



Disciple Dispatch

November 8, 2024

O God, Hear Our Prayer



Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish and School have been praying for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life. IHM consistently has someone(s) from our parish in the process of discernment! What a gift to have 3 this year! **Daniel Willison, Greg Wasinski and Sr. Mary Rose Thomas** ! We have extended the collection of prayers, cards and care-package-goodies until this Monday, November 11. Your notes of encouragement are especially welcomed.

First Things:

Answered Prayer?

As we pray for an increase in vocations, especially so during this **Vocation Awareness Week**, two sisters appeared in our parking lot...with some pretty good game! Unfortunately, they were only visiting. Fortunate for us, we

captured a glimpse of "Women Religious joy" to share with you. It truly is a fulfilling calling. Many thanks to those who have already contributed to the **Care Packages** for our 2 IHM Seminarians and 1 woman Religious. They should receive them next week!



Gracias! Efharisto!

(Thank you! Thank you!)

Parent teacher conference meals for staff were over the top this week! Wednesday was Mexican fare and Thursday was a Greek fest for the senses! So delicious!

We offer an extra loud shout-out of gratitude to the owner of PITA WAY Mediterranean Grill for tossing the invoice for Thursday's Greek meal. What a gift! Return the favor and consider giving them your business!



2024 B1G Championship Squares Fundraiser!

We are one month away from the B1G Football Championship game and you are one month away from the chance to win \$5,000 in various prize amounts, all in support of IHM Athletics!

Squares are assigned at random as they are purchased. When all the squares are filled, we will blind draw the numbers 0-9 for each side. (Your squares will be sent to you prior to the game) Match the last digit of the score after each quarter and you win! **A rotating squares feature has been added to give you fresh numbers each quarter!!!** This affords more chances to win; not being stuck with "bad" #'s; and less of the dreaded same-score in consecutive quarters. IHM Athletics gives our kids the opportunity to play sports without a fee, and provide the equipment, uniforms, and facility standards that make IHM a great place to compete and grow our community.



HELP SUPPORT IHM ATHLETICS!

2024 B1G Championship Squares

Gameday: Saturday, 12/7/24
\$100/Square

Payouts for matching the last digits of the actual score & reverse score for each quarter: ***New rotating #'s for each quarter!**

1st Quarter - \$500, Reverse - \$250
2nd Quarter - \$1,000, Reverse - \$250
3rd Quarter - \$500, Reverse - \$250
4th Quarter - \$2,000, Reverse - \$250

Prize pool is \$5,000. \$5,000 goes to IHM Athletics. Squares will be assigned once payment is received.

Entries must be paid via IHM's Clover Link!

Any questions, please contact:
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IHM Athletics Payment Options: **Scan to Pay**



Link

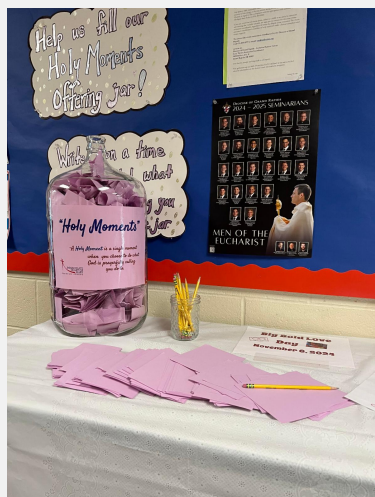
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***Please add your first & last name when using Apple/Google Pay & leave comment, "Go Vikings!" in the Notes Box**



Speaking of BIG We did it!

November 6th was **BIG BOLD LOVE DAY and true to form**, IHM students showed their love in a big way. We all tried to find and create **Holy Moments**. When we did, we wrote them on a piece of paper to add them to our parish jar. As you can see, the students stuffed the jar, filling it to the top. Our students are changing the world one **Holy Moment** at a time!





"Nautical Night of Bidding was Brilliant"

You did it, again!

The night was one of fun, surprises and the full funding of our Home and School Association for the next two years! The

Fund-a-Need was also met, providing for upgrades to our Blessed Carlo Acutis Technology Lab (renaming was the brilliant idea of Ms. Kelly DeVries).

Our sincere thanks to Mrs. Monica Reeder and Mrs. Lindsay Lowery for sharing their gifts of time, talent, creativity, sweat equity and love of our school. The many volunteers before, during and after are invaluable for an event like this and you gave brilliantly.

Thank you all!

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST SERVE



WHO DOESN'T LIKE DONUTS?

Serving coffee and donuts at a Sunday morning **Munch and Mingle** is a sure way to keep your membership in the ACTIVE column. The donuts are delivered and the coffee is so easy to make. Just set it all out. Clean up afterwards. Involve the whole fam. Easy peasy. The rewards are many.

sign up here.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C45A5A922A31-50875289-mingle#/>



IT'S YOUR FAMILY'S TURN TO BRING DOWN THE GIFTS

We all have a responsibility to give back to our Parish family and a quiet, easy way is to **present the gifts during Mass**. Signing up for a few Masses during the year takes the load off the 15% of parishioners who, very often, just fill in when no one steps up. Set a wonderful example of service to your kids and fill a needed liturgical role at the same time.

Please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4BA8AC2FA1FE3-gift#/>

IHM SPORTS UPDATE

Winter Sports II sign-ups have begun. Sign up here:

<https://graceac.com/register/>



Volunteers are needed for Boys Basketball Home games! In order for our sports programs to run effectively, each family should sign up for 2-3 assignments PER SEASON.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084BAEAE23A2FFC70-52856074-boys>

IHM ONLINE SPIRIT STORE is open for business and...Christmas shopping! Store closes November 15th and look for delivery in early December. Shop here: www.revbusinessstore.com/ihm



A SPOTLIGHT ON NEW IHM FAMILIES

The Henschel Family

You've heard of the Henschels. You've celebrated the doubling of their family with diapers and meals. Here's proof they've graduated from the first sleepless months (for Betsey and Nathan) to sleeping angels (the twins) and time to breathe. Olivia (PK4) and Hudson are stellar older siblings and join their parents in thanking this IHM community for "your overwhelming support of prayers, notes, love, meals and the diapers." "We have been blown away by your love!" Find them at the 10:30 Sunday Mass!

Your gift of family is a gift to ours. Welcome!



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: Beginning every prayer with praise and thanksgiving, acknowledging God as the source of all good gifts and delights

Gratitude sounds like: I praise and thank you Lord for...

The Week Ahead

Saturday, Nov 9 Confessions 3:30-4:30 pm; Mass at 5:00 pm

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

Sunday, Nov 10 Parents of 7th Graders Confirmation Mtg 9:30 am DeMazenod

Sunday, Nov 10 Altar Server RE Training/New Training 11:45 am Church

Monday, Nov 11 Veterans Day

Monday, Nov 11 No 7/8 grade band at Catholic Central

Wednesday, Nov 13 All School Mass 9:00 am Church

Wednesday, Nov 13 After-School St Gregory Choir Begins 3:15 pm Church

Wednesday, Nov 13 EDGE NIGHT 6:45 pm

Thursday, Nov 14 3rd Gr to The Great Lakes Movie 9-11:00am Celebration Cinema

Thursday, Nov 14 American Heritage Girls 3:30 pm All Purpose Room

View our Calendar for more
events



From the Principal

Hello IHM Families!

What an amazing week we have had! The auction this past Saturday was such great fun and raised a whole lot of money for the Home and School and for our new Blessed Carlo Acutis Technology Lab! Thank you to all who attended and were so generous! An extra special thank you to Lindsay Lowery and Monica Reeder and their families for all the hours put in to make it an extra special night! I'm so grateful for you both!

Then we had conferences this week, and it was so wonderful to see all the parents in the hall and the teachers sharing all the great things your kids are doing! I especially want to thank Megan Tietema for her hard work arranging dinners for the teachers on Wednesday and Thursday and lunch on Friday. This way the teachers were well-fed and happy even with their long days. And thank you to all of you who donated funds for those meals or sent in some delicious desserts! We are very well taken care of and very spoiled! Have a great weekend!

Blessings,

Holly Lake



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