



Disciple Dispatch

December 17, 2021

Waiting in Silence, Waiting in Hope

Fri Dec 17 CHRISTMAS BREAK BEGINS!

Sun Dec 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Wed Dec 22 Children's Choir Practice 3:00 pm-4:00 pm

Fri Dec 24 Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 pm

Christmas Vigil Mass 10:30 pm

Sat Dec 25 Christmas Day Mass 10:00 am

No 5:15 Mass

Sun Dec 26 Mass 8:30 am

11:00 am

Fri Dec 31 Holy Day Vigil Mass 6:00 pm

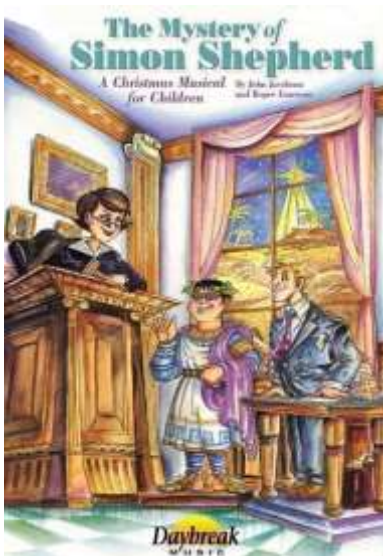
Sat Jan 1 Mary, Mother of God Mass 10:00 am

No 5:15 Mass

Mon Jan 3 Classes Resume *

5th Grade Franciscan Farm All Week

**The IHM Hot Lunch Menu for January will be emailed over Christmas Break. No lunch service on Fridays until further notice.*



IHM CHRISTMAS MUSICAL MOVIE=A HIT! Well done to the cast and crew of this year's version of *The Mystery of Simon Shepherd!* As with most things this past year, we had to reimagine what a theatre production including 260 kids could look like on "film." By the grace of God and cheerful effort, we did it! Here is the link in case you didn't receive the program and popcorn sent home with your oldest/only kid on Wednesday: <https://vimeo.com/656294871> and use the password **ihm2021**. MUCH gratitude and congratulations to **Mrs. Quyen VanHouten** for her musical direction and production skills; **Mrs. Linda Chervenka** for her cast direction; for the support and participation of our IHM staff; the wonderfully talented student body who used their gifts to sing in the Christmas Glory of God; and to **Mr. and Mrs. Joe and Karli Simon** who filmed and edited the entire show and to our benefactors who made it possible. **Merry Christmas!**

THANK YOU to the IHM Home and School Association and all the parent volunteers who stocked the teachers lounge with treats, snacks and soft drinks and provided so many and elaborate specialty treats this fall. You spoil us rotten. Thank you!

UPDATED COVID PROTOCOL has been attached to the email this newsletter arrived on. When in doubt, feel free to call the school office with your questions or concerns.

PROTECTING YOUNG EYES Here is the latest update for parents regarding your kids and their safety online. Go to the link here: <https://mailchi.mp/protectyoungeyes/december2021?e=711d74be09>

From Two of Our IHM Seminarians: To the people of Immaculate Heart of Mary parish and school:

"Thank you for the Care package you sent to Greg and me. As we are coming to the end of the semester this is a great reminder of your prayers and support.

This Semester has been amazing. It is always great to be back at the seminary but this year has been the best yet. Obviously, the biggest blessing of the year is to have Greg here with me. The seminary has been the greatest gift that the Lord has ever given me, and so being able to see that same gift be given to him fills me with so much joy.

We greatly appreciate your generosity and especially your prayers. The formation that is done here at the seminary would not be possible if not for the outpouring of graces we receive as a result of your prayers for us.

I want to say thank you again for the great gifts that you have sent us and for everything that everyone at the parish has done for Greg and me over the years. I can say confidently that I have the best parish in the world. Know of our prayers for the parish and all of its members." In Christ, Greg and Peter Wasinski.



HOME & SCHOOL UPDATE:

The December Home and School Association meeting is **cancelled**. We will begin meeting again in January, alternating our monthly meetings between a morning and an evening meeting. **We're hopeful this new twist on our schedule will allow for more parents to attend who otherwise would not be able to!** Dates/ times are as follows:

January 19 8:00 am Hearts and Hands Rooms
March 16 8:00 am Hearts and Hands Rooms
May 18 8:00 am Hearts and Hands Rooms

February 16 7:00 pm Hearts and Hands Room
April 20 7:00 pm Hearts and Hands Room



STUDENTS IN GRADES 5-8 are required to wear a gym uniform to PE class. With the shipment delay of gym shirts in the early fall, concessions were made. The concession stand is closed, so to speak. All fifth, sixth and seventh graders are to be in dress-code gym uniform starting next week or they will be logged.



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. When we come back from break, **The Chris and Stefanie Iwan Family** will be praying the family rosary in which we ALL benefit! Sign your family up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4ba8ac2fa1fe3-traveling>

CARING FOR MARY MINISTRY When we come back from break : **Mrs. Cindy Takus** will make sure our Lady is properly adorned: Sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4ba8ac2fa1fe3-caring>

From the Principal:



Hello IHM Families!
Have a BLESSED and peaceful last week of Advent and Christmas and break. You will all be in my prayers! It was a joyful day here! The middle school kids completed their exams and worked so hard and then celebrated a job well done today! The classroom parties and activities are so much fun to see and hear. What a gift to be around so many children this time of year!

I will see you all back on January 3, 2022!

Blessings,
Mrs. Holly Lake
Principal

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