



Disciple Dispatch

May 3, 2024

Hail Holy Queen

IHM 8th Grade Countdown Begins

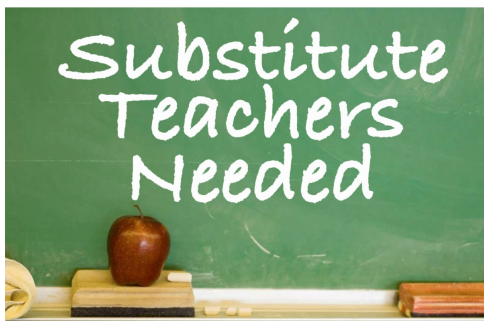
With the celebration of our patroness at Wednesday morning May Crowning Mass, 8th graders' right of passage has begun. Soon to follow: their field trip to Detroit's Holocaust Museum, the Awards Ceremony, exams, their graduation Mass and a Cedar Point trip to celebrate! Were they not just dropped off at preschool with tears and trepidation?



Tradition has IHM students bring in a flower or two on May Crowning Day to show their devotion to Blessed Mother Mary. The smell is heavenly!



IHM 8th graders pose for their class picture after the May Crowning Mass on Wednesday. Fr. Troy, (far left) and Fr. David (far right) were joined by Deacon Lawrence (center and to the left of his son, Owen). Bishop Walkowiak has asked all parishes to pray for an increase in vocations. We pray all our graduates will be open to the call.



ARE YOU ABLE TO ANSWER THIS CALL?

Substitute teachers are in high demand across the country and IHM is no exception.

Being a substitute teacher is a great way to get to know the students in your children's grades. Work only the days you choose and the grade level you'd be willing to cover. Great work for retirees or stay at home parents, IHM pays \$100 a day (7:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.).

Minimum requirements include a High School degree, [completed VIRTUS training](#), fingerprinting, and a background check.

Interested adults should contact Mrs. Karen DeChant for more details at kdechant@ihmschoolgr.org or 616-241-4633 ext. 1201.

Waited So Long!

Kindly pray for our 32 IHM School 2nd graders who are to make their First Holy Communion this Saturday at the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

Pray with thanksgiving for their parents and their teachers who have prepared them for this special day.

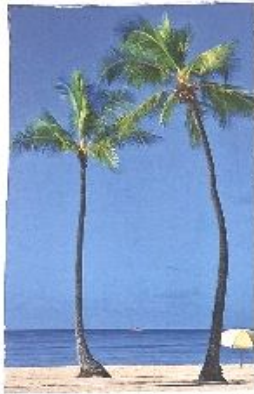
Pray, too, we may all mimic their reverence and awe that is due our Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Reminder:

Volunteers who signed up to serve cookies and beverages at the reception after Mass on **Saturday, May 4th** should arrive at the gym kitchen by 5:45 p.m. Thank you!



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**7TH & 8TH GRADE
DANCE
FRIDAY, MAY 10TH**

**IHM Gym
7pm-9pm**

ALOHA! Please join us for a night of fun at IHM!

Dress in your Hawaiian best and be ready to HULA!

(Pst...there's a prize for the best dressed)

DJ, Dancing, Limbo and Free Throw contest, snacks and more!

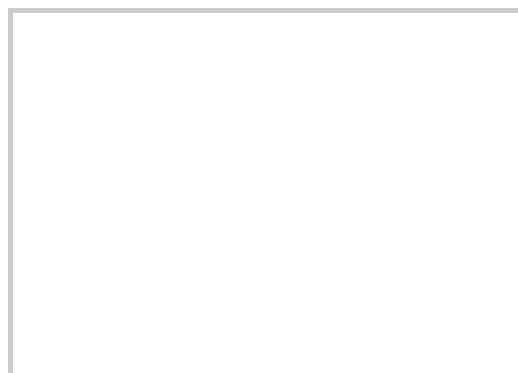
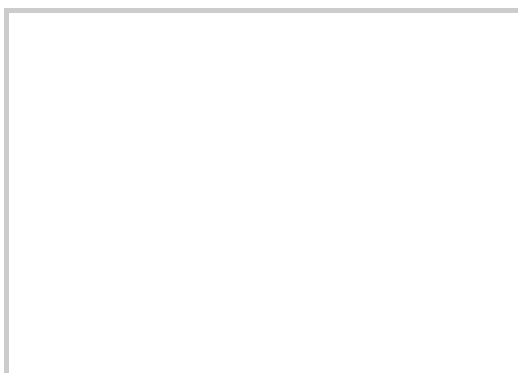
There will be chaperones from IHM, STA, and SPA at the dance.

If you have any questions, please contact Kellie Berkemeier at 616.240.3120

News

IHM Disciples of Christ Honored Statewide

Two Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School students have been recognized for their accomplishments in recent statewide competitions.





Seventh grader Johnny F. participated in the Greater Grand Rapids Scripps Spelling Bee against finalists from Allegan, Barry, Kent, Newaygo, and Ottawa Counties.

Johnny placed 7 out of 10 contestants and was the **ONLY** student representing our Diocese of Grand Rapids Catholic Schools.



IHM 8th grader Riley N. took 9th place in the 55th Annual *America and Me* Essay Contest sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

Nearly 200 Michigan schools participated, with thousands of entries. Riley will receive a cash award of \$1055.00 as will our school. The top 10 winners and their parents will be celebrated in Lansing this month on a riverboat cruise, at a Lansing Lugnuts pregame ceremony, and suite seats for the game.

Junior High Science Fair 2024 Winners



Winners of the annual IHM Jr High Science Fair competition were decided last week. Earning top honors was 8th grader **Reese T.** (center) who answered the question "How Does Water Quality Change By Location Around My School?"

Eighth-grader **Isabella L.** (left) gave her second-place solution to the query "Can nanotechnology help clean up ocean oil spills?"

Seventh-grader **Darren O.**'s (right) 3rd place project took on the age-old debate "How does rinsing the dishes affect the cleanliness of the plates?"

Thanks to the many judges who gave their time and expertise.

Congratulations to our Junior High Science teacher **Mrs. Kathy Menno** for another impressive show!



Reasons to Rejoice!



Kindergartener Louie C.'s mom and dad are expecting their second child at the end of the summer. Louie will be a big brother to a little brother!

The Naltner kids are celebrating their dad's accomplishment, as **Michael Naltner** graduated Thursday from the University of Michigan with his Master of Business Degree.

Ms. Katy Hall graduated last Sunday from Davenport College with her Degree in Nursing and her family, especially her daughter, is so very proud!

Over **750 participants gathered at the 11:00 am Mass last week** to worship God, celebrate our Catholic School, and take in our extraordinary art and science show. One hundred cups of decaf coffee, 200 cups of regular, 30 dozen donuts, and 8 dozen cookies later we deemed it a huge success.

Good news is contagious. Let us know how we may celebrate the joy in your family. Email Mrs. Colleen Lowe with your announcements!
clowe@ihmschoolgr.org

The Week Ahead

Saturday, May 4

Confessions 4:00-4:50 p.m.

First Holy Communion Mass 5:15 p.m.

Reception immediately following in the Gym

Sunday, May 5

Mass 8:30 a.m.

Mass 11:00 a.m.

Monday, May 6

Tuesday, May 7

Teacher Appreciation Day

Wednesday, May 8

All School Mass 9:00 a.m. Church

Teacher Appreciation Lunch

St. Gregory Choir practice 4:00 p.m. Church

Thursday, May 9

6th Grade to Camp Henry

Friday, May 10

6th Grade back from Camp Henry

7/8th Grade Dance 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Gym

Saturday, May 11

Confessions 4:00-4:50 p.m.

Mass 5:15 p.m.

[View our Calendar for more events](#)

CHOCOLATE ARRIVES TODAY

World's Finest Chocolate **orders are being delivered today!** Check your kid's backpack for the candy bars (or empty wrappers) you ordered.

Chocolate bars will also be for sale in the school office. \$1 each. Cash and carry, and available only before and after school.



From the Principal's Desk



Hello IHM Families!

What a wonderful week we are having with so many beautiful events and activities! Thank you to all who visited our Showcase on Sunday! What a blessing to have so many people visit the school and see all the beautiful art from all the preschool through 8th-grade students! There is another art show at the diocese this weekend! Thank you to Mrs. Emily Dafoe for all the beautiful artwork the kids are producing!

The May Crowning on Wednesday was so special and our 8th graders did a wonderful job planning and carrying out the ceremony to honor our patroness in such a beautiful way! And this weekend our 2nd graders get to make their first communion! It's a busy week of sharing our faith and growing in our faith. What a gift!

Have a great week!

Blessings,
Mrs. Holly Lake

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