



Disciple Dispatch

December 8, 2024

Advent Week 2



Our first week of Advent was filled with a lot of giving and receiving , both material and spiritual gifts. We continue our 2nd week of Advent-anticipation with more of the same!

First Things:



TOMORROW IS A HOLY DAY !

Join us for Mass at 9:00 am tomorrow, **Monday December 9** to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Though normally celebrated on December 8, Sunday Mass trumps a Feast Day, which is why it has been moved to Monday.

IHM CATHEDRAL OUTREACH DRIVE FILLS EMMAUS CENTER SHELVES!



Once again, our IHM families came through for the clients of the downtown Cathedral Outreach Emmaus Center. Pictured above, members of our Junior High Leadership Council delivered the clothing and personal care items collected all last week. The center has come to rely on our your generosity each year as the number of indigent clients increases and other sources of donations dwindle. On their behalf, bless you!

IHM Giving Tuesday Donations Heard Loud and Clear!



For the third year in a row, donations made to IHM during the annual Giving Tuesday far exceeded the year before. The total for all the parishes, schools and related entities throughout the Diocese of Grand Rapids took in

\$262,932.02

with

\$12,160.00

coming to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish and School!

Every penny raised will be distributed as the donor designated with no fees or expenses!

Looks like the intercession of St Eugene DeMazenod was amplified by that silly microphone after all (see above) and your generosity!

Thank you!

GIVING TUESDAY



**Santa's Secret Workshop
This Thursday and Friday**

YOUR KIDS SHOP FOR YOU!

Information was sent home last week with your K-8th grader regarding **IHM Home and School Association sponsored Santa's Secret Workshop**. Items will be displayed for sale with helpers on hand to assist and wrap your child(ren)'s selections. An envelope was sent home for you

to send cash back with your child(ren) to use for shopping. All items are \$1-\$5 each.

We sure could use a few more elves to assist:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoD4CADAC2EA2FCC52-53421718-santas#/>



PROTECT YOUNG EYES!

Thinking of taking advantage of tech offers for your family? One of the best gifts you can give your family is a secure internet for the kids. Be sure to check out **Bark: Tech Guides** with parental control set up tips for popular devices and more. IHM uses Bark to monitor student accounts and we highly recommend their parental control tools. <https://www.bark.us/tech-guides/>

The Week Ahead

Monday, Dec 9 Holy Day of Obligation Mass at IHM 9:00 am

Wednesday, Dec 11 All School Mass 9:00 am

Wednesday, Dec 11 NO Edge Night

Wednesday, Dec 11 Rescue Project Dinner/ Invitation Only

Thursday, Dec 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe 1st and 5th Prayer Partners

Thursday, Dec 12 Santas Secret Workshop All Day DeMazenod Room

Thursday, Dec 12 American Heritage Girls Meet 3:30 All Purpose Room

Friday, Dec 13 Mens Ministry 6:00 am DeMazenod Room

Friday, Dec 13 Santa's Secret Workshop All Day DeMazenod Room

[View our Calendar for more events](#)

Good News Around Campus

Twenty-eight IHM School second graders made their **First Reconciliation** on Friday Dec 6. The snow day on Thursday caused for a reschedule, of which nary a child was thrown for a loop. All of heaven rejoiced for them and for the rest of the student body also afforded reconciliation-- their souls taking on the squeaky clean nature of baptism. Their enthusiasm is contagious.



The **All School Christmas Concert** is a week away! Can you believe it? 6:00 pm in the Gym Monday December 16 for kiddos in grades K-8.

The **IHM Preschool Open House** is on the books for when we return from Christmas Holiday. Thursday Jan 9 at 6:00 pm.

IHM Mom Mrs. Maria Bostic, mother of boys, found out she is to be the mother of a baby girl this spring.

After years of immersing herself in the Catholic faith and being certified as a Catholic School Catechist , **Preschool Teacher Mrs. Jennifer Ansell is taking the final step towards joining the Catholic church this Easter through our** OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation) program!

Add to that list **The VandenBergs**, one of our new IHM School Families, who have entered OCIA *as a family* as well! Please pray for them as they make this journey to Christ in the Eucharist!

St Anthony continues to bat 1000 with lost gloves, a lost McCulloch kid coat, and lost sports equipment, all turning up in due time. It would be a big help to him if you would mark ALL the stuff your kid brings to school so we may get credit with an assist for finding the kids who may have lost stuff. **Check out the lost and found before Christmas break when whatever is left will be a blessing for Cathedral Outreach.**

See you at Mass tomorrow!

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