



Disciple Dispatch

January 22, 2021

Heaven Hears Ours Prayers

A look ahead: Virtue of the Week Affability

Wed Jan 27 School Mass Gr. 1st, 6th, 7th, 8th 9:00 am

EDGE Night Online 7:15 pm

Thurs Jan 28 School Mass Gr. 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th 9:00 am

½ Day of School ~ Dismiss at 11:00am

The Covid could not restrict IHM's 18th Annual Luminaries for LIFE 2021 Prayer Vigil from happening this morning before dawn. While The National March for LIFE was postponed, IHM families witnessed their support of the unborn here, marking the 48th year since Roe v Wade made the unthinkable legal. Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.



**CELEBRATE
CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS
WEEK 2021**
January 31 - February 6
#CSW21

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK (CSW) 2021 BEGINS JAN 31!

Attached you'll find an outline of some of the things planned for CSW 2021. Most notably those days we are contributing to good causes, and the day our kids can dress up as their favorite saint or religious person! There's a pep rally, popcorn sale, many service projects and some jeans days! Yes it's different from years past but no less fun! See attached!

BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE The Annual fundraiser for Grand Rapids Right to Life will be held during Catholic Schools week. 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.



CHILDCARE INVOICES Kindly check your email for the latest IHM Childcare invoice. Your prompt payment makes the whole world a better place. Thank you!



SPORTS UNIFORM TURN IN NEXT WEEK Please have your son's basketball uniform cleaned, bagged with their name on it, and then send them into school next week. Have your kid place them in the appropriate boxes, located outside the school office. The sooner the better.

MORE SUPPORT FOR THE LITTLES Contribute to the efforts of 8th 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, 24th and 31st or **to the school any day before Feb 1.**

KNOW OF FAMILIES READY TO MAKE THE CHANGE TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS? Current IHM families can benefit financially by recruiting and then "sponsoring" a new family to IHM. Get a \$500 credit towards your own kids' tuition when a new family you've recruited enrolls a K-8th grader(s). Get a \$250 credit towards your own kids' tuition when a family you've recruited enrolls a Preschooler! Contact Mrs. Colleen Lowe for details.

REGISTRATION FOR IHM SCHOOL YEAR 2021-22 is to run **February 1 through February 17, 2021.** Enrollment fees **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.

“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 Paul and Christina Brown 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. Lindsey Lowery** Consider reserving your week <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a4faeae2ea4f85-caring1>

Altar Servers for Next week Masses:

Wed Jan 27 9 am Mass Mitch D., Mason E., Gregory M. (6th graders)
Thurs Jan 28 9 am Mass Kira E., Peter V., Andyb Jeakle (7th graders)



Hello IHM Families!

What a beautiful blessing it was this morning to walk along the luminaries and pray for the unborn, the souls of those babies lost to abortion and for an end to abortion. The quiet and light snow was the perfect peaceful backdrop. Thank you to those who joined us! I encourage you to take the time today to pray for the unborn.

Next week we are looking forward to professional development for teachers arranged by the diocese around the Catholic response to racism with Sophia Institute, who is the publisher

of our religion materials that focus on Theology of the Body. This is on Thursday afternoon, so don't forget the half day of school!

We are busy planning for a Catholic Schools Week that is a little different than usual, but a great opportunity to celebrate the blessing of our AMAZING Catholic School! On the Tuesday of Catholic Schools Week (Feb. 2) there will be a special livestreamed Mass from the Cathedral celebrated by the Bishop. We will pass that information on when we get it. Have a wonderful weekend!

Blessings,

Mrs. Holly Lake

Principal



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