

Disciple Dispatch

September 13, 2024

We Are Family



The family that prays together stays together. Our IHM school family poses (above) for the annual family portrait, right after the All School Mass on Wednesday. Join us for the return of the 8:30 am Sunday Mass and the return of our Munch and Mingle Ministry (donuts!) this weekend!



The Family that Plays Together Needs Volunteers

Girls volleyball games are in full swing and we need volunteers to serve (pun intended) at the Concession stand, Admissions Gate, Scoring Table, and Game

Manager. Job descriptions are on the sign-up page. Most openings are for adults with room for older kids to help, too. Each sports

family should sign up for 3 slots per year. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084BAEAE23A2FFC70-51334337home

Winter I Sports Registration is on!

Teams forming now for: 3rd/4th Boys Basketball; 5th-8th Boys Basketball; K-4th Girls Competitive Cheer; 5th-8th Girls Competitive Cheer. **The site closes on September 30.** Enroll your kid(s) now! <u>https://graceac.com/winter-i/</u>



IHM LAPTIME /OPEN GYM Returns October 10 Now that the big kids are back in school let's get together with the littles! Join toddler teacher and IHM parish member **Mrs. Sandy Barner** for story time, songs, developmental play skills, tips on potty training, and monthly topic handouts for parents. It's a free and easy way to meet other adults, in a safe place for the kids to run wild and free. Runs 10:00-11:00 am in the Gym. Infants to 4-year-olds are welcome.





Parent's Guidelines for Child Illness

When can my child return to IHM school after an illness?

Children with a fever should remain at home until they have been fever-free for 24 hours without a fever reducer.

Children suffering intestinal distress and or vomiting should remain at home until they have gone 24 hours without an episode.

Children found to have lice should be treated as soon as lice or nits are detected and may return to school after having completed a Professional Lice treatment with proof of treatment -orhome treatment after completing the protocol.

Report absences on the IHM School App or the attendance email address attendance@ihmschoolgr.org



Standardized Testing Begins

The Diocese of Grand Rapids NWEA MAP Growth testing window **opens Monday**, **September 16.** Students in 2nd-8th grade will test in several core content areas to exhibit their proficiencies and demonstrate what they are ready to learn. Assessment results will be available following the end of the first quarter. Give your children the best chance at testing well with plenty of sleep, high-protein breakfasts, and healthy snacks.

Join us at the 2024 IHM Auction for a

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Of Bidding & Brilliance!

Please mark your calendar for Saturday November 2, 2024

Visit the auction website for event details, donation needs, or volunteer opportunities. https://ihmparish.ejoinme.org/auction2024

Questions? Looking to get involved? Contact Lindsay Lowery or Monica Reeder at ihmschoolauction@gmail.com

SEEKING DONATIONS!

-Large Screen TV -Cannonsburg Ski Pass -Air Pods -Solo Stove -Sporting Event Tickets -Cottage or Vacation Rentals -Ipad/Kids Tablet -Theater or Concert Tickets

Any additional donations not listed here are also welcome!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



AUCTION NEWS 2024

Would you like to promote your business, while helping out a great cause? Please consider becoming a sponsor of the

2024 IHM Auction A Nautical Night of Bidding and Brilliance!

Your business logo will be displayed on the auction website, event programs, and more! Please follow this link to pledge your support! (Individual sponsorships are welcome too)!

https://ihmparish.ejoinme.org/SponsorshipAuction2024

IHM Home and School Association Meets next week: September 18

Join the new crew of parent volunteers before the all-school Mass on September 18 at 8 am in the Hearts and Hands room of the Church building. Enter from the church parking lot side. The meeting will end in time for you to join us for Mass.



The Week Ahead

Sunday, Sept 15, 8:30 am Mass Returns; Munch and Mingle Returns

Monday, Sept 16 Fall NWEA Testing Begins

Wednesday, Sept 18 Home and School Association Meeting 8:00 a,m Wednesday, Sept 18 All School Mass 9:00 am Church

Friday, Sept 20 IHM Men's Ministry 6:00 am-7:30 DeMazenod Room

View our Calendar for more events



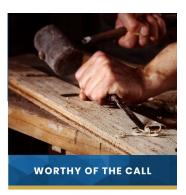
MUNCH AND MINGLE MINISTRY IS BACK

Keep your Active IHM Parish Membership alive by volunteering to serve donuts after Sunday Mass. A delicious form of Parish-life participation can involve your whole family. You'll be surprised how fun and satisfying it is to be with happy hungry parish members after Mass and you will not be alone. Just ask Mrs. Kim Willison! https://www.signupgenius.co m/go/4090C45A5A922A31-50875289-mingle#/



YOUR GIFT IS YOUR SERVICE

Now recruiting IHM school families to bring down the gifts at weekend Masses. You choose the Mass time and the date. We'll show you how easy it is to serve your Parish family. This too is a Parish ministry applicable towards your active **IHM Parishioner** Status. https://www.signupge



THAT MAN IS YOU

THE GUYS ARE BACK IN TOWN! Join the men of our parish

and school, Friday mornings

- 6:00 Doors Open for breakfast and fellowship
- 6:30 Program Starts
- 7:00 Small Groups
- 7:30 Program Ends

Contact: <u>mensministry@ihmp</u> arishgr.org nius.com/go/20F0E4 BA8AC2FA1FE3gift#/



He gave us voices that we might sing!

IHM Children's After-School Choirs are forming now! Flyers came home earlier this week with all the details. Please have your child turn it back into the school office. Note: this is a *parish ministry* that would fulfill one of the pillars of active IHM Parish membership. **Practice begins October 2 in the church!**



Good News Around Campus A lot of LIFE has gone on within our IHM family these past few months:

The **parking lot** is fixed and it is safe and beautiful, thanks be to God!

The 8:30 am Mass returns to IHM this weekend. A great time to praise God!

There will be **donuts after Mass** this weekend. O yum!

Mrs. Deb Sremba and hubby sold the family house and became Condo owners...with no regrets. They love it!

First-grade teacher Mrs. Dawn Stockholm is movin' and groovin' better each week, recovering from a summer foot surgery.

Support staffer **Mrs. Joanne Grantham** became a Grammie for the 3rd time upon the arrival of baby Miles in August!

School counselor **Mrs. Jamie LaFleur** is to become a grandmother to # 3 this weekend, compliments of her son and daughter-in-law in Chicago.

First grader Louie C became a big brother right before school began with

the birth of his baby brother Lincoln!

2nd Grade Teacher Mrs. Rachel O'Hearn is due with number two at the end of January!

IHM Henschel Family is making room for bouncing baby boy twins in October making them a quick family of 6! (Diaper Drive for Multiples coming soon!)

IHM mom Mrs. Erin Doyle is due with #4 at the beginning of December!

2nd grader Imogen M. can't wait to hold her baby sister, due in October!

IHM Music Director Chris Jensen is counting the days his wife Lexi is to deliver Jensen #2!

Coach Amy Schadler became **Coach Amy Taylor** and stepmom to son Bretyn with her marriage to Bryan this summer!

Assistant Principal Mrs. Anne Brown is making preparations for daughter Liza (IHM, CC, and Aquinas Grad) to be married here at IHM next weekend. They grow up so fast!

and...

His Mercy endures forever.

Send us your Joyful news clowe@ihmschoolgr.org.

From the Principal:

Hello IHM Families! What a great five-day week to get us all used to the routine! It was nice at home too to get in our fall groove. Now if only the weather would catch up! What a GREAT time at the Parish picnic on September 8! It was a great turn out and there were smiles galore! It's so great when we have the opportunity to gather as a group and celebrate all the blessings we have around us. We had



so many new families there as well. Please remember when you see someone you don't recognize to introduce yourself so that we can make sure all our new families feel welcomed and part of the community. Have a great weekend! Blessings, Mrs. Holly Lake

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