

## Disciple Dispatch

February 17, 2024

## Return to Him With ALL Your Heart

Looking Ahead:

Sat Feb 17 Confessions 4:00 - 4:50 pm

Mass 5:15 pm

Sun Feb 18 Mass 8:30 am / 11:00 am

Mon Feb 19 NO SCHOOL MID WINTER BREAK
Tues Feb 20 NO SCHOOL MID WINTER BREAK

SKATE PARTY Noon – 2:00 pm

Wed Feb 21 IHM School 2024-25 Enrollment Begins

Mileage Club 7:30 am
Home and School Mtg 8:00 am
All School Mass 9:00 am
St Gregory Choir Practice 4:00 pm
EDGE Night 6:45 pm

Thurs Feb 22 LAP Time/Open Gym 10:00 am

Divine Mercy Kids Club Recess

Fri Feb 23 Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm



Return to the LORD, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting in punishment. Joel 2:13

## WHEN WE RETURN FROM MIDWINTER BREAK: Open Enrollment begins Wed. February 21.

Current IHM families will be able to access contracts for each of their children, online at their SCHOOLADMIN accounts, beginning THIS WEDNESDAY Feb 21. Current families adding a new student (ex. new preschooler) should take this time to "add a student" to their family account and upload necessary forms now. No student will be considered enrolled for the coming year without a signed contract and all necessary paperwork uploaded. Enrollment for families new to IHM

will open March 6 so don't delay in saving your child(ren)s spot.

WHO WILL YOU INVITE TO RETURN TO MASS? National statistics reveal a frightening decline in Mass attendance even after the COVID shutdowns were lifted. "Virtual" Mass on TV or live stream is certainly acceptable for the infirmed or homebound but... we were created to be together, to Worship God at weekend Mass, in *community*. Who is missing from YOUR family or circle of friends? Make it your Lenten Act of Mercy to simply invite them back to Mass. Let the Spirit do the rest!



**SAINT GREGORY YOUTH CHOIR** will begin to rehearse again with our new Music Minister, **Mr. Chris Jensen.** Plan on **4:00pm this Wednesday, February** 21 in the church. Please stop in to introduce yourself and your child(ren)!

## **PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES:**

March 1 No School Professional Development Day

March 7 PSAT Test will be administered to our current 8<sup>th</sup> graders during the school day here at IHM.

March 9 St Vincent DePaul Annual Spaghetti Dinner 6:15 pm DeMazenod Room

March 10 Mandatory Parent Meeting for 7th Graders Re: Confirmation; 9:30 am - 10:30 am in the DeMazenod Room

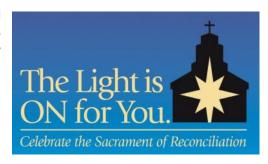
March 14 The Light is On For You Extra hours being offered throughout the Diocese for Confessions. At IHM: 5-8:00pm

March 22 Living Stations of the Cross, presented by our 7<sup>th</sup> graders Friday evening March 22 6:00 pm in the church.



**JUST IN TIME!** March 14 will mark three months since we offered our All-school Afternoon of Reconciliation on December 7. For many of our students, 12/7/23 may have been the last time they've been to confession. Plan now for a family celebration of the Sacrament on **March 14 between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm** in the church. What an Easter gift you'll afford yourself, your family, and Our Lord!

**IHM ONLINE SPIRITWEAR SHOP IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS!** Shop now until **February 23** for all things IHM! Note: ¼ Zip jackets MAY be worn during the school day. www.revbusinessstore.com/lhm





**SAVE YOUR STUFF!** Winter break lends itself as an opportune time to purge. The great volunteers of our **Annual IHM Second Best Sale** ask you to save what doesn't fit, what doesn't "bring you joy", what is costing you precious space in your garage and basement and donate it to bless someone else. Date of the sale: April 19-20<sup>th</sup>. Donations will be accepted starting April 16<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers for the Sale and the concurrent Bake Sale are needed. Watch for links to volunteer!

IHM KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP is scheduled for Wednesday March 6 during the



school day. This is an opportunity for our Kindergarten staff to assess **your current Young 5 or PK4's** readiness for "the big school." Please plan so your PK 4 or Y5 student doesn't miss this day due to appointments etc.

JUNIOR HIGH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, PLEASE! St. Vincent DePaul Society Annual Pasta Dinner is to be held in the DeMazenod Room, Saturday, March 9. Have your junior high kid sign up to serve their parish family and get a free dinner to boot! Sign up here:



https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CA5AA2AA3F58-47805998-serving#/.

Hello IHM Families.

For the last couple weeks you may have seen the information in the Disciple Dispatch about our parish offering of Holy Moments. In honor of our 75th Anniversary we would like to shine a light on ways we can serve each other. One of those ways is by creating Holy Moments. We know that our students and their families create Holy Moments each day.

Creating a Holy Moment needs no special training. They are simply times in our day when we take a minute to prayerfully consider what God would want us to do in that moment. It could be as simple as smiling at someone, letting a brother or sister take their turn first, cleaning up someone else's mess, or doing the dishes without being asked. We would like our parents to help increase your children's awareness of how opportunities for these moments happen each day.

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This is an opportunity to get our students to think outside of themselves and focus on how we are called to serve others and spread the love of God in simple moments of our day. We are not collecting these at the school, but hope your family will add your Holy Moments to our parish offering on Sunday when you go to mass.

Peace,

Anne Brown, Assistant Principal

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\$8 Admission (Includes Reg Skate Rental)

IMMACULATE \$5.00 Blades MARY \$5.00 Skate Mates

Open Snack Bar Available

Shine
middle school youth rally
6th Sth grade

SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH
1:00 - 6:30 pm
DOORS OPEN @ 12:30 pm
3-Mile Project
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