



Disciple Dispatch

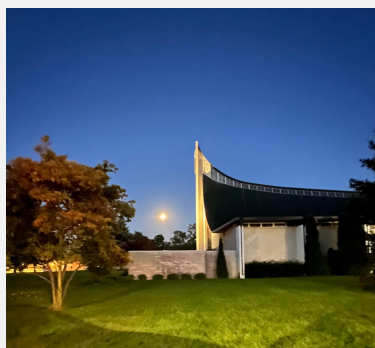
November 23, 2024

Christ the King



The liturgical year ends this weekend, but our journey in living the virtues, towards Christ's everlasting Kingdom continues. As we also enter into Thanksgiving week, may gratitude guide our hearts to accept the only King worthy of praise and glory. Our Jesus Christ!

First Things:



**Membership has its Privileges
and Responsibilities**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary
Request for Parish Support** forms were sent home with your oldest/only child early this week. To receive Active Parishioner discounted tuition for the

next 2025-26 school year, you must fill out the form and return it by

December 16.

The three pillars of Active Parish Membership: celebrate weekend Mass with us on a regular basis; serve the *parish* in a parish ministry; tithe on a regular basis with envelopes or online.

START COLLECTING NOW!

The Cathedral Outreach Emmaus Center Drive for personal care items and warm clothing **begins the day we return from Thanksgiving break.** Plan ahead to shop for needed items and/or purge your closets.

See the list below for what to send in on what day.

"A good man, out of the good treasure of his heart, brings forth that which is good"

Bless you, for living a life of goodness, gratitude, and generosity!



**Cathedral
Outreach**



Clothing and Personal Care Item Drive

2024

Living a life of GRATITUDE becomes more pronounced this time of year when comparing our abundance with the basic needs of our homeless brothers and sisters.

Every year, the good families of IHM collect, deliver and literally fill the empty shelves of the **Cathedral Outreach Emmaus Center** during Advent. The Center hopes for and rejoices in your generosity! For each day

of the drive, a certain item is requested. As a way to celebrate the joy of giving, each day comes with a "gift" for the givers. On their behalf, thank you.

DAY	ITEM	GIFT
Mon, Dec 2	Twin or Full-size Blankets (one per family) Backpacks/small luggage Handwarmers (very much needed!) Bath Towels (new or gently used)	Jersey Day Wear your favorite jersey or team apparel. (Follow Non-uniform Day dress code)
Tues, Dec 3	Women's or children's (age 5+) Socks (new) Children's underwear (age 5+) (new) White Men's Athletic Socks (new)	Comfy-Cozy Day Wear your comfiest sweatpants, or joggers and cuddly sweatshirts today. No PJ pants please (Follow Non-uniform Day dress code)
Wed, Dec 4	Bar Soap (regular size) Shampoo (Not larger than 12oz) Deodorant, ChapStick	Hat Day Crazy or favorite team hats are a go! (It's a Regular Uniform Day because it's a Mass Day!)
Thurs, Dec 5	Toothpaste (regular size) Toothbrushes (individually packaged)	Business Casual Wear your best business casual attire. It's Reconciliation Day so no jeans (follow Non-Uniform Day guidelines)
Fri, Dec 6	Warm clothing/coats/Belts* Adult gloves, knit hats (no scarves please) *New or gently used *Men's sizes needed the most	Tropical Day Wear your Hawaiian shirts and leis and bright apparel (Follow Non-uniform day dress code)



Cathedral Outreach Center has had a 25% increase this season in visitors per month: ~226 visitors per month. The ratio of visitors is 2:1, men to women. Most are homeless and live out of a backpack or bag which is why smaller or regular-size personal items are requested.



LAST CHANCE!

A mandatory RE-Training is being held for all current IHM Altar Servers in grades 5-12 and those wishing to join this ministry for the first time.

ONE DATE REMAINS:

**THIS
Sunday
November 24**

To be held in the church immediately following Mass

from 11:30-12:30

Sign up your son(s)/daughter(s) below.

www.signupgenius.com/go/20F



"Can you hear me, now?"



"MAKING IT LOUD AND CLEAR"

Funding an upgrade of the
St. Eugene DeMazenod Room
Sound System

\$23,000 Goal

IHM's Giving Tuesday Campaign
December 3

Designate Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish as the recipient of your donations during this 48 hour, fast-paced, gift-matching "online-a-thon."

Starting **Midnight on December 2 through 11:59 pm on December 3**, the timing and the amount of your **online** donations could allow us to win one or more of the Catholic Foundation of West Michigan \$10,000 in challenge grants! All donations must be made online to count for matching gifts competition.
Matching Gifts Details forthcoming

#GivingTuesdayWM



STAYIN' ALIVE 24 / 7 / 365 !

Changes are coming to our **Online IHM Spirit Store**. You'll be able to order *anytime* throughout the year and have your merchandise delivered within two weeks! The site is to go live **January 8 2025** and will stay open in perpetuity! Look for new items, too!



Good News around Campus

IHM Second graders (and all in heaven) are in great anticipation of their First Reconciliation retreat on December 4 followed by the big day of Reconciliation on December 5.

Imogen M.'s baby sister is being baptized this Sunday...yet another celebration in heaven... and on earth!

IHM Band Students will share their musical talents in the first concert of the school year. IHM 5th-8th students will perform in combination with other Catholic school bands this Sunday at St Cecilia Music Center.

Students in grades K-8 are anxiously preparing for the annual **Choral Christmas Concert** to be held in the gym the night of December 16th.

IHM mom **Mrs. Aung** is expecting another child, due early winter and IHM mom **Mrs. Doyle's** due date is fast approaching! Our prayers for both for a safe delivery and healthy babies!

Pope Francis announced this week his intent to canonize **Blessed Carlo Acutis** this coming Spring. The 15 year old saint-to-be was known for his tech savvy, his devotion to the Eucharist and an unending cheerfulness as he was dying of cancer. Now, guess who we

plan to name our IHM updated Tech lab after?

We are happy to spread your joy, but you have to let us know! Email Mrs. Lowe with your good news clowe@ihmschoolgr.org

See you at Mass!

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 GRATITUDE. *Use it this Thanksgiving at your dinner table to keep the conversation focused on the reason for the day!*

Gratitude is the virtue of a thankful disposition of mind and heart

Gratitude looks like: Thanking Christ for the gift of Himself in the Eucharist when He is elevated during the Great Amen at Mass

Gratitude sounds like: Thank you, My Lord and My God!

The Two Weeks Ahead

Saturday, Nov 23 Confessions 3:30-4:30 pm; Mass at 5:00 pm

Sunday, Nov 24 Mass at 8:30 am and 10:30 am/ Munch and Mingle after each

Sunday, Nov 24 Knights of Columbus Blood Drive 9:00 am

Sunday, Nov 24 Altar Server RE Training/New Training 11:45 am Church

Sunday, Nov 24 5/6th Gr Band Concert 2:00 pm St Cecilia Music Center

Sunday, Nov 24 7/8th Gr Band Concert 4:30 pm St Cecilia Music Center

Wednesday, Nov 27 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break Begins

Thursday, Nov 28 Thanksgiving Day Mass 9:00 am NO SCHOOL

Friday, Nov 29 NO SCHOOL

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

Sunday, Dec 1 First Sunday of Advent Mass at 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Monday, Dec 2 Return to School from Thanksgiving Break

Monday, Dec 2 Cathedral Outreach Week

Monday, Dec 2 Women's Advent Service 6:30 pm DeMazenod Room

Tuesday Dec 3 Cathedral Outreach

Wednesday, Dec 4 Cathedral Outreach

Wednesday, Dec 4 Reconciliation Retreat 2nd Graders

Wednesday, Dec 4 All School Mass 9:00 am

Wednesday, Dec 4 Edge Night 6:45 pm Gym/DeMazenod Room

Thursday, Dec 5 Cathedral Outreach

Thursday, Dec 5 Lap Time/ Open Gym 10:00 am Gym

Thursday, Dec 5 All School Reconciliation 10:00 am- Noon Church

Friday, Dec 6 Cathedral Outreach

[View our Calendar for more events](#)

From the Principal

Hello IHM Families!

As we head into the weekend before

Thanksgiving, our virtue is gratitude! I am very

grateful for this amazing IHM community! I am



blessed to be part of it.
I'm also grateful for Duane Gerrits who has been one of our maintenance men for the last three years! He will be retiring at the end of December, so if you see him around campus, be sure to thank him for all he has done and continues to do for our staff and students. Duane is the kind of guy who is always right there to help and he does it with a smile! We will miss him around here, but we're excited for him to have time to bike and hike and camp and enjoy the great outdoors!
Have a great weekend!
Blessings,

Mrs. Holly Lake

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