

January 20, 2023

Mothers, for LIFE

Looking Ahead:

Sat Jan 21	Confession	4:00 pm	Mass	5:15 pm
Sun Jan 22	Mass	8:30 am / 11:00 am		
Wed Jan 25	Mileage	7:30 am		
	All-School Mass	9:00 am		
	Jr. High EDGE NIGHT	6:45 pm		
Thurs Jan 26	LAP Time / Open Gym	10:00/10:45 am		
Fri Jan 27	REPORT CARDS!			
Sat Jan 28	Killgoar Winter Social	6:15 pm		



Once a mother, we're in it for LIFE—not only for our own babies, but for the ones lost, in danger of abortion and the souls yet to be. IHM Moms and families have been praying for LIFE for more than 18 years at our annual Luminaries for LIFE vigil walk. This year, Fr. Troy led an all-school rosary for LIFE after the vigil. Faith confirms our prayers have been heard. Until every child is safe in the womb, we will not be silent. Mary, Mother of the unborn, pray for us and the unborn.

BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE...are coming home today, Friday, Jan 20, with your child(ren). The work of **Right to Life of Michigan** goes on, providing needed support for mothers in crisis pregnancies choosing LIFE. Fill the bottles with spare change from around the house. Be sure your child puts in money of their own as well to make this truly a sacrificial gift of love. Return the bottles during Catholic Schools week by February 4. Please and many thank yous!



The JOY
of the
LORD
is my
Strength!

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
2023



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS IN ONE WEEK! An itinerary will be sent home next week with your kiddos. Two things to consider ahead of time: **1-Our Catholic Schools Week Masses will be celebrated on Saturday Jan 28 and both Masses Sunday Jan 29.** Plan to come celebrate Mass as family, with kids in their uniforms, and they will get a free jeans day on February 6. **2-When out shopping this week, keep our seminarians in mind** as we plan to celebrating our vocations during CSW creating packages, filled with all the stuff college students appreciate. (Nuts, chocolate, licorice, gum, mints, postage stamps, stationery, gas cards, restaurant cards, dental floss, coffee pods, teas, popcorn etc.) Students will be writing them cards and prayers of encouragement. We will collect your donations on Feb 1.

LAST CALL: KILLGOAR WINTER SOCIAL TICKETS are going fast. Tickets are all inclusive: \$45 each gets you a great meal, adult beverages, and a wonderful night to reconnect with past and current members of IHM. Send a check in to the School or Parish office marked Killgoar Winter Social by **Monday Jan 23.**



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REGISTRATION FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL IS TO BE SOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO EASY THIS YEAR! **SCHOOLADMIN** has stream-lined the process and it will be all online. No paper forms or contracts. **Be advised:** at the end of this month/beginning of next you will receive an email from SCHOOLADMIN with a link to re-enroll. You must pay the administration fee, online, before your students will be fully enrolled. **Current families will be given approximately 2 ½ weeks to reenroll their current students and add new**

ones. Demand is HIGH for our preschool classes so it behooves you to get 'er done during those two weeks before all grades are open to others. More Details next week.

CELL PHONE AND SMART WATCH NOTICE: There has been an uptick in students using their cell phones during the school day to contact parents et al. Cell phones, Smart Watches and computers are not to be used to contact ANYONE during the school day. If your child needs to reach you, they are to ask permission of their teacher who will send them to the office to contact you via the school land-lines.



DOES YOUR CHILD KNOW YOUR PHONE NUMBER(S)? The advent of speed-dial has left **many** IHM students woefully deficient in memorizing important phone numbers. This is most notable when kids want to call home but don't know the number. Goals.



TRAVELING STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA FAMILY ROSARY DEVOTIONAL Families are needed to host the traveling statue of our Lady in your home for a week, promising to pray the FAMILY rosary every day or night. NO experience necessary. The devotional comes with rosary instructions, a journal and **countless graces promised by Our Lady herself.** Sign up for a week <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C0D4CADAC2EA2FCC52-traveling>

GOOD NEWS AROUND CAMPUS: *Our IHM 8th graders rocked the Luminaries this week with the biggest class turnout in memory. They also nailed the set up and take down of the milk cartons. That's what you call leadership; They mystery about who would become a grandma again has been solved—kudos to Mrs. Deb Sremba whose daughter Sammy and son in law Rocky will welcome baby #2 in June; the countdown for Mrs. Grantham's first grandchild is on...just weeks to go; the Vis kids grandpa Al LeMieux made it successfully through a quadruple bypass two weeks ago and Vis family is confident our IHM community will be praying for their other grandpa, due for the same procedure; 275 kids prayed for the future of all unborn children today in rosary led by Fr. Troy—all being fully aware of the dignity due every person being made in the image and likeness of God; the first semester has ended and Monday, we begin fresh with the second; Christ has come to make all things new.*



Hello IHM Families!

It's the end of the first semester! Wow! We are halfway through our school year. It went fast, but I've seen so much growth everywhere I look! Report cards will be available next week Friday at the end of the school day on Infinite Campus. You will also see a Sign-Up Genius next week to sign up for our optional winter conferences on February 8 & 9.

This morning we spent the two hours from 6AM to 8AM praying for an end to abortion. It was a beautiful morning with the gently falling snow and not the wind we are used to when we do this in January. Thank you to all the parents who helped light the candles and everyone who walked and prayed. It was so beautiful. This is an incredibly special IHM tradition. I'm so blessed to be able to participate. We often feel so helpless to change some of these huge atrocities in our society, but prayer is so powerful and we all accomplished so much this morning.

Have a wonderful weekend!
Blessings,

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*Holly Lake
Principal*

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