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December 6, 2020 Second Sunday of Advent

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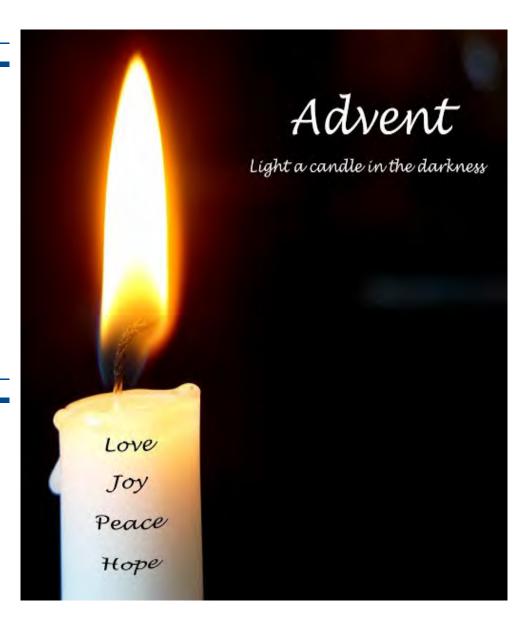
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The Mission of Immaculate Heart of Mary

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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"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - Mark 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. *
*archstl.org

Sign up link for weekend Masses:

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

Leave the Light on Reconciliation is CANCELLED (was scheduled for Dec. 15, 2020) at Fatima Retreat House.

To Schedule Reconciliation with Fr. Bob email him at rsims@ihmindv.org.

Schedule of Masses			
Date	Time		Mass Intention
Mon., Dec. 7	8:15 am	Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	Maude & Clarence Gruber by Karl & Carol Hertz
Tue., Dec. 8	5:30 pm	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Patrick Kennedy by Marcia Bolin
Wed., Dec. 9		Advent Weekday	No Public Mass
Thur., Dec. 10	5:30 pm	Advent Weekday	Don Beckerich by Mary Ann & Ken Froemming
Fri., Dec. 11		Advent Weekday	No Public Mass
Sat., Dec. 12	5:30 pm	Vigil: 3rd Advent Sunday	Amanda Meredith Mills By her parents
Sun., Dec. 13	8:00 am	Third Sunday of Advent	Anna Mae Otte
	9:30 am		William Leppert by Arthur & Carol Boyle
	11:15 am		For the People of IHM

Thank you

Stewardship

November 29, 2020: \$6,291 Missionary Collection: \$2,882.14

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

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.



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 Book Fair Is Online 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!

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! Books will be delivered in time for Christmas!

In lieu of a teacher wish list, proceeds from the book fair go *directly* to IHM's amazing teachers for their classroom libraries. Help us support our IHM teachers by making it another successful book fair!

Start your Scholastic Book Fair holiday shopping by clicking **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.



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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Tuesday, January 5 6:30 am to 9:30 am IHM Church

"And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:20

Advent Giving Tree

The Annual Advent Giving Tree has begun! As with so many traditions, COVID is requiring a shift in how we best serve others. Parishioners can still celebrate the true meaning of Christmas by sharing gifts with those in our community who are less fortunate.



This year we will again support children from both St. Anthony's and Holy Angels. We will also provide support to new moms from Birthline. There will be no traditional tree or tags to be chosen. Instead, we invite you to participate in this ministry by clicking on the link below to make monetary donations towards some critically needed items. Checks may also be sent in with "Advent Giving Tree" in the memo. The children's needs are great and our elves will ensure that items make it to these kids.

Questions? Please contact the office 317-257-2266, Jennifer Gause 317-407-7839 or Jen Kaplan 317-443-3295. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

https://services.ihmindy.org/advent-giving-tree?erid=1379631&trid=43e03453-7971-4a63-9289-682deef8a4e0



Chrismas Food Drive

IHM CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE KICKED OFF Saturday November 28th, please return filled bags by Sunday December 20th!

This 2020 year our Christmas giving is even more of a blessing to our Panty families. A huge thank you to all for your amazingly generous and consistent support during this epidemic!

Please fill our red Christmas bags with a variety of foods for breakfast, lunch and dinner over the Christmas season with the items listed below.

Breakfast suggestions: oatmeal packets, waffle or pancake mix, muffin mixes, fruit preserves, dried fruit.

Lunch suggestions: canned or boxed meals like Dinty Moore chili, ravioli, beef stews, chicken and dumplings, chunky soups, chili, canned fruit, pre made mac and cheese.

Dinner suggestions: seasoned rice or pasta packets, stuffing, egg noodles, bottles of salad dressings and fixings, cans of cranberry, canned white beans, canned meats: salmon, tuna, spam, canned greens; green, peas Collard, Mustard, Spinach, bottles/packets of spices/gravy seasoning.

Christmas dessert /baking supplies; bags of nuts, flour, sugar, baking powder, cookie mixes /icing kits, cake or shortbread mixes, Christmas decorating sprinkles, Christmas candy, canned fruit, cookie bars, or gingerbread mixes.



Thank you IHM for your support to Boulevard Place Food Pantry which serves our neighbors in need!!

Outreach Corner COVID-19 Prayer of Solidarity

For all who have contracted coronavirus, we pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety, we pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, we pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance, we pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, we pray for recognition of the Godgiven dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world, we pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decision makers, we pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.

Grant peace.

Grant comfort.

Grant healing.

Be with us, Lord.

Amen.

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St. Vincent de Paul

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 sometime the day before and to actually serve meals on Christmas Day. All Covid-19 precautions will be taken. 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.

Growing in the Faith



About Advent Wreaths

Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! 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/4090545ABAB29A4FD0-ihmbible

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.

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: https://www.holyheroes.com/Holy-Heroes-Advent-Adventure-s/48.htm

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

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 https://coaching.reallifecatholic.com/unshakeable-joy.



Divorce Support Group Jan. 20 – Feb. 24, 2021

"Divorce and Beyond" support group for Catholics who are going through divorce or are already divorced is being offered by the Marriage and Family Life office of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Groups will meet at the Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center (1402 Southern Ave. Beech Grove IN 46107) on Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 9pm for six sessions, from January 20 to February 24, 2021. Cost is \$20 and scholarships are available. To register or for more information, go to www.archindv.org/divorce or call (317) 592-4007.

Marriage Preparation Online | Joy-Filled Marriage Certification Course

This is the self-paced, online version of our Pre-Cana Retreat, using the same materials and covering the same topics for a comprehensive marriage preparation retreat.

This is the option provided for engaged couples any time our live retreats are suspended, or if a couple is not able to attend a live retreat due to scheduling conflicts or health concerns.

Couples must complete the combined "God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage" and "Life Skills for Couples" course in order to fulfill the marriage preparation requirement. The course is available in English or Spanish. Cost is \$50 and includes:

- Powerful, award-winning videos based on the Theology of the Body
- Online digital Couple's Guide that includes summaries, activities and discussion questions
- Assessment quizzes for each session to check for understanding
- Course completion certificate, certifying all sessions have been watched and course materials complete (this certificate is forwarded to the person preparing the couple for marriage).

Go to the Ascension Press website to register for this course.

Cathedral High School

As we head into the Holiday Season and more virtual learning, know that Cathedral's Admissions Office is still open and available for questions. Please don't hesitate to reach out to our office, gocathedral.com/admissions or 317-968-7370.

High School Placement Test

Cathedral High School will administer the High School Placement Test on January 23rd at 8:30 am. All parents are encouraged to join us for an information session/tour while your student is taking the test. Preregister by visiting www.gocathedral.com/placementtest.

Parents will have the opportunity to enjoy "Coffee with Cathedral" while their student tests. Learn more about Cathedral and tour the school.

Application Deadlines

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

Bishop Chatard HS

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/.

Silent Self-Guided Days of Silence at Fatima Retreat House

Days of Silence are from 8 am to 4 pm and offer participants the opportunity to come away to Fatima in a relaxed, calm and quiet atmosphere-an opportunity to 'unplug' from the outside world.

Step away from the noise of distractions and focus your attention on your relationship with God. Prayer, silence, and listening is at the heart of these days.

2020 Days of Silence

Tuesday, December 15 - Advent Days of Silence <u>register</u> online

Thursday, December 17 - Advent Days of Silence <u>register</u> online

Friday, December 18 - Advent Days of Silence <u>register</u> online

Registration fees: \$35.00 includes a room to use for the day, continental breakfast, Mass, lunch and the use of the common areas and grounds of the retreat house. Register online here or contact our Registrar, Jennifer Burger, at (317)545-7681 or email, jburger@archindy.org

Leave the Light on Reconciliation CANCELLED (was scheduled for Dec. 15, 2020)

At Fatima Retreat House.

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 ewhealev2@gmail.com.

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