

January 15, 2021

## IN DEFENSE OF THE WEAKEST

**A look ahead: Virtue of the Week Affability**

<b>Mon Jan 18</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL MLK Day</b>	
Tues Jan 19	Third Quarter Begins	
Wed Jan 20	School Mass Gr. 1 <sup>st</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am
	Home and School Assoc Mtg	7:00 pm
	EDGE Night Online	7:15 pm
Thurs Jan 21	School Mass Gr. ,2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am
Friday Jan 22	LUMINARIES FOR LIFE	6am-8am
	Baby Bottles for LIFE Begins	



*A collective effort to protect the lives of those who cannot defend themselves began 18 years ago at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish and School. Our mission to pray for the unborn continues **next Friday Jan 22**, marking the 48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Roe V Wade, with a Luminaria display and prayer vigil. Join us between 6-8am along the perimeter of our campus. Pray with us to save the babies.*



**BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE** The Annual fundraiser for Grand Rapids Right to Life begins next Friday Jan 22. Students will be given an empty baby bottle to fill with coins or cash. Coin shortage? Don't let that deter your kids from using their own "paper money" to support the work of LIFE. Please return by Feb 5.

**MORE SUPPORT FOR THE LITTLES** Contribute to the efforts of 8<sup>th</sup> graders **Will V and John K.** Fill the pack 'n play in the vestibule of church with baby items for the clients of **HELP Pregnancy Crisis**



**Center.** Bring your donations to church Jan 17, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> or **to the school any day before Feb 1.** Formula, diapers (especially needed are larger sizes) baby wipes, bottles, pacifiers, sippy cups, onesies for girls and boys (especially the larger sizes), blankets, baby towels and washcloths, socks, shoes, clothing for boys and girls, newborn - 4T; sleepers size newborn-4T.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK (CSW) 2021 IS ALMOST HERE

As with everything this school year, CSW will be modified but with no less enthusiasm and gratitude. Students will be invited to lector during the weekend Masses Jan 30-31; kids will get a free Jeans day if they attend those weekend Masses at IHM in their best school uniform; the pep rally will still be on and with popcorn to boot. More details forthcoming.



**MISSED THE PRESCHOOL INQUIRY NIGHT?** See the recorded meeting at this link: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sMvW04CXkzT2CB1ONoqO2\\_bCtHHXmSU/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sMvW04CXkzT2CB1ONoqO2_bCtHHXmSU/view)

**REGISTRATION FOR IHM SCHOOL YEAR 2021-22** is to run **February 1 through February 17, 2021.** Enrollment fees are noted (*see right*) and **will double for current IHM families after Feb 17.** Make checks out to IHM, or pay fees with Visa or Mastercard (at the parish office first) Plan now.

Preschool	\$80
1 Child (K-8)	\$180
2 Children (PK-8)	\$255
3 Children (PK-8)	\$305
4 or more PK-8)	\$330



**REMINDER:** Please do not send in birthday treats for/on your child's birthday. With regrets, this has had to be included in "the restrictions" since the beginning of the school year. Unless the skies part and Jesus comes again bearing dozens of Krispy Kremes, this will be the policy until June 4.

**GOT WIPES?** Your kid's classroom could use them. Please and thank you.

**Q: "WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN ACTIVE PARISH MEMBER?"** **A:** Active parishioner status means you worship here at IHM on a regular basis; you get involved in PARISH ministry in some capacity; and you tithe on a regular basis.



**WE HAVE A WINNER!!** Congratulations to 6<sup>th</sup> Grader **John H** who took first place in the Scripps Spelling Bee! Runner up 8<sup>th</sup> grader **Jack Z** and second runner up 7<sup>th</sup> grader **Collin M** represented our junior high well. John and Jack now move up to regionals with our prayers for continued success!

**"SPECIAL PROTECTION AND THE GREATEST GRACES"** This is just one of the 15 promises made by our Lady to St Dominic and all who recite the Rosary. So many families have already hosted the traveling statue of Our Lady of Fatima in their home. **There are openings now.** Praying the family rosary each day for a week and receiving Grace upon grace next week will be **The Meyer Family**. NO experience necessary! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4FAEAE2EA4F85-traveling3>

**CARING FOR MARY MINISTRY** IHM's Spiritual Growth Committee is grateful for those moms providing fresh flowers for the statue of Our Lady outside the office. Caring for Mary the week of Jan 18, 2021, is **Mrs. Colleen Lowe**. Consider reserving your week <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a4faeae2ea4f85-caring1>

**Altar Servers for Next week Masses:**

**Wed Jan 20 9 am Mass** Ava B, John H, Alyssa Y (6<sup>th</sup> graders)  
**Thurs Jan 21 9 am Mass** Isabella L, Esther N, Maddie S (5<sup>th</sup> graders)



From the Principal:

Hello IHM Families!

Today is the official end of the 2nd quarter and the first semester! This year has absolutely flown by! It seems like March to August was so slow and then we got to school and we are in double time! I continue to thank God each day for the blessings we have here at IHM even in these challenging times. We are so

thankful as our teachers have started to get their COVID vaccines and this is a huge step in the right direction! The kids continue to be absolutely amazing with the protocols and are happy to be here!

January is always challenging with cold and flu season. Thank you for being extra diligent about not sending your child to school with symptoms that could be COVID-related. I'm told that cases of the flu are significantly down too with all our mitigation strategies in place. I continue to pray for all of our health and well-being! I hope everyone enjoys a restful day on Monday!

Blessings,

**Mrs. Holly Lake**  
Principal

**IHM 3<sup>rd</sup> graders take their artwork very seriously with self-portraits laughing hysterically. Does a soul good, doesn't it?**

