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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES / MISAS

WEEKENDS / FINES DE LA SEMANA

Saturday Vigil/Vigilia los Sabados: 5:30 p.m. (English)

Sunday/Domingo: 7:30a.m., 11:00a.m. (English)
9:00a.m. (*Español*)

WEEKDAYS / DÍAS DE LA SEMANA

Mon. to Sat.: 8:15 a.m. (English)

Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. (*Español*)

Thursday: 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour (*Español*)

Friday: 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (English)

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Tuesday and Thursday: 8:00am-8:15am

OR ANYTIME BY APPOINTMENT WITH ONE OF THE PRIESTS

Anointing of the Sick: Upon Request

Marriage: Call Parish Office for Preparation at least 6 months
in advance and before setting a firm date.

YOU DID NOT CHOOSE ME

I chose you

JOHN 15:9-17





RECENT EVENTS

1. MDS Married Couples Ministry celebrated a Dinner & Dance on Saturday, April 27, 2024, in Finley Hall.

2. Confirmation Retreat on Sunday, April 28, 2024

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From the *Pastor*

Finally, I pray that this Gospel may help us to review our relationships.
"As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love."

John 15:9-17

Dear Brothers and Sisters: How great is the love of God our Father that he gave us his only begotten Son as ransom for all. We unworthy servants sometimes take it for granted. These past days the Lord has been revealing to us the love of his Father. He speaks about him with such love; the "perfect love" that enkindles in our hearts a Holy desire to love God more and to be faithful to his commands.

I believe that we think that we love, but sometimes we are still so far away from real love that even though we are surrounded by his love, we don't see it. What amazes me is that throughout the Gospel we see that Jesus never gives up on those who oppose him or do not understand him. He continues to offer us opportunities right to the end—even to those who reject them.

Jesus not only gives the disciples the gift of his love, but he also commands them to do as he has done. He has shown what love is by acting it out. Do you really know God? Do you follow his commandments or just your own ideas?

Let us find some joy in this ultimate truth: God is neither a masochist nor a distant God. Jesus wants us to find joy—that his joy may be complete. Jesus has modeled for us what it means to love; do not be afraid to imitate him. Even talk to him about those strained relationships in your life that are a challenge for you. Tell him about that person who hurt your feelings or talks evil about you, the one who betrayed you and abandoned you, even perhaps when you were little. God's love is a healing love. Let him show you how to act in love!

In our world today there is so much need for love—not the type of love that consists in warm, fuzzy feelings—but sacrificial love. Mother Teresa taught that we should love until it hurts! The one who has the power to forgive, to love the enemy, to love the unlovable, and is even capable of laying down his life for his friends; that person is showing Jesus's kind of love; divine love, true love. "This I command you: love one another" (John 13:34).

Someone came to me and told me, "Our youth and young adults are leaving the faith at an alarming rate, Father." I recalled the words of Monsignor John Assef, one of my spiritual directors, who said, "One of the greatest tragedies for us and for our young people is not to believe that God loves us."

On the other hand, I think that some may feel that what they hear on Sundays is incompatible with what they see and experience at home. This is hard to acknowledge but some don't even feel loved by their parents or siblings! How much do you love God? Is he the priority of your life? What about those who live with you at home? Do you really love them? Do you spend time with them? Nourish them? Play and pray with them and for them? Or are you, like many of us, so busy that you do not even have time for yourselves.

Sometimes we think that our family can get love and attention from school or from the media. Children and young people have many questions. Who? What? Why? How? If we are not there to provide the answers for them, they will suffer the consequences of a secular, pansexualistic and relativistic society. This awareness compels us to give a new direction to our lives. There is a need for a change. We need to reorient ourselves and conform our wills and lives to the will of the Father—and not to the pleasures and ideas of the world. It is not about giving them whatever they want or telling them what they want to hear, but it is about giving them God. "Deus caritas est." God is love!

Grow in love with the Father and be grateful for his love revealed to us in Jesus Christ. I humbly remind you that He is always present in our lives—even in our struggles. Be bold and you will be given the fortitude of the children of God who know they are loved and protected. When our father is in our heart and heaven is in our sight, all things are possible. (Cf. Mt 19:26)

Happy Sixth Sunday of Easter!
Father Alejandro Reyes Cardenas

Del *Párroco*

Por último, rezo para que este Evangelio nos ayude a revisar nuestra relación: "Como el Padre me ama, así también yo os amo a vosotros. Permanezcan en mi amor".

Juan 15:9-17

Queridos hermanos y hermanas, cuán grande es el amor de Dios nuestro Padre, que nos dio a su Hijo unigénito en rescate por todos. Nosotros, siervos indignos, a veces lo damos por sentado.

En estos días el Señor nos ha estado revelando el amor de su Padre, habla de él con un amor tan grande: "Amor perfecto", esto encenderá en nuestro corazón el deseo santo de amar más a Dios y de ser fieles a sus mandamientos.

Créeme que pensamos que amamos, pero a veces todavía estamos tan lejos de esto, estamos rodeados de su amor, pero no lo vemos. Lo que me sorprende es que a lo largo del Evangelio vemos que Jesús nunca se da por vencido con aquellos que se le oponen o no lo entienden. Él continúa ofreciéndoles oportunidades hasta el final, incluso a aquellos que lo rechazan.

Jesús no solo les da a los discípulos el don de su amor, sino que también les ordena que hagan lo que él ha hecho. Ha mostrado lo que es el amor representándolo. ¿Conoces realmente a Dios? ¿Sigues sus mandamientos o solo tus ideas?

Encontremos algo de alegría en esta verdad última: Dios no es ni un masoquista ni un Dios distante. Jesús quiere que encontremos la alegría y que esta alegría sea completa. Jesús nos ha modelado lo que significa amar, no tengas miedo de imitarlo. ¡Incluso hablar con él sobre esas relaciones tensas en tu vida que son un desafío para ti, esa persona que hirió tus sentimientos o habla mal de ti, la que te traicionó y te abandonó quizás cuando eras pequeño! El amor de Dios es un amor sanador. ¡Deja que te muestre cómo actuar en el amor!

En nuestro mundo de hoy hay mucha necesidad de amor, pero no el tipo de amor que consiste en sentimientos cálidos y difusos, sino el deseo que duele. La Madre Teresa dijo: ¡amemos hasta que duela! El que tiene el poder de perdonar, de amar al enemigo, de amar a los que no son dignos de ser amados, que incluso es capaz de dar su vida por los amigos. Ese tipo de amor de Jesús: amor divino, amor verdadero. "Esto os mando: que os améis los unos a los otros".

Alguien se me acercó y me dijo: "Nuestros jóvenes y adultos jóvenes están abandonando la fe a un ritmo alarmante, Padre". Recordé las palabras de monseñor John Assef, uno de mis directores espirituales, que dijo: "una de las mayores tragedias para nosotros y para nuestros jóvenes es no creer que Dios nos ama. Por otro lado, creo que algunos pueden pensar que lo que escuchan los domingos es incompatible con lo que ven y experimentan en casa. Esto es difícil de reconocer, ¡pero algunos ni siquiera sienten el amor de sus padres o hermanos!"

¿Cuánto amas a Dios? ¿Es él la prioridad de tu vida? ¿Qué pasa con los que viven contigo en casa? ¿De verdad te encantan? ¿Pasaste tiempo con ellos? ¿Nutrirlos? ¿Jugar y rezar con ellos y por ellos? O estamos tan ocupados que ni siquiera tenemos tiempo para nosotros mismos. A veces pensamos que lo pueden conseguir en la escuela, o en los medios de comunicación, los niños o los jóvenes tienen muchas preguntas ¿quién? ¿Qué? ¿por qué? ¿Y cómo? Si no están allí, sufrirán las consecuencias de una sociedad secular pansexualista y relativista. Esta conciencia nos obliga a dar una nueva dirección a nuestras vidas. Hay una necesidad de un cambio, necesitamos reorientarnos y conformar nuestras voluntades y vidas a la voluntad del padre y no a los placeres e ideas del mundo.

No se trata de darles lo que quieran o decirles lo que quieren oír, sino de dárles a Dios. Deus caritas est: ¡Dios es amor! Con el Padre y estar agradecidos por su amor revelado en Jesús. Humildemente les recuerdo que Él siempre está presente en nuestras vidas, incluso en nuestras luchas.

Sed valientes y se os dará la fortaleza de los hijos de Dios que saben que son amor y están protegidos. Cuando nuestro padre está en nuestro corazón y el cielo está a nuestra vista, todas las cosas son posibles. (Cf. Mt 19,26).

¡Feliz Sexto Domingo de Pascua!
Father Alejandro Reyes Cardenas, Rector

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIones DE MISAS

~ Readings of the Week ~

VIGIL MASS/VIGILIA: Saturday/Sábado, May 4

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1-4/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

5:30 PM †Alice & †Ralph Woodworth (by Tianna)

SUNDAY/DOMINGO, May 5

7:30 AM †Christine Jean Lopez

9:00 AM †Eddie & †Guadalupe M. Morales y Familia

(por Mannie Morales y Familias)

†Jesus Jiménez

Por Las Almas del Purgatorio

11:00 AM In Thanksgiving for the Safe Return
of Holy Land Pilgrims (by Friend)

†Luis Garcia & †Grandma Olga

(by Amanda & Alexander)

Monday/Lunes, May 6

Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

8:15 AM IHM Families

Tuesday/Martes, May 7

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

8:15 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

6:00 pm Familias de IHM

Wednesday/Miércoles, May 8

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-14/Jn 16:12-15

8:15 AM IHM Priests

Thursday/Jueves, May 9

Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 16:16-20

8:15 AM Las Cruces Vicariate

Friday/Viernes May 10

Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-7/Jn 16:20-23a

8:15 AM †Don & †Daryl Lithgow (by Gloria Lithgow)

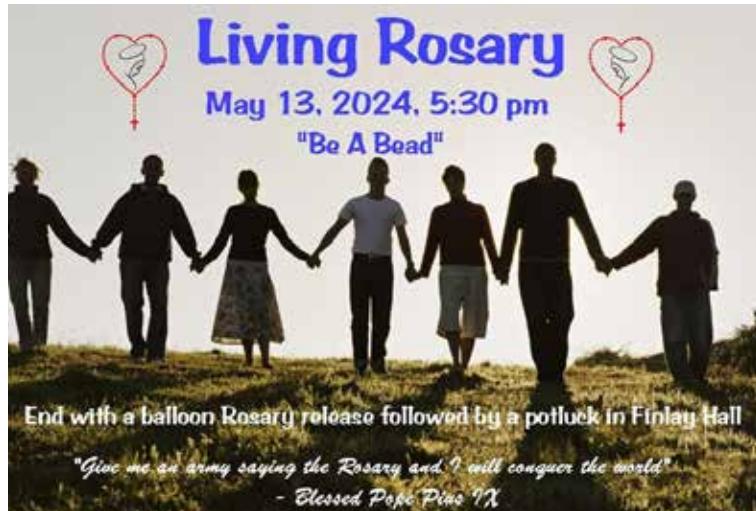
†Michel Paradis (by Irene & Patrick Paradis)

†Frank Pino (by Virginia Pino)

Saturday/Sabado, May 11

Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10/Jn 16:23b-28

8:15 AM The Homeless



Living Rosary
May 13, 2024, 5:30 pm
"Be A Bead"

The poster features silhouettes of people holding hands in a circle, with two balloons containing hearts at the top.

End with a balloon Rosary release followed by a potluck in Finlay Hall

"Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world."
- Blessed Pope Pius IX

WHAT IS HAPPENING



IHM is in search of a hard-working, knowledgeable, and experienced person to fill a **Maintenance Position**.

If interested, please contact the office for an application



Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral

Graduation Mass
Sunday, May 12, 2024
11:00am

For all College, Trade and High School Students Graduating This Year

Wear Your Cap and Gown



WARNING ! WARNING !

Be Advised:

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Bishop Baldacchino and the priests of the Diocese of Las Cruces Will **NOT** be asking for your financial assistance via text or email!

Don't Be A Victim!

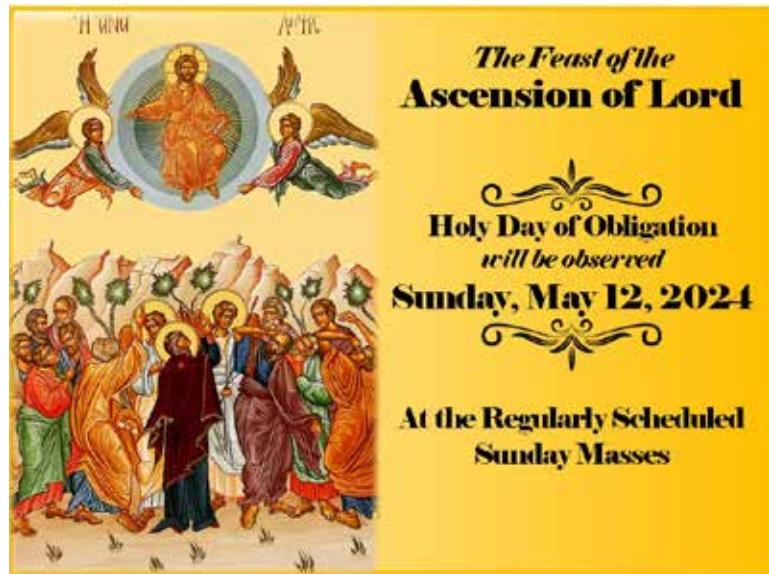
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Or speak to the priest directly after Mass



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For questions in complying with these requirements please contact our Safe Environment Coordinator, Mary Frances Garcias for Assistance. mgarcia@rcdlc.org or 575-222-4235



SAINT OF THE WEEK

San Bonifacio

*Patrón de Alemania
día festivo: 5 de junio*

Bonifacio confirma la regla cristiana: seguir a Cristo es seguir el camino de la cruz. Para Bonifacio, no se trataba sólo del sufrimiento físico o la muerte, sino de la dolorosa, ingrata y desconcertante tarea de la reforma de la Iglesia. A menudo se piensa en la gloria misionera en términos de traer nuevas personas a Cristo. Parece, pero no lo es, menos glorioso sanar a la familia de la fe.



Saint Boniface

*Patron saint of Germany
Feast Day: June 5th*

Boniface bears out the Christian rule: To follow Christ is to follow the way of the cross. For Boniface, it was not only physical suffering or death, but the painful, thankless, bewildering task of Church reform. Missionary glory is often thought of in terms of bringing new persons to Christ. It seems—but is not—less glorious to heal the household of the faith.

Saint Boniface's Story

Boniface, the apostle of the Germans, was an English Benedictine monk. Two characteristics stand out: his Christian orthodoxy and his fidelity to the pope of Rome.

The necessity of this orthodoxy and fidelity were borne out by the conditions Boniface found on his first missionary journey in 719 at the request of Pope Gregory II. Paganism was a way of life. What Christianity he did find had either lapsed into paganism or was mixed with error.

Boniface reported these conditions in 722 on his first return visit to Rome. The Pope instructed him to reform the German Church. The pope sent letters of recommendation to religious and civil leaders which Boniface admitted were crucial to his success. Boniface was made a regional bishop and authorized to organize the whole German Church. He was eminently successful.

In the Frankish kingdom, he met great problems because of lay interference in bishops' elections, the worldliness of the clergy and lack of papal control.

In his mission, Boniface had been guided by two principles: restore the obedience of the clergy to their bishops in union with the pope of Rome and the establishment of many houses of prayer which took the form of Benedictine monasteries.

During a final mission to the Frisians, Boniface and 53 companions were massacred while he was preparing converts for confirmation.

El Papa pide rezar por religiosos y seminaristas: “para que sean testigos creíbles”

En El Video del Papa de este mes, el Pontífice dedica su intención de oración por la formación de las religiosas, los religiosos y seminaristas y recuerda que la formación “no se trata únicamente de adquirir conocimientos, sino de una experiencia de encuentro profundo con Jesús”.

Este mes de mayo el Papa Francisco eleva su oración “para que las religiosas, los religiosos y los seminaristas crezcan en su camino vocacional a través de una formación humana, pastoral, espiritual y comunitaria, que los lleve a ser testigos creíbles del Evangelio”. En este sentido, Francisco recuerda que la formación no termina en un momento determinado, sino que continúa a lo largo de toda la vida, pasando por diferentes aspectos: la conciencia de los propios límites, la oración, la dedicación al testimonio del Evangelio, la preparación para la vida en comunidad y la cercanía a la vida de las personas.

mujer formados, trabajados por la gracia del Señor” y en segundo lugar “deben ser personas conscientes de sus límites y dispuestas a llevar una vida de oración, de dedicación al testimonio del Evangelio”.

No es lo mismo vivir juntos que vivir en comunidad

Francisco también se para a hablar de la vida en comunidad, recordando que es “un aspecto central de la vida de un religioso, religiosa o sacerdote”. Para el Papa, este es uno de los puntos clave en la formación y preparación para quienes responden a esta vocación: “Si bien esa experiencia puede ser enriquecedora, a veces también puede ser difícil” dice el Papa, “porque no es lo mismo vivir juntos que vivir en comunidad”.

No es suficiente con adquirir conocimientos

El Padre Frédéric Fornos S.J., Director Internacional de la Red Mundial de Oración del Papa, reflexiona acerca de la intención de oración del Papa para este mes de mayo: “En un contexto eclesial marcado por abusos de poder, de conciencia y sexuales, que tienen raíces estructurales e ideológicas, resulta crucial que la formación

National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea to Include Special Prayer for Those Impacted by Baltimore Key Bridge Tragedy

“Worldwide, there are countless men and women who labor on the high seas for their livelihood -- let us seek the intercession of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, that she protect and guide us.”



Each year, National Maritime Day (May 22) recognizes the men and women who work or travel on the high seas. It is on this day the Catholic Church observes the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea and highlights the ministry of Stella Maris (Star of the Sea), the apostolate of the Catholic Church for the people of the sea. Bishop Brendan J. Cahill of Victoria in Texas, the bishop-promoter of Stella Maris in the United States, invites the faithful to support, remember, and pray for the many men and women who earn their livelihood through work on the seas, including merchant mariners, seafarers, fishermen, port personnel, and those in the maritime industry.

This year, Bishop Cahill is calling for special prayers of remembrance for those affected by the March 26 tragedy of the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse in Baltimore. A Mass for the Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea will be offered on Saturday, May 18 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. at 12:10 p.m. In the immediate wake of the cargo ship accident and bridge collapse, the Stella Maris network of port chaplains and partners mobilized to provide pastoral care and support for the crew members of the cargo ship Dali that made impact with the bridge and for crew members of other vessels in the Port of Baltimore.

“Each year, we pray for those who work on the high seas and the ports. In a special way this year, we remember those who have been impacted by the collapse of the Key Bridge, particularly the six construction workers who perished in the bridge collapse, and for their families as they mourn the loss of their loved ones,” said Bishop Cahill. “And we also pray for the captain and crew of the cargo ship, and the countless people who have been working in the aftermath of the tragedy, including the U.S. Coast Guard, Army Corps of Engineers, dive teams, first responders, construction workers, law enforcement, and government officials. Still impacted are also the thousands of dockworkers and those who rely for work in the Port of Baltimore. Worldwide, there are countless men and women who labor on the high seas for their livelihood -- let us seek the intercession of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, that she protect and guide us,” he continued.



Por la formación de religiosas, religiosos y seminaristas

Mayo 2024



Dos aspectos que debe tener un religioso y una religiosa

En el videomensaje, difundido por la Red Mundial de Oración del Papa en colaboración con la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles y con el apoyo de Hallow, el Papa insiste en que “cada vocación es un ‘diamante en bruto’ que hay que pulir, trabajar y al que hay que darle forma en todas sus caras”.

El Papa también explica las dos características que todo buen sacerdote y toda buena monja deben tener: “primero de todo ser un hombre, una

promueva una apertura hacia la dimensión humana y afectiva, facilitando el autoconocimiento; propicie una auténtica experiencia de encuentro con Cristo, de tal manera que el testimonio de vida pueda comunicar a otros la Buena Nueva; fomente la convivencia en comunidad, para aprender a aceptar y valorar las diferencias y el trabajo en equipo; comprenda el contexto intercultural e interreligioso; y asegure una formación académica de calidad, con el fin de servir mejor la misión de Cristo. La necesidad de una formación integral es imperativa. No es suficiente con adquirir conocimientos”.



PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH WHO ARE ILL

Hortencia Butler
Juanita Mendoza
Pat King
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Freddy Castaneda, Jr.
Benjamin Mendoza
Dylan Wilson
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Edward Frias
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Roni Trevillo

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Ed Fragoso,
Mother Maria & Family
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Matilda Evaro
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Albert Medina

Collections: 4-28-2024

Sunday Collection: \$5789.00
2nd Collection /
United in Ministry \$567.00
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Online Donations: \$798.50

Upcoming 2nd Collections:
May 5 The Catholic
Home Missions Appeal
May 9 Ascension of the Lord
May 12 St. Mother Teresa
May 19 The Building Fund

Mass Intentions Weekday: \$10.00 • Weekend: \$15.00 • Prayer Request: Free
** Please request Mass Intentions at least 2 weeks in advance.**

Pope denounces arms industry and condemns profiting from death

Pope Francis prays for victims of war in Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, and Myanmar, highlighting how, unfortunately, the most profitable investments are those linked to the arms industry.

As the Church celebrates the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker on the first day of this Marian month, Pope Francis turned his thoughts to victims of war.



Addressing the crowds in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall at his Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis urged us not to forget "to pray for peace and for the peoples who are victims of war."

"War is always a defeat, always," reiterated the Pope.

In particular, the Holy Father asked that we pray for Ukraine, "suffering so much", and he asked that we pray for all those who live in Palestine and Israel.

The Holy Father also turned his thoughts to Rohingya refugees in Myanmar.

"Let's ask for peace, let's ask for true peace for these peoples and for the whole world"

Finally, Pope Francis reminded all those present that unfortunately "today the investments that yield the most income are the factories of weapons." Profiting from death, he repeated, is "terrible."



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Important Dates for IHM

Ascension of Jesus

Holy Day of Obligation

will be observed on

Sunday, May 12, 2024

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Confirmations

Saturday, May 11, 2024

Bilingual Mass: 10:00AM

The 8:15am Mass will not take place

Graduation Mass

Sunday, May 12, 2024

Mass: 11:00AM

For High School, Trade School and
College Students Graduating

Come Dressed in your Cap and Gown

Living Rosary

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

Monday, May 13, 2024

5:30pm in grass by church

Potluck to follow in Finley Hall

Sponsored by: IHM Rosary Makers

IHM First Communions

Saturday, May 18, 2024

5:30pm Mass

And Sunday, May 19, 2024

9:00am and 11:00am Masses

Pentecost

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Memorial Day

Monday, May 27, 2024

The IHM Office will be closed

in honor of those who died serving our country

Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Saturday, June 8, 2024

English: 8:15AM

Spanish: 10:00AM

IHM Feast Celebratory Potluck

Saturday, June 8, 2024

Following the 5:30PM Mass