



Disciple Dispatch

January 24, 2025

IHM School: The Blest Place to be Be!



Three years ago, 5 consecutive snow days shut down our entire celebration of Catholic Schools Week (CSW). With warmer weather in the forecast we may have dodged a similar fate! Time to celebrate this school, students, and staff we are so grateful for!

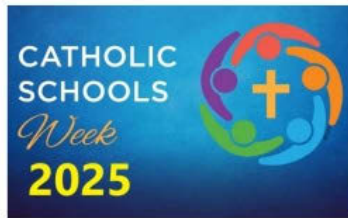
First Things:

WHAT IS IN STORE:

Spirits are high in anticipation of Catholic Schools Week 2025. Commencing with the weekend Masses and The Killgoar Foundation Winter Social, fun and games will be blended with acts of service and witnessing of our Faith. Parents are encouraged to attend the



Catholic Bee on Tuesday at 1:30pm; the **All School Mass** on Wednesday at 9:00 am followed by a **Eucharistic Procession** through the school at 10:15; and the Parents vs 8th graders game of basketball at the **Pep Rally** on Friday at 2:00 pm. The full list of events can be found here:



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

Disciples of Christ

Learn Lead and Serve

January 25 - 31 2025

Saturday, Jan 25

Disciples of Christ Serve Our Parish

Youth Ministry Door Greeters

Student Lectors 5:00 pm Mass: Gabriela, Leo, Milo, Juliana L

Presentation of Gifts: Paul and Cassie Diegel Family

Students Encouraged to wear School Uniform to Mass *Jeans Day on Mon Feb 3*

Killgoar Foundation Winter Social / Fr. Killgoar Award Recipients: Ruth and James Popiel

Sunday Jan 26

Disciples of Christ Serve Our Parish

Students Encouraged to wear School Uniform to Mass *Jeans Day on Mon Feb 3*

Youth Ministry Door Greeters

Student Lectors 8:30am Mass: Lucy V, Margaret T, Finley T

Presentation of the Gifts: Paul and Christy Brown Family

Student Lectors 10:30am: John I, Luke I, Francis C

Presentation of the Gifts: Mike and Laura Dunlap Family

Monday Jan 27

Disciples of Christ Serve Our Community

Praise and Worship Morning Music on PA

Wear your favorite Team Attire *Non-uniform day*

Cereal Box Drive: Kids bring in Standard size box of Cereal to be donated

Baby Bottles for LIFE Coin Drive for Right to Life of Michigan

Rosary Making for World Missions with Prayer Partner (day and time determined by teachers)

Tuesday Jan 28

Disciples of Christ Learn

Praise and Worship Morning Music on PA

Comfy Clothes Day (no PJ's or slippers or robes) *Non- Uniform Day*

Live-Stream Diocese Mass in the Classroom *Student Reps attend in person w Mrs. Lake*

Stop Drop and Read *Teacher discretion during the school day*

Catholic Bee 1:30 DeMazenod Room

Wednesday Jan 29 **Disciples of Christ Lead with Faith**

Praise and Worship Morning Music on PA

SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY K-2 Wear Blue Uniform Shirt/sweater/ ¼ zip

3-5 Wear Red Uniform shirt/Sweater / ¼ zip

6-8 Wear Blue Uniform Shirt/Sweater/ ¼ zip

School Picture in the Gym I H M 8:20 am before Mass

All School Mass 9 am

Eucharistic Procession through the Hallways of School 10:15 am PreK -8th grade

Thursday Jan 30 **Disciples of Christ Celebrate our Faculty and Staff**

Praise and Worship Morning Music on PA

Wear Camouflage/ Animal print/ Brown, black and or gray

Teacher/Staff Luncheon from Home and School Association

Staff Win-it-in-a-Minute activity in the Gym 2:45 pm

Cereal Box Dominos in the Gym

Friday January 31 **Disciples of Christ Celebrate Students**

Praise and Worship Morning Music on PA

IHM Team Spirit Day ~ Non-Uniform Day

Rock Paper Scissors Contests in each homeroom

Sundaes for Students during Lunch

Gift for students from Home and School Association

Pep Assembly 8th GR vs Parents Basketball Game 2:00 pm GYM

8th grade Popcorn Delivery K-8th

Rock Paper Scissors finalist compete

Free Throw Contests



The IHM Home and School Association graciously serves staff and teachers a luncheon during Catholic Schools Week. Volunteers are needed to cover the classrooms in the teacher's absence, this Thursday Jan 30 for approximately one hour. A sign up genius for volunteers, as well a request for certain menu items is right here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0544ABA92DA5F49-54314571-catholic#/>

Welcome to IHM School

You may have seen Scott Paniwozik around campus this past month, or you may have seen him featured on TV 13. Our new Maintenance guy was in the spotlight for having been part of a live



kidney donation! In July 2023, Scott matched a recipient's need for a kidney, someone he had never met. The two have since become good friends, both grateful for the chance to save a life and to have a life saved. Scott is a member of Our Lady of Consolation Church in Rockford and lives north of town with his wife and three children. The man was born to serve and we are grateful for his service here already!



Invite Her into Your Home

For the past 15 years Immaculate Heart of Mary school families have hosted the Traveling Lady of Fatima Rosary Devotion Statue and reaped graces upon grace! Families display the 15" statue of our Blessed Mother in a prominent spot in their home and promise to pray a FAMILY rosary each day (or night) for one week. No experience is necessary! And Our Lady has made 15 promises to those who will say the rosary...such promises you cannot afford to ignore! Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CADAC2EA2FCC52-50708874-host>

Raising Kids

IN TODAY'S
WORLD IS

Hard

"Train up a child
in the way he
should go; even when
he is old he will not
depart from it."
PROVERBS 22:6

...BUT WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER!

JOIN US AS WE KICK OFF OUR PARENT SPEAKER SERIES RENEWING THE CATHOLIC FAMILY

St. Thomas the Apostle, St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Heart of Mary schools invite you to join our parent speaker series this 2024-25-26 school years. The goal of this series is to educate, equip, and support parents in navigating key issues affecting children today, specifically technology and morality, through the lens of our Catholic faith.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10
6-8:30 PM | CATHEDRAL SQUARE

360 Division Ave. S | Grand Rapids, MI 49503

6:00 pm **COMPLIMENTARY
RECEPTION WITH WINE
AND HORS D'OEUVRES**

6:30-7:30 pm **PRESENTATION**
7:30-8:30 pm **CONVERSATION &
FELLOWSHIP**

DR. THOMAS LICKONA

Thomas Lickona, Ph.D., is a developmental psychologist and professor emeritus at SUNY Cortland. As founding director of the Center for the 4th and 5th Rs (Respect and Responsibility) from 1994 to 2022, he earned national recognition for his work in character education and teacher/parent training.



Dr. Lickona's presentation will focus on children's moral development. We are excited to offer *How to Raise Kind Kids* and *Raising Good Children* for purchase at the presentation.

for more information on these books and more visit Dr. Lickona's website thomaslickona.com

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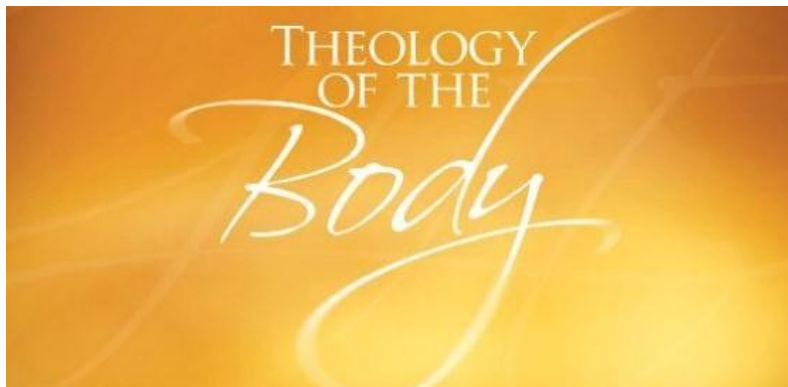
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QUESTIONS?

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Human persons are uniquely set apart from the rest of creation because we are created in God's image and likeness. We are body/soul combinations that have intellect, freewill, and the capacity to love. The body is not temporarily linked to the soul, but together with the soul it constitutes the unity and integrity of the human being. The truth about man's eternal destiny must be understood as the definitively and perfectly integrated state of man brought about by a perfect union of the soul with the body. The unity of soul and body is so profound that one has to consider the soul to be the "form" of the body. The two natures in their union form one single nature.

FEED OUR PAPERGATOR!



Beginning this month, IHM will have the chance to earn rewards by increasing our paper recycling volume. The Papergator location that shows the greatest improvement will be rewarded with fantastic prizes. **All participating locations will earn double the usual payouts during the contest period.** Bring your papers and magazines to the IHM paper gator located by the gymnasium on the NE corner in the wooden enclosure.

No plastic, cardboard or hardcover books please!

The Week Ahead

Friday, Jan 24 2nd Quarter Report Cards available online on Infinite Campus

Saturday, Jan 25 Confessions 3:30 - 4:30 Mass 5:00 pm

Saturday, Jan 25 Killgoar Foundation Annual Winter Social 6:15 pm GYM

Sunday, Jan 26 Mass 8:30 am /10:30 am Munch and Mingle to follow

Tuesday, Jan 28 Catholic Bee 1:30 PM DeMazenod Room

Wednesday, Jan 22 All School Mass 9:00 am

Wednesday, Jan 22 Eucharistic Procession in the School PK-8 10:15 am

Wednesday, Jan 22 Edge Night! 6:45 pm Gym

Friday, Jan 31 Men's Ministry 6:00 am DeMazenod Room

View our Calendar for more events

From the Principal:

Hello IHM Families!

Well that was an interesting week we had! I'm glad the roads are clear and we are back to our



routine in time to plan for Catholic Schools Week! What a great time to reflect on the gift of Catholic Schools! I went to St. Francis in Traverse City in elementary school and then my first year of middle school at Immaculate Conception in Traverse City. I watched my friends graduate from St. Francis after I moved to public school, and was jealous for the special bond they had, so I looked for a Catholic school for college. I went to Aquinas and then spent 23 years working at St. Thomas and am on my sixth year here at IHM. So Catholic schools have been part of my entire life! Over the years many things have changed, but the faith is a constant. I am beyond grateful for the gift of the strong foundation and spiritual growth from the amazing people God has placed in my life through the Catholic schools. I am also so grateful for this gift in my children's lives. It really does take a village to pass on the faith! I'm beyond thrilled that my son will be gifted with graduating this year from a Catholic high school so he doesn't have to feel like I did when I didn't get to graduate from a Catholic school. So let's celebrate our Catholic School this week and the many many blessings we all have because of it! Have a wonderful weekend!

Blessings,
Holly Lake
Principal

Stay Connected



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Unsubscribing from emails sent from IHM will remove your account from our email lists, including communications from our administration.

*Guided by Mother Mary, our patroness, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School
learns, leads, and serves as disciples of Christ.*



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