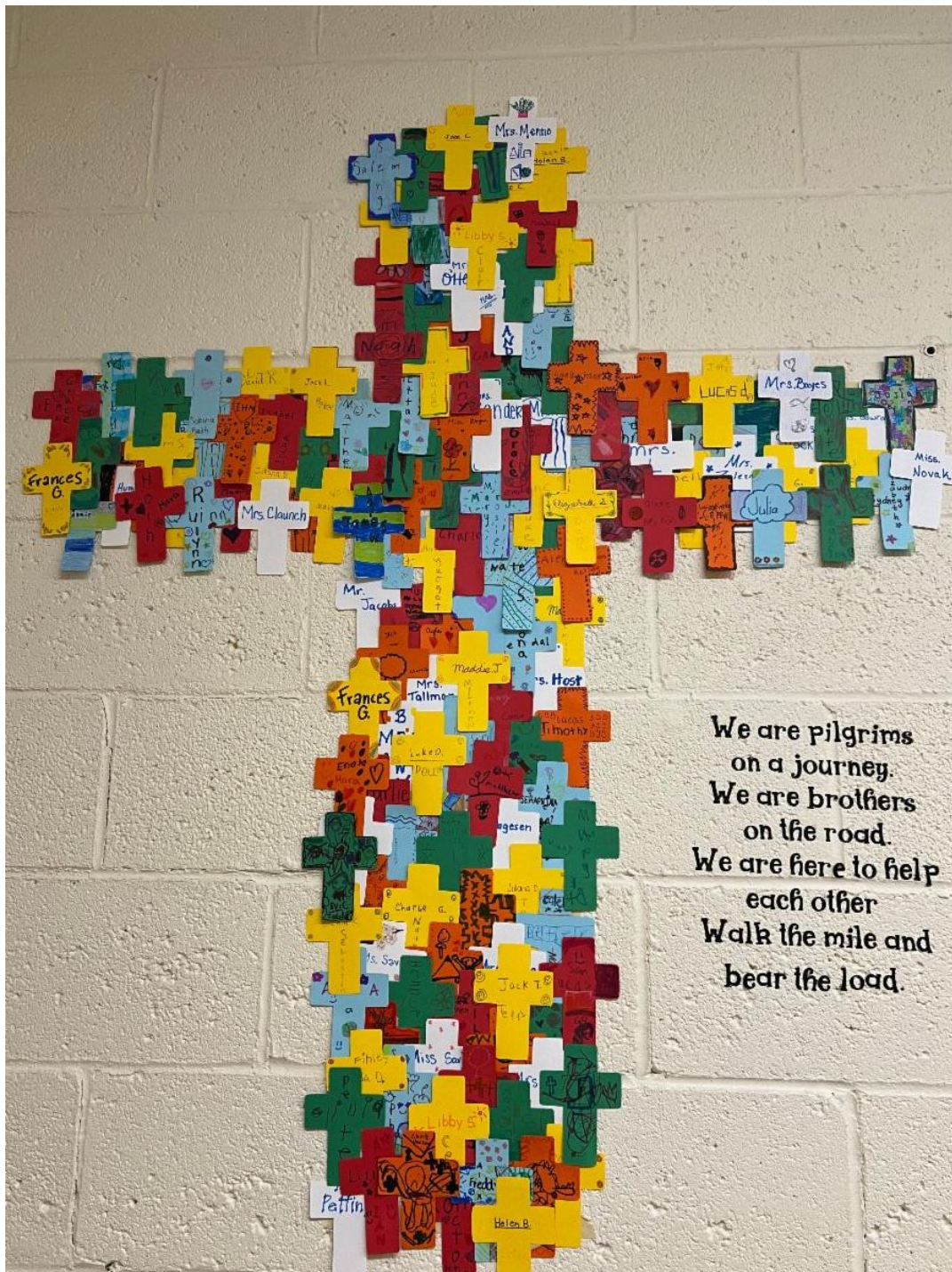


Servant Disciples



IHM Prayer Partners spent time getting to know one another, sharing stories of who they are and how they might pray for one another. Each pair signed a cross (see above) in a bond of new friendship. Each promising to help each other, walk the mile and bear the load.

What's New



The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

Coming soon: the sign-up genius link to schedule your child(ren)'s Fall conferences, November 6,7,8.

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.

8th Grade



FUNDRAISER

Support the year-end activities of our IHM 8th graders: buy popcorn for the pep rally! (see right) Order forms coming home today. \$2 per box. Popcorn to be delivered (and devoured) at the rally. Return your order forms to your child's homeroom teacher by next Thursday, October 24th please.



8th graders square off next Friday October 25, in a volleyball game celebrating the end of the First marking period. Parents are welcome to join us in the gym for the IHM Pep Rally at 2pm. Many other games and antics are to take place between matches. **Kids in grades K-8 are asked to wear their prayer partner shirt on top and have a "jeans day on the bottom."** Check the dress code for proper jeans day regulations.

**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? Never say never. 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!)

<https://aid.blackbaud.school/>

Smart Tuition
is now part of
Blackbaud.

TRUNK OR TREAT COMING OCT 31

IHM Kindergarten-5th graders will celebrate Halloween, in costume, at our annual **Trunk or Treat and Parade**. Kids come to school in uniform bottoms with Halloween-themed shirts or sweatshirts on top. K-5 change for the Halloween parade at 1:45 pm with a last stop in our parking lot for "trunks full of treats." Student grades 6-8 will get their own treat-bags! Would you like to decorate your car and hand out candy? Here's your chance:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoD4CADAC2EA2FCC52-52427216-trunkortreating#/
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40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The IHM Day of peaceful prayer at the 40 Days vigil is THIS Sunday! Thank you to those who responded with your prayer commitment! There are still hours with no coverage...as the Holy Spirit nudges you, please sign up online!

Location: *Planned Parenthood at 425 Cherry St SE in Grand Rapids*

If you haven't done so - **Please** use these instructions to register online - thank you!!!!

1. Visit www.40daysforlife.com/GrandRapids
2. Click "Log In / Sign Up" box
3. Click "Sign Up for Vigil Hours" box
4. Click on the day you want to pray at the peaceful vigil

5. Click on the hour you want to pray
6. Click "Submit Hours" box. - THANK YOU!



FREE IHM FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
THIS SATURDAY NIGHT

Join your school and parish family, **Saturday, October 19** after the 5pm Mass in the gym. Grilled concession food, popcorn, treats and more for sale. Bring a blanket and lawn chairs. The movie "ET" will be played with technology by www.Clearplay.com--No need to worry about inappropriate language or scenes!

SUNDAY!

FALL FESTIVAL

Children in
grades 5 &
under must be
accompanied by
a parent



Fall Fun for Everyone!

October 20th | 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

*\$13 / Person
3 and under free*

ED DUNNEBACK AND GIRLS
FARM MARKET
3025 6 Mile Road
Grand Rapids, MI 49544

*Register HERE or
scan the QR Code*



Live Music ~ Corn Maze ~ Wagon Rides ~ Food ~ More~!

A SPOTLIGHT ON NEW IHM FAMILIES

The Zebrowski Family

Austin and Katelyn are not native West Michiganders but have certainly found a wonderful home here. They recently moved from South Lyon and make the commute from Byron Center for School and Mass.

"We toured many of the Catholic



schools recommended to us but just felt our family would fit at IHM."

Mom and Dad are "Domers," having both graduated from the University of Notre Dame. The entire family can now officially be called

"ch-IHM-ers"

by way of Leah and Isaac's enrollment.

Find them at any one of the three weekend Masses offered at IHM.

Welcome Home, Zebrwoski's!

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK:

Courtesy

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 **Courtesy**.

Courtesy is the virtue of treating other people with respect, recognizing all are made in God's image and likeness. .

Courtesy looks like: Arriving to school before 7:50 a.m.

Courtesy sounds like: When I am on time, I don't inconvenience the teacher or other students and am showing my respect for them and their time.

16 days until Auction 2024

AUCTION NEWS 2024



"Nautical Night of Bidding and Brilliance"

Buy your tickets.
Reserving an entire table.
Sign up to be a last minute sponsor.
Plan on bidding high and having fun!

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



ATHLETIC PHYSICALS DUE

If you have a child registered to play a winter sport this coming season, (boy's basketball and competitive cheer) they are required to turn in a copy of a sports physical, given within the last 12 months. Turn them into Coach Amy Taylor or the front school office asap. Thank you!

The Week Ahead

Friday, Oct 18 IHM Men's Ministry 6:00 am-7:30 DeMazenod Room

Friday, Oct 18 **NO SCHOOL Professional Development Day**

Saturday, Oct 19 Confessions 3:30-4:30 pm; Mass at 5:00 pm

Saturday, Oct 19 Family Movie Night 6:00 pm Gym

Sunday, Oct 20 Mass at 8:30 am and 10:30 am/ Munch and Mingle after each

Sunday, Oct 20 Fall Family Festival 1:00-4:00 pm Ed Dunneback & Girls Farm

Wednesday, Oct 23 All School Mass 9:00 am Church

Wednesday, Oct 23 After-School St Gregory Choir Begins 3:15 pm Church

Wednesday, Oct 23 EDGE NIGHT 6:45 pm in the GYM and DeMazenod Room

Thursday, Oct 24 NET Retreat All Day 7th/8th grades

Thursday, Oct 24 American Heritage Girls 3:30 pm -5:00 pm All Purpose Rm

Thursday, Oct 24 Fall Gathering 6:00-8:30 pm Cascade Country Club

Friday, Oct 25 IHM Men's Ministry 6:00 am-7:30 DeMazenod Room

Friday, Oct 25 End of First Quarter Pep Rally 2:00 pm Gym

Friday, Oct 25 Pep Rally 2:00 pm Gym Jeans Day with Prayer Partner Shirts

View our Calendar for more
events



Good News Around Campus

The Ken and Jessie Marotte Family welcomed their second child Tuesday morning, a perfect baby girl -- Philippa Rose. Imogen is over the moon with her little sister. *Look for the IHM Meal train to celebrate Philippa's arrival.*

IHM mom Maria Bostic is due early April 2025 with baby#6!

IHM eighth graders make their Confirmation on the 30th and a novena for them, to the Holy Spirit, begins on Monday. Disciples of Christ pray for each other...please keep them in your family prayers.

This is why we can have nice things at IHM: Funds raised at last years **Fall Gathering** made possible an upgrade of the the teacher's lounge kitchen this week. Thanks to those who gave last year and bless those who plan to give this year!

AND

what God commands He makes possible
by grace!
Talk about blessed assurance!

See you at Mass this weekend ;-)

Send us your Joyful news
clowe@ihmschoolgr.org.

From the Principal

Hello IHM Families!



We are looking forward to our professional development day tomorrow! Teachers will be involved in a variety of learning opportunities. A few of our teachers are involved in a 2-year program around the science of reading, so they will have that training all day. For teachers who have been doing NWEA MAP testing for 5 years or less, they will have a presenter in the morning from NWEA teach them about all the reports and how they can use the data to drive instruction. Everyone else will be meeting with our Student Support to talk about learning plans in the classroom, working on curriculum mapping, and gathering accreditation evidence. In the afternoon we will all work on accreditation. This year is our "self-study" year, meaning we are gathering evidence to support ratings in 13 standards, or a total of 76 benchmarks. This is a huge task, so we are getting a good start taking some time tomorrow.

I hope you all enjoy an extra day with your families this week

Blessings,
Holly Lake

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