



## *Disciple Dispatch*

**December 13, 2024  
Advent Week 3**



*Anticipating the third week of Advent, the Joy only faith in Jesus can bring is evident in the children's art on the walls, the caroling of IHM staff in the halls and students preparing for our All School Christmas Concert. Come quickly, Lord Jesus!*

## **First Things:**



### **Christmas Concert Next Week!**

Join us for the sounds of Christmas joy this Monday, December 16, at the Annual IHM School Christmas Concert. Grandparents/extended family are welcome to attend, too! Your child(ren), grades K-8th, should report to their homeroom, no later than 5:30 pm that evening. Music begins at 6:00 pm in the gym. After the program, collect your kids from the bleachers !

**REQUESTS FOR PARISH  
SUPPORT FORMS DUE  
MONDAY!**

Active IHM Parish members wishing for



the in-parish tuition rate are required to apply for parish support each year. Forms sent home (over a month ago) are due **Monday December 16**. We also accept the Requests for Parish Support forms for tuition assistance at Catholic Central and West Catholic High Schools. Turn yours in to the school or parish office please.

## We've got a number!



Now that all the i's have been dotted and t's crossed, we are pleased to report the final net income of the  
**2024 IHM Nautical Night of Brilliance:**  
**\$143,563.91!**

This community's voluntary participation in securing sponsorships, auction items; advancing promotions, and ticket sales; bidding high and often; long hours spent setting up and then taking it all down made for funding the Home and School

Association for the next two school years. With thanks to the Committee and on their behalf, thank you IHM School and Parish members and friends!



**IHM ONLINE SPIRIT STORE** orders have arrived and will be distributed as quickly as we can today and on Monday December 16. There are a few orders with an embroidery delay but they **WILL BE IN** next week!  
Orders to be sent home with the oldest/only child!

**IHM 6th grade and 8th grade Boys Basket Ball** teams *could* advance to the finals tomorrow at West Catholic High School should they win their semi final games this afternoon. Cheer them on this afternoon at 4:30 and 6:30 in the IHM Gym

**Speaking of West Catholic High School**, they will be making your morning drop off sweeter next Friday with a little Christmas treat. Give 'em your joy in return!



## SANTA'S SECRET WORKSHOP UNDETERRED BY SNOWDAY

The snow-day was no match for the zeal of the elves of IHM! Not only did they spend yesterday setting up shop for your kids to peruse, but managed to assist over 200 students shop for parents and siblings in *one* day what was originally to be *two*! Home and School moms and dads, you rocked it. Thank you!



## The Week Ahead

Saturday Dec 14 Confessions 3:30-4:30 pm Mass at 5:00 pm

Sunday, Dec 15 Mass at 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Monday, Dec 16 Hearing and Vision Screening all day

Monday, Dec 16 K-8 Christmas Concert 6:00 pm Gym

Tuesday, Dec 17 Hearing and Vision Screening all day

Tuesday, Dec 17 6,7,8 grade exams 11:00 dismissal JR HIGH ONLY

Wednesday, Dec 18 6,7,8 grade exams 11:00 dismissal JR HIGH ONLY

Wednesday, Dec 18 All School Mass 9:00 am

Wednesday, Dec 18 Edge Night! 6:45 pm Gym

Thursday, Dec 19 6,7,8 grade exams 11:00 dismissal JR HIGH ONLY

Friday, Dec 20 6,7,8 Attend 9:00 am Morning Mass

Friday, Dec 20 1/2 day for ALL Students 11:00 am dismissal



### **From the Principal:**

Hello IHM Families!

That's two weeks in a row with the Thursday snow days! I hope next week stays intact as there is a lot going on! It sure is beautiful outside! I can't believe we are a week away from Christmas break!

We are excited to announce that our own Mrs. Colleen Lowe will be participating in the Michigan Ballet Academy's production of The Nutcracker! It is a tradition for companies to invite a special guest to play the role of Mother Ginger, and the Schautz family requested Colleen be the guest, as they are very thankful for the IHM community's support of Isabel's dance! Isabel will be "Dream Clara" in the performance. Colleen's cameo will be at the 1 PM performance on December 21st. If you are interested in tickets you can visit this

website: <https://michiganballetacademy.ludus.com/index.php>. My family is heading out of town on the 20th so I will look forward to seeing all the pictures and videos of this momentous occasion!

I pray you are all experiencing the peace and joy of this Advent season in a special way this year! I have often thought about Deacon David's homily at the start of Advent urging us all to recognize this season for what it is and not rush into the Christmas celebration without the proper preparation. We are always waiting for the next great thing, so this is a good reminder to enjoy the process! Mary had nine months of waiting for baby Jesus, so we can focus on waiting for four weeks!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Blessings,

Holly



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