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December 20, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Advent

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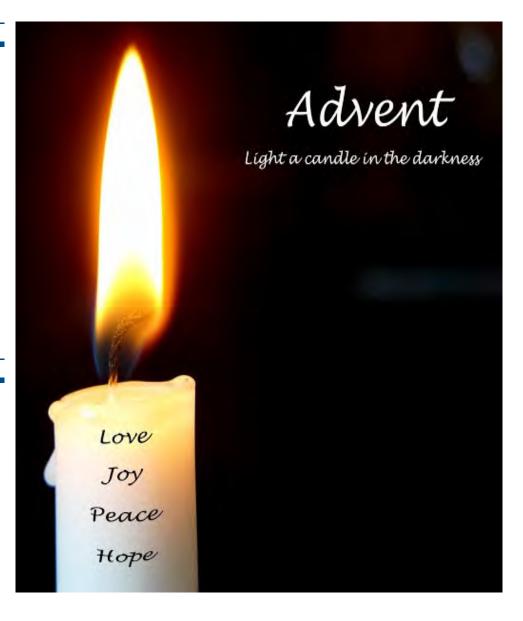
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The Mission of Immaculate Heart of Mary

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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Fourth Sunday of Advent



"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" - Luke 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity. *

*archstl.org

Sign up link for weekend Masses:

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

NOTE: Early bulletin deadlines now till January 8. Articles due Friday, 9 days prior to the Sunday.

Schedule of Masses			
Date	Time		Mass Intention
Mon., Dec. 21	8:15 am	Late Advent Weekday	Patrick Hoyt by the Hoyt Family
Tue., Dec. 22		Late Advent Weekday	No Public Mass
Wed., Dec. 23	5:30 pm	Late Advent Weekday	No Public Mass
Thur., Dec. 24	2:00 pm	Christmas Eve	Rigoni Family
	4:00 pm Church		Collet & Wolfla Families
	4:00 pm Act Ctr		John Kerins by Sheila Crawford
	6:30 pm		For the People of IHM
	10:00 pm		Hurley & Killilea Families
Fri., Dec. 25	10:00 am	The Nativity of the Lord	Dr. Dick Coak by Larry & Carol (Coak) Burch
Sat., Dec. 26	5:30 pm	Vigil: Holy Family	Don Beckerich
Sun., Dec. 27	8:00 am	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	Bob Kessing by Arthur & Carol Boyle
	9:30 am		For the People of IHM
	11:15 am		Roy Mangano by Family

Thank you

Stewardship

December 13, 2020: \$12,110

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. At this time all Mass reservations are full. If you want to be on a waitlist call the parish office.

Save the Date!! - Illumination 2021

The 2021 IHM Illumination will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2021 at the beautiful Crowne Plaza Downtown-Union Station. We are looking for volunteers to assist with planning, donations, auction items, fundraising, etc. Please contact us if you are interested in helping.

Co-chairs: Kathleen Bigelow <u>kgbigelow@gmail.com</u> and Katie McGovern <u>ktspitler@yahoo.com</u>

Christmas paper/box Recycling

We understand the need to recycle boxes and wrapping paper after Christmas, but we kindly ask that if IHM's recycling and/or trash bins are full that you NOT leave your items on the outside of the bins. We have to pick it up and break it down, as the recycling and trash company does not do this for us. A great option for you is located at Broad Ripple Park. Broad Ripple Recycling is located at 6380 Evanston Avenue and is open to the public. The bins are behind the tennis courts.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness to this situation.

Christmas Gift from FLFFC

Family Life and Faith Formation Commission (FLFFC) would like to assist IHM parishioners in establishing a habit of daily prayer. FLFFC's Christmas Gift is Matthew Kelly's I Heard God Laugh. Members of FLFFC will happily deliver books to those not able to attend in person Mass. Parishioners can email Kelly Brodowicz at kmhartma1@gmail.com to request a book to be delivered.

IHM School - Leader In Me

7 Habits and Basketball by Michael

In basketball you have to put first things first by practicing hard and not messing around. You need to synergize and work together to play good. Also thinking win-win is a part of basketball too you have to pass and let your teammates score and not hog the ball. But if you don't make the best team you have to begin with the end in mind and accept the team you make. Without these habits you wouldn't be a good player, get good playing time, or a good teammate.



Advent Adoration

Tuesday, Dec. 22 from 9:00 am to noon. Sign up at:

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

First Tuesday Adoration

Adoration will be on the following Tuesday:
January 5, 2021
6:30 am to 9:30 am IHM Church

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

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

This is the wonderful truth, my dear friends: the Word, which became flesh two thousand years ago is present today in the Eucharist.

~St John Paul II

Winter Blood Drive

Blood Drive January 17, 2021 In the Gym 8:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Positive ID Required

Questions: Call Tim Lohrstorfer (317) 702-0360





Christmas 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!!

St Vincent de Paul Blue Box Donations

As you are all aware, the need is great these days and the donations we receive from the blue boxes are essential for us to be in a position to fill the needs of many. Right now we especially need warm coats for men, women and children and men's jeans and men's clothing in general ... sweatshirts, hoodies, flannels, etc. Winter has arrived and our homeless neighbors need us now ... blankets, sleeping bags, gloves, hats, scarves ... whatever we can supply to keep them warm over the next months.

Please spread the word ... for "whatsoever you do to the least of your brothers and sisters, you do unto me."

January St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

IHM Conference of St. Vincent de Paul meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. It is a Zoom meeting in order to comply with the quarantine. The next Zoom meeting is January 6 at 7 pm. To be included in the meeting please forward your email address to klainslie@icloud.com. 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.

Outreach Corner

Pope Francis Issues a Social Encyclical

Earlier this year the Pope issued an encyclical <u>Fratelli tutti</u> that focuses on fraternity and social friendship as the ways to build a better, more just and peaceful world. Recently the Vatican News summarized this Encyclical. This is the first of five Outreach Corner articles about this Encyclical.

The Encyclical aims to promote a universal aspiration toward fraternity and social friendship. In the background of the Encyclical is the Covid-19 pandemic which, Francis reveals, "unexpectedly erupted" as he "was writing this letter". But the global health emergency has helped demonstrate that "no one can face life in isolation" and that the time has truly come to "dream, then, as a single human family" in which we are "brothers and sisters all".

In the first of eight chapters, entitled Dark Clouds over a Closed World, the document reflects on the many distortions of the contemporary era: the manipulation and deformation of concepts such as democracy, freedom, justice; the loss of the meaning of the social community and history; selfishness and indifference toward the common good; the prevalence of a market logic based on profit and the culture of waste; unemployment, racism, poverty; the disparity of rights and its aberrations such as slavery, trafficking, women subjugated and then forced to abort, organ trafficking. It deals with global problems that call for global actions. Certainly he paints a dark picture of our present condition.

The second chapter, A stranger on the Road, is dedicated to the figure of the Good Samaritan. In it, the Pope emphasizes that, in an unhealthy society that turns its back on suffering and that is "illiterate" in caring for the frail and vulnerable, we are all called – just like the Good Samaritan – to become neighbors to others, overcoming prejudices, personal interests, historic and cultural barriers. We all, in fact, are co-responsible in creating a society that is able to include, integrate and lift up those who have fallen or are suffering. Love builds bridges and "we were made for love", the Pope adds, particularly exhorting Christians to recognize Christ in the face of every excluded person.

To read more please go to https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-10/fratelli-tutti-pope-fraternity-social-friendship-short-summary.html.

Volunteers Needed for Christmas Dinner

The IHM Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is supporting the Christmas Day meal at Holy Cross Catholic Church. We need additional volunteers on Christmas Eve (11:00 to 3:00) for food preparation and on Christmas Day for food preparation (8:00-10:00), distribution of meals (10:00-Noon), and cleanup (Noon-1:00). The meals will be takeout (curbside delivery) only with very little contact between volunteers and guests. All Covid-19 precautions will be taken. 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.



The end of Advent/The beginning of Christmas

Christmas Eve on December 24 marks the end of the Advent season (a time of prayerful anticipation, reflection, and repentance) and the beginning of the Christmas season. While retailers and stores begin Christmas season after Halloween and end it the day after Christmas, the Church is just starting with Christmas on December 25!

Octave of Christmas (December 25 – January 1)

An *octave* extends the celebration of a feast or solemnity for eight days. During the Octave of Christmas all the readings and prayers during Mass are related to the birth of Christ. The last day of the Christmas Octave is January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – a holy day on which all Catholics are obliged to celebrate Mass.

The Twelve Days of Christmas/Christmastide (December 26 – January 6)

Contrary to the "12 Days of Christmas" countdown many retailers offer, the twelve days of Christmas begin traditionally on December 26 and end on January 6, the traditional date of Epiphany. Many Christians continue to celebrate Twelfth Night with special foods and traditions.

The Christmas Season (December 25 – The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord)

The Catholic liturgical calendar marks the end of the Christmas season with the celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which falls on the Sunday after the Feast of the Epiphany (usually the second Sunday of January). The day after, ordinary time begins.

The Presentation of the Lord

Forty days after Christmas, on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the Church circles back around to the Christmas season. The Law of Moses required first-born sons to be dedicated to the Lord, so Mary and Joseph dutifully brought the baby Jesus to the Temple for his dedication and circumcision. In some countries, it is traditional to keep the Christmas decorations up until this feast.

(Adapted from Jerry Windley-Daoust's article on www.teachingcatholickids.com)

If you would like to celebrate the 12 Days of Christmas in a meaningful way with your children, check out https://www.catholicicing.com/celebrating-the-12-days-of-christmas-with-catholic-kids/ for many great ideas!

Thinking about New Year's Resolutions?

St. Jerome said: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ". In 2021, why not resolve to get to know better the living Word of God?

Ascension's *Bible in a Year* Podcast, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes starting January 1st, 2021.

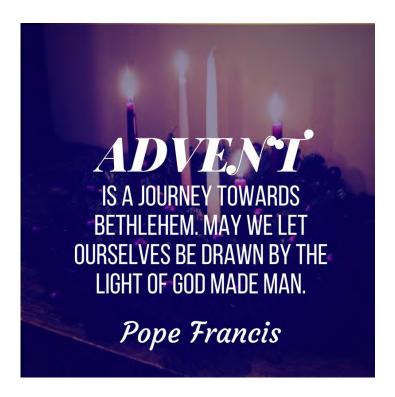
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Tune in and live your daily life through the lens of God's word! Sign up here:

https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration





Retirement Fund For Religious Collection

Thanks for giving! "We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who support the Retirement Fund for Religious each year," says a Catholic sister. "Support from the fund has been a tremendous blessing to our retired sisters." Thank you for donating to last week's collection.

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.archindy.org/divorce or call (317) 592-4007.

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.

Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School

High School Placement Test: Date Change Announcement

In light of the COVID-19 protocols that the Marion County Public Health Department announced, Brebeuf Jesuit has decided to cancel the large group testing date for Saturday, December 12, 2020. Instead, we are offering testing appointments at Brebeuf Jesuit to take the High School Placement Test with a small group of testers throughout December.

To register for a testing appointment, go to brebeuf.org/hspt.

Meet and Greet Session with a Tour

Schedule an individual Meet and Greet Session with Brebeuf Jesuit Director of Admissions Colleen Cannon. This is a 45-60 minute conversation to discuss what makes Brebeuf Jesuit a transformational experience and to talk more in-depth about the opportunities ahead for you at Brebeuf. This is a great option to visit campus or connect virtually to learn more about Brebeuf Jesuit!

To schedule a session, go to brebeuf.org/tour.

Bishop Chatard HS

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/.

you look for Me at Christmas you won't need a special star -I'm no longer just in Bethlehem, I'm right there where you are. You may not be aware of Me amid the celebrations -Novill have to look beyond the stores and all the decorations. But if you take a moment from your list of things to do And listen to your heart, you'll find I'm waiting there for you. Moure the one I want to be with, you're the reason that I came, And you'll find Me in the stillness as I'm whispering your name.

Parish Joys & Concerns



Baptism Class

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Our next Baptism class will be held on Monday, February 1, 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.

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