



Disciple Dispatch

March 4, 2024

IHM PARISH MISSION!

Looking Ahead:

Sat Mar 9	Confessions	4:00 pm
	Mass	5:15 pm
	St Vincent DePaul Pasta Dinner	
	Book Fair	Library 6:00-8:00 pm
Sun Mar 10	Mass	8:30/11:00 am
	Parish Mission	Church 6:30 pm
Mon Mar 11	Parish Mission	Church 6:30 pm
	7 th Gr Parents Confirmation Mtg	9:30 am
Wed Mar 13	Mileage Club	7:30 am
	All School Mass	9:00 am
	Irish Dancers	Gym 10:00 am
	St Gregory Choir Practice	4:00 pm
	EDGE Night I	6:45 pm
Thurs Mar 14	Comfy Clothes Day!	
	Divine Mercy Kids Club	Recess
	American Heritage Girls	3:30 pm
	The Light is ON for YOU	5:00-8:00 pm
Fri Mar 15	Men's Ministry	6:30 am
	Wear Green on Top Day!	
	Stations of the Cross	6:00 pm
Sat Mar 16	DATE NIGHT!	6:30 pm



*IHM Parish is hosting renowned Catholic Speaker and Musician **Noelle Garcia** for a two-evening Parish Family Mission. Noelle will also engage with our young Disciples during the school day Monday. What a gift. Receive it!*

THANK YOU, JR HI KIDS FOR SERVING YOUR PARISH FAMILY! IHM 7/8th graders have stepped up and gone over the requested number of volunteers for this evenings' **ST VINCENT DEPAUL FUNDRAISER PASTA DINNER**. Please report to the school kitchen no later than 5:30pm tonight. If you are attending the 5:15 Mass, get to the kitchen quickly after Mass. Learning early to be an active member of your parish family has its rewards. The joy of serving and a free dinner!



CELEBRATE OUR 75TH ANNIVERSARY AT THE IHM PARISH MISSION! Join your parish family for one or both evenings on the topic of **"Eucharist and Discipleship"** presented by **Noelle Garcia**. Join your parish family **Sunday March 10 and Monday March 11, in the church from 6:30-7:30 pm**. The hour will include Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction followed by reception on Monday evening.

PARISH OFFICE EMAILS CHANGED FRIDAY MARCH 8 The IHM parish office staff emails changed yesterday **March 8, to mimic our school email domain titles**. The Old email addresses: @ihmparish.com
The New addresses: @ihmparishgr.org Please make the changes in your contacts.



SEVENTH GRADERS PRESENT *LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS* PRAYER Friday March 22, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Church. This is the fourth year this ancient prayer is brought to life by our students with the hope it deepens your Lenten walk with Our Lord. Because of the nature of the presentation, we encourage parents with small children to line up a sitter now so you may fully enter into this solemn prayer.

VIP MASS AND ART SHOW Sunday April 28 at and after the 11:00 am Mass! Ten times the amount of student artwork on display throughout the building; the finalists of our IHM Junior High Science Project Competition will also be shown; and a boatload more donuts than last year! 😊 Stay tuned for more details!

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: to mount student art work on paper matts for the Art show. Absolutely no experience or artistic talent needed. Please reach out to the school office 616-241-4633. Anytime/day is wonderful:) Much thanks!

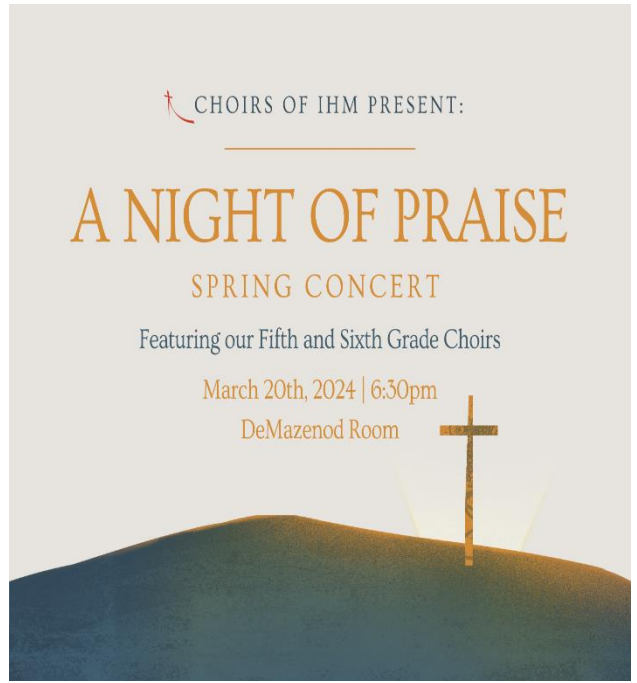


CELEBRATING THE GREEN THIS WEEK! Join us after the All School Mass on **Wednesday March 13** for a short **IRISH Dancer performance in the gym at 10:00 am.** Then on **Friday March 15, students are encouraged to show their inner IRISH by wearing green on the top with their school uniform bottom.** St Patrick's Day will be celebrated in the classrooms that Friday as well!

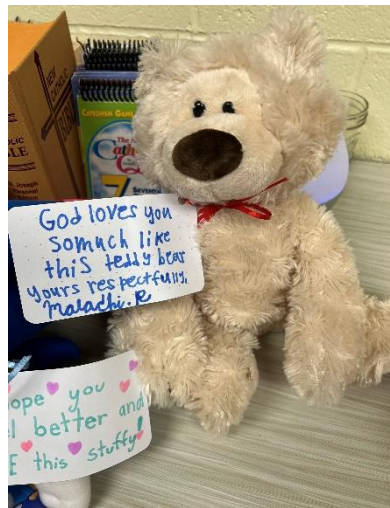


SPEAKING OF UNIFORMS... Praise God our kids are growing up and it's getting warmer out. But that means girls skirts are growing shorter, (especially without leggings underneath) and boys pants point to an impending flood. **Please refer to the IHM Dress Code for appropriateness.**

Come visit our free **Used Uniform Closet** for longer length uniform skirts and or slacks or place your order at **Flynn O'Hara School Uniforms, Lands' End,** or shop the **A+ Uniform** store on 28th Street. Those out of dress code will be asked to call home for appropriate clothes. **PS We are happy to accept donations of clean/gently used uniforms that don't fit anymore!**



DIVINE MERCY KIDS CLUB ACT OF MERCY PROJECT EXTENDED The Club will still be accepting small (under 10 inches), gently used, washed, stuffed animals to donate to area First Responders. These heroes of our community will distribute them to children in crisis situations. **March 14 is the deadline.** (See the pics to the right and notes attached, written by our young Disciples!)



Hello
IHM Families!

It's been a wonderful full week of school! Our staff had an amazing Professional Development Day last week on Friday. We spent the morning with the entire staff of teachers and paraprofessionals working through our emergency drill process for lock downs with Troy from Secure Environment Consultants. This is the company that did our full security assessment a year ago and provided recommendations for the campus. They have also provided some other "tabletop" trainings for teachers regarding various scenarios a school might experience as an emergency. These have been very well done and allowed us the opportunity to look at all our processes to plan, to the best of our ability, how to prepare ourselves and our environment for a variety of emergencies. Friday, we spent some time learning best practices and then went through a simulation of an intruder in the building using our lockdown drill procedures. It was so helpful to evaluate all our processes and plans. We are continuing to work on safety wherever we can!

Teachers then spent the afternoon pouring over curriculum standards and mapping out those standards during the school year in the different grades. Teachers really don't have much time to do this important work during the school year as they are focused on their kids, so this was also so helpful for teachers to have time to collaborate together!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Blessings,
Mrs. Holly Lake

Principal

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