



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL

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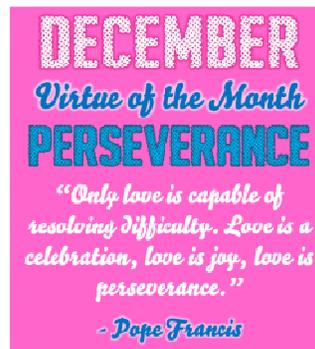


Mission Statement: IHM Catholic School challenges students to discover God's gifts spiritually, intellectually, socially and physically within a community that nurtures, honors and respects the unique person.

Second Sunday of Advent: "A voice cries out: In the desert prepare a way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!" Isaiah 40:3

A Word From Mr. Weber

A new month means we have a new virtue and new prayers of the month. Our virtue for the month of December is perseverance.



This month we are praying the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be, as a litany each morning at Morning Prayer.

We are planning to return face to face, Monday, December 7. The latest order expires December 8. I am not anticipating K-8 to change its current status. However, I can be wrong, and we will adjust accordingly should there be a recommendation change. Please know that decisions are not being made lightly regarding school. We have been fortunate to not have any Covid-19 outbreaks in our school, in large part, to our collective responsibility. This is a testament to our community, and should be commended. Remote learning is not ideal, however, our staff has embraced the challenge and with practice, have created a solid framework. I am so grateful for our staff and their continuing dedication to the students and school community at large.

December 8 is the feast day of the Immaculate Conception. Our second through eighth grade will celebrate the mass together. Please have your student wear their mass shirts. They will also have mass on their regularly scheduled mass day. Please have your student wear their mass shirt for those days as well.

There has been positive feedback regarding our latest installment of virtual learning. We shall continue to tweak and make changes as needed in the future.

We will send home blue advent books next week. They are great to add to your meal time prayer. You may want to preview each day before sharing with little ones, as some detail our saints becoming martyrs. However, each day has a gospel reflection as well.

Students do have their elective course for "asynchronous" learning. Students should check for those in their Google Classroom. They are designed to be a weeklong assignment when we are distantly learning, but they are not optional.

Students are being marked present, tardy or absent from virtual learning this week.

I would like to thank Ms. Jen Brown for streaming mass for our students on Thursdays and this last Wednesday.

She has suggested that this can be a full-family experience at Wednesday/Thursday mass or Sundays. Here is an article to help support that experience:

<https://aleteia.org/2018/09/20/cant-receive-the-eucharist-heres-how-to-make-a-spiritual-communion/>

I hope you all had a JOYOUS Thanksgiving and look forward to the blessings of the Advent season!

Go Eagles! B. Patrick Weber V

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Court Families ~ Please send in your donations this week if you are able. We have a heart tugging requests for Christmas surprises for these needy families, and I know for some of us, money is really tight right now. If there is any way you can spare a bit, I know families will be extremely grateful. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Advent ~ It's been fun at morning prayer this week. If you hadn't noticed, there are exactly 26 days of Advent and 26 letters of the alphabet. At morning prayer this week, I asked the students to think of Advent thoughts that begin with the letter of the day. Monday, day 2, brought a few suggestions, including Bethlehem, believe, birth, and blessing. Tuesday, with C, brought forth a multitude of suggestions including compassion, caring, candles, courage, Christ, calendar, celebrate and coming. This weekend, challenge your family to offer suggestions: G for Saturday and H on Sunday. Email me (utesm@ihmlansing.org) with some highlights and I will share next week. Rejoice! Mrs. Utess

UPCOMING EVENTS: **Check out the Google Calendar on the ihmlansing.org homepage for more....**

December 7: Return to in person learning

December 7: Christmas collection money due

December 9: PTO meeting, SAC meeting

December 18: Last day of school before Christmas break

January 4-8: Remote Learning Days

WEEKLY LITURGY: December 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 9:00. MS Mass Wednesday, 8:00. Gr. 2-5 Mass Thursday, 8:00 Resumes Dec 9.

SCHEDULE: December 7: Return to in person learning.

December 9: PTO meeting 5:30; zoom invite to follow.

School Advisory committee meeting 6:30; zoom invite to follow

EVENTS: The last Meijer Simply Give Double Match Day will be Saturday, December 12, 2020.

PTO & CHRISTMAS GIVING: The Court representative has asked us to sponsor four families this year. On family lost most possessions in a house fire this Fall. In one of the families, the mother is battling cancer. Another family is just reunited after success in beating drug addiction. The fourth family lost their dad this year and is struggling to cope. Please consider sending in your donation for this worthy cause to the school in the white envelope that came home in the family envelopes. Donations are due to the office by December 7 so our PTO reps will have time to shop.

Next, we will also be collecting money for a gift for our dear teachers and staff. Money should be marked "teacher/staff gifts from grade ___" and turned into the office by December 11. Please label completely to avoid confusion. -

There is no obligation to give, but please keep our Court families in mind at the top of your giving. You can also encourage your students to collect for this awesome gift as well.

MARY GOEDDEKE RAFFLE: Thank you to all who participated in the Mary Goeddeke Raffle. After expenses the increase to the fund for the raffle is \$2,138. Well done!

Winners are:

#1 for the 52" TV Ricardo Cardenas, sold by S. Orta

#2 for the Fitbit Victoria Guzman alumni and sister to current student

#3 for the Google Home Mini Vicky Romero school parent

Congratulations all! Again, thank you to all who made this happen.

TRIP: There are just two weeks left to order TRIP before the Christmas holiday. Make your money work for you this year as you shop, and earn money off tuition at the same time. Order and payment are due Monday by noon. For more information contact Amy Sanborn at (517) 281-0478.

ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES: **Nativity Joy:** Parishioners are invited to take a picture of their Nativity and send it in with an answer to this question: Who is Jesus for you? They will be displayed on our IHM parish website as Christmas gets closer. Send submissions to Jen Brown at brownj@ihmlansing.org.

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD: Did you grow up with a heritage outside of the United States? What was Christmas like in the country you grew up in or what traditions did your parents and grandparents hand down to you? IHM is inviting parishioners to share what the Catholic faith and Christmas traditions look like from around the world. For more information go to IHMLansing.org and click on the Christmas Around the World picture.

ROBO CALLS: To clarify a couple of points on our Robocall system. Calls will come from the IHM School number, 517-882-6631. Some carriers will not allow robo-voice mails to be left on their system, it is not an error in our system. We will always try to leave a second message on Facebook or with an email from SchoolBulletin@ihmlansing.org. The system isn't perfect, but we keep trying to get it as accurate as possible.

HOUSEKEEPING: The lost and found is growing with sweaters and jackets with no name in them. At this time of year, especially, students are dropping off their layers and leaving them behind. PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME IN EVERYTHING!!! **ALSO: Please provide your children with a fresh mask and backup mask in their bookbag each day.**

MEIJER SIMPLY GIVE & OUR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Now through Jan. 2, 2021, IHM St. Vincent de Paul will be partnering with the Meijer store on Pennsylvania Ave. to help feed the needy on the south side of Lansing. Your generous donation of \$10 or any multiple of \$10 will be matched by Meijer to help those in our community. Simply pick up the card at the register or in Customer Service or tell the cashier you would like to donate to the Simply Give Program. Thank you for your continued generosity. **Double Match Day will be Saturday, December 12, 2020.** What a great way to donate to a worthy and needed cause while also making your money work twice.

BIGGBY NOW AVAILABLE: You can now order Biggby through TRIP and get back 7%!! Woo hoo! Check out the over 750 merchants at ShopwithScrip.com.

POP CANS: The eighth grade class is collecting pops cans for the potential end of the year eighth grade experience. Cans can be left in the school breezeway, or you may contact Katie Young at 517-898-7671.