

Serving our Brothers & Sisters in Christ



Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish 2026-2027 Stewardship Guide

Dear Parishioners,

In the "Parable of the Talents," (Mt 25:14-30), Jesus teaches us what it means to be a good steward. A Christian steward is one who receives God's blessings with gratitude, cares for those gifts responsibly, and returns them with increase to the Lord. This is what we are called to do as Christian stewards and followers of Christ. It is always important to reflect on the gifts that God has given us, especially in regards to our time, our abilities, and our resources. As we give thanks for these gifts, we are called in turn to use them for the good of others and for the glory of God.

Our annual Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Stewardship Renewal is a yearly opportunity to continue to show our commitment in being faithful stewards and disciples of Christ. By sharing our gifts of time, talent, and treasure, we are able to show our gratitude in response to the many blessings God has given us, and use these gifts to bring others to the Lord.

We ask that you please give prayerful consideration to this opportunity as you fill out your Stewardship Renewal form. In addition, I would like to thank all of you for all the time, talents, and treasures that you offer to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. All your gifts, great and small, truly have an impact on the life and vibrancy of this excellent parish. Thank you, and God bless!

In Christ,
Fr. Nick Parker, Pastor

Parish Office Hours

Phone: 625-7339 **Fax:** 625-7643
Hours: M–Thurs. 8–12pm, 1–5 pm Fri. 8–12pm
Website: www.ihm-church.com

Mass Times

Weekend Masses
Saturday - 4:00pm
Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am
12:00pm (Spanish) & 6:00pm

Weekday Masses
M–F— 6:45am, W–5:30pm, T–Th—8:00am
Thursday—6:30pm (Spanish)

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Thurs. 5:00–5:30pm, Fri. 12:00pm
Sat. 3:00pm, Sun. 5:00pm–5:45pm or by request



Parish Office Staff

Fr. Nick Parker	Pastor
Fr. Brian McCaffrey	Priest in Residence
Deacon Dave Kisner	Permanent Deacon
Debbie Nunnelee	Business Manager
Bradley Stramel	Administrative Assistant
Jaclyn Brown	K–8 Faith Formation/OCIA
Marc Hertel	Hays CYO Director
Irene Guzman	Hispanic Ministry
Raymond Wiesner	Janitorial

**Please return your parish Stewardship Renewal Forms for 2026-2027
the weekend of March 21 & 22, 2026 to be included with the offertory gifts.**



Immaculate Heart of Mary Stewardship 2026-2027

Prayer

604 31 Prayer Club-Vocations

Parishioners select a day of the week to pray for vocations to the priesthood & religious life. You may choose any prayer from attending Mass, an hour of adoration, or rosary. The club goal is to have enough parishioners that the entire month is filled with someone each day praying for vocations.

Pam Windholz, 639-6040

701 Perpetual Adoration

Volunteers commit to spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Adorers can volunteer for a specific hour each week or as a substitute so that there is a constant vigil of the Blessed Sacrament.

Brian & Michelle DeWitt 625-2481

702 Traveling Chalice Ministry

Parishioners volunteer to have the Chalice in their home for one week and pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life throughout that week.

Bradley Stramel, 625-7339

703 Prayer Chain

Members of our parish pray for the needs of other parishioners. One telephone call begins the involvement of all those in the prayer chain.

Lorraine Brungardt, 625-3021
Olivia Becker, 259-7132

704 Family Rosary

Members and their families volunteer to pray the rosary before Mass on the 3rd Sunday of the month at the 4pm, 8am, & 10am Masses. Rosary begins 30 min. before Mass.

Donetta Robben, 656-0150

705 Traveling Icon Ministry

Parishioners volunteer to have an icon of Jesus in their home for one week and to pray for Catholics to come home and more fully experience the sacraments and parish life.

Bradley Stramel, 625-7339

706 M.A.P. (Men At Prayer)

This group of Catholic men gathers weekly for prayer and Scripture reflection. All are welcome. Saturdays, 7:30-8:30am in St. Nicholas of Myra parish hall.

Deacon Steve Urban, 650-2931

Commissions/Committees

101 Evangelization & Stewardship

This Commission discusses ways to encourage living, receiving and spreading the Gospel beyond attending weekly Mass; to grow our Catholic faith and form relationships with the community of Jesus. This is done by hosting ALIVE events to all ages to reinvigorate our parish family. Commitment: quarterly meetings and leadership presence to coordinate events.

Parish Office, 625-7339

102 Family Life

Family Life Ministry brings parishioners together by organizing events, hosting receptions, and facilitating gatherings that foster fellowship and unity. Join us in building a stronger community through meaningful activities and shared purpose. Your involvement can make a lasting impact—help us bring people together!

Simon & Kassi Micek 785-626-6504

103 Hispanic

This Committee works to promote the sacramental and spiritual life of the Hispanic Community and to help integrate them into the wider parish community.

Irene Guzman, 625-7339

106 Vocatio of the Heartland

Vocatio of the Heartland actively promotes vocations by sponsoring radio ads, assisting at annual vocations events, sending letters and care packages to seminarians and religious candidates, and through the Traveling Chalice ministry. Meets quarterly.

Pam Windholz, 639-6040

107 Respect Life

This Commission promotes life from the womb to the tomb through active participation in public respect life events, and finding creative ways to evangelize and promote life issues that are prevalent in the culture within our parish family through service to others. Commitment: Annual events throughout the year.

Alicia Knight, 656-3746

108 Parish Pastoral Council

Immaculate Heart of Mary registered parishioner 18 years of age or older interested in being nominated to the parish pastoral council. Selection process is held in the spring. A term on the council is 3 years.

Fr. Nick Parker, 625-7339

Faith Formation Ministries

201 Wee Words Catechist

Volunteers lead Liturgy of the Word for children ages 4—K during the 10:00am Mass.

Stephanie Jacobs, 623-8511

202 Formation Support

Adult volunteers are needed to help with Faith Formation program of the youth K-8. Examples: helping students in classroom, office help, substituting, and helping Faith Formation programs.

Jaclyn Brown, 625-7339

203 Catechist

An adult who guides groups of students through lessons, activities, songs, and prayers using a teacher's manual, as well as other books and materials. Commitment: Weekly classes, orientation, and grade-level meetings, certification classes, and retreats.

Jaclyn Brown, 625-7339

204 Catechist Aide

An adult or high school student who assists the teacher and helps the students in classes. Commitment: Weekly classes, orientation, and retreats.

Jaclyn Brown, 625-7339

205 Hall Monitor

Directs students/parents to classrooms and monitors halls during class.

Jaclyn Brown, 625-7339

206 Jr. CYO

Provides Jr. High aged youth with the opportunity to gather in a social and spiritual environment to grow as the Body of Christ. Jr. CYO meets monthly for social and service activities.

Marc Hertel, 625-7339

207 Jr. CYO Sponsor

All adults willing to provide guidance, spiritual direction, and support for all Jr. CYO activities are welcome. Commitment: Monthly sessions & special events. Safe environment certification required.

Marc Hertel, 625-7339

208 CYO

Provides High school aged youth with the opportunity to gather as the Body of Christ (fellowship), learn to be the Body of Christ (faith formation), and to be the hands and feet of Christ (service/mission). Meets Wednesday evenings in church basement.

Marc Hertel, 625-7339

209 CYO Sponsor

All adults willing to provide guidance, spiritual direction, and support for CYO activities are welcome. Commitment: Weekly sessions and special events. Safe environment certification required.

Marc Hertel, 625-7339

210 Childcare

Adult and student volunteers care for children whose parents are involved in Faith Formation programs or other parish events throughout the year.

Jaclyn Brown, 625-7339

211 OCIA Team Member

Team Members help welcome those seeking to learn more about the Church into the parish by teaching, leading small group discussions, praying, or simply being present.

Jaclyn Brown, 625-7339

211.1 OCIA Pre-catechumenate & Evangelization

We welcome people who are seeking to learn more about the Catholic faith by inviting others who have joined the Church to share their faith journey and to meditate on the weekly Gospel readings.

Commitment : 2-3 months.

Jaclyn Brown, 625-7339

211.2 OCIA Catechumenate— Basic

We welcome people who are seeking to learn more about the Catholic faith by teaching the very basic topics about the Catholic Church, and leading group discussions. Topics include prayer, Who is Jesus, Mary, and the Saints, Catechism of the Catholic Church, and the Holy Bible.

Commitment: 4 months.

Jaclyn Brown, 625-7339

211.3 OCIA Catechumenate— Intermediate

We welcome people who are seeking to learn more about the Catholic faith by teaching intermediate topics about the Catholic church, and leading group discussions. Topics include The Ten Commandments, Catholic Social Teachings, the Sacraments of Initiation, Mary and the Rosary, Who is Jesus in the Bread of Life Discourse, and the Scriptural references of the Mass in the bible. Commitment: 4 months.

Jaclyn Brown, 625-7339

211.4 OCIA Catechumenate— Advance

We welcome people who are seeking to learn more about the Catholic faith by teaching advance topics about the Catholic church, and leading group discussions. Topics include the Sacraments of Holy Matrimony, Holy Orders, Anointing of the Sick, Natural Family Planning, the Creed, the Church, Salvation, the Pope, Who is Jesus in the Eucharistic Miracles.

Commitment: 4 months.

Jaclyn Brown, 625-7339

211.5 OCIA Purification & Enlightenment

We welcome people who are seeking to learn more about the Catholic faith by preparing their hearts to join the Catholic Church at Easter Vigil. This is a retreat-like experience for our catechumens during Lent to grow in their relationship with Christ. Commitment: 6 weeks of Lent

Jaclyn Brown, 625-7339

211.6 OCIA Mystagogy

We welcome our newly initiated neophytes to the Catholic Church! We want to accompany our newly initiated neophytes and to offer as much opportunity to participate and become involved in the liturgy ministries, organizations, and events our parish offers. Commitment: Spread out over 6 months-1 year

Jaclyn Brown, 625-7339

211.7 OCIA Prayer Team

Praying for individuals going through the OCIA process and for those teaching and serving as catechists, sponsors and aids.

Jaclyn Brown, 625-7339

212 OCIA Sponsor

A fully initiated, practicing Catholic adult who "journeys with" the individual as they go through the OCIA process. Sponsor can attend sessions, "be friend" those seeking, and helps incorporate them in to the life of the parish

Jaclyn Brown, 625-7339

216 Totus Tuus (216.1 - 216.3)

Totus Tuus is a one-week catechetical program for incoming students in grades 1-12. Volunteers will help with providing snacks or meals, clean up, and classroom aides. Commitment: One week end of July.

Jaclyn Brown, 625-7339

217 Other Gifts & Talents

If you possess gifts and talents not listed in this brochure, please feel free to indicate on the space provided on your stewardship renewal form.

Parish Office, 625-7339

Organizations

301 Daughters of Isabella #254

An organization of Catholic Women who participate in charitable, spiritual, civic, and social programs in the parish and community. Open to Catholic women aged 16 and up. Commitment: Monthly meetings and other events.

**Judy Brummer, Regent
623-8880**

302 Knights of Columbus Co 6984

A Catholic, family, fraternal and service organization dedicated to principals of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Commitment: Monthly meetings and other events.

**Bradley Stramel, Grand Knight
628-8601**

304 Hays Catholic Moms Ministry

Connect with other moms through a meaningful community centered on faith and family. Join us for daily Mass socials, monthly Ladies' Night Out (non-moms welcome), playdates, family gatherings, potlucks, feast day celebrations, children's adoration, socials centered on prayer for expecting moms, and more. No formal commitment—participate as much or as little as you'd like as we grow in faith and friendship together. Meal trains are provided for every family welcoming a new baby.

Julie Berg, 785-443-4170

305 Beads of Hope

This commission gathers as prayerful Catholic grandmothers, with devotion to Blessed Virgin Mary, on the 1st Thursday of each month in the IHM church following the 8:00am mass. Our monthly rosary intentions are for our grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Coffee and cookies are provided in the parish hall following the rosary. Commitment: Come join us when you can.

Cindy Washburn 623-3964

306 Hays Catholic Young Adults

If you're a Catholic young adult (18-40) and looking to connect with others around the Hays area, HCYA is for you! We host events like Theology Thursday potlucks with guest speakers and discussions, as well as monthly socials to connect and build community. Whether you're exploring your faith or just want to meet new people, we'd love to have you join us. Check out our Facebook or Instagram pages (Hays Catholic Young Adults and hays_catholic_young_adults) for more information

Christina Bixenman

Liturgical Ministries

401 Hospitality/Greeter

Welcome and assist people as we gather for Mass. Opening church doors and helping others feel at home attending Mass. Commitment: Arrive 20 min. before Mass. Serve on a rotating schedule.

Bradley Stramel, 625-7339

402 Usher

Assist with seating before and during Mass, help with the collection, direct Communion lines, and distribute bulletins. Commitment: Arrive 20 min. before Mass. Serve as available.

Bryan Church, 623-6805

403 Lector

Proclaim the Scriptures at weekend Masses. Formation required. Commitment: Prepare at home. Arrive at least 15 min. before Mass. Serve on a rotating schedule once or twice a month.

Debbie Nunnelee, 625-7339

405 Altar Server

Assist the priest at the altar during weekend liturgies, holy days, funerals, and weddings. Formation required. Commitment: Arrive at least 15 min. before Mass. 4th grade and older.

Debbie Nunnelee, 625-7339

406 Adult Weekday Server

Adults assist the priest at the altar during the 6:45 am & 5:30 pm daily Masses. Commitment: Rotating schedule.

Kenny Rohr, 650-1222

407 Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist

Assist in distributing the Body and Blood of Christ during Mass. Must be 21. Formation required. Commitment: Arrive at least 15 min. before Mass. Serve on a rotating schedule once or twice a month.

Debbie Nunnelee, 625-7339



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409 Extraordinary Minister to the Homebound

We take the Eucharist to our members who are sick or homebound. This ministry is an extension of the Mass and a wonderful way to be united as the Body of Christ.

Curtis & Annette Hammeke, 785-432-1355

410 Play Organ/Instrument

Accompanists lead the congregation in song by playing the piano, keyboard, organ, or guitar at Mass. Other instrumentalists also welcome. An orientation is required. Commitment: minister as scheduled, practices, and prayerful preparation.

Debbie Klaus, 785-259-0314

411 Cantor/Song Leader

Cantors lead the parish community in song at Mass. A clear, reasonably pleasant voice necessary. An orientation is required. Commitment: minister as scheduled, practices, and prayerful preparation.

Debbie Klaus, 785-259-0314

412 Seasonal Choir

Minister for Christmas midnight Mass, Easter Vigil, and other special Masses. Open to anyone musically inclined, all ages. Commitment: 4-6 evening practices.

Debbie Klaus, 785-259-0314

414 Youth Music Ministry

This ministry is for any youth interested in being involved in parish music: piano, other instruments, cantering, small group, choir, etc. Young musicians will be mentored in leading the congregation in song.

Commitment: minister as scheduled, practices, and prayerful preparation.

Jennifer Whitmer, 785-259-4373

415 Offertory Gift Bearer

Will be called to fill an opening as you are available to bring forward the gifts at Mass.

Commitment: arrive early / report to ushers
Bradley Stramel, 625-7339

416 Money Counter

Volunteers count the offertory collection each weekend. Experience helpful but not necessary. Training required. Commitment: 2-3 hours Sun. morning 9 to about 11:30am, 2 weekends every 9 months.

Debbie Nunnelee, 625-7339

417 Art and Environment

During the liturgical year as the church unfolds the whole mystery of Christ, volunteers prepare and decorate for the liturgical seasons and feasts to heighten awareness, to enhance, and to foster active participation for people of every age. Commitment: 8-10 work sessions.

Audrey Albers, 785-259-5764

418 Liturgical Sewing

Volunteers maybe called upon to make or mend Liturgical cloths including season overlays, banners, albs, vestments, etc. for the parish as needed. Commitment: Time and projects vary.

Parish Office, 625-7339

Parish Ministries

419 Coffee & Donuts Volunteers

Volunteers to help assist with coffee and donuts the first Sunday of the month after 8am, 10am & 12pm Masses. 8am & 10am some set up and serving & 12 pm Mass serving and clean up. Volunteers will be notified by e-mail if they are available to assist.

**Coleen Werth, 259-4445
Michelle DeWitt, 625-2481**

502 Help with Bulletin Inserts

Volunteers are needed each week to assemble the bulletin pages and occasionally add another insert. This is usually done on Thursday afternoons, but other arrangements can be made.

Bradley Stramel, 625-7339

503 Occasional Office Help

Volunteers are needed at various times throughout the year to make phone calls, compile mailings, and help with tasks around the office.

Bradley Stramel, 625-7339

504 Funeral Dinner Ministry

Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve the meal after any funeral at IHM Church for family and friends. Assisting with set up and clean up would be helpful.

Parish Office, 625-7339

507 Parish Baking

Volunteers provide baked goods, side dishes, cookies and desserts for funeral dinners, receptions for those receiving sacraments, and other parish events. The Parish Office will contact you when items are needed.

Parish Office, 625-7339

509 Help at Holy Family

Volunteers are welcome at HFE, in the classrooms, in the cafeteria, for field trips, fundraisers, label collections, janitorial, and grounds work.

Tracy Perrett, 625-3131

510 Help at TMP-Marian

Volunteer opportunities include: tutor students, chaperones, Auction for Christian Education (ACE), stage/costume help, bierock/kuchen sale, lunch servers, etc.

Sarah Shubert, 625-6577

Your Stewardship commitment of Time, Talent & Treasure will be effective 7/1/2026 - 6/30/2027

511 Meals on Wheels

Volunteers participate in the community Meals on Wheels program, delivering hot meals to elderly and homebound individuals in our area. Commitment: IHM is scheduled for 6-8 weeks each year (in 1-week blocks) during the lunch time hours.

Elaine Haberman, 785-639-5922

514 Parish Social Functions

Parish volunteers are needed to assist at parish functions such as breakfasts, soup supper/dinners, fund raising events, or any social gatherings at the parish. Volunteers are needed in various areas: decorate/setup, greeters, servers, kitchen detail, clean-up, and many other areas of preparation to put on a successful event. Volunteering at these social functions builds community, friendship, and strengthens our family of faith.

Parish Office, 625-7339

Janitorial

801 Church Cleaning

Volunteers to help with vacuuming, cleaning windows, pews, etc. in the church each week. Volunteers are also needed to clean the Parish rectory.

Raymond Wiesner, 432-2578

802 Buildings & Grounds Miscellaneous Upkeep

Volunteers are needed to help with upkeep on the parish-owned houses and the church/school grounds. Needs include mowing and minor maintenance.

Raymond Wiesner, 432-2578

804 Parish Hall Cleaning

Volunteers to help with the deep cleaning of tables, chairs, floors one time a month for our parish hall. Commitment of 1 hour each time.

Raymond Wiesner, 432-2578



Online Stewardship Renewal Forms available by scanning the QR Code above. All forms are submitted electronically. Family Parish Agreement form is included in the online form.

Catholic school & Faith Formation families required to submit Time, Talent, Treasure & Family Agreement Forms