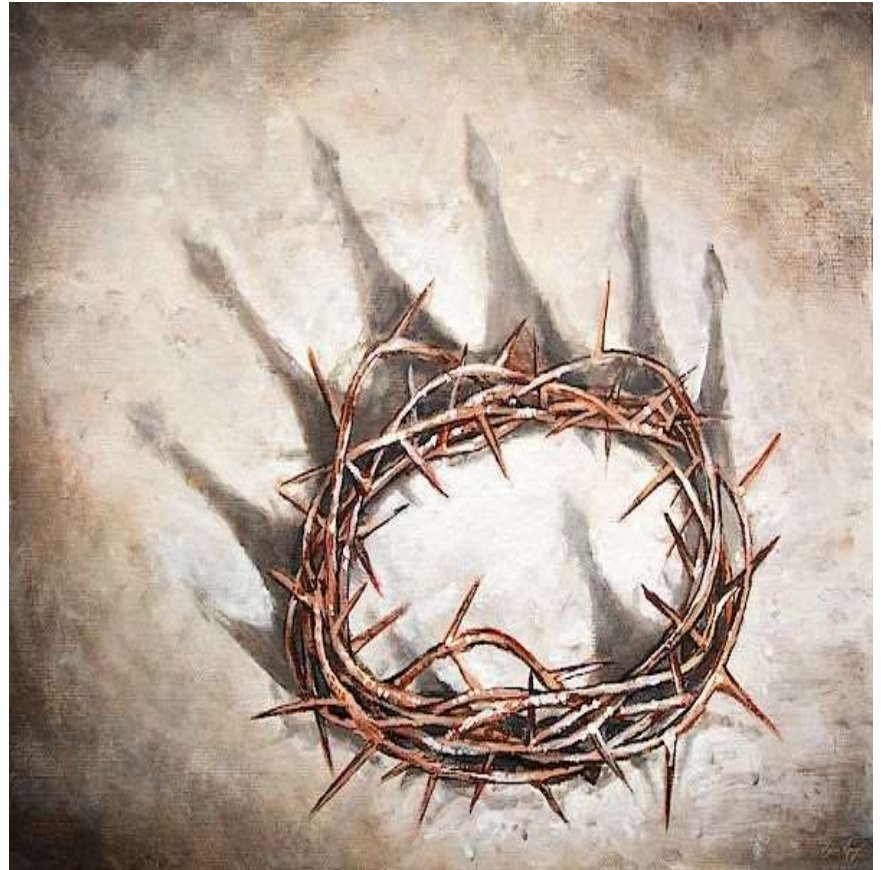


Christ the King

- Sun Nov 21 FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING
Band Concert St Cecelia's 3:00pm
- Mon Nov 22 All CAST Dress Rehearsal 2:25 pm
NO HOT LUNCH SERVICE
- Tues Nov 23 All SCHOOL Dress Rehearsal 2:25pm
NO HOT LUNCH SERVICE
- Wed Nov 24 Thanksgiving Break ~ NO SCHOOL
- Thurs Nov 25 Mass 9:00 am
Thanksgiving Day ~ NO SCHOOL
- Fri Nov 26 Thanksgiving Break ~ NO SCHOOL



It's a short week next week, but an important one. Christmas Musical Dress Rehearsals are on Monday and Tuesday. Also, no hot lunch service Monday and Tuesday. No School and No Childcare Wednesday, Thursday, Friday!

AFTERNOON DISMISSAL. Restrictions last year had us dismiss classrooms in shifts so as not to crowd the hallways with children mixing at the end of the day. It has inadvertently continued this year with no need so... be advised no classes will be dismissed until 3:15pm.

ELECTRONIC COPIES ONLY A paper copy of *The Disciple Dispatch* will no longer be sent home with the oldest/only child of the family on Fridays. Only a link to the electronic version of the Disciple Dispatch will be sent out Friday afternoons. Paper copies are available upon request. clowe@ihmschoolgr.org



IHM CHRISTMAS MUSICAL By now, you've heard your kiddos singing their songs for this year's All-School-Musical *The Mystery of Simon Shepherd*. To avoid gathering in a large crowd and mixing grades for both rehearsals and the performance, it is being produced in a movie format this year. Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Simon (no relation to Simon Shepherd!) who will be filming and editing the final movie as our Christmas gift to you! Attached to the email you received this newsletter on is the **schedule** from our director, Mrs. Quyen Van Houten as well as **volunteer opportunities for parents**. It is of great importance your children are in school on rehearsal and recording days!

CATHEDRAL OUTREACH 2021 Once again, we will be collecting warm clothes, blankets and personal care items for the indigent of our city. The annual IHM/ Emmaus Drive will kick off in earnest on Monday November 29 and go through Friday December 3. The schedule for what to bring each day went home with your oldest/only yesterday. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

MASK/COVID 19 UPDATE: The Kent and Ottawa County Health Departments have communicated that the public health order requiring facial covering in PrK-6th grade was written to expire 60 days after a vaccine has been made available for 5-11year-olds. The current order will expire during Christmas break and before students return to school on Jan.3. Provided there are no unforeseen changes, on January 3, 2022, the Diocese of Grand Rapids will continue to strongly recommend the use of facial coverings inside all school buildings regardless of vaccination status.

UNTIL THEN... PLEASE SEND YOUR KIDS TO SCHOOL WITH MASKS FROM HOME. We are short on funds to be able to continue to provide masks for 300 kids who forget to bring them from home. Please and thank you!



SQUEEKIE CLEAN! The **IHM ALL-SCHOOL DAY OF RECONCILIATION** is scheduled for **Thursday afternoon December 2**. This soul-scrubbing opportunity is for staff and students only, please. **NOTE:** We end each school day with the Act of Contrition so kids are solid on that account. Parental assistance in guiding your child through an Examination of Conscience is encouraged.

HELP WANTED: IHM CHILDCARE EMPLOYEES Flexible hours, darling kids, you get a super hero cape after your first 30 days. Contact Mrs. Holly Lake with your interest. principal@ihmschoolgr.org

MORE HELP WANTED: Catholic family with 4 children seeking Full time nanny. Salaried with paid vacations, holidays sick time. M-F start asap. Two kids are full time students. SUV available for use. Contact Kate Kate.Spielmaker@gmail.com

AND MORE HELP WANTED: Part-time Nanny/babysitter to begin in January. Indian Village location. 6-month old and three-year-old boys. Help wanted during the work day. Contact Erin: 616-264-9765

YELLOW MEDICAL RELEASE FORMS IHM families with medical release forms older than 4 years were sent a new form to update our files. Kindly return the yellow form asap to Mrs. Kara Ziedins attention in the front office.



TRAVELING LADY OF FATIMA FAMILY ROSARY DEVOTION Consider hosting the traveling statue of Our Lady of Fatima in your home. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!** Instructions included! Pray the family rosary each day for a week and receive Grace upon Grace Sign your family up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4ba8ac2fa1fe3-traveling>

CARING FOR MARY MINISTRY This week: **Mrs. Stacie Byers** will make sure our Lady is properly adorned: Sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4ba8ac2fa1fe3-caring>

From the Principal:

Hello IHM Families!

As Thanksgiving approaches, I am thankful for so many things!

- **FAITH!**
- *The Faith of the IHM Community!*
- *All the amazing teachers and staff at IHM!*
- *All the amazing families at IHM!*
- **SNOW!** ❄️ 🧊 !
- *My husband and children!*
- *Fr. Troy and the amazing parish staff!*
- *The generosity and gratitude of those around me that lift me up each day!*
- *coffee and shopping!*



This time in all our lives has not been easy by any means. We are all struggling in so many ways. Gratitude really puts it all in perspective for me. Father had a great homily for the kids last week about gratitude and how our attitudes, words and actions show our gratitude better than anything.

I pray you all have a peaceful break!

Blessings,

Mrs. Holly Lake
Principal



WELCOME (BACK) KIRK FAMILY! Matthew (IHM Alum), Ellen, Daniel (Freshman CC) Colleen (IHM 7th grader)

"IHM has been the Kirk family's parish for decades. Our family recently moved back to Grand Rapids and joined the IHM community. We have been amazed at the kindness and friendship we have felt from everyone and the strength of faith in the community. It's wonderful to be part of."

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