

# Disciple Dispatch

September 29, 2023

## Feast of the Archangels



### The Week Ahead:

#### Sunday, October 1

Mass 8:30 am and 11:00 am

#### Monday October 2

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade to Franciscan Farm all week!**

#### Wednesday, October 4

All School Mass	Church	9:00 am
Blessing of the Pets	Field	3:00 pm
Kids Afterschool Choirs	Church	
Jr Hi EDGE NIGHT	Gym/DeMazenod	6:45 pm

#### Thursday, October 5

American Heritage Girls	Church Basement	3:30 pm
Fall Gathering	Cascade Country Club	
Athletic Association Meeting	DeMazenod	8:30 pm

#### Friday October 6

TMIY Men's Ministry Group	DeMazenod	6:15 am
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***This coming week, Mother Church celebrates a lineup of heavenly heavy-hitters; Saints and angels and their power of intercession! Today, the Archangels, tomorrow St. Jerome (translated the bible) Oct 1 St. Therese of Lisieux, (The Little Flower) Oct 2 Guardian Angels, Oct 4 St Francis of Assisi. Call on one or all for assistance, protection and guidance today!***



**PLEASE STAY IN YOUR LANE** Kindly be aware of the bike lane that runs south along Plymouth Ave. If the line of cars pull into our parking lot extends onto Plymouth, *do not wait in the bike lane* but rather the regular lane of traffic. Thank you!

**THIS IS WHAT DISCIPLES OF CHRIST DO!** **THANK YOU, PARENTS** for signing up your family to **present the gifts at weekend Masses** here at IHM. We are almost completely full for the coming month of October! Keep going! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20FOE4BA8AC2FA1FE3-gift#/> And another **THANK YOU, PARENTS**, for signing up to host the **Traveling Lady of Fatima Devotion** in your home. More spaces available and more graces too! Just ask the Anderson Family and Grabiell family how cool the rosary has become for their young ones! Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4cadac2ea2fcc52-traveling1#/> and finally, **THANK YOU, PARENTS** for almost completely filling **The Caring for Mary** ministry schedule through the end of this calendar year! Your kids are more aware than you may think of the different ways you grow in your faith. Thank you!

**OCTOBER IS RIGHT TO LIFE MONTH** Immaculate Heart of Mary has always been a strong proponent of the **Right to Life** movement. Next week, our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will put our **CROSSES FOR LIVES LOST** display on the corner of Plymouth and Burton SE. While the scourge of abortion is not a topic to discuss with the very young, our older children are aware and know this display reminds us all of the need to pray for those who suffer from having made this choice and to remember those who never had the chance for life outside the womb.

**THE 40 DAYS FOR LIFE FALL CAMPAIGN IS ON!** Now through November 5<sup>th</sup> churches throughout Grand Rapids will be staffing volunteers outside of the Planned Parenthood location on Cherry St SE. IHM has adopted **Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>** as our day provide volunteers pray at the peaceful vigil. Parishioners are asked to commit to praying for one hour time slots. Please prayerfully consider registering online for a time slot or 2 at [www.40daysforlife.com/GrandRapids](http://www.40daysforlife.com/GrandRapids). Questions: contact Mrs. Jenny Korte [life@ihmparish.com](mailto:life@ihmparish.com).



**CELEBRATING NEW LIFE** We have much to celebrate here at IHM in the way of **babies on the way**. Share your good news with us so we all may pray in anticipation for safe pregnancies, deliveries and healthy moms and babies. Third grade teacher **Mr. Mike Jacobs** and his wife are to welcome their first child in October; Teacher Aide **Mrs. Deb Sremba's** son Adam and wife Mari are to make her a grandma for the third time in April; Disciple Den staffer **Mrs. Kathy Southerington** is to be a grandma again in February, compliments of son Luke and daughter in law Mackenzie; **Mrs. Colleen Lowe** in the school office is to welcome little Lowe #2 in March; **The Hung Family** welcomed child #3, Andrew, late this summer as did the **Saw Paw Family**, welcoming little Lucy, #4! There's another mom carrying a little soul, but it's too early to tell! Stay prayerful for all!



**IHM LAP TIME/OPEN GYM THIS THURSDAY!** Moms and Dads, Grandmas and Grandpas, and caregivers--bring the "littles" to a 1/2 hour of singing songs, Storytime, and a whole lot of moving **this Thursday, October 5 at 10 am in the GYM.** (**Enter via the GYM lobby where you'll be greeted by our cheerful volunteer, Mrs. Monica Reeder**) Then wear them out with 45 minutes of free reign fun in the gym until 11:15 a.m. Coffee will be available.



**"LET THE LITTLE ONES (ANIMALS) COME UNTO ME"** via our own Fr. Troy, this **Wednesday October 4** on the Parish Fields for **The Blessing of the Pets**. Kids will begin filing out at 2:50 and will meet you on the field. The actual blessing is to begin at 3 pm. We don't need to remind you your kids play on that field every day...please curb your pet! Kids will be dismissed from the field. Please be extra careful in the pick-up carline.



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Hello IHM Families!

*I can't believe we have reached the end of September already! What a great start to the year! We are so excited that we were able to add the Arrowsmith program to IHM when St. Stephen made the decision to close the school this year. This is a phenomenal program, and it was so important to find it a home here in our diocese. This program focuses on brain development, and the exercises the students do throughout the day are specific for growing the capacity of the brain in certain areas to assist kids in their learning and retention of information. It is really fascinating! We have gained some wonderful families through this program and we're so excited to see how it grows as we learn more and more. We have been blessed with Annie Brooks and Sandy Brooks who jumped into the training and are 100% in to take such good care of the kids in their class, even as we have had to work out many logistics as we started a new program! I encourage you to learn more about the program at <https://www.arrowsmith.ca/> and how it is changing lives. We still have a lot to learn, but we're excited to continue! Have a great weekend!*

Blessings,

Mrs. Holly Lake Principal

**Introducing our outstanding Arrowsmith Program Staff!** Miss Annie Brooks (pictured to the left) and Mrs. Sandy Brooks (far right). Their joy and dedication to their class make all of IHM a blest place to be!



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