

March 11, 20225

## Christ Has No Body Now But Yours

Sat Mar 12	Confession	4:00 – 4:45 pm
	Mass	5:15 pm
	Family Movie Night	6:15 pm
Sun Mar 13	Daylight Saving Time	
	Mass	8:30 am and 11:00 am
Wed Mar 16	Home & School Mtg	8:00 am
	ALL SCHOOL Mass	9:00 am
	Kindergarten Round up	
	Seedlings /Children's Choirs	
	EDGE Night	6:30 pm
Thurs Mar 17	St Patrick's Day Irish Dancers	
Fri Mar 18	Principal for a Day Finn Graham *	
	Stations of the Cross	6:30 pm
Sat Mar 19	Spaghetti Dinner	6:30pm



The purpose of the IHM 6<sup>th</sup> Grader's retreat today was one of team building and ultimately building up of the Body of Christ. Special thanks to our Youth Minister John Maxwell, Pastoral Associate Stefanie Iwan and a group of stellar 8<sup>th</sup> graders who provided leadership...and prayers.

**AFTER MASS THIS WEEKEND** Come celebrate family and a movie at our Home and School Association Family Movie Night after the 5:15 Saturday evening Mass. **Now showing...SING II.** Angus Cheese burgers, Pizza, pop, water and candy will be available via our concession stand so if you don't pack a dinner, we've still got you covered. Free popcorn too for everyone!



**SECOND BLEST SALE UPDATE "The Sale"** is to be held this year on **April 22-23**. We need bakers for the Bake Sale portion of the sale and we need Volunteers to work the sale, before during and after. Here are links to sign your life away to one or both  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aa4ae2ca0fa7-bake1>  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aa4ae2ca0fa7-work1> NOTE: We don't have the ability to pick up larger items from your home this year.



**HOT LUNCH ALERT** The Menu has changed next week. Please take note: Monday= Mac and Cheese; Tuesday=Tacos; Wednesday=Pizza and **THURSDAY= NO HOT LUNCH SERVICE**. Next week only, it will be pack your own lunch Thursday and Friday! On behalf of our lunch crew, thank you for your patience.

**\*PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY NEXT FRIDAY MARCH 18** Next Friday, **Finn G.** will take the reigns as Principal for the Day (as the winner of the Fall Auction Drawing for said position) and has already "degreed" **a sports-jeans day on that day for everyone**. Problems, concerns, etc. may be directed to Finn next Friday.

**MARCH IS READING MONTH!** IHM will celebrate with an **Usborne Books & More Book Fair**, specializing in engaging fiction, fantastic nonfiction, and fun activity books for all ages. The entire catalog is available starting now at <https://u6646.myubam.com/2353162>, or in-person shopping will take place **March 21-24** in the library. All purchases will support new books for the IHM Library and classrooms.

**KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP REINVENTED** Next Wednesday's Kindergarten Round up has been made easier for parents this year. There was no need to "sign your kid up" beforehand. The parent meeting that coincided with the PreK 4's and Young 5's assessment will be moved to the first day of School in the Fall. **Current Kindergarteners (only) will have the day off next Wednesday, March 16.** PreK 4's will be assessed in the morning and Young 5's will be assessed in the afternoon.

This round up is for CURRENT IHM Preschoolers. Those new to IHM from will be assessed later.



**SAVE THE DATE!** Four contestants each from grades 5,6,7 and 8<sup>th</sup> will compete with their knowledge of *All-Things-Catholic* at the **10<sup>th</sup> Annual IHM CATHOLIC BEE**. Parents are welcome to join us on **Wednesday, March 30 at 1:30 in the DeMazenod Room**. A sizeable Cash tuition Prize will go to the last Catholic Standing!

**Here's a question for you: "Should we clap for the Choir?"**

*Our children's choirs have the most beautiful sound and they only get better as the year goes by! When they come to sing at a weekend Mass, sometimes we clap after their "special song" and sometimes we don't. Is it a big deal to clap for our kids at Mass? Yes, it is. **And we shouldn't do it.***

*The Mass has incredible moments designed into it, and communion meditation (particularly) is an especially reverent, prayerful time. The music in that moment is meant to inspire the parish to fall more deeply into prayer. Applause, as you can imagine, breaks this mood. Holding our applause during holy Mass shows the children they gave us something spiritual, **which is more powerful than a performance.** We can quietly absorb the moment our children turn and minister to US, experiencing their gifts and melting closer to God. I appreciate you all so much, and look forward to practicing with the kids this week! Peace, **Mrs. Liz Owen***



**OUR LADY OF FATIMA FAMILY ROSARY DEVOTION** Be a part of something incredibly special by keeping this devotion going solid for three school years! **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!** Instructions included! Pray the family rosary each day for a week and receive Grace upon Grace. Next week, **The Steve and Kori Wilson Family** will be hosting. Sign up now! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4ba8ac2fa1fe3-traveling>

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

## Hello IHM Families!



*I hope you have had a chance to read the letter we sent out from Father Troy yesterday. It is so important that we, as a faith community come together on the weekends to celebrate Mass and all work together to keep our Parish running smoothly. There are many needs for volunteers that didn't get refilled when some of those COVID restrictions started to lift. We work so hard during the school day to immerse the children in Catholic teachings and nurture their relationships with God. We want to complement the work you are doing at home and work together to make saints! Many parishes have seen a decline in tithing since COVID, but as costs increase, that support is more and more important, both for the parish and the school.*

*To earn parishioner status for tuition at school, families commit to regular attendance at Mass on the weekend, saying active in parish ministry, and consistent tithing. I've been listening to the Bible in a Year podcast from Fr. Mike Schmitz and a few weeks ago, he talked about participation in parishes. He said the average is that 7% of parishioners are doing the bulk of the work of sustaining the parishes through tithing and volunteering for various ministries. He makes the point that even increasing 1% to 8% would do so much good for our parishes! Here at IHM, I'm sure we are already overachievers, but we can certainly welcome more and more parishioners/school families to be more active with regular Mass attendance, tithing, and church activities. This is an extremely active Parish, with so many opportunities for people to get involved. It is the responsibility of all of us to ensure IHM Parish is here and thriving for many years to come. We want our children and grandchildren to benefit from growing and practicing their faith in this special, welcoming community.*

*Have a wonderful weekend!*

*Blessings*

*Mrs. Holly Lake, Principal*

# Covid Cases reported this past week=3

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