



Disciple Dispatch

October 6 2023

5th Graders Down on the Farm!

The Week Ahead:

Sunday, October 8

Mass 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Wednesday, October 11

40 Days for LIFE~ IHM Day

All School Mass Church 9:00 am

Kids Afterschool Choirs Church

Jr Hi EDGE NIGHT Gym/DeMazenod 6:45 pm

Thursday, October 12

PICTURE DAY PK3 and RETAKES DeMazenod 8:30 am

American Heritage Girls Church Basement 3:30 pm

Friday October 13

TMIY Men's Ministry Group DeMazenod 6:15 am

Saturday October 14

Family Movie Night Gym 6:30 pm



27 IHM 5th graders spent their first of three weeks this school year at the Franciscan Life Process Center (The Farm) in Lowell. They came, they created, they cleaned, they harvested, they cooked, they painted, they fed, they forested, and they slept real well! Thanks to the dear Sisters for love of God's creation and their invaluable instruction. Some stuff you just learn by doing and they did very well. St Francis, thank you for praying for us!



PICTURE DAY FOR PK3 AND RETAKE DAY The photographer from Geskus Studios will be ready to snap your little darlings retake or first time (PK 3) photo next **Thursday October 12 from 8:30-9:30 am** in the DeMazenod room. Those not able to make it Thursday may call Geskus Photography directly and set up an appointment in their Grandville Studio. Call 616-453-4170 and selection option 3.

SNUGGLE UP, BUTTERCUPS Bring your pillows, blankets and low-to-the-floor lawn chairs and enjoy a family night out at our **IHM Family Movie night, Saturday October 14!** Celebrate Mass with us at 5:15 pm, then head over to the gym for food, fun, pumpkin painting and the movie **HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA!** Everyone is welcome! A full concession stand will be open for purchase (Hot-off-the-grill burgers and hotdogs!) **Credit/debit cards only please 😊**



"MARTHA MARTHA MARTHA!" A common occurrence: 10% of parishioners do all the volunteering of which the other 90% freely enjoys. Parents receiving the benefits of discounted tuition at IHM School as **active parish members** agreed to celebrate Mass here on a regular basis; get involved in a *parish* ministry; and tithe regularly. Signing up for a regular **weekly hour of adoration**; serving a **Munch and Mingle** one Sunday or two; bringing the **gifts down at Mass**; having your kids **altar serve**; **High schoolers or dads Ushering**; **Men's Friday morning ministry**; **women's bible study**; they all "count" towards your active Parishioner status. Contact stewardship@ihmparish.com

PICKLEBALL COMES TO IHM! You heard that right! Your IHM Home and School Association is hosting a tournament **Saturday, October 27 immediately following the 5:15 pm Mass.** Save the date and sign up your team now! Space will be limited and competition fierce! 😊 Details as follows: Single division, mixed doubles format. All players need to provide their own paddle. All teams guaranteed 4 games. Prizes awarded to overall winner and best dressed team. The registration fee is \$70 per team. A schedule and complete list of rules will be provided to each team the week of the tournament. Sign up here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcWQ-J_gl6ioaqssJ2Dxl_QNwZ1FoxXAN5FQPP7strvscDLg/viewform



WHAT IS UP WITH THE APP? The service provider of our IHM App has gone, plainly speaking, belly up. Until we are able to engage the services of another, please rely on EMAIL BLASTS as your source of last-minute notifications. The Hot Lunch menu will be posted to the website. To notify the school of absences, tardies, early pickups etc, please use the attendance email address attendance@ihmschoolgr.org Any IHM parent or associate who is employed by or knows of app development, please refer them to the school office. 616-241-4633.



FINANCIAL AID FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR....APPLY SOON! To have the **BEST chance of getting assistance before fund run out, applications will soon be accepted at BLACKBAUD SmartAid for Parents.** Attached to this email is a work sheet which allows you to gather all you'll need **NOW** so when you go to fill out the application, you may do it all in one sitting. **DO NOT DELAY in getting your application in for NEXT school year!**

Welcome Mrs. Heather Jablonski, our new IHM Parish and School Business Manager! Heather is your cheerful contact for assistance with tuition questions and financial aid.

Hello IHM Families!

Welcome to October already! It was a special week as Father Troy blessed the pets on the Feast of Saint Francis. What a great tradition! We have been abundantly blessed with having Kara Ziedins as our part time secretary for the last six years. We have very mixed emotions as we share that Kara has accepted a position at Catholic Central. She is excited to see our families down there, but will leave a hole in our IHM family. They are blessed to have her! Please join me in praying for a successful transition for her and her family and in thanking her for all the phone calls, band-aids and paperwork she has lovingly taken care of! Her last day at IHM will be October 19. We are looking for a new part time secretary. It has some flexibility on days and times, but it's about 28 hours a week. You can see the job posting [here](#). Have a wonderful weekend!

Blessings, Mrs. Holly Lake Principal



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