



Disciple Dispatch

September 28, 2024

So Full of Grace!



An all-school rosary was offered for our priests on convocation this week, followed by the consecration of our students and staff to Our Blessed Mother. Someday will we know the amount of grace that was poured down that day. Without question, we were and continue to be drenched!

Prayer Partners Celebrate Our Lady

IHM students were introduced to 6 titles and stories of apparitions of our Blessed Mother at Wednesday's kick-off.

With assistance from our 8th-grade



leadership class, each grade pairing received matching shirts and prayers for grace and protection. Celebrations of those 6 titles of Mary will be held on Her feast days throughout the school year. **Note: please wash those shirts that came home Wednesday and send them back to school by Monday, Sept 30.**

SAVE THE DATE!
IHM Family Movie Night

Presents
E.T.

in Clearplay Technology

Join other IHM families on **Saturday, October 19** right after the 5:00 pm Mass in the Gym. Clearplay Technology allows parents to filter inappropriate language and content from movies with the click of a button. So no surprises!

Grilled burgers and dogs, fresh popcorn, and treats will be available for sale. The joy of a sweet movie and fellowship with other IHM families is priceless!

Go to: www.Clearplay.com
for more info



Many of our 7th grade students are creating S.T.E.A.M. engineering projects and need your help collecting materials. Here are some things that we could use:

Used or Recycled Materials

- oatmeal or coffee canisters
- film canisters
- spools
- twist ties
- rolls from wrapping paper



New Craft, Home, & Office Supplies
coffee filters
toothpicks

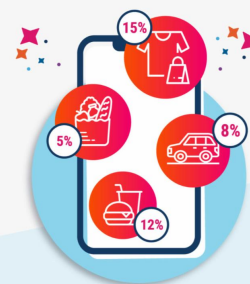
cardboard tubes
old CD's
Pringles cans
pie ties
styro foam trays (not from
meat, though)

Q-tips and cotton balls
straws
clothespins
popsicle sticks
plastic baggies
string or yarn
rubber bands
pipe cleaners
wire
tape (of all kinds!)

Not sure? If you come across any other random craft or recycled item that could be turned into a robot, parachute, or other fun project along those lines, let Mrs. DeVries know.

SAVE ON TUITION

RaiseRight (formerly known as SCRIP) is a way to turn everyday shopping or entertainment items into cash towards your child(ren)'s tuition. Now you can shop online and earn rebates without purchasing gift cards! Sign in to your RaiseRight account. (See QR code) Click "Shop Online." Choose your brand. Complete a purchase and the rebates will be applied to your account! Have grandma and grandpa, aunts and uncles sign up with their purchases earning you tuition dollars! Our RaiseRight contact person is Mrs. Karli Simon. If you have questions, contact her at KSimon@ihmschoolgr.org



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A SPOTLIGHT ON NEW IHM FAMILIES

The Crittendens

Paul and Renee Crittenden have been members of IHM since 2012 and this fall, expanded their membership to IHM school. Renee supports the

Parish as a lector and Paul, as a Eucharistic Minister. Find them at the 5:00 pm Mass on the weekends or out on some trail taking nature walks.

"IHM School has been such a high point for us, especially me as an educator," said Renee. "I get to see the fruits of another teacher's work with our daughter Clara. Her learning curve has absolutely exploded this year and we are thrilled."

We are thrilled to have the Crittendens too!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES TO FULFILL IHM PARISH SUPPORT

Pastoral Associate Mrs. Stefanie Iwan has immediate openings in the following areas:



(1) Children's Book Bag maintenance for Mass (located in the Narthex)

1. Make sure bags are in good working order. Check seams, handles, and wash monthly
2. Wipe down books
3. Rotate books according to the liturgical season. Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Ordinary time
4. 3-4 hours a month commitment

(2) Catechists for Faith Formation

1. Lead class on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 9:00 -10:15 am
2. 4 hours a month commitment

(2) Catechist Aides for Faith Formation

1. Assist the catechist on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 9:00 -10:15 am
2. 4 hours a month commitment

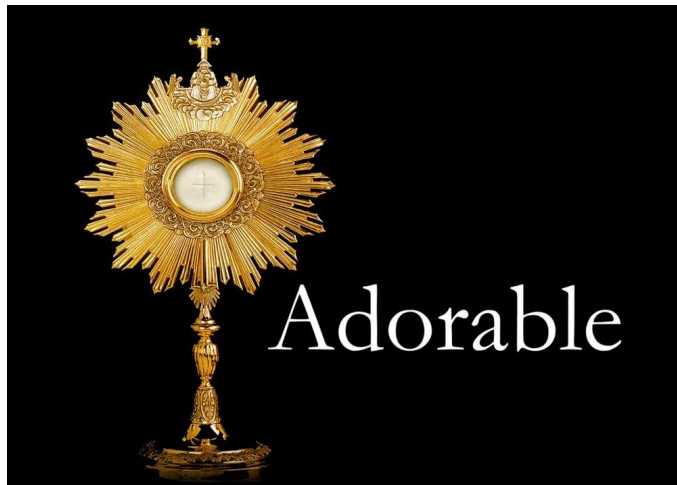
(1-2) Administrative Volunteer to DRE

1. Assist DRE with administrative duties, making copies, sorting, filing, and occasional data entry
2. most of the work can be done at home
3. up to 4 hours a month commitment

(1-2) 7/8th grade volunteers to babysit young children aged 2 and 4 years old for an OCIA family for service hours.

1. weekly on Sunday mornings from 9:00-10:15 am in the hearts and hands building.
2. 4-5 hours a month commitment depending on the month

Contact Stefanie at 616-241-4477

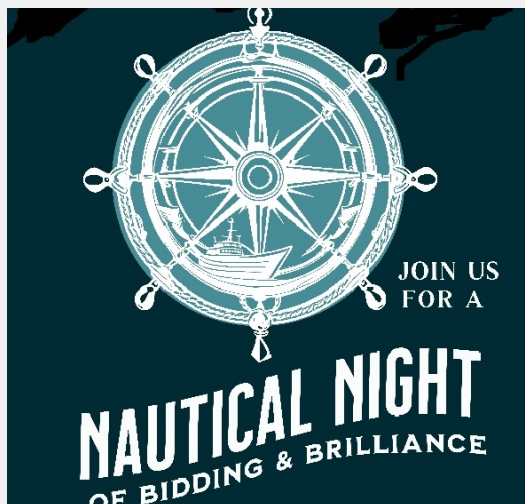


YOUR KIDS ADORE HIM WEEKLY

What about you?
Committing to an hour a week not only benefits you...the whole church is made holier. Here's the code to the door of IHM's Eucharistic Chapel. 5412

Substitute Teachers are needed.

Have you noticed that sign around other area schools? Our school needs subs too! What sets us apart? IHM offers adults the opportunity to work with kids in a cheerful, Catholic setting. You choose the days you are available and what grades you wish to work with. Adults with a bachelor's degree (in any area), who have completed VIRTUS Training (now available online at your convenience) and will allow a background check are welcome to apply. Contact Mrs. Karen DeChant kdechant@ihmschoolgr.org



AUCTION NEWS 2024

**"Nautical Night"
tickets are officially for
sale!**

Follow the link here to purchase your auction tickets:

<https://ihmparish.ejoinme.org/auctiontickets2024>. Line up your babysitters now

and mark it as a "date-night" with your bestie.

And don't forget, sponsorships are also still available! Some levels INCLUDE ticket admissions into the auction! You can sponsor the auction

here: <https://ihmparish.ejoinme.org/SponsorshipAuction2024>.

The Week Ahead

Saturday, Sept 28 Confessions 3:30-4:30 pm; Mass at 5:00 pm

Sunday, Sept 29 Mass at 8:30 am and 10:30 am/ Munch and Mingle after each

Tuesday, October 1 Right to LIFE Month begins

Tuesday, October 1 Crosses for LIFE Display 8th Graders Front Yard

Wednesday, October 2 All School Mass 9:00 am Church

Wednesday, October 2 EDGE NIGHT 6:45 pm in the GYM and DeMazenod Room

Friday, October 4 IHM Men's Ministry 6:00 am-7:30 DeMazenod Room

Friday, October 4 Blessing of the Pets 2:45 pm Playing Field

View our Calendar for more events



Good News Around Campus

A shout out to the **Courbier family** for their donation of sand toys for the preschool/Disciple Den playground. They also filled a need for fine motor skill supplies. Thank you!

Families are already inquiring about **IHM Preschool openings** for the next school year. This is a very healthy sign for future enrollment.

IHM 5th graders wrapped up the first of three weeks "at the Farm" yesterday. Franciscan Life Process Center in

Lowell lives up to its name in countless ways. The kids are happy and spent!

Mrs. Colleen Lowe, in the front office, just saw a vivid ultrasound of her 3rd grandchild, whose due date has been moved to Superbowl Sunday 2025.

There is another **IHM staffer** who is technically a grandma for the second time but too early to announce. Stay tuned!

Teacher's Aide Ms. Jan Elliott, became a grandmother again last month with the arrival of little **Aidan**. She is grateful to be able to rely on our prayers regarding his hearing deficit and upcoming evaluation.

The **Cichno family's paternal grandfather, Bogulaw Aleksander Cichno**, gazed upon the face of Jesus his Saviour last Thursday. Yesterday they offered him back to Our Heavenly Father at his Mass of Resurrection. The Cichnos have joy in their sorrow, knowing our IHM community will pray for the repose of his soul and their consolation.

IHM Teachers have been turning lemons into lemonade as we make do without a formal Art Teacher. The kid's talents are on display from projects created in their homeroom. **St. Catherine of Bologna**, patron of artists, pray for us and send us an art teacher!

Parish Secretary Mrs. Janet Potoczny is readying for her daughter Sarah's wedding next weekend. God bless their union and the newest addition to her family... a son-in-law!

The church floors are done! The church floors are done! Everyone back into the church! Thanks to our evening Maintenance guy **Leonard Brand** for a tedious job well done. Floors are his specialty! Using God's gifts, he is!

The priests are back! The priests are back! Fr. Troy and Fr. David will be 'back in business' this weekend after their absence attending the priest convocation up north this past week. So grateful for them and the return of daily Mass!

and



we were made for the good, the true, and the beautiful. Think about these things!

Send us your Joyful news
clowe@ihmschoolgr.org.

OCTOBER 2024

IHM



MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	NOTES
30 CHICKEN & WAFFLES VEGGIE JUICE APPLESAUCE MILK	1 BEEF & BEAN BURRITO TOSTITOS & SALSA CUP ORANGE MILK	2 EGG SANDWICH YOGURT VEGGIEJUICE GRAPES MILK	3 POPPIN CHICKEN BOWL (POTATOES CORN & CHICKEN) APPLESAUCE GRAHAM SNACK MILK	4 PIZZA FRUIT & VEGGIE BAR MILK	LUNCH COMBO \$3.50 ENTRÉE, FRUIT, VEGGIE, AND MILK EXTRA ENTRÉE \$2 MILK ONLY \$5.00  QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS? EILEEN O'BRIEN (616) 233-5863 EILEENOBRIEN@GRCATHOLICCENTRAL.ORG
7 CHICKEN TENDERS SMILEY FRIES APPLES GRAHAM SNACK MILK	6 TACO BITES SALSA CUP PINEAPPLE MILK	11 CHICKEN POT PIE & BISCUIT APPLESAUCE MILK	10 HOT DOG SUN CHIPS GRAPES MILK	11 PIZZA FRUIT & VEGGIE BAR MILK	
14 CHICKEN DRUMMIES MASHED POTATO BITES APPLES MILK	15 BEEF TACO LETTUCE & TOMATO PINEAPPLE MILK	16 BREAKFAST PIZZA VEGGIE JUICE BANANA MILK	17 CRISPY CHICKEN SANDWICH SUN CHIPS GRAPES MILK	18 PIZZA FRUIT & VEGGIE BAR MILK	
21 MAC & CHEESE MUFFIN APPLE CELERY MILK	22 CHICKEN CRISPITOS BEAN & CORN SALAD GRAPES MILK	23 PANCAKES VEGGIE JUICE ORANGE MILK	24 MEATBALL SUB CARROTS & RANCH FRUIT CUP MILK	25 PIZZA FRUIT & VEGGIE BAR MILK	
28 HAMBURGER CHIPS BROCCOLI & RANCH WATERMELON MILK	29 CHICEKN FAJITAS PEPPER STRIPS PINEAPPLE MILK	30 BREAKFAST BURRITO VEGGIE JUICE STRAWBERRY CUP MILK	31 SWEET THAI CHICKEN RICE FORTUNE COOKIE MILK 		

— switch menu day



From the Principal:

Hello IHM families!

The leaves are turning and the air is getting cooler out there! The mornings in the car line I have to layer up already! We really need someone to be at the door on Thursday and Friday mornings from 7:40-8:00 while I am out at car line. I like to have someone monitoring who is going in and directing any visitors to the front door of the office. It's a great job for a dad! Teachers are busy getting ready for their day and greeting kids and the wonderful office people are answering

phones and taking care of details for the day. So we need some help! Please let me know if you'd like to help on Thursdays or Fridays.

*We have worked hard on our safety and security by adding cameras and then, over the summer, we added more speakers for our PA system. Now every corner of the buildings can hear announcements. We even added a speaker outside, which was a recommendation from our safety assessments. So now we have phones, cameras and speakers galore!
I hope you all have a great weekend!*

Blessings,

Mrs. Holly Lake

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