



CONGRATULATIONS 8TH GRADE CONFIRMANDS!



The week ahead:

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| Sat Nov 12 | Confessions 4:00pm | Mass | 5:15 pm |
| | DATE NIGHT | | 6:15 pm |
| Sun Nov 13 | Mass 8:30 am / 11:00 am | | |
| | Family Rosary for the Sandy Lowery Family 3:00 pm | | |
| Mon Nov 14 | Parent Morning Rosary | | 8:00 am |
| | Parent Afternoon Rosary | | 2:45 pm |
| | Millions of Monicas | | 7:00 pm |
| Wed Nov 16 | All-School Mass | | 9:00 am |
| | Young Mom's Bible Study | | 9:30 am |
| | Seedling Choir/ St Gregory Choir Practice | | |
| | Jr. Hi EDGE NIGHT | | 6:45 pm |
| Thurs Nov 17 | LAPTIME / OPEN GYM | | 10:00 / 10:45 pm |

Twenty-nine IHM 8th graders were Confirmed as Adults in the Faith this past Sunday at the Cathedral of St Andrew. Twenty-nine Disciples of Christ with the gifts to set the world ablaze!

IHM Leadership Council Presents: Cathedral Outreach 2022!

Each year, IHM families mark the beginning of Advent by letting go of "stuff," practicing detachment from things in order to make room for a person of **Christ Jesus**. Families send in **travel size** personal care items like bar soap (no liquid please), shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant; gently used warm clothing for mostly men; coats, gloves, hats, and blankets for the clients of the **Cathedral Outreach**. This year the need has changed as there are more homeless *adult men* than indigent *families*. A flyer will be sent home next week detailing what is being collected each day beginning the first week of Advent **Monday November 28 through Friday December 2**. **Thank you in advance for your generosity!**

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!**



MEALS FOR TEACHERS DURING CONFERENCE DAYS were so appreciated! We felt the love in the abundance of food so generously prepared by so many parent volunteers. Thank you!

AUCTION 2022 was beyond stellar in the planning, implementation, presentation and the net **\$142,000.00 funds raised.** Many thanks and abundant blessings to Co-chairwomen **Lindsay Lowery and Niccole Kakaty**, who poured so much of themselves into this event. Thanks too, for their families who might have gone without for the 'sake of the cause.' To the MANY volunteers who make their preparation come to fruition and to THE DONORS who gave freely and over the top—THANK YOU! Ours is a community of great benevolence in the giving of our time, our many talents, our treasure and our prayers.

PRAYER IS PRICELESS The Family of **Sandy Lowery** is most grateful for the outpouring of love and prayer support after learning of her pancreatic cancer diagnosis last week. **The IHM Men's Ministry will be leading a family rosary this Sunday at 3pm in the church**, kicking off the **Blanket of Family Rosary of Prayers** you may wish to be a part of. Sign up here for a date (or two) to cover the Lowery and Tietema families with YOUR family rosary prayers. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f44aea72aa5fece9-rosary> Sandy has asked we seek the intercession of Blessed Solanus Casey for a healing miracle. Let's strive to take on the Faith of Solanus Casey, known for saying **"Thank God ahead of time!"**



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



NEW MORNING PRAYER AT SCHOOL NEXT WEEK: "O Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything!" This 11-word prayer of surrender, repeated in times of anxiety or fear, is a simple remedy we can offer our children and each other. Learn more about the holy man who began this prayer, Fr. Don Dolinda Ruotolo and the novena from which it came here <https://www.fatherdolindoruotolo.com/>



THE SPIRIT SHOP CLOSING TOMORROW MORNING NOV 12! Think 'Christmas gifts' for everyone in the family! The ever-popular ¼ Zip will be available too! Guaranteed delivery before Christmas Break! <https://www.revbusinessstore.com/IHM/>

GOODNEWS AROUND CAMPUS: The arrival of **The Caldwell Twins** and **The Sum Triplets** are very much anticipated. The babies are all doing well and moms tummies and comfort levels are being stretched but both are still cheerful and grateful for our prayers; The **8th Grade Leadership Retreat** was wonderfully presented and received...they grow up so fast; The **arborvitae surrounding the Mary statue** out front of school was relocated to the new rectory, affording more privacy there and a clearer, safer view of the school entrance here; new families continue to inquire about and tour our school and your kids have demonstrated the virtue of hospitality...in spades!; and The Solemnity of Christ the King is nine days away, time to begin a family novena <https://www.usccb.org/christ-king-2022-novena> for the freedom of our church.



Hello IHM Families!



What an amazing auction last weekend! It was so well done and everyone was so gracious and generous! Thank you again to Lindsay Lowery and Nicole Kakaty and many, many others for all their hard work. Our Fund-A-Need was to focus on funding some safety initiatives. We had a consultant assessment last week for our buildings in anticipation of some state funds for safety projects and he was very impressed with our current level of security and the things we have planned. We already have windows with the protective film (you may remember the big grant a few years ago that made that possible), our classrooms have proper locking mechanisms (With the extra "Nightlock" security door stoppers), our newer double entry point with access only through the main office, and well-identified rooms and doors. With the fund-a-need from Home and School, we are paying for the key card entry system so

that we can make all the doors without that security feature an exit only door with no handles or locks. We are getting phones in each classroom for emergency purposes and we are getting better signage for the main entrance. This will ensure any emergency responders would clearly see the main entrance as well as visitors so that they aren't wandering around the building looking for the main entrance. Please continue to be diligent about keeping our doors closed and locked when school is in session and always entering through the main doors. Our Home and School funds will also purchase an updated audio enhancement system for classrooms that is current technology and plays nice with our Clevertouch boards from the last auction!

We are so blessed here. I am so grateful for the opportunities to continue to make improvements to the school for our kids. Have a great weekend!

Blessings,

Holly Lake, Principal

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