



Disciple Dispatch

May 5, 2023

To Jesus Through Mary

Looking Ahead:

- Sat May 6 Confession 4:00 pm
- First Holy Communion Mass 5:15 pm
- Date Night 6:15 pm
- Sun May 7 Mass 8:30 am 11:00 am
- Youth Ministry Party ~ Craigs Cruisers 4:30 pm
- Mon May 8 **Teacher Appreciation Week!**
- Wed May 10 All School Mass 9:00 am
- After School Choirs Rehearsal
- Thurs May 11 American Heritage Girls 3:15 pm
- Fri May 12 7/8th Grade Social



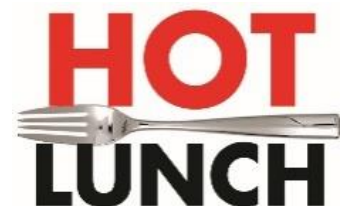
We offer the entire Month of May at Immaculate Heart of Mary to our Blessed Mother—for her protection, affections and intercession. From our May Crowning Mass, First Holy Communion Mass, Mother’s Day, High School Graduates Mass, Baptisms, and weddings—this month is chocked full of holy encounters with Christ through Mary’s Immaculate Heart!

IMPORTANT VIRTUS INFORMATION The Diocese of Grand Rapids has changed background check companies to Selection.com and is running new background checks on the 8000+ active in our diocese for a low, introductory price of \$1/background check. **In order to keep your VIRTUS status active/current, please log in to your VIRTUS account at www.virtus.org and complete the background check by May 31, 2023. If you do not complete the background check by May 31st, your account will be made inactive and you will not be able to volunteer with IHM School.** In addition, you will be responsible to pay for the increased fee to complete an updated background check when you reactivate your VIRTUS account: IHM School or Parish will not cover the cost of your background check after May 31st. **NOTE: You do not have to complete VIRTUS training again - just simply complete the updated background check.** If you need any assistance or are having any difficulty with this for any reason, contact Mrs. Kara Ziedins kziedins@ihmschoolgr.org



IHM SPIRIT SHOP IS OPEN FOR SPRING SHOPPING! Place your order online before May 12. Delivery gauratneed before the end of the school year! Think bigger sizes for the Fall too!
www.revbusinessstore.com/ihm/

HOT LUNCH UPDATES: Those with negative balances in their children’s current hot lunch accounts must be brought current before the last day of school unless other arrangements are made. Contact Eileen O’Brien, at eileenobrien@grcatholiccentral.org.





CHANGE OF DATE: Parents and families are cordially invited to attend our **Academic Awards Ceremony** on **Tuesday May 30, at 2 p.m.** in the gym as we honor the academic and special achievements of our 5th-8th grade students. (The previous date was on May 22)

VOLUTEER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST AND MASS **Wednesday May 17, 7:15am-8:45 pm.** PLEASE respond by May 10. If you cannot access the google form, please call the office.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1oaMCI1I4oSI2eLOaGOBmZkJPzY0RqmWtxQ5d4NsY-Wc/edit>



SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS! Vacation Bible at IHM **Aug 9-11th 9-11:30am.** Registration opens to participants and volunteers on **Monday June 5 at 9am.** IT FILLS UP VERY QUICKLY! Details forthcoming!

SAVE THE DATE FOR FIELD DAY! Parents be on the lookout for information about IHM's Annual Field Day, sponsored by Home and School, on **Monday, June 5th!** New games for the kiddos and a Movie in the Gym after lunch. Many opportunities to help make Field Day the best yet! Additional details will be forthcoming.



GOOD NEWS AROUND CAMPUS: We were thrilled to welcome a larger than anticipated crowd for the **VIP Day Mass and Open House** last Sunday. We've been given assurances from the Patron Saint of Coffee and Donuts more will be on hand next year; Blessings be to the benevolent parents of our first graders for providing the cookies for the 2nd graders First Holy Communion Reception; today's warm winds have sprinkled our campus with white tree flowers, paving the way towards the table of the Lord for our 2nd graders; the May Crowning Mass, thoughtfully presented by our eighth grade class, has ushered in the final weeks of their tenure at IHM ; chocolate bar orders will be fulfilled next week just in time to cure our sugar withdrawal from empty Easter baskets; Three families with multiple children toured our school this week and all commented on the joyful climate that radiates here; a new student joining us next fall will be shadowing in Mrs. O'Hearn's class this Monday, while his younger brother checks out his soon-to-be friends in preschool.



Hello
IHM Families!

*What an amazing week we have had!
The crowning of Mary in May is such a special Catholic tradition, and I'm so grateful for that every year. Our Mary statue is very beautifully adorned with flowers from all of you. Thank you to those who brought those in! I am very grateful to our 8th grade*

homeroom teachers, Joey Savillo and Jaymie Perry for preparing the 8th graders so well to carry this out beautifully! It's kind of the beginning of the end of the year!

Our 2nd graders have been preparing all year for their First Communion at Mass tomorrow. They are so excited! I'm looking forward to this special event as well. Watching them receive this sacrament for the first time is a privilege. Thank you to Karli Simon, Rachel O'Hearn and Stefanie Iwan for their hard work and preparation of our 2nd graders!

*It's so nice to finally have a weekend of nice weather to look forward to. Enjoy it!
Blessings,*



Holly Lake
Principal

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