	Cecilia
	6:30 pm	Families of Nazareth	Upper Room
Thursday, August 26	9:30 am	Knitting and Crochet	Isaiah
	6:30 pm	Lector Workshop	Cenacle Room
	6:30 pm	Faithful Citizenship	Parish Hall
	7:00 pm	Spanish Bible Study	Assisi
Friday, August 27	9:30 am	Families of Nazareth	Upper Room

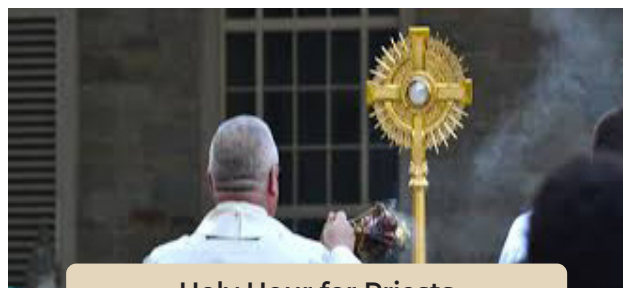


Grief Support Workshop

Wednesday Mornings
10:00 am - 12:00 noon
 September 9 -October 7, 2026
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Grieving with Great HOPE is a FIVE-WEEK grief support workshop using a video on-demand format. It offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. If you have lost a spouse, a child (including pregnancy loss), a grandchild, a parent, another family member or a friend, you are invited to attend. Presenters will include, two priests, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic bereavement organization.

Contact Deacon Jerome Durnford for more information. Email: deaconjerome@ihmco.org or 303-452-2041 ext.107



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MASS SCHEDULE, READINGS AND INTENTIONS

Monday, August 24		St. Bartholomew, Apostle
<i>Revelation 21:9b-14</i>	<i>Psalms 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18</i>	<i>John 1:45-51</i>
8:30 am	Phil Carney Jr †	Fr. Tadeusz
Tuesday, August 25		St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
<i>2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17</i>	<i>Psalms 96:10, 11-12, 13</i>	<i>Matthew 23:23-26</i>
6:30 am	Chris Elder †	Fr. Tadeusz
8:30 am	Jaqueline Zangari †	Fr. Andrew
Wednesday, August 26		
<i>2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18</i>	<i>Psalms 128:1-2, 4-5</i>	<i>Matthew 23:27-32</i>
6:30 am	Steven Joseph Lancaster †	Fr. Ernest
8:30 am	Hannah Dillon	Fr. Tadeusz
Thursday, August 27		St. Monica
<i>1 Cor 1:1-9</i>	<i>Psalms 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7</i>	<i>Matthew 24:42-51</i>
8:30 am	Louis Harvey †	Fr. Ernest
Friday, August 28		St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor
<i>1 Cor 1:17-25</i>	<i>Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11</i>	<i>Matthew 25:1-13</i>
8:30 am	Ranaldo Soliz †	Fr. Andrew
Saturday, August 29		The Passion of St. John the Baptist
<i>1 Cor 1:26-31</i>	<i>Psalms 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21</i>	<i>Matthew 25:1-13</i>
9:00 am	John/Stacie Elfering	Fr. Andrew
4:00 pm	Shirley McGarvey †	Fr. Ernest
6:00 pm	Bill Padilla	Fr. Tadeusz
Sunday, August 30		22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
<i>Jeremiah 20:7-9</i>	<i>Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9</i>	<i>Roman 12:1-2</i>
7:00 am	Karla Alire †	Fr. Andrew
9:00 am	Scott Kelley	Fr. Andrew
11:00 am	Lisa Davenport	Fr. Ernest
1:00 pm	Pro Populo	Fr. Tadeusz

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Martha Aragon	Israel Martinez Ibarra	Mary Celeste Monaghan	Brian Sundstrom
Regina Fernandez Arguello	Birute James	Rose Marie Monaghan	LaJene Tanner
Doli Brown	Kathy Kettler	Norma Press	Raoul Villa
Melynie Campbell	Joe Lachermeier	Danicia Rae	Robert Valdez Jr.
Jerry/Jerome/Xavier Corr	Ron Landwehr	Suzanne & Lenny Reed	Joyce Walters
Catalina Fernandez	Shilo Lebsack	Mary Lou Renniker	Donna Weaver
Al/Gal Garcia	Rebecca Livingston	Kelly Rodwell	Mary Ann Willis
Sharon Germann	Tom/Lisa Martinez	Sharon Santistevan	Joel Winter
Rick Gonzales	Lydia Martinez	Mike and Carol Seavall	
Felicia Harper	Eldon Meis & Family	Mary Emily Stanton	

Please submit any prayer requests through
the Welcome Desk by Mondays



Prayer Requests

IHM PRESENTS

Parish Family Nights



1st Wednesdays of the Month

Join us starting Wednesday, September 2nd for our first Parish Family Night. We will start with Mass @ 5:30pm, followed by a shared meal in the Parish Hall. After the meal we will gather again in the Church for a talk and adoration wrapping the evening up by 8pm. This is an opportunity for our parish family to come together once a month for prayer and community. More details in next weeks bulletin or on our website, but for now put it on your calendar.



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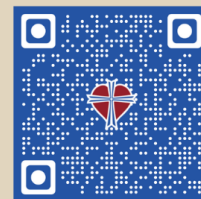
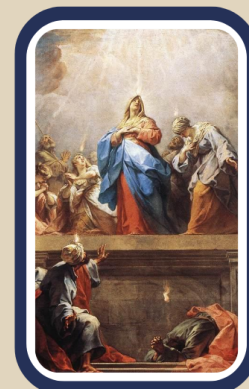
DENVER CATECHETICAL SCHOOL

IHM parishioners! We are pleased to announce that we will host the much beloved Denver Catholic Catechetical School program on Thursday evenings starting in September!

Why does the Church teach what She teaches? The Catechetical School helps you explore the richness of Catholic doctrine, Scripture, morality, prayer, and Church history.

As a part of the Catechetical School coming to IHM, we as a parish will be offering an opportunity to be in the Catechetical School and receive reimbursement for half of your tuition. In order to receive this offer we would ask that you participate as a volunteer in one of our parish ministries. An application and talk with the ministry lead will be required before you are able to volunteer for the ministry.

Join us for a COME AND SEE event at 6:30 pm on 8/20 or 9/3 to get a taste of the school. Or go to our website to learn more about this opportunity.



ihmco.org/catechetical-school

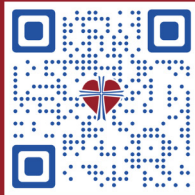
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✓ Youth

✓ Adult



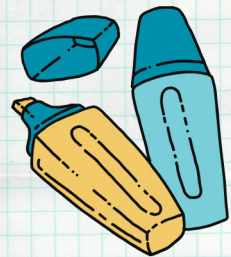
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ihmco.org/registration

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

SUPPLY DRIVE

We could use some supplies, if you want to help! Sign up using the below Sign up Genius link (to avoid duplicates!!)



Support

All Saints Day Meal Pack Event



Help make our October 31 Meal Pack Event possible! Your donation funds nutritious meals for families in need, packed in the Parish Hall in honor of St. Teresa of Calcutta and All Saints Day.

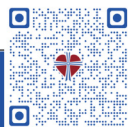
HOW YOU CAN HELP US REACH OUR GOAL

WAYS TO DONATE:

- **Online:** Scan the QR code below
- **Check:** Payable to Immaculate Heart of Mary (Memo: Meal Pack Event)
- **Cash:** Place in envelope labeled Meal Pack Event

GOAL: \$10,000 BY SEPT 15

Every single dollar makes a huge impact:
\$1 provides 3 meals!



Join the IHM Children's Choir!

Children ages 6 and older are welcome to join! We play fun games and learn songs that we sing during the 11 am Mass.

Rehearsals are held on Sundays from 12:15-1 pm (between the 11 am and 1 pm Masses) upstairs in the Assisi Room. Our first rehearsal is on on **Sunday, September 13th.**

For more information, please contact Janet Isaak, Choir Director, at janeti@ihmco.org or leave your contact information at IHM's Welcome Desk.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



ADULT PROGRAMS FALL 26

STARTING SEPTEMBER

TUESDAYS 6:00 PM	The Bible Timeline
TUESDAYS 6:30 PM	The Search
TUESDAYS 6:30 PM	The Chosen: Season 5
WEDNESDAYS 4:30 & 6:30 PM	Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer
THURSDAYS 6:00 PM	Alpha
TUES 7 PM & SAT 8 AM	Advent Prayer Group (starting Dec)

Learn More about each of the programs and sign up



[IHMCO.ORG/ADULT-FAITH-FORMATION](http://ihmco.org/adult-faith-formation)



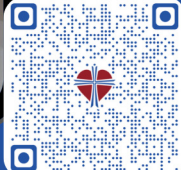
Hey, I think I want to become Catholic. Can you help me out?

Yes! If you have already been baptized, you can register now. You'll enter fully into the Church by receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation & 1st Communion.

That's great! When are the classes?

Classes are on Tuesday at 6:30 pm from Sept 1 to Nov 17. And if you have any other questions reach out to Deacon Paul at deaconpaul@ihmco.org.

Register Now



YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAMS 2026-2027

Registration Now Open!

Middle School Youth Group	High School Discipleship Groups
Night at the Cemetery	Search Groups (Sacramental Prep)
NET Retreat	Quinceañera Prep

[DETAILS AND REGISTRATION >](#)





Special Religious Education Program

Maybe you didn't know, but we have a special needs religious education program here at IHM. If you have a young student or other individuals who might benefit from this program, we might be able to help.

Our class is held Saturday mornings, 9:30-11 during the school year. Usually from mid-Sept to mid-May with holiday breaks. Oh, Fr Andrew also celebrates Masses with us on scheduled dates and we have a small celebration afterwards.

Please email me for more information at LLindgr49@gmail.com

IHM FOOD BANK

Activity Report
Week of August 9, 2026

Families Served
402
Individuals Served
1,491
Food Managed
32,931

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

"Only in a world where faith is difficult can faith exist"



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SUNDAY
13 SEPT
1:00 - 3:00 PM

PREFORMANCE DATES
December 4, 5, 6, 10, 11

Parish Hall

Call Jon Wilkins at 720-697-0836 with any questions



Silver Threads

Meeting: Wednesday, Sep 3

Time: 9:15 AM

Where: Parish Hall

Entertainment:

Is the Essence of Frank Sinatra!

Silver Threads will begin our fall series of potluck breakfasts and entertainment.

So hope everyone can make it!
We are open to anyone in the parish.
Questions call Cathy 303 451 0375



Active Seniors

MEETING: Tuesday, September 1, 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.

Join Us This Fall!



Mondays

6:15-8:00 pm

Holy Family Room

September 14, 2026

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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

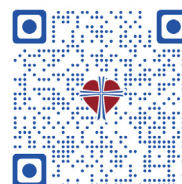
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Sunday

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Hours based on volunteer availability
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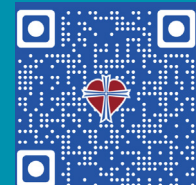
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