



Disciple Dispatch

October 5, 2024

Disciples Defend LIFE



October is the Month of The Holy Rosary. It is also Respect LIFE Month. IHM 8th graders take this God-incidence to both pray and witness our Faith on the corner of Plymouth and Burton Street. Each cross= 1 million lives taken from the womb. Each a soul, fearfully and wonderfully made. Changing laws cannot change hearts, but grace can!

An Excerpt from Bishop Walkowiak's Letter on Respect LIFE Month

"Protecting life in all stages is and has always been the work of the Church. We must remain engaged, especially after the comprehensive challenges to life that now exist in Michigan.

During this Respect Life Month, let



us reflect more deeply on the sacredness of every human life. I invite you to visit the diocesan website (www.grdiocese.org) for Respect Life Month resources to support your efforts. May our hearts be transformed to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable. Saint Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us!"

PET BLESSING 2024





Blessings Abound

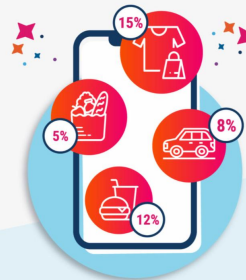
Beasts and children alike were blessed by Fr. Troy yesterday as they invoked the intercession of St Francis of Assisi on his feast day. We give thanks and praise God for the affections, joys and companionship (and sometimes really good cheese) that our pets provide.

SCRIPT IS NOW CALLED "RAISE RIGHT"

SAVE ON TUITION

RaiseRight 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



Turn everyday shopping into fundraising dollars



A SPOTLIGHT ON NEW IHM FAMILIES

The Stovers

The decision for **Monica and George Stover** to send their kids to IHM was pretty much in the cards. Monica and host family Monica Reeder went to school together at IHM, adding to a long legacy of ch'IHM'ers. (slang for those who have ever attended IHM) "We knew IHM was the best option for us by an overwhelming endorsement from friends and families," said George, aka Bo. "Being raised in Catholic Schools ourselves, we know the value of making the investment in a truly Catholic and academic school."

The Stovers like to travel and seek simple outdoor adventures with the girls.

Look for them at the 8:30 am Sunday Mass!

Thank you for continuing the legacy, Bo and Monica!

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK:



Every two weeks , our IHM student body learns about a particular virtue: what they look like in action and what they would sound like. The current focus is on **Humility**.

Humility is the awareness that all one's gifts come from God and an appreciation for the gifts of others.

Humility looks like: allowing someone else to speak or tell a story without drawing attention to yourself

Humility sounds like: Silence

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 of Bidding



and Brilliance"

A formal invitation is came home yesterday with your oldest/only child! Details include "dress code" for the evening, buying your tickets by check, reserving an entire table and an opportunity for sponsorship or donations.

You are also welcome to follow the link here to purchase your auction tickets online:

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



ATHLETIC NEWS: By the Numbers

Participation:

Number of students taking part in fall sports this year:

- Flag Football = 18
- Tackle Football = 34
- Volleyball = 38
- Cheer = 13
- Boys Soccer = 4
- Cross Country = 5

Costs: Per Athlete:

All League fees are covered by the efforts of our IHM Athletic Boosters.

Below is an idea of what it costs to participate in GRACEAC sports, **per-athlete** for fall sports.

- Flag Football = \$100
- Tackle Football = \$300
- Volleyball = \$60-90 (depending on the size of the team)
- Cheer = \$100
- Soccer = \$60-90 (depending on the size of the team)
- Cross Country = \$110

Our total cost for fall sports this year is \$17,228, which the Diocese charges us for student-athlete participation.

Rather than charging your student athlete a fee, we are requesting your

TIME.

This is why we ask that you volunteer for 3 spots PER SEASON.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084BAEAE23A2FFC70-51334337-home>

Thank you for your support of the IHM Athletic Boosters. This is a huge benefit for our student-athletes, and fairly unique in the Diocese.

The Week Ahead

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

Sunday, Oct 6 Mass at 8:30 am and 10:30 am/ Munch and Mingle after each

Tuesday, Oct 8 Feast of Our Lady of Champion Outside Rosary 2:00 pm

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

Wednesday, Oct 9 EDGE NIGHT 6:45 pm in the GYM and DeMazenod Room

Thursday, Oct 10 Picture Day PK3's and Retakes 8:30 - 9:30 am only

Thursday, Oct 10 Parent/Toddler LapTime and Open Gym 10:00 am Gym

Thursday, Oct 10 American Heritage Girls Mtg 3:30 pm-5:30 pm All Purpose Rm

Friday, October 11 IHM Men's Ministry 6:00 am-7:30 DeMazenod Room

Friday, October 11 IHM Principal Tailgate at Catholic Central 5:30 pm CAT

View our Calendar for more events

Good News Around Campus

The Henschel Family twins have arrived! Two bouncing baby boys were born last month to Betsey and Nate:



Isaac Russell and William Robert. IHM celebrates ALL newborns but for those with multiple births, we fire up the IHM Diaper Drive! Donations of newborn-size 1 diapers are being accepted in the school office all this month.

IHM mom Alexa Hoerner and husband Dan welcomed baby #3 on the Feast of the Archangels, Oct.1! Brooks Daniel arrived perfectly-perfect at 8.5 lbs and 21".

Librarian Mrs. Wendy Kuzma just celebrated her daughter's wedding last weekend. Heaven forbid the joy should wear off, a second daughter's wedding is being planned for this fall. Wendy also became a grandma this summer. Whew!

The older kids After-School Choir (**St Gregory Choir**) has a director! Former IHM Parish Music Director Mrs. Liz Owen will be leading the 3rd-6th grade choir after school on Wednesdays!

IHM kindergarteners were quite comfortable in their studies Friday, as they enjoyed a Pajama Day in celebration of the letter **P**. They enjoyed Purple Pancakes too. Pretty Perfect day, perhaps?

and

what God commands, He makes possible by Grace.

Good stuff.

Send us your Joyful news
clowe@ihmschoolgr.org.

Our IHM Family has another MULTIPLE BIRTH Family to Assist

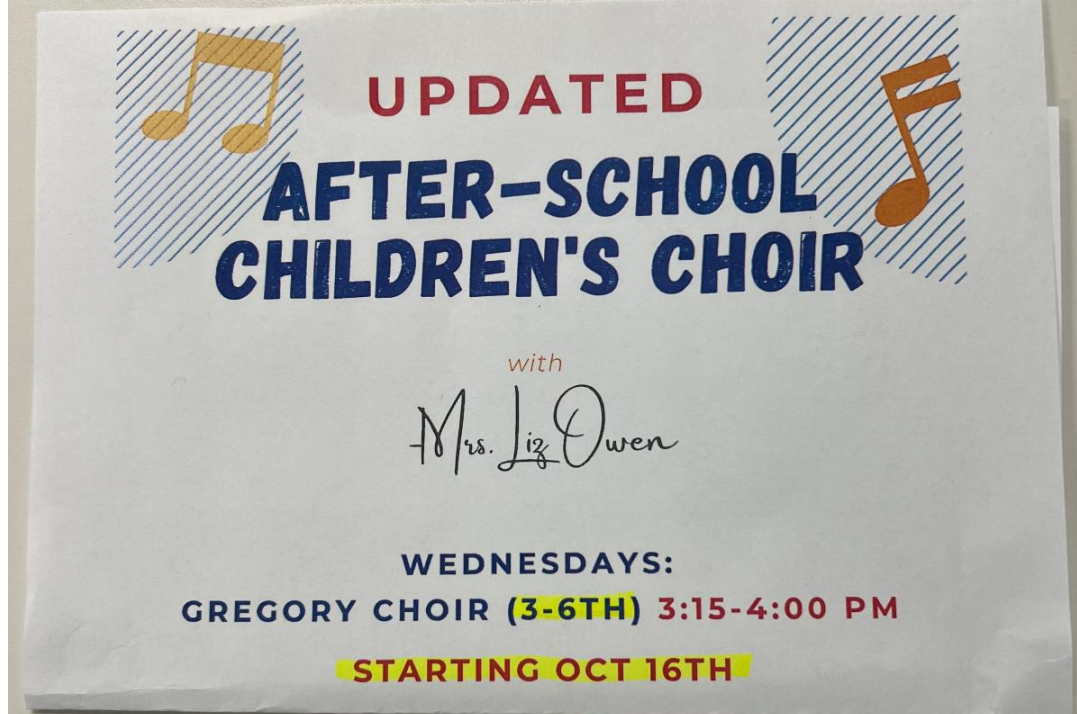
IHM DIAPER DRIVE!



FOR THE HENSCHEL FAMILY TWINS

BORN THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26
ISAAC RUSSELL AND WILLIAM ROBERT

Help parents Betsy and Nate celebrate
the arrival of these 2 new
Disciples-of-Christ babies
by assisting their parents in meeting the bottom line!
Newborn sizes preferable
but will certainly accept larger sizes of **disposable diapers.**
Please send them into the IHM school or parish office,
now until All Saints Day!



St Gregory Choir has a Director! Mrs. Liz Owen will be leading kids in grades 3rd-6th on Wednesdays right after school. Those who returned their permission slips early this Fall are welcome to join us. Those who still wish to join may get a sign up sheet from the office. NOTE: The younger children's choir will not be meeting until further arrangements are made.



From the Assistant Principal:

Hello IHM Families,

I have hijacked Holly's column today. I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you an experience I was able to have this summer. I spent one week at the Theology of the Body Institute on retreat. It was an incredible week!

When you come to the front door of our school campus, you will see a large banner that says "We are a Theology of the Body Campus." I had heard about Theology of the Body for many years, however, it has only been in the last year that I have come to understand it more fully.

Theology of the body is the way we, as Catholics, look at the world. We believe that we are made in God's image and likeness, and our bodies matter. Our bodies are a gift that points to something deeper and we can get a glimpse of the spiritual through the biological. By making an authentic gift of self to others, out of love "with our bodies" we make God's love visible here on earth.

Here at school, we teach the importance of our bodies and what they reveal to us from preschool through 8th grade. Our teachers remind our students that their

bodies matter in all they do. Our bodies tell us when we are hungry or sad. They tell us when we are hurt or tired. Our bodies are amazing! They are a gift from God so that we can be a gift to others.

In Christ,
Mrs. Anne Brown

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