

November 18 2022



SNOW DAY EDITION



The week ahead:

Sat Nov 19 Confessions 4:00pm Mass 5:15 pm

Sun Nov 20 Mass 8:30 am / 11:00 am



Parents of 2nd graders Reconciliation Mtg 9:30 am

Band Concert St Cecilia's 2:30 pm

Mon Nov 21 Parent Morning Rosary 8:00 am

Parent Afternoon Rosary 2:45 pm

Millions of Monicas 7:00 pm

Wed Nov 23 No School ~ Thanksgiving Break

Thurs Nov 24 Thanksgiving Day Mass 9:00 am

Fri Nov 25 No School Thanksgiving Break

Our Liturgical year begins with the first Sunday of Advent and ends with the Feast of Christ the King. During this past year, we re-live the life of Christ through The Word, in our liturgies and private prayer, trying to grow in the Kingdom He came to establish. As Fr. Troy encourages us to reflect every Liturgical New Year: "Is Christ more King of my life now than a year ago?"

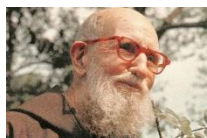


PARENTS OF 2ND GRADERS: THE MEETING IS STILL ON Plan on attending the mandatory meeting for parents of children preparing to celebrate their First Reconciliation, **this Sunday November 20 at 9:30 am** in the DeMazenod Room.

WHITE AS SNOW On **Thursday December 15**, 28 IHM Second graders will experience, for the first time since their baptism day, squeaky clean souls, having celebrated their First Reconciliation. With the valued participation of 4 priests, our entire school (all staff and students in grades 2-8) will be able to say the same. Praise God for Priests and our Catholic School!

AFFORDING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS Save the Date: **Thursday, January 12 at 6:30** for casual hour of Q&A with presentations about Tax-free educational accounts, SCRIP, the Killgoar Foundation, the Bishops scholarship Fund and other means of financial aid. Wine and appetizers will be served and parents attending will get free jeans day passes for their kids.

APPLY NOW FOR ROUND 1 OF BISHOP SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FALL 2023 The **Deadline is December 4** for this first round. Other rounds of financial aid will be available in the Spring until the funds are exhausted but best to be on top of the list. Go to <https://studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school> to create an account, entering your primary email address as your username. A verification link will be sent to that email. If you do not click on that link, you will not be able to log in or reset an existing password.



BLESSED SOLANUS CASEY was known for exhorting all to "thank God ahead of time for the blessings He will send." We are doing just, that as we await a new Junior High Math Teacher. <https://grdiocese.org/jobs/middle-school-math-teacher/>

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA IS BACK ! IHM Troop 2010 of **The American Heritage Girls** and our **IHM Knights of Columbus** are happy to present this annual Christmas tradition, **Sunday December 11** immediately following the 11am Mass. Crafts, games, a **BOOK FAIR** and a tasty pancake breakfast are all on the menu. A goodwill offering would be nice too.

JUNIOR HIGH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: What better way, 6th-8th graders, to celebrate the season than by giving back? The American Heritage Girls need volunteers to help the run the craft tables, serve the pancake breakfast and help with set up and clean up. Easy-Peasy service hours! ...go to this link to sign up ahg2010ihm@gmail.com or call Mrs. Becker at 616-350-8868



MULTIPLE BIRTHS=MULTIPLE CHANGES Consider celebrating the soon-to-arrive **Sum family triplets and Caldwell Family twins**. Send in a package of newborn (or any size) diapers to the school or parish office. Let's get behind these parents with our prayers and "nappys" 😊

SAVE THE DATES: Our IHM **Christmas Choral Concert** is to be held on **Wednesday Dec 7 at 6:30** in the Gym. The concert will feature all students in grades **PREK* – 8th** and our theme: Jesus' Birthday! **NOTE: Preschoolers are now included!**

VIRTUE FOCUS AT SCHOOL NEXT WEEK: Gratitude; the virtue of having a thankful disposition of mind and heart



GOOD NEWS AROUND CAMPUS: The arrival of baby **Swords #3** is less than a months away as we keep **Tim and Katherine and their IHM kinder kid Evelyn** in our prayers for a safe delivery; Every single one of our 8th grade students has memorized and can recite, either in song or prose, the entire Gettysburg address; **2nd Graders** have embraced the virtue of the week (Gratitude) and Theology of the Body in their hallway display **The Best Part of Me** and God the Father has got to be pleased; we've invoked **Blessed Solanus Casey** to pray for us as we seek a new Jr High Math Teacher and are thanking God ahead of time for just such a soul; **MANY IHM Alumni**, or ch"IHM-ers" are making their way back in to our school as parents-of-littles via our **Laptime and Open**

Gym; Retiring IHM Business Manager **Barb Heinbeck** will be realizing her dreams of traveling the USA as she sets out on that adventure in her RV next week, taking with her our love and appreciation; We gratefully and officially welcomed new IHM Business Manager **Marjorie George** to our staff and parish family yesterday; IHM Parish Secretary **Janet Potoczny** now has a lawyer in the family as her daughter (and IHM Alum) **Sarah**, was officially sworn in this past week; The entire Diocese of Grand Rapids is being encouraged to **adore our Lord, in all our churches**, simultaneously, on Tuesday December 13 from 7-8pm as part of the National Eucharistic Revival; **Jesus**. We just gotta love Him back!

