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November 29, 2020 First Sunday of Advent Parish & School Staff

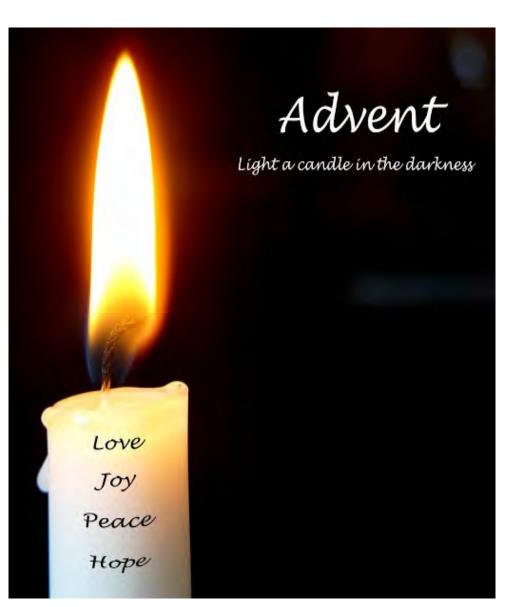
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The Mission of Immaculate Heart of Mary

The Immaculate Heart of Mary parish strives to be a vibrant Catholic community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ as our guide. We invite those who seek to strengthen their spirituality and develop their relationships with God through our dynamic liturgy, life long learning, and sharing faith within and outside our community.





Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:30 pm Sunday - 8:00 am 9:30 am & 11:15 am

For daily Masses consult inside Mass schedule on pg. 2.

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First Sunday of Advent



"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come." - Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our time, our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth. *
*archstl.org

Sign up link for weekend Masses:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0849afae29a4f58-weekend

Schedule of Masses			
Date	Time		Mass Intention
Mon., Nov. 30	8:15 am	Saint Andrew, Apostle	Rich Andriole by Bill & Mary Jo Campbell
Tue., Dec. 1		Advent Weekday	No Public Mass
Wed., Dec. 2	5:30 pm	Advent Weekday	Don Beckerich by Mary Ann & Ken Froemming
Thur., Dec. 3		Saint Francis Xavier, Priest	No Public Mass
Fri., Dec. 4	8:15 am	Advent Weekday	Mary Ward
Sat., Dec. 5	5:30 pm	Vigil: 2nd Advent Sun- day	Bill Leppert by Friends & Family
Sun., Dec. 6	8:00 am	Second Sunday of Ad- vent	Don Healy by Lynn B. Smith & J. Michael Durnil
	9:30 am		Marta Zimonyi (Mother of Lisa Murphy) by Ann & Bill Moreau
	11:15 am		For the People of IHM

"Pain and suffering have come into your life, but remember pain, sorrow, suffering are but the kiss of Jesus — a sign that you have come so close to Him that He can kiss you." $\sim St.$ Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Thank you

Stewardship November 22, 2020: \$TBA next week.

You may mail in your contributions or use EFT (electronic funds transfer). You can sign up for EFT on our website (<u>www.ihmindy.org</u>).

Liturgy

Sunday Eucharist: 8:00, 9:30 am. 11:15 am 3rd weekend of Sept., until (but not including) Memorial Day weekend.

Weekdays: Varies. Please consult the Mass Schedule.

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

By Appointment, at this time. Call the parish office at 317-257-2266

Infant Baptisms

All baptisms take place at one of the weekend Masses chosen by parents. One preparation class for first time parents is required. New parents are encouraged to attend prior to the birth of the child. Godparents are welcome as well. Classes are held the first Monday of February, April, June, August, October & December from 7:30 –9:00 pm. Please call the parish office for the class you will attend.

Marriages

Engaged couples must start their preparation at least six months prior to the wedding. Preparation includes work with a sponsor couple and Tobit. **A person must be registered & active for 6 months BEFORE plans will be discussed.**

Holy Orders

Priesthood or Vocation as a Religious Sister or Brother. Those considering entering the Priesthood or a Religious vocation, please contact our Pastor or the Archdiocesan vocation Office.

Holy Communion Service

Holy Communion is offered Tuesday through Friday at 15 minute intervals from 7:00-8:00 am in the Church.

New Registrations

Please visit our website at <u>ihmindy.org</u> or call the Parish Office at 257-2266. *Parish Office Hours = M-F 8:00 am - 4:00 pm*.

IHM Events



Important Christmas Masses Information

Due to safety concerns and the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic IHM has made the difficult decision to only allow reservations on a first-come basis at all the Christmas Masses. Our staff will need to address social distancing by using reservations to mark pews/chairs for parishioners. Tickets will be for parishioners and immediate family only. Reservation link will be announced at a later date with information and only then will IHM start taking reservations.

Scholastic Online Book Fair Is Coming! November 30 - December 13

Get ready to do some easy holiday shopping starting November 30th Cyber Monday! Does your family need to refresh your home library this winter? Could you use some fun crafts and activities for your kiddos in order to fight the winter Covid doldrums? How



about a savory or sweet new recipe to try over the holidays? Look no further! Scholastic has something for everyone! The online book fair will be open **November 30-December 13th!**

Out of an abundance of caution for the health and wellness of our school and parish family, this year's book fair will be ONLINE only. The book fair will be available and open during ALL HOURS during this period! All orders over \$25 will ship free and directly to your home. There are over 6,000 products including Book Fair exclusives, new releases, value packs, and more!

Book Fair link will be available November 30th. Books will be delivered in time for Christmas!

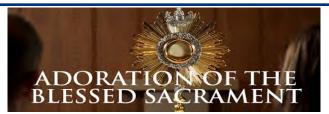
In lieu of a teacher wish list, proceeds go *directly* to IHM's amazing teachers for their classroom libraries. Please help us support our IHM teachers by making it another successful book fair! For more information, visit our homepage **HERE!**

Immaculate Heart of Mary loves to read!!

Save the Date – Spirit of IHM Awards – April 17, 2021

Please mark your calendars for the Spirit of IHM Awards Dinner on April 17, 2021.

Depending on the circumstances in the spring, we may move to an all-virtual event, but in whatever format the event takes, we will celebrate IHM Parishioners for their collective dedication to Athletics, the Parish, and the School. Proceeds from this event create Tuition Assistance funding for IHM students. Watch the Bulletin for further information early in 2021 and be thinking of nominees for all three categories.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First <u>Tuesday</u>, December 1 6:30 am to 9:30 am IHM Church

Advent Adoration

Advent Adoration will be on the following Tuesdays: Dec. 8, Dec. 15, Dec. 22nd from **9am -noon**.

If you are interested in serving as an attendant for Eucharistic Adoration, you may sign up at:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0849afae29a4f58-eucharistic

"And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20

IHM School ~ Leader In Me Update

7 Habits and Basketball By Greysen

I synergize in basketball by trying to pass when needed instead of shooting. This is important, because you have a better chance of making a shot when you are open instead of being chased around. This is synergizing because you are using teamwork to win a game instead of trying to do it by yourself. When you synergize you have a better chance at winning because of teamwork.





PARISH AND SCHOOL COVID-19 UPDATE

With the positivity rate for COVID-19 tests rising, the governing authorities have put additional restrictions in place to limit the spread of COVID-19. This affects our community in different ways, but as a parish we will continue to love and serve God and one another however we are able to.

Liturgies

Both weekday and Sunday Masses are continuing according to schedule. The recent public health order has not changed anything regarding the number of people who can attend. All previous safety measures (closing off every other pew, mask mandate, hand sanitizer, etc.) stay in place. You can also participate virtually in the Mass through the video recordings or receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist at one of the Communion Services every 15 minutes on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday from 7 am to 8 am.

Unfortunately, the Reconciliation Service for the 2nd-graders' First Reconciliation had to be postponed until further notice. If you wish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please call the parish office to make an appointment with Fr. Bob.

<u>School</u>

The Mayor and Director of Marion County Health Department have determined that all Marion County schools are required to transition to virtual instruction, effective until January 15, 2021. The superintendent of the Archdiocese decided that the Catholic schools will follow this public health order. IHM school started e-learning on November 12, 2020 and is set to resume in-person learning on January 18, 2021.

Parish Faith Formation

Given the heightened positivity rate and the school closures, Sunday Family Faith also shifted to a solely at home/virtual program. Instructions will continue led by the parents and supported by the volunteer Catechists.

Confirmation preparation continues with virtual instruction and small group meetings. There will be no large group activities until school is back in session.

RCIA is now meeting virtually. If you would like to join and learn more about the Catholic faith, please contact Ute Eble at <u>ueble@ihmindy.org</u> for more details.

Our new IHM bible study, starting December 6, offers a good opportunity to stay connected to each other (if only virtually) while growing in faith. See "Growing in the Faith" in this bulletin for more details.

<u>CYO</u>

Effective immediately, IHM CYO sports including games will pause until Sunday, November 29th. If access to the campus is possible for practices before the 29th, communication will be sent accordingly to coordinators and coaches. To keep everyone safe, it is very important that you contact <u>COVID@ihmindy.org</u> if your student athlete of a member of your family develops COVID-19 symptoms or tests positive, even if there is no practice or in-person school.

IHM parish is here for you when you have questions or needs! Our parish office remains open daily Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm. You can also call us at 317-257-2266.

Outreach Corner Service Saturday Ministry

Thank you to everyone that was able to volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry on 11/7. We were blessed with fantastic weather and had a turnout of over 40 individuals! We spent most of the day sorting goods and loading groceries in vehicles. There is a cutoff at 12:30 p.m. on the drive through line so our impressive turnout helped serve hundreds of additional people in need.

Our next Service Day will take place at The Lord's Pantry at Anna's House on December 12th, from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. We will be helping with their morning grocery distribution. Tasks include helping to unload & organize food and distribute & load bags into client's vehicles. Anna's House is currently operating on a drive-thru and door pickup model; clients will not be entering the building. Masks are required and we ask that you come prepared to work outside or inside as needed. Volunteers as young as 5 are welcome when accompanied by an adult. Please use the link below to sign up, or email me at <u>udflyer27@hotmail.com</u> with any questions. You can also email me to join our monthly distribution list.

https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/10C0D45AAAB2DA2FA7-annas

Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Matt Tuschong

St. Vincent de Paul

IHM Conference of St. Vincent de Paul meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. It is a Zoom meeting in order to comply with the quarantine. The next Zoom meeting is December 2nd at 7 p.m.

To be included in the meeting please forward your email to <u>klainslie@icloud.com</u>. Then you will receive an invite from Zoom with the link and password. Download the Zoom app for Windows or Apple computer or Android or Apple smartphone to facilitate participation in the meeting.

Volunteers Needed

The IHM Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is supporting the Christmas Day meal at Holy Cross Catholic Church. We need additional volunteers to both help us prepare for the event the day before and to serve meals on Christmas Day. The meal will be held in the morning, possibly extending into early afternoon. It is a wonderful, fulfilling opportunity that is very much in keeping with the meaning of Christmas! Anyone wishing to volunteer in any capacity may call Steve Hastings at 317-445-2295 and let him know your contact information and when you are available to help.



Bible Study: Jesus - The Way, the Truth and the Life

The marvelous treasures of the Catholic Faith—the Eucharist, Mary, the saints, and the Creed—are all centered on a single figure: Jesus Christ. Jesus is more than a historical or theological figure. He is our Savior, our Redeemer, our Lord, and our God. While many of us already know a lot about him, how well can we say we really know him? Filmed on location in the Holy Land, the study program *Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life* is a new and fresh look at Jesus—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, and what he did for our salvation. This encounter with Christ will inspire and empower you to center your entire life on him as you come to know and love him in an ever-deeper and more intimate way.

Please join us in one of two study groups that will be meeting online via Zoom. Beginning on Dec 6, one group will be meeting Sunday afternoons at 3 pm, and the other group Monday mornings at 9 am, for 10 sessions. To register, sign up online at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090545ABAB29A4FD0ihmbible

or email Ute Eble at <u>ueble@ihmindy.org</u>, or call the parish office. After signing up, you will receive more information about the meeting and the study materials.

Daily Devotions for Advent

This weekend we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent and enter into four weeks of joyful waiting for the birth of our redeemer. There are several opportunities to intentionally prepare our hearts during Advent:

Holy Heroes Advent Adventure

Advent is often the most hectic time of the year for families. With all the work we do to create that Joyful Christmas Day, who has the time (or energy) to make Advent into a fruitful time of spiritual anticipation and preparation for our family?

The Holy Heroes Advent Adventure does all the work for you! You'll receive daily email full of fun:

- Prepare your heart for Jesus through a Sacrifice Manger activity!
- Make family memories as you explore Advent Traditions and Feast Days together!
- Get more out of the Mass with "Mass prep" activities for each Sunday of Advent!
- Learn the 'big picture' of Salvation History through the daily "Jesse Tree" activities!
- Fall in love with the Rosary. Pray a "decade-a-day" and get "rosary certified" this Advent!

To get more information and sign up, go here: <u>https://</u> www.holyheroes.com/Holy-Heroes-Advent-Adventure-s/48.htm

Devotions continued...

Road to Bethlehem

Draw close to Christ this Advent season with daily reflections and enrichment from FORMED. Personally selected content will help you prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus at Christmas. You will be sent handpicked videos, talks, and texts every day for yourself and/or your child(ren) throughout Advent to nourish your spiritual life.

The Road to Bethlehem includes the following:

- Daily Advent reflections by Dr. Tim Gray
- Brother Francis Advent reflections for kids
- Weekly videos, audio talks, and book excerpts related to the theme of the week
- Action items designed to help you take the Advent message and apply it to your daily life

Join here: https://advent.augustineinstitute.org/

Unshakeable Joy

Imagine having real, lasting, unshakeable joy in the midst of a world where nothing seems solid.

You can.

Joy isn't found in the places where most people would think to look.

Joy doesn't depend on a change in your circumstances, but a change in YOU.

Join Chris Stefanick alongside Cardinal-elect Raniero Cantalamessa, preacher to the papal household for Saint Pope John Paul II, Pope Emeritus Benedict, and Pope Francis, for a FREE online 26-day retreat.

You can make this an Advent like never before. To sign up, go to <u>https://coaching.reallifecatholic.com/unshakeable-joy</u>

Await the Blessed Hope 2020 Crèche Exhibit

Advent is a season when Christians throughout the world rededicate themselves to waiting in hope. We anticipate the coming of Christ, the light of the world, who scatters the darkness of sin and shatters the bonds of death. We prepare to celebrate Christ's coming in history at Christmas; we ponder the ways that he comes to us in mystery even now, especially in the Eucharist; and we look forward to his coming in glory at the end of time.

In contemplating the mystery of the Word made flesh through the beauty of the Nativity, we are reminded that Jesus Christ is Emmanuel, God-with-us, and that he is with us still. Join us as we enter into this beautiful season. Join the McGrath Institute for Church Life "as we await the blessed hope of the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ."

Once you sign up, you will receive a daily email starting on the first Sunday of Advent, November 29, through January 10, 2021, with an image and description of a crèche from a different part of the world, along with a brief prayer that you can offer for yourself and your loved ones. Sign up here:

https://mcgrath.nd.edu/events/creche-exhibit/





Stewardship: An Attitude of Gratitude

Stewardship is recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God, being grateful, developing our gifts and generously sharing with others. Gifts are typically categorized as time, talent and treasure. But how do we put this into practice in our everyday lives?

TIMF

Invest in your Praver Life

- Pray to God frequently throughout the day, every day.
- Talk and listen to God.

TALENT

Willingness to help others

- Participate in parish ministries and other charitable organizations.
- · Accept responsibility for helping others.

TREASURE

Generosity with your financial gifts

- · Generously return a portion of the money you have been given by God.
- Give cheerfully without expecting anything in return. No gift is too small or insignificant.

Stewardship isn't some exclusive club. We are all stewards. Living stewardship requires change - a change that softens our hearts and makes room for the Holy Spirit to enter.

To live a stewardship lifestyle you need to do these things:

Take time - time to pray. Place God first in all things. Take risks - detach yourself from your time, possession and money and place your trust in God.

Let us walk this path together!

Blood Drive in Honor of Jack Shockley: Nov. 29

As you may know, Jack Shockley, BCHS Class of 2014, was killed on August 12 of this year. Though Jack is one of our own, a CTK parish member, a classmate, a co-worker and a friend, he is just one example of the violence that is happening in Indianapolis this year. As of October 19, there had been 165 criminal homicides in Indianapolis in 2020. That is a 43 percent increase over 2019. In addition, there have been 480 non-fatal shootings this year, which is a 40 percent increase over last year.

There is a severe shortage in our blood supply, and part of that shortage can be attributed to the record-setting violence in our city. Any amount of violence is too much. Help us mitigate the unwarranted loss of life by insuring that we have the blood supply to help the victims of this senseless violence. Donate a pint of your blood so that others can live. Let's honor Jack by making a difference for the other victims of violence in Indianapolis.

Blood Drive Details

Sunday, November 29, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Christ the King Parish in Tuohy Hall. Questions? Please contact Christ the King Parish or head to http://www.ctk-indy.org/blooddonor.html.

Sign up at https://donate.indiana.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/14446.

Bishop Chatard HS Save the Date:

Christmas on Crittenden is Dec. 4

On Friday, December 4, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Bishop Chatard's parking lot will transform into a Magical Christmas Wonderland. We invite you and your family to hop in your car, crank the holiday tunes & take a drive through the BC Wonderland. Dazzling lights & holiday scenes will guide you along your drive. Near the end, Santa and his reindeer will be waiting for you with a surprise! Registration and more information will be available soon. Contact our Coordinator of Alumni Relations, Kelly Stuhldreher

at kstuhldreher@bishopchatard.org with any questions.

Class of 2025 Application is now available!

Applications are now being accepted for the BCHS Class of 2025. Learn more about the application process or to access the online application portal at https:// www.bishopchatard.org/enrollment/ apply/. We look forward to welcoming your student to the Trojan Class of 2025!

Want to learn more about all that awaits your student at Bishop Chatard? Visit https:// vimeo.com/387688778 to check it out. For more information about enrollment opportunities, visit https://www.bishopchatard.org/ enrollment/events/.

Cathedral High School

As we head into the Holiday Season and more virtual learning, know that Cathedral's Admission Office is still open and available for questions. gocathedral.com/admissions or 317-968-7370.

Application Deadlines

It's not too late!! Get your application in by December 15th! The process begins at gocathedral.com/apply.

Personalized Tours

Please sign up for individual tours through our website, gocathedal.com/admissions, to schedule. These are being offered frequently and are in lieu of other on campus events.

Parish Joys & Concerns



Baptism Class

Baptism Class

Our next Baptism class will be held on Monday, December 7, 2020. A class is required for parents. The class needs to be taken only one time. Godparents are welcome to attend. Please call the parish office to sign up, 317-257-2266.





Please Pray

Please pray for these members of the IHM Community and their caregivers: Kathy Nelson, Rémi Coquard-Wallace, Ryan Maddox, Suzanne Cramer, Keith Fessler, Phillip McKiernan, Sarah Zyromski, Lee Wallace, Jeanette Winking, Carolyn Reutter, Ron Rudin (Father of Megan Melton), Leo Hahn, Kim Elkins, Henry Hartwell, Diane Eltzroth, Charles Lane, Janet Snodgrass, Caroline Merrick, Traci Underwood, Max Breedlove, Cora Vincent, Karen Carter, Karen & Mike Kuehn, Mike Plaaman, Bowen Brant, Sue Bramlett, Chase Clark, Matt Pivec, Roger Broderick, Maeve Bigelow, Rosemary Schilder, Clara Handshoe, Jo Ann Cady, Brock Cagann, and all of our frail elderly.

Add to this list by calling the Parish Office, 317-257-2266. If it's an emergency, alert Fr. Bob at the parish office, or call his cell phone: (317) 727-2667.

IHM has a Prayer Chain, made up of parishioners committed to praying for immediate special needs. Contact Gerry Koors at 317-251-2562 or Ellen Healey, 317-439-1030 or ewhealey2@gmail.com.





Contact Chris Hutson at 317-590-2025 to place an ad.

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