



Disciple Dispatch

January 6, 2023

Eternal Rest Grand Unto Him, O Lord

Looking Ahead:

Sat Jan 7	Confession	4:00 pm	Mass	5:15 pm
	DATE NIGHT			6:15 pm
Sun Jan 8	Feast of The Epiphany	Mass	8:30 am / 11:00 am	
Mon Jan 9	5 th Graders to Franciscan Farm			All Week
	Affording Catholic Schools			6:30 pm
Wed Jan 11	Mileage Club Begins			7:30 am
	All-School Mass			9:00 am
	Jr. High EDGE NIGHT			
Thur Jan 12	LAP TIME/OPEN GYM			10:00 am/10:45 am
Fri Jan 13	1 st and 2 nd Gr. Movie Night			3:30 pm

Pope Emeritus Benedict VIX, was elected the 264th successor of St Peter in 2005, and chose "Cooperatores Veritatis" (Cooperators of the Truth) as his papal motto. A quiet, brilliant man, fluent in 5 languages, an accomplished pianist, author of 68 books, 3 encyclicals and three apostolic exhortations. He had a pilot's license but never a driver's license. Above all, he was a humble man, his last years spent in deep prayer. IHM staff and student will continue a novena this week, for the repose of his soul. "May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace."

AFFORDING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ITS ON!!!!!!: Meet us this 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 is the QR code to RSVP



...AND WE HAVE A WINNER! After a cancellation in 2020, then a virtual contest in 2021, the in-person **Scripps National Spelling Bee** school-level competition was held this afternoon and our winner: **Fifth grader Stephen M!** First Runner up is seventh grader **Alex B** and eighth grader **Paul H** took third. Stephen will advance to the next city-wide level later this winter. Thanks to our judges Ms. Joey Savillo, Mrs. Karen DeChant and our announcer, Mrs. Karli Simon!



WE LIKE TO MOVE IT MOVE IT MOVE IT! The Mileage Club begins this WEDNESDAY MORNING January 11 at 7:30 am. Students in grades K-8th are allowed a morning "work-out" walking or running around the perimeters of our gym. *Only those students with signed permission slips will be allowed in the gym early on Wednesdays mornings.* Participants should enter through door R (where they normally enter in the morning) and must go straight into gym. Non participants will be allowed in the building at 7:40am as usual.



SAVE THE DATE ! The annual Guys and Dolls Dance (aka Daddy Daughter Dance) is scheduled for Saturday February 11 from at 6:00 – 9:00 pm in the Gym and DeMazenod room. Your IHM Home and School Association makes sure this is a special night to remember with a photo booth, all kinds of dancing, fun and finger food! How to purchase tickets and other details forthcoming!

HOT LUNCH WORKERS NEEDED Contact Mrs. Eileen O'Brien at for details 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! Load your kids account today!



GOOD NEWS AROUND CAMPUS: Our IHM students returned to school, taller and more rested than when they left for break, with only a few absences due to illness; 5th graders are preparing for their second week out at the Franciscan Life Process Center, experiencing life on the farm at winter time; **Our Preschool Open House** on Thursday evening netted 4 *new families* holding a spot for their little one(s) in the Fall of 2023; **Dr James and Mrs. Betsey Caldwell** now have two daughters and two sons, upon the arrival of twin girls on December 26, Cecilia and Sophie. They are joyfully over the moon with their growing family and so grateful for your meals and Diaper Drive Donations; Baby **Levi Schemper** made it home right before Christmas, thanks be to God ; and an our IHM community of prayer warriors keep their promises, as we fervently continue to wrap our rosary prayers around Grammie **Sandy Lowery**, for her intentions and her family's peace, as she moves closer towards Our Father's house.



Hello IHM Families!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I pray you all had a restful and joyous Christmas and break time! It was so nice to be back this week! Some had trouble adjusting to that early wake-up again, but we're back to the routine now!

As we begin the new year, I encourage you to renew your commitments to faith and family. Often we think of January and February as some time to slow down a bit. The fall and spring seem so packed with activities and events, that it seems like a natural time to take a step back. Often the weather forces us to slow down and stay inside with our families. I know I would like to take this time to grow in my faith and spend more quality time with my family. Our kids always appreciate it. We are all aware of the continuous pressures of the world with the constant activity and the social media, and time with families and our faith communities will help ground our kids in the truth. Your wonderful families are a true testament to all of this, I just want to encourage you to keep up the good work! It's ok to say no to filling up our time with things that don't matter so we can be with our family or taking time for prayer or worship. After 27 years in schools, it is January and February that seem to be most difficult for kids (and adults for that matter)! Especially in Michigan we have a hard time without seeing the sun for so long! Let's try to have some extra grace and patience this year and take a little extra time for prayer for everyone in this special community. There are so many who need our prayers at this time.

Have a great weekend!

Blessings,

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