



DISCIPLE DISPATCH

May 21, 2021

VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS

Fri May 21 Novena to St Joseph Begins
7/8 Gr. Social IHM 4:00pm

Sun May 23 Feast of Pentecost

Mon May 24 Mass of Thanksgiving Diocese 10am
Athletic Physicals Gym 6-8:00pm

Wed May 26 School Mass Gr 1,6,7, 9:00am
8th Gr. Exams

Thur May 27 School Mass Gr. 3,4,5 9:00am
8th GR Exams
Last Day PK 3's

Fri May 28 School Mass Gr.2 9:00am
Last Day PK 4's, Y5's, 8th Gr.



ALL ABOARD THE ROCKY RAILWAY! The **TOTALLY CATHOLIC IHM Vacation Bible School (VBS)** will be roaring onto campus this AUGUST 11,12, and 13th! Participation is open to the first 100 kiddos who sign up, grades PK4 through 4th grade, *from our IHM parish and school families only*. Volunteer positions open to kids grade 5 through adults. (Adults must be VIRTUS Trained) Registration will be online only and begins JUNE 1 at 9am. (www.ihmparish.com) Questions: email VBS@ihmparish.com

LET'S GET A PARTY STARTED A spirited game of kickball, refreshments and more begins today out on our IHM fields for our **7th and 8th graders** (only) at their first/last social of the year! 4-5:30 pm Thank the Lord restrictions are easing up!



SPEAKING OF WHICH... A welcome part of our worship is flowing again! **Holy water has returned** to the church fonts and the Eucharistic Chapel! (It's actually been available all along from the silver spicket in the vestibule of church. Bring a clean container and fill 'er up, *for home use*. Never be without it again!

THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER The **Novena to St Joseph** begins today, May 21! This is both our gift to Fr. Troy in celebrating his 25 Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood AND to ourselves...to be in the care and protection of the Foster Father of God! Hard copies were sent home with your oldest/only child; electronic copies were sent via email on Thursday and on the School App as well. Power comes in numbers.

IHM MENS RETREAT 2021 Every Man is called to be a father! Your parish and the world need you to lead as a **spiritual father**. St Joseph's example can be a guide for us in the path of life. This retreat will present the tools you need to become the spiritual father and leader you are meant to be. July 23-24. Sign up here mensministry@ihmparish.com

KINDERKIDS AND PRESCHOOL PLAY DATE Circle your calendars for **Tuesday June 1 from 1:30pm - 3:00pm for the Kindergarten and Preschoolers Year-End Playdate!** Meet us on the IHM playground for bubbles-of-fun and treats and a time for parents to socialize with each other and our PK-K teaching staff.

8TH GRADE EXAMS NEXT WEEK! Next Wednesday Thursday and Friday, 8th graders will have exams and be dismissed early at 11am each day. The following week, students in grades 6 and 7 will do likewise. Follow instructions on dismissal from their teachers. This is for junior high school students only!



RETURN NOW: IHM Girls 6th grade basketball uniforms are MIA. Kindly return them to the school office asap with your kid's name on the bag.



RETURN MONDAY: All library books/materials are due this **MONDAY May 24.**

BLOOD DRIVE CHALLENGE The IHM Knights of Columbus Council, every year donates bibles to our 5th graders. They do so with the money raised from Blood Drive Challenges. If they reach a total of 50 donors who **make an appointment** for the drive here on **June 6th** (or a future IHM drive in August) they will once again be able to make the bible purchases. The grant money is only given for each donor who signs up in advance. Sign up here: https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/126748



FULL OF GRACE The traveling devotion to Our Lady of Fatima has brought grace upon grace to numerous families of IHM. We have now filled every week this school year! Praise God! Praying the family rosary each day for a week next week May 23 will be **The Steve and Kathie Southerington Family!**

CARING FOR MARY for the week of May 23 is **Mrs. Beth Coubier**

IN THANKSGIVING for a successful year, Catholic schools in the Diocese of Grand Rapids will join together for a year-end Mass. Since the school year began last August, the 31 Catholic schools in the diocese have prioritized safe in-person instruction and provided remote instruction in situations that required it. **On Monday, May 24, the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church,** Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Walkowiak at the Cathedral of St. Andrew at 10am. Participate with area catholic schools via livestream on the grdiocese.org

Hello IHM Families!

What an exciting time at IHM! It is so much fun to celebrate our wonderful school year! So many have worked so hard to make things work!



When we started talking about switching our lunch program to Catholic Central, we had no idea what was in store! Mrs. Eileen O'Brien (formerly McCaffrey) worked hard to hire some amazing lunch ladies and adjust menus and supplies for the COVID protocols. With the free lunch program, they have had to prepare around 200 lunches a day- each wrapped individually, put in bags and delivered to classrooms. And they have done it all with a smile! We are so blessed to have started this partnership with Catholic Central's food service program. They are taking very good care of us and our kids! Thank you also to our lunch ladies who are in our building every week: Tassia Johnson, Laura Dunlap, Ginger Bui, and earlier in the year Sherie Berry and Barb Brown. The food has been so delicious and we can't wait to see what is in store for us when we don't have to have "portable" food!

We keep getting good news along the COVID front, which really helps our planning for next year. It's so nice to see the light at the end of the tunnel! Join me in continuing to pray for a school year that is back to "normal."
Have a beautiful weekend!
Blessings,

Mrs. Holly Lake
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