



Disciple Dispatch

May 28, 2024

Season of Change



IHM 7th graders were grateful for the change in weather reports as their Michigan Adventure began at the same named theme park Wednesday morning. An afternoon of team-building culminated with Mass on the beach near Hoffmaster State Park. These Disciples of Christ have been preparing for Confirmation as well as their leadership role in the Fall. They can't wait!



Weekend Mass Schedule Change Begins June 1

Fr. Troy's column in the church bulletin has pointed to significant changes in the Mass schedule for the two parishes he now serves. He highlights the unexpected appointment as Administrator

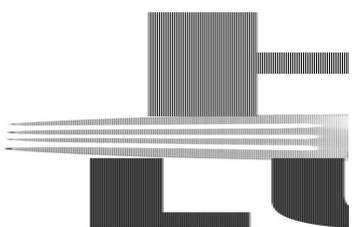
of St. Stephen Parish and the subsequent decision to establish a new schedule for one priest overseeing both parishes.

Effective June 1st, Saturday Mass will be celebrated at 5:00 pm and

Sunday Mass at 10:30 am at IHM Parish.

Then, effective June 23rd, there will be a Sunday Mass at 8:30 am at St. Stephen Parish

The reality we face for the future is that Fr. Jameson is a gift to us each day we have him, but such days are numbered. Fr. Troy acknowledges the impact of these changes on the parishioners and offers understanding for any discomfort it may cause. As Christians, we are baptized priests, prophets, and kings. He encourages us to view this change as an opportunity to exercise our call to sacrifice. He also announces his availability for a question and answer session after each Mass on June 8th and 9th.



Changes to Hot Lunch in the Fall

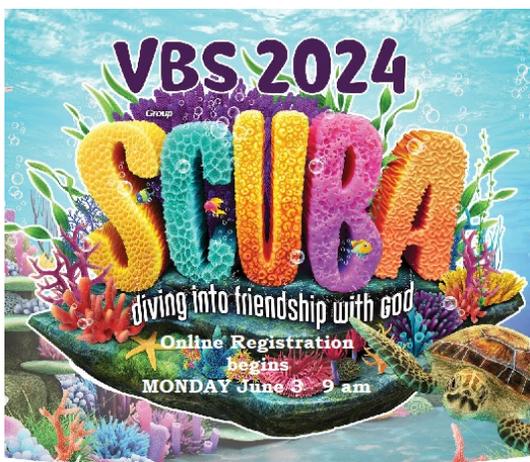
All students wishing to purchase Hot Lunch or milk ala carte will have a PIN to verify lunch and milk purchases. Details regarding this change will be sent home before the end of the school year.

Please practice this number with your child during the summer so when classes resume, our lunch lines will be super fast!

NOTE: Balances on your children's current lunch account must be paid before June 1.

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VBS Registration Online June 3



IHM Vacation Bible School

Only the first 100 lucky registrants will be admitted to this year's VBS Scuba: Diving into Friendship with God. Open to all PK4-4th graders, August 5-7th, meeting 9:00-11:30 am

Go to the parish website and
click on the Vacation Bible
School Tav to register your
kiddos **on June 3**
ihmparishgr.org

News



FIELD DAY 2024

The outdoor fun and games are planned for **Monday, June 3 from 11:30-3:00 p.m.** The day includes a **FREE hot dog lunch** for all students. Kids are also allowed a **free jeans day** on Field Day.

[Volunteer for Field Day!](#)

Join us at the
2024 IHM Auction for a

Nautical Night

Of Bidding & Brilliance!

Please mark your calendar for
Saturday November 2, 2024

Visit the auction website for event details,
donation needs, or volunteer opportunities.

ihmparish.ejoinme/auction2024

Questions? Looking to get involved?

Contact Lindsay Lowery or Monica Reeder
at ihmschoolauction@gmail.com

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Good News Around Campus

IHM Second graders were flying high after a field trip to the Kalamazoo Air Zoo last week. Thanks to the many parent chaperons who kept them grounded.

IHM Kinder-kids enjoyed their own field trip to the John Ball Zoo Thursday.



The year-end All-Parent-Rosary of Thanksgiving will be held June 6 at 8:00 a.m. at the front Mary Statue. It's a tradition that grows every year, both in participation and graces!

Speaking of traditions, **IHM eighth graders will take their final walk** through the halls this Thursday at 11:00 am. Their **graduation boards** are up for viewing in the cross-hallways. Maintenance gems Mr. Ken and Mr. Duane have been cleaning the floor with mother-tears.

Of the **21 IHM alumnus graduating Catholic Central High School** last week, 7 did so with honors including the CC Valedictorian Davis Vu.

Fifty percent of our 6th, 7th and 8th grade classes were awarded The **St John Bosco Award for Academic Merit** at last Thursday's Award Ceremony, Seventy-five percent of our 5th grade class received the same. Students earning a cumulative GPA of 3.50-3.99 through the first three quarters of the year receive this award.

Fifteen 5-8th graders received the **St Thomas Aquinas Award of Academic Excellence, having maintained a cumulative GPA of 4.0** through the first three quarters of this year!

Have you news to celebrate? Let us know:
clowe@ihmschoolgr.org

The Week Ahead

Tuesday, May 28

8th graders Exams 8th graders only dismiss at 11:00 am

Wednesday, May 29

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All School Mass 9:00 a.m. Church

Thursday, May 30

8th graders Last Day

8th graders Exams 8th graders only dismiss at 11:00 am

8th graders Last Hallway Walk 11:00 am

8th graders BBQ with Dads at 11:00 am

4th graders Picnic Grand Rapids Township Park 9:40 am - 2:00 pm

Friday, May 31

Infinite Campus Parent Portal will be closed until Thursday, June 6

Saturday, June 1

Confession 3:30 -4:30 pm

The new Mass Schedule begins

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, June 2

Mass 10:30 am Only

Eucharistic Procession immediately following Mass

Reception immediately following the procession

[View our Calendar for more events](#)



As summer approaches, our children's excitement for free time and new adventures grows. While the season brings numerous opportunities for fun and exploration, it's also important to consider the digital landscape they navigate during these months.

With increased screen time and online interactions, implementing digital safeguards is crucial to ensure their safety and well-being.

Here are some resources and recommendations to create a secure and enjoyable summer experience for our kids, compiled by Ms. Kelly DeVries, technology coordinator and tech teacher.

The Dirty Dozen List 2024

From the Principal's Desk

Hello IHM Families!

It was a beautiful week! We had a wonderful Awards Ceremony Thursday to honor the achievements of some of our 5th through 8th graders. We are blessed with a great group of students who are serious about their discipleship AND diplomas!

Just a note about some continued safety plans that have been/will be accomplished. We received another safety grant this year that is a per pupil allocation from the state, and it sounds like that will continue thanks to all those advocating for the state to provide for our non-public students as well as those in public school. We are required to use some of that money specifically for mental health services. This allowed us to have a social worker as well as a counselor here during the week for the benefit of our students. Next year we will have both again.

We are also upgrading our PA system this summer to make sure it can be heard in all the rooms throughout the building and the preschool building. That way any urgent announcements get to everyone. There was also an initiative in Kent County to install a Kent County School Emergency Radio Network into each school. This allows us to get alerts from law enforcement as well as press a button for immediate access and response to dispatch without calling 911.

As unfortunate as it is that we have to put these measures into place, it is good to know that we continue to learn new and better ways to make sure our kids are kept safe every day. Please remember to do your part by always coming into the school through the office and never propping doors or letting someone in a different door if you are in the building.

Have a wonderful week!

Blessings,

Mrs. Holly Lake



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