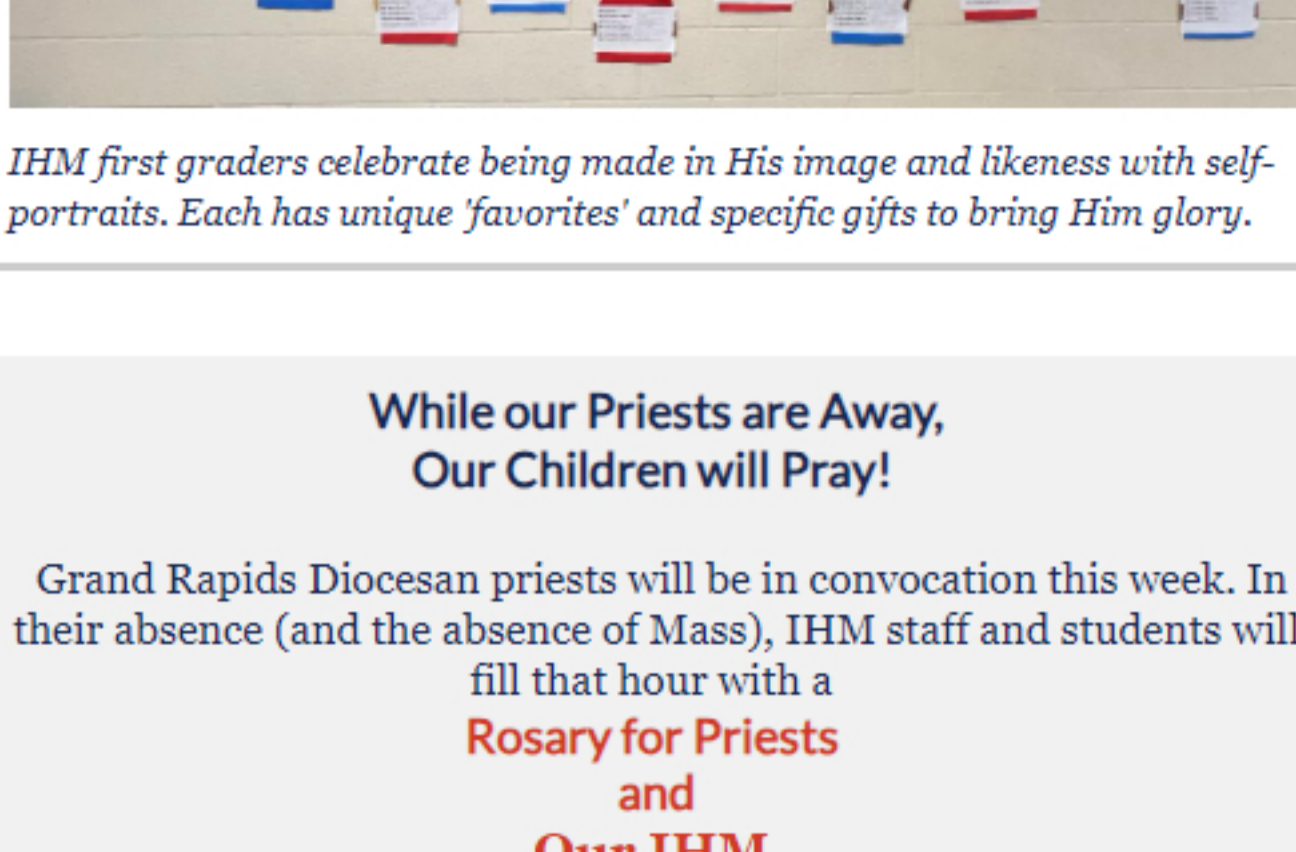


### Precious in His Sight



IHM first graders celebrate being made in His image and likeness with self-portraits. Each has unique 'favorites' and specific gifts to bring Him glory.

#### While our Priests are Away, Our Children will Pray!

Grand Rapids Diocesan priests will be in convocation this week. In their absence (and the absence of Mass), IHM staff and students will fill that hour with a

**Rosary for Priests  
and  
Our IHM  
Prayer Partner Kickoff!**  
**This Wednesday at 9:00 in the Gym**

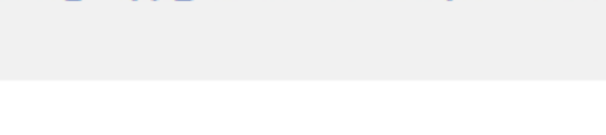
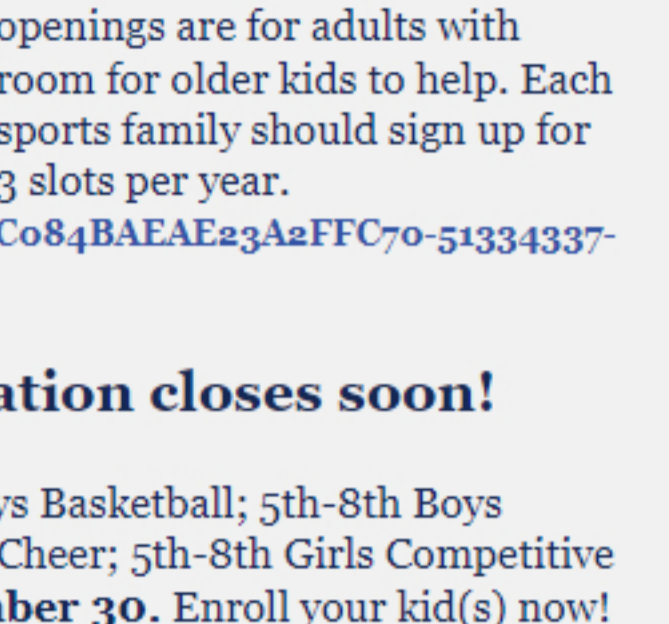
The IHM Prayer Partner Program is soaring to a whole new level this year. Matching grades are assigned into groups under the mantle of Our Lady and her various titles. Each comes with a Feast Day celebration, free color-coded t-shirts, and an increased awareness of the graces saturating us daily. Join us!

**NOTE:**

**The church is closed all week for floor maintenance so there will be no daily Mass Tuesday-Friday.**

#### Christ's Light Needed in the AM

We are looking for two dads, (or grandpas or uncles) to **man the entrance of the school as a door greeter**-- one on Thursdays and one on Friday mornings from 7:40 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. You'll have the joy of being Christ's light to EVERY student entering the building while also providing a layer of safety. Contact Mrs. Holly Lake if you are interested. [principal@ihmschoolgr.org](mailto:principal@ihmschoolgr.org).



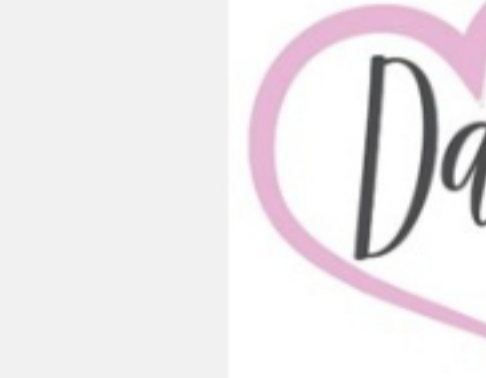
#### Volunteers Needed!

Girls volleyball games are in full swing and we need volunteers to serve in MANY capacities. Most openings are for adults with room for older kids to help. Each sports family should sign up for 3 slots per year.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10Co84BAEA23A2FFC70-51334337-home>

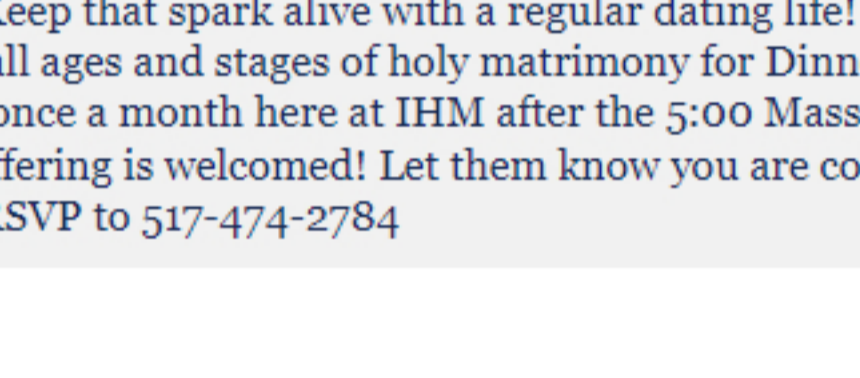
#### Winter I Sports Registration closes soon!

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! <https://graceac.com/winter-i/>



#### A SPOTLIGHT ON NEW IHM STAFF

Prayers were answered early last June with the hire of our new Junior High Math Teacher, Miss Mary Novak. The youngest of 4 siblings, Mary is an Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary School, West Catholic and Grand Valley grad. She plans to join our IHM adult choir, has a weakness for stargazing and if you look closely, her dress is full of constellations...and glows in the dark! Just a glimpse of the light she has already brought to the classroom. Welcome Miss Mary Novak!



#### NEVER STOP DATING! Couples Date Night Returns Tomorrow Night, Saturday, September 21

One of the best gifts you can give your kids is a growing, healthy marriage. Keep that spark alive with a regular dating life! Join other couples of all ages and stages of holy matrimony for Dinner and fellowship once a month here at IHM after the 5:00 Mass. BYOB. A Goodwill offering is welcomed! Let them know you are coming: Text your RSVP to 517-474-2784

#### IHM LAPTIME /OPEN GYM Returns October 10

**Invite your friends and family members with 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. Lots of time to visit with other parents 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 completing a Professional Lice treatment with proof of treatment - or home therapy after completing the protocol.

Report absences on the IHM School App or the attendance email address [attendance@ihmschoolgr.org](mailto:attendance@ihmschoolgr.org)

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.  
<https://ihmparish.ejoinme.org/auction2024>


Questions? Looking to get involved?  
Contact Lindsay Lowery or Monica Reeder  
at [ihmschoolauction@gmail.com](mailto: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 Mass.

#### The Week Ahead

**Saturday, Sept 21** Confessions 3:30-4:30 pm; Mass at 5:00 pm  
**Saturday, Sept 21** DATE NIGHT Returns 6:15 pm DeMazenod Room

**Sunday, Sept 22** Mass at 8:30 am and 10:30 am

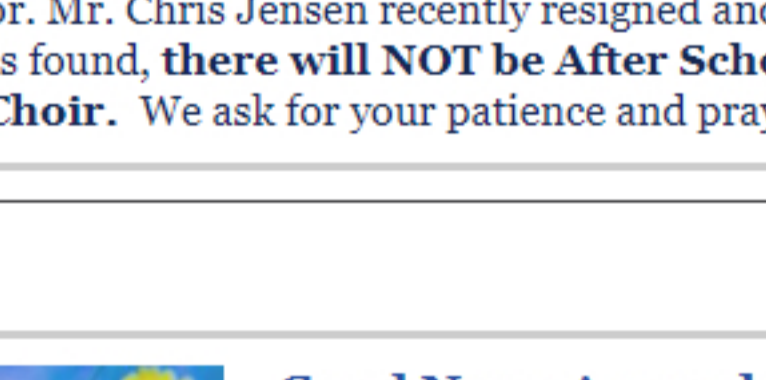
**Monday, Sept 23** 5th Gr To the Franciscan Farm All Week

**Wednesday, Sept 25** Rosary for Priests 9:00 am in the GYM  
**Wednesday, Sept 25** Prayer Partner Kick off at 9:20 am in the GYM  
**Wednesday, Sept 25** EDGE NIGHT 6:45 pm in the GYM and DeMazenod Room

**Thursday, Sept 26** American Heritage Girls 3:30 pm All Purpose Room Church

**Friday, Sept 27** IHM Men's Ministry 6:00 am-7:30 DeMazenod Room

[View our Calendar for more events](#)



Thank you for the wonderful response to our call for **After-School Children's Choir** members. Unfortunately, we are without a Music Director. Mr. Chris Jensen recently resigned and until his replacement is found, **there will NOT be After School Children's Choir.** We ask for your patience and prayers.



#### Good News Around Campus

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

**St. Anthony** continues to bat 1000 at IHM School. What was lost has since been found, in the most unusual way. Ask 3rd grader Maverick about his watch and St Anthony's intercession.

School counselor **Mrs. Jamie LaFleur** became a grandmother to # 3 last weekend-- **Yuna Elizabeth LaFleur** (Asian name meaning graceful, talented, precious!) A 6lbs 10z and 19 inches long bundle of love

**IHM Henschel Family** is making room for bouncing baby boy twins in October making them a quick family of 6! **We are collecting newborn and size-one packages of diapers in preparation. Drop them off in the school office!**

**Mrs. Karli Simon and her husband Joe** are celebrating the first time in 10 years and 8 children that only ONE is in diapers. Goals!

and...

His grace is enough!

Send us your Joyful news [clowe@ihmschoolgr.org](mailto:clowe@ihmschoolgr.org).



#### From the Principal:

*Hello IHM families!  
It was a busy week as we began our Fall MAP testing for grades 2-8. MAP stands for Measure of Academic Progress. We get a picture of where the kids are and where they need to go during the year. Teachers talk with the kids about goals and doing their best! Please make sure for the next couple weeks kids get a good breakfast and plenty of sleep! Then the teachers can use that data to direct their instructional planning, as each group of kids have different needs. There is so much information provided with the results of the tests. Keeping all of that in mind, it is also just one measure of academic progress. Students have different reactions to testing. So while it's great information, it isn't ALL the information. You will get your child's scores around conference time. Have a great weekend!  
Blessings,*

Mrs. Holly Lake

#### Stay Connected



Please be advised: Unsubscribing from emails sent from IHM will remove your account from our email lists, including communications from our administration.

Guided by Mother Mary, our patroness, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School learns, leads, and serves as disciples of Christ.