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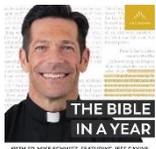
Sat Dec 17	Confession	4:00 pm	Mass	5:15 pm
Sun Dec 18	Mass	8:30 am / 11:00 am		
Thurs Dec 22	Confessions	5:00-6:30 pm		
Sat Dec 24	Christmas Eve Mass	4:00 pm / 10:30 pm		
Sun Dec 25	Christmas Day Mass	10:00 am		
Sat Dec 31	Mass	5:15 pm		
Sun Jan 1	New Years Day Mass	10:00 am		
Tues Jan 3	Classes Resume			
Wed Jan 4	All School Mass	9:00 am		
	EDGE NIGHT ~ Resumes			
Thurs Jan 5	Preschool Open House	6:00 pm		
	Athletic Assoc. Mtg	8:30 pm		
Fri Jan 6	Spelling Bee	1:30 pm		

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

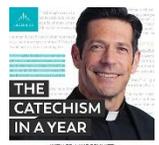


**Come Let Us Adore Him!** Even Santa knows putting Christ at the top of his daily to-do list brings clarity and peace. Spend an hour in Our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel this Christmas Break. It's open even during the holidays. 5412

**THIS IS THE YEAR!** Subscribe now so you'll be ready on January 1. Go to the App store. Look for **BIBLE IN A YEAR WITH FR MIKE SCHMITZ**. Many of your IHM friends have made this podcast a unique way to begin (or end) the day with Our Lord. Listen daily. Mind. Blown.



**AND/OR:** Ascension has also recently produced **CATECHISM IN A YEAR WITH FR MIKE SCHMITZ**, starting January 1. Fr. Mike Schmitz guides you through the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church in 365 episodes, providing explanation, insight, and encouragement along the way. Go to the App store and subscribe! No cost. Invaluable knowledge!



**SAVE A SPOT FOR NEXT YEAR!** The IHM Preschool Open House is set for Thursday Jan 5 2023 from 6-7:00 pm. BRING YOUR LITTLES! Gather information about our Young 5s, PRK4 and PRK3 programs and Enrichment programs; our Disciple Den before and afterschool care and save your child's spot for the Fall 2023!

**HOT LUNCH WORKERS NEEDED** Contact Mrs. Eileen O'Brien at for details [eileenobrien@grcatholiccentral.org](mailto:eileenobrien@grcatholiccentral.org) Kids not getting enough to eat? Extra entrées are available for an additional \$2. Be sure your kid lets their teacher know they want an extra entrée!



**AFFORDING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS** **Save the Date: Monday January 9 at 6:30** for a 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.*

*Here's the QR code to RSVP.*

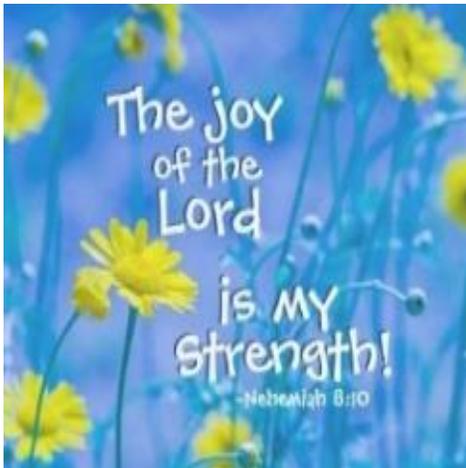


**THE MILEAGE CLUB IS BACK!** Beginning Wednesday, January 11 at 7:30 am, kids in K-8<sup>th</sup> grade are allowed a morning “work-out” up before school. **Only those students with signed permission slips will be allowed in the gym early on Wednesdays.**

**JANUARY HOT LUNCH MENU** will be forthcoming over the holiday.

**IHM EVENTS CALENDAR FOR Jan-June 2023** will be forthcoming over the Holidays.

**GOOD NEWS AROUND CAMPUS:** Breakfast with Santa last week was a stellar hit all thanks to the **Knights of Columbus**



**and the many volunteers for our American Heritage Girls; Our staff and students, grades 2-8,** gave cause for all of Heaven to rejoice yesterday as 6 priests offered their time and care of our souls by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation; Our IHM Family grew by one last week: **The Swords Family** welcomed little **Tessa** on December 6 and is reported to be “the easiest (so-far) of their three”; **“The Triplets”** have been home and thriving and thanks be to God, their Mom, **Dim San Lun**, has recovered from an harrowing post-delivery illness; A **mystery staff person** shared news they are to become a grandma again but it’s too early to announce ...stay tuned; At this writing, we are still anxiously awaiting news of deliveries, as **Mrs. Caldwell** is still “with twins;” Our prayers for **baby Levi Schemper** are being answered in the affirmative and he is making steady progress towards full health-- the family has been gratefully carried by your prayers and donations; Grammie **Sandy Lowery** is back on course with her

cancer treatment, wrapped warm in our fervent family rosary blanket of prayers; Jesus was adored throughout the Diocese of Grand Rapids simultaneously Tuesday night, as any church with a priest in residence, exposed Him for us to **adore Him** between 7-8pm.



Hello IHM Families!

On this last day of school before break, I wish you all a Christmas full of joy and peace and a truly restful break with lots of family time! There seems to be a lot of illness going around, so stay healthy and get some rest!

It was a special blessing this week for the 2nd graders to receive their first Reconciliation and for grades three through eight to have the opportunity to participate in the sacrament during Advent. What a special afternoon!

The classrooms have been preparing and the kids are busy making gifts for their parents. They are so excited to give you all their special, hard work!

Enjoy the last week of Advent and have a Merry Christmas!

Blessings,

*Blessings,  
Holly Lake  
Principal*