

Disciple Dispatch

October 25, 2024

"...and let down your NET for a catch"



IHM Junior High students were caught up Thursday by the NET Team Leaders (front row) in an on-campus day retreat. Every August, ~150 young Catholics, aged 18-28 leave behind their jobs, school, family, and friends to devote nine months to serving on one of the 14 National Evangelization Team Ministries teams. Their mission: to 'cast a net' across the U.S. gathering young people and their families into the barque of the Good News. Your kids had a blast.

First Things:



The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

It's here! Schedule your child(ren)'s Fall conferences, November 6,7,8 at this link below.

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Fall conferences are mandatory for PRK 4's, Young 5's and K-8.
PRK3's will have their conferences in February.
Burmese interpreters are available for conference times on November 6th and the 8th.



Today's Quarter-End Pep Rally was an hour of USA-themed power and fun! Ms. Savillo's homeroom beat Mrs. Zeleznik's homeroom in the volleyball match and the entire 8th grade class wiped the floor with the staff in tug of war. SO. MUCH. FUN.



THEN, READ ON!



Simple. Safe. Can & Bottle Recycling Service.

Sipzee is a company that will take your empty cans and bottles and donate 50% of the deposits to IHM!

- 1. Go to Sipzee.com
- 2. Type in your zipcode
- 3. Schedule a pick up day that works for you
- Provide an exact count of your deposits or use the Sipzee estimator tool (It's actually very accurate!)
- Select "donate to a non-profit" and choose IHM School
- 6. Put your cans/bottles out for the Sipzee collector to pick up
- 7. You now have a clean garage, and IHM earns 50% of the deposit money collected!

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IHM HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR NOW!

Did you know that 55% of families who applied for financial aid last year and were verified as parish members, received financial aid?

Apply at the link below before the deadline of **December 8.** First round awards will be made by December 20. Two other rounds of awards to follow. (Psssst: It's best to get in on the first

one!)

Smart Tuition is now part of Blackbaud.

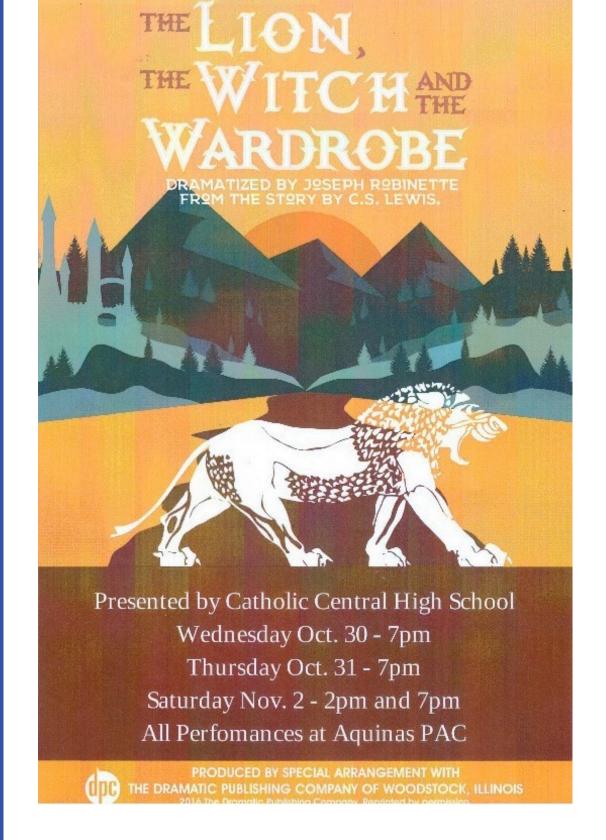
https://aid.blackbaud.school/

IHM TRUNK OR TREAT THIS THURSDAY!

IHM Kindergarten-5th graders will celebrate Halloween, in costume, at our annual **Trunk or Treat and Parade.** All K-8th students are to come to school in uniform bottoms with Halloween-themed shirts or sweatshirts on top. K-5 will *change into costumes* for the Halloween parade at 1:45 pm with a last stop in our parking lot for "trunks full of treats." Students in grades 6-8 will get their own treat bags! Would you like to donate a bag of candy for those treat bags? Here's your chance (scroll all the way to the bottom):

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoD 4CADAC2EA2FCC52-52427216trunkortreating#/





A SPOTLIGHT ON NEW IHM FAMILIES

The Hermiz Family

East meets West when it came to Johnathon and Linda's



commitment to marry. He from the Chaldean Church in the Detroit area and she, a native West Michigan Catholic. "My brother was married at IHM and a l-o-n-g time ago, Johnathon actually made his First Holy Communion here," recalls Linda. "We just knew it was the right place to raise our family." Their oldest Mia has totally bought into the idea of all day PK3's: she would if she could! Kudos to her little brother soon to baptized at St Thomas Chaldean Church in Detroit in November. It's there they commute to celebrate Mass every Sunday. (whew) You bless us all, Hermiz Family, by your commitment to your faith community and to us!

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK:



Every two weeks, our IHM student body learns about a particular virtue: what it looks like in action and what it would sound like.

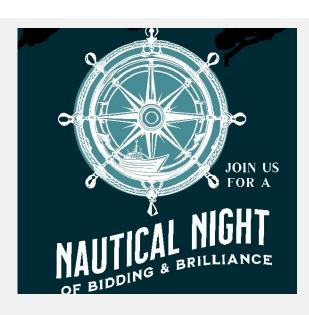
The current focus is on Patriotism.

Patriotism is the virtue of paying due honor and respect to one's country, with a willingness to serve

Patriotism looks like: Singing the national anthem

Patriotism sounds like: Our National Anthem is not a solo but a song for all to sing

The Auction 2024 booklet comes home today! Look for it!



"Nautical Night of Bidding and Brilliance"

Calling all captains and crews, skippers and sailors. Bring yourself and your first mate dressed in seaworthy attire for a night of fun and fundraising.

Looking for the tickets you already purchased? They'll be at the door when you arrive! Haven't bought your tickets yet?

Step right up:

https://ihmparish.ejoinme.org/auctiontickets2024.

The Week Ahead

Saturday, Oct 26 Confessions 3:30-4:30 pm; Mass at 5:00 pm

Sunday, Oct 27 Mass at 8:30 am and 10:30 am/ Munch and Mingle after each

Monday Oct 28 Second Quarter Begins

Tuesday Oct 29 7/8th to Catholic Central Play The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Wednesday, Oct 30 All School Mass 9:00 am Church

Wednesday, Oct 30 After-School St Gregory Choir Begins 3:15 pm Church

Wednesday, Oct 30 NO EDGE NIGHT

Wednesday, Oct 30 8th Gr Confirmation Cathedral of St Andrew 7:00 pm

Thursday, Oct 31 K-8: Halloween Colors on Top with Uniform Bottoms
Thursday, Oct 31 K-5 Costume Parade 1:45pm / K-5 Trunk or Treat 2:00 pm

Friday, Nov 1 WINTER DRESS CODE IN EFFECT

Friday, Nov 1 IHM Men's Ministry 6:00 am-7:30 DeMazenod Room

Friday, Nov 1 All Saints Day Mass 9:00 am and 6:00 pm

Friday, Nov 1 3rd Gr All Saints Day Litany at Mass 9:00 am

Friday, Nov 1 Report Cards available online on Infinite Campus

Saturday, Nov 2 All Souls Day

Saturday, Nov 2 Confessions 3:30-4:30 pm; Mass at 5:00 pm

Saturday, Nov 2 A Night of Bidding and Brilliance Fall Auction 6:00 pm Gym

View our Calendar for more events



Good News Around Campus

John L finally got his cast off this week from a hockey brake of his wrist. No doubt his team is thrilled to have him on the offensive again.

IHM mom Jessie Marotte delivered a beautiful healthy baby girl last week..."Pippa!" and now it's time to celebrate with a Meal train for the family. They have no family near by other than our IHM family. Please be generous! Sign up here:

https://takethemameal.com/RVZJ1965

Our annual Fall Gathering

Fundraiser brought in \$45,000 last night, with more checks still being processed! A joyful, generous crowd of 165 IHM new and "seasoned" members celebrated the parish's Diamond Jubilee at Cascade Country Club. The money raised is designated for the campus grounds and maintenance needs. Check out this fabulous video presented last

night about our 75 year parish history: https://vimeo.com/1013394090/c40af287bc

The IHM Buddies Pizza Night netted \$500 in one day! Funds raised through this event and others (like Sipzee ...see flyer posted earlier) are part of our Outside Source Fundraising efforts. Look for another one come Lent and order all-things-cheese-pizzas!

IHM eighth graders make their Confirmation next Wednesday. The effects of which complete their baptism as full members of the church. Come Holy Spirit!

Our entire student body learned the **Chicken Dance Polka** at the pep rally today. Goals!

and.....

"The heart of religion is worship...we were made for it." The Catechism in a Year Fr Mike Schmitz

We'll see you at Mass this weekend to worship our good and gracious God!

Send us your Joyful news clowe@ihmschoolgr.org.



From the Principal

Hello IHM Families!

The 2nd quarter is already upon us! I was so surprised at how dark it was this morning in the car line! I guess winter is fast approaching! I enjoyed a wonderful Fall Gathering last evening. What a great event for IHM parish! It was another great way to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the parish and all the wonderful people who have been so instrumental along the way! We are truly so blessed! There is a lot coming up with Halloween, our auction, and conferences, so keep your eyes open for information you need! Have a great weekend! Blessings, Holly Lake

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