

Disciple Dispatch

September 8, 2023

Happy Birthday, Blessed Mother!



The Week Ahead:

Sunday, September 10

Mass 8:30 am and 11:00 am



Monday, September 11

Hearing and Vision Screening PRK-8

Tuesday, September 12

Hearing and Vision Screenings PRK-8

Flag Corp Training 5th Graders 1:00 pm

Wednesday, September 13

All School Mass 9:00 am

Young Mom's Bible Study Church Basement 9:30 am

Kids Afterschool Choirs Church

Friday September 15

Mens Ministry Group DeMazenod Room 6:15 am

Altar Server Refresher Training Church 2:00 pm

Saturday September 16

Date Night! DeMazenod Room 6:15 pm



Join a national celebration of the Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary today with one, sincere Memorare Prayer**Mother most pure, pray for us!*

**REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.*

CARING FOR MARY MINISTRY The Spiritual Growth Committee of the Home and School Association has just posted the new sign-up link for their **Caring for Mary Flower Ministry**. Making sure our statue of Mary by the school office is adorned and cared for, parents sign up to provide one bouquet of fresh flowers (Need not be elaborate) for a designated week. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4cadac2ea2fcc52-caring1#/>



TRAVELING MARY OF FATIMA DEVOTION, The Spiritual Growth Committee has also just posted the new sign-up link for their **Traveling Mary of Fatima Devotion!** Families sign up to bring a lovely statue of Our Lady of Fatima home and place her in a prominent place. Families are asked to pray the FAMILY rosary each day (or night) beginning on the Monday through Sunday of the designated week. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! Instructions included! The graces PROMISED by our Lady for your family are EXTRAORDINARY! Families who never prayed the rosary before signing up often make this prayer a habit! Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4cadac2ea2fcc52-traveling1#/>



IHM TAILGATE, TONIGHT! Come and grab a hotdog at the **IHM Tailgate Tent** at the Catholic Athletic Fields (CAT) tonight before the Catholic Central Football Game. Other K-8 Catholic schools will be there too so we are asking you to show your **IHM SPIRIT** by wearing **IHM Spirit wear!**

"WE'VE GOT SPIRIT! HOW 'BOUT YOU?" The **IHM Online Spirit Shop** is now open! Check out this year's collection of "all-things-IHM" and place your order *online*. The Online Shop stays open until September 22 and orders should mid October!
<https://www.revbusinessstore.com/ihm>

FAMILY-NAME CAR SIGNS were sent home today with instructions to use them when picking up your child(ren) in the **carline** after school. By placing one on your dashboard or visor on the passenger side, staff can more readily match your car with your kids so you may quickly be on your way! Please and thank you!



“HURRY SCURRY” verb: to move quickly so as not to be late to class. If your child is just getting out of the car at 7:55 am, chances are they will be late. Please aim to be early as a courtesy to the other children and staff who arrived early and are ready to roll at 8:00 am.

STILL HAVE OPENINGS! Our Home and School Association still has openings for **CLASSROOM COORINATORS** (aka room Moms or Dads) No experience necessary! Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CADAC2EA2FCC52-classroom2#/>



WHAT’S UP WITH THE APP? Corrections are underway to the IHM School App. While it’s still not up to par, kindly report your child(ren)’s tardies, absences, early departures by calling the School office 616-241-4633 or emailing the **IHM Attendance address** attendance@ihmschoolgr.org We apologize for the inconvenience!

MEMBERSHIP HAS IT PRIVILEDGES Those receiving discounted school tuition as **Active IHM Parish Members** promised to celebrate Mass with us, tithe on a regular basis and **get involved as a volunteer in the Parish.** LOOK! A link to volunteer your family as **GIFT BEARERS** at weekend Masses! **Presentation of the Gifts** is returning next weekend and your IHM family needs your participation! A small gift of time during the time of our lives...Mass! Sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4BA8AC2FA1FE3-gift#/>



SUNDAY DONUTS AKA “MUNCH AND MINGLE” IS BACK! Want first pick of the donuts after Mass? Consider volunteering your family to serve them and you get first dibs! Volunteering for Munch and Mingle helps your family meet the Active Parish Member promise! By regularly coming to Mass, putting your envelope in the basket (or online giving) and volunteering, you are golden! Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4BA8AC2FA1FE3-gift#/>

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS TROOP 2010 Invites interested families of girls ages 5+ to **Family Info Night** scheduled for Thursday, September 21, 5-6 PM in the IHM All Purpose Room (church lower level) To RSVP, please email us at ahg2010ihm@gmail.com

ALTAR SERVER NEWS The refresher training for current servers will take place during school next Friday. **IF YOUR CHILD NO LONGER WISHES TO SERVE** please contact Mrs. Christy Brown to so we may update our active list. Christinabrown77@gmail.com



DISCIPLES DONATE The staff of our **IHM Disciple Den** wish to thank the parents and kids of the **Courbier and Foster Families** for their generous donations of “needed stuff” to our center! Bless you!

SEPTEMBER MENU STILL FORTHCOMING We do know Monday’s menu 9/11/23 will include: Corn dog, tater tots, grapes, salad and ice-cold milk. Applications for Free and Reduced Cost Hot Lunches are available in the school office. **They are due not later than Sept 30!**



From the Principal:

Hello IHM Families!

We are excited to host a tailgate at the CAT tonight before the football game! I hope to see many of you coming to grab a hot dog or two! Thanks to Home and School president Lisa Grabiell for helping us with shopping and setting up!

What a bunch of beautiful children we had in our hallways today for picture day! It is still one of my favorite days after so many years in schools. And they are always so excited to get their picture taken. I can't wait to see them all!

We have had our back to school various illnesses going around, so please remember to keep your child(ren) home if they are sick. They need to be fever free with no other physical episodes (yucky tummies) for 24 hours to return to school. For those who have asked, the COVID protocol is still five days at home and then when they return, a recommended mask for another five days. Any questions give the office a call! Have a wonderful weekend!

Blessings,

Mrs. Holly Lake

(see the attached flier below!)

Immaculate Heart of Mary School, immersed in the teachings of the Catholic Church, is dedicated to providing excellent spiritual and academic formation in the development of well-rounded individuals centered in Christ



***Women's Guild Fall Social
Tuesday, September 26th
6:30 pm, Hearts & Hands Room
"Aging With Grace"***

***Two parishioners will share their views on aging with grace.
All women of the parish are invited and encouraged to bring
a friend.***

Wine and light refreshments will be served.

***Contact Co-chairs, Cheryl Heintz, 616-450-6193 or
Maureen Norton, 616-322-8448 with questions.***

