



# 'O Disciple Dispatch

March 17 2023

## *Slainte!*

### Looking Ahead:

Sat Mar 18	Confession	4:00 pm	Mass	5:15 pm
	St Vincent DePaul Spaghetti Dinner			6:15 pm
Sun Mar 19	Mass		8:30 am / 11:00 am	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Gr. First Communion Parent Mtg			9:45 am
Tues Mar 21	Wizard of Oz Play at Aquinas 5-8 grade			AM
Wed Mar 22	Mileage Club			7:30 am
	All School Mass			9:00 am
	Jr. High EDGE NIGHT			6:45 pm
Thur Mar 23	LAP Time/ Open Gym		10:00/10:50 am	
	Catholic Bee		1:30 pm	
	The Light is On for YOU Confessions		5:00 - 8:00 pm	
Fri Mar 24	\$1 Jeans Day			
	Kindergarten Round Up			
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Ends		IC Closed for one week	
	Stations of the Cross		6:00 pm	
Sat Mar 25	Mother Son Bowling at the Clique			



Kicking off St Patrick's day here at IHM, the Bhraonain School of Irish Dance School shared their gifts, featuring three of our own! Payton M, Ava B and James T. \**Slainte!* (To your good health!)



**PARENTS OF 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADERS PREPARING FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** There is a mandatory meeting **this SUNDAY at 9:45 am in the DeMazenod room**. It will only be 30 minutes but will have important information regarding their retreat on Wednesday May 3, their continuing preparation for and that glorious day of May 6 when they receive our Lord in the Eucharist for the first time!

**FINALLY!** Parents of current 4<sup>th</sup> graders and all those 5-8<sup>th</sup> graders wishing to join our **ALTAR SERVING MINISTRY**: There is an Altar server training \* scheduled for *Monday, April 24th, during the school day*. Permission slips, vocabulary, and expectations will be made available following Spring Break. Questions? Contact Paul and Christy Brown at [christinabrown77@gmail.com](mailto:christinabrown77@gmail.com)



**MANDATORY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER RETRAINING/TRAINING** \* As part of the **Eucharistic Revival**, all extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, or *those wishing to become one*, are expected to be trained in updated diocesan norms for this ministry. One of many training sessions will be offered right here at **IHM on Thursday April 20 at 7pm**. **All EMHCs and/or potential new ones, whether they serve during Mass or minister to the sick, are asked to register for the session they plan to attend.** <https://grdiocese.org/ministries/worship-3/>

**\* FYI participation in this ministry qualifies your family towards active IHM parishioner status!**

IHM ANNUAL ST VINCENT DEPAUL SPAGHETTI DINNER is on for tomorrow night, **Saturday March 18 at 6:15pm** in the DeMazenod room. \$20 bucks feed the WHOLE family. Loads of fun, great company.



**LAPTIME/ OPEN GYM** meets again this **Thursday March 23!** Join moms/grandma's with their toddlers for some sing-songs, some stories, a craft and some giggles. LAPTIME runs 10:00 am -10:50 and then OPEN GYM runs 10:50- 11:40am.

**HEAVEN HATH NO ROOM FOR STUFF**, but we do! It's that time for the **Annual IHM Second-Best Sale**, slated for April 21-22 with a **BAKE SALE** to boot on that Friday. You've got a month to purge your closets and drawers. Doors will open for donations on Tuesday night April 18 through Thursday April 20.

**WORK THE SALE: SIGN UP HERE**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aa4ae2ca0fa7-work1#/>

**BAKE SALE DONATIONS SIGN UP HERE:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aa4ae2ca0fa7-bake1#/>

**STRONG BACKS AND ARMS NEEDED** After The Second Best Sale on April 22 at NOON, junior high and high school guys are needed to load up the leftovers onto trucks. Contact the office 241-4633.



You are invited to **THE 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL IHM CATHOLIC BEE**, this **Thursday March 23 at 1:30** in the DeMazenod room. Four finalists from each grade, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> will square off in quiz bowl fashion regarding all things **CATHOLIC**. It's a joy to behold and great hope for the future. Come see!

**ALL ADULT VOLUNTEERS** who give of their time with minor children, in any capacity, in any of the Diocese within the United States, are required to complete a 3-hour, one-time-only **VIRTUS** training in Protecting God's Children. If you have never completed **VIRTUS** you **MUST** do so before being allowed to volunteer with children here at IHM. Sign up:

<https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/index.cfm?> Those who have already taken VIRTUS, whether recently or distant past, will be receiving an email from the new tracking system [systems@virtus.org](mailto:systems@virtus.org). It is not spam. Please respond to it.

**"BLESS ME FATHER, IT'S BEEN..."** Time to re-up your family's spiritual health before Easter! It's been three months since our All School Day of Reconciliation and have we been since? Fr. Troy will be available for Confessions **This Thursday March 23, from 5-8:00pm** as part of the Diocese-wide **THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU**. Other parishes are doing the same so if you'd prefer a different priest, check out their availability that night. As always, Fr. Troy is available for confessions every Saturday afternoon at 4:00pm.



Hello IHM Families!

Happy St. Patrick's Day! We enjoyed some Irish dancing this morning and everyone is so festive in their green!

I'm so excited to share that we have hired a part time Assistant Principal beginning next year. Mrs. Anne Brown, a former parent and Board member is retiring from her position in Kentwood as a middle school and bringing her 30 years of experience to IHM. She is excited to serve this community that she loves and continue to make a difference in kids' lives! We are so blessed to have her!

It is so important, to keep the procedures for drop off and pick up through the whole school

year. Students are NOT to be dropped off at the corner of the gym building or anywhere in that main parking lot. You must continue to the drop off area that is supervised. I see kids walking through that parking lot where cars may not see around another car, or cars are trying to turn around to go back out onto Burton. You can continue after the drop off area and circle around. It will only add 10-15 seconds to the process, but it is imperative for the safety of our kids. After school you must park and walk over to where your child is waiting OR get in the car line. The side of the building by the DeMazenod entrance is not a pick-up location. We are responsible for the safety of our campus. I appreciate so much those who always follow these protocols. It's important that all of our 180 families do so. Have a wonderful weekend! It looks like we might finally get a warm-up next week!

Blessings,  
Holly Lake  
Principal

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