

The Good News of Immaculate Heart of Mary

December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

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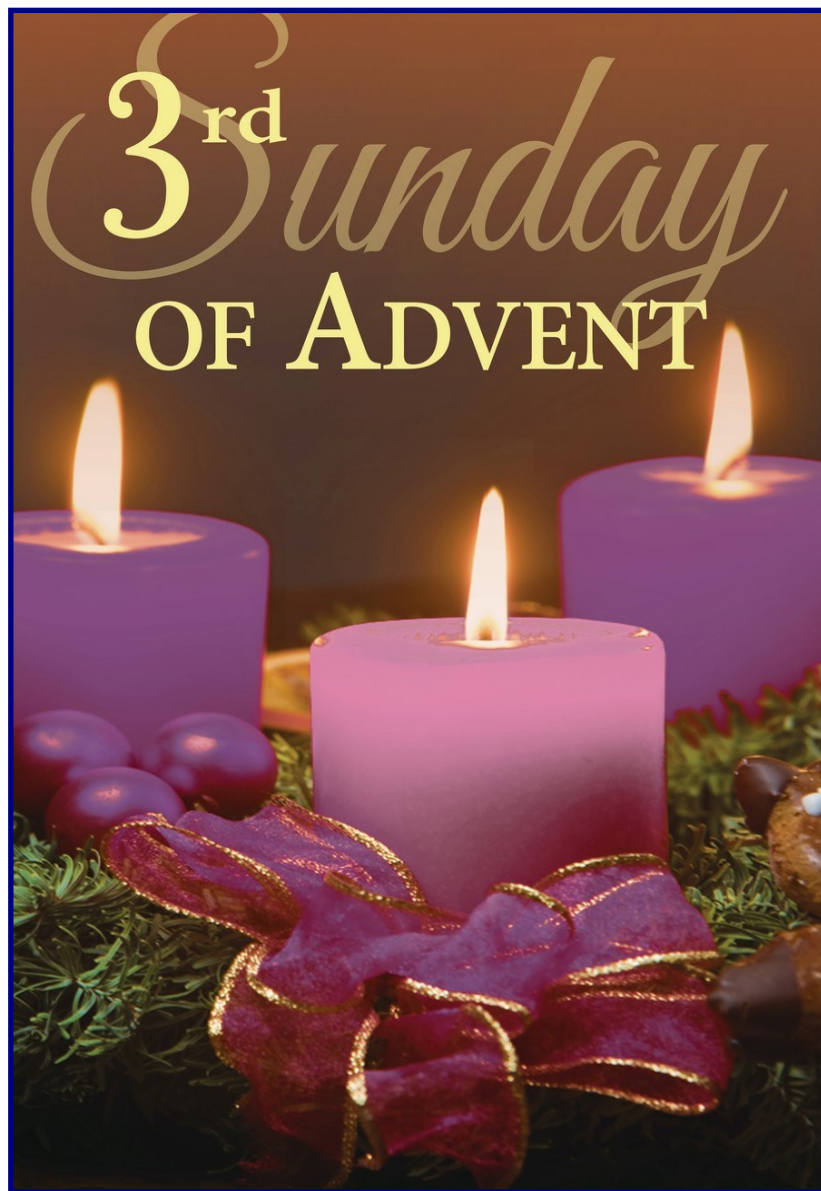
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The Mission of Immaculate Heart of Mary

The Immaculate Heart of Mary parish strives to be a vibrant Catholic community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ as our guide. We invite all to strengthen their spirituality and develop their relationship with God through 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

Weekdays:

Monday-Thursday - 5:30pm

Friday - 8:15am



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"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." ~1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18

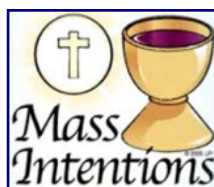
This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations & shows our dependence on God.

Schedule of Masses

Date	Time	Liturgical Celebration	Mass Intention
Monday, Dec 18	5:30pm Mass		† John Courter By: B. Hickey & T. Charters
Tuesday, Dec 19	5:30pm Mass		† Jane Baker Hahn By: Leo Hahn Family
Wednesday,	5:30pm Mass		† Kathleen Moriarty By: the Harveys
Thursday, Dec 21	5:30pm Mass		† Joan Tarpey McNelis By: Bob & Sheila Gamache
Friday, Dec 22	8:15am Mass		† Sharon Logan By: Noble Family
Saturday, Dec 23	4:00pm Mass	Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent	People of IHM
	5:30pm Mass		† Elizabeth Graca By: Rosemary Nelson
Sunday, Dec 24	10 am Mass	Fourth Sunday of Advent	† Kevin Casperson By: Larry & Mary Dougherty
			† (deceased)

Mass Intentions

If there is a special date to remember a loved one, please contact Dottie in the Parish Office as soon as possible. Weekends are already full until April of 2024. **Mass offering is \$10.**



Baptisms

Please Welcome to our Community

Baptism Class

The next class will be held on **Monday, February 5, 2024 at 7:30pm** in the Church. The class needs to be taken only one time. Call the parish office to sign up 317-257-2266.

With joyful hearts, we welcome our newly baptized:

Elizabeth Lauren McMahon, *child of Jennifer & Keegan*
Harrison Jack Valle, *child of Nathan & Raquel*



Sacraments

Holy Communion Service

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

Reconciliation

After daily Mass

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.

Thank you

Stewardship

Thank you for your support of IHM. You may sign up for EFT by scanning this QR code or by signing up on our IHM website: www.ihmindy.org





The adventure of Advent at IHM



It seems fitting that “adventure” is the word that autofills when you begin to type “advent” on your phone or computer. An adventure is an exciting journey or experience, and the word advent means “a coming or arrival.” So, at IHM School, the Advent season is our **adventure**...our exciting journey to prepare for Jesus’ arrival!

Each week, we take this Advent journey together. We reflect on our hopes and wishes. We bring our hands together to help the poor. We share the joy of the season in our music concerts. We gather every week to light the next candle as our reminder to continue sharing Jesus’ light. We grow together in the spirit of hope, love, peace and joy. And we wish you an ADVENTure blessed with peace & love!



School Admissions

Our IHM School Application is open for the following school years:
2024-25 and 2025-26!
For Admissions Questions,
please email: admissions@ihmindy.org
www.ihmindyschool.org/apply-here/



CYO Wrestling Sign up!

In partnership with St. Luke, IHM offers wrestling as part of our CYO Athletic program!

K - 8th grade boys in our parish are welcome to register using the link below. Cost of the season is \$140. Practices will begin in January and meets will start Jan. 29, 2024. Season ends at spring break.

Interested in helping coach, please contact Coach Scot Dawson at sdawson@bishopchatard.org.



[CYO Wrestling Registration](#)



Questions? Please Contact:
Boys Athletic Director Alex Rodman at alexrodman@ihmindy.org

SAVE THE DATE



IHM School

Winter Open House

Sunday, January 28

After 9:30 a.m. Mass to 12 p.m.



RSVP



Join us as we kick off Catholic Schools Week of our 75th school year!



FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 2, 2024



A Night in Paris

FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE

FEBRUARY 10TH 6:30-8:30PM





Mass times

Please note the Mass time schedule changes to the days of December 23-25, 2023. Since Christmas falls on a Monday this year, Catholics have **two** Mass obligations to fulfill Christmas weekend ~ Sunday, the 4th week of Advent & Christmas.

Regular Sunday Mass Obligation times

Saturday, Dec. 23

4:00pm Mass

5:30pm Mass

Sunday, Dec. 24

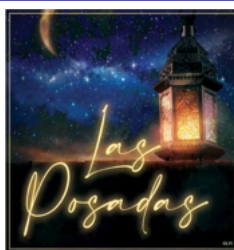
10:00am Mass

Annual Outreach for Christmas

Share your time with our Annual St. Patrick's Posada this Saturday, December 16. St. Patrick's Parishioners put on a traditional play with music of the Christmas story as it is celebrated in Latin America and bring wonderful food to share.

IHM parishioners donate books as gifts, decorate, provide a pinata and serve food & hot chocolate. Everybody helps with clean up. Decoration starts at 9am, party at 10 am and cleanup done by about 12:30pm. Join us for this family friendly opportunity to celebrate Christmas with neighbors in Fountain Square.

Contact Sarah Stelzner at sstelzne@iu.edu or call the Parish Office.



Children's Mass Choir

Calling all **4th-8th graders** who are interested in singing in the children's choir at the 4pm Children's Mass on Christmas Eve in the Activity Center. There will be two rehearsals: Sunday 12/17 after the 11:15 Mass in the Church & Sunday 12/24 at 3pm before the 4pm Mass. Please contact our Director of Music Ministry, Joe Burrows, at jburrows@ihmindy.org with any questions.



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

NIGHT with the INDIANA PACERS



Thursday, January 25, 2024
7pm Tipoff

<https://pacers.formstack.com/forms/IHM125>



Catholic Business Exchange

CBE is sponsoring a Nativity themed tree as part of the Indiana Historical Society Festival of Trees. It is located on the Mezzanine Level (2nd floor) & is tree #32. We hope you can take advantage of an admission discount to visit. To order your tickets, please go to: <https://indianahistory.org>

Click on PURCHASE TICKETS, enter CODE FOT32. Please go see the CBE Nativity Tree this holiday season & VOTE for your favorite tree, #32!

Christmas Masses

at Immaculate Heart of Mary

Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24

4 pm Mass in the Activity Center

4 pm Mass in Church

6:30 pm Mass in Church

10 pm Mass in Church

Christmas Day Sunday, December 25

10 am Mass in Church

Christmas Food Drive

GRAB A RED BAG UNDER THE GIVING TREE OR AT THE DOORS



Please return this weekend by December 17th!



IHM Outreach for Boulevard Place Food Pantry.
Our annual tradition!

Mass Ministers for 12/16/23 & 12/17/23 (click [HERE](#) for the schedule)

Mass Coordinators

5:30pm—Sue Foxx

8:00am—Jane Franceschini

9:30am—Lawrence Coan

11:15am—Julie Tomich

Lectors

5:30pm—Stephen Bourgeois, Max Bourgeois

8:00am—Kelly Todd, Mary Lou Cox

9:30am—Jack Kondrath, Dave Stuhldreher

11:15am—Larry Dougherty, Angela Meyer

EMHC

5:30pm—G. Lowry, J. O'Brien, D. Morris, W. Maniago, S. B. Millman

8:00am—J. Klein, D. Oppman, M. O'Brien, R. Wallace, L. Eichholtz

9:30am—P. Cvar, M. Langfeldt, T. Foroud, M. Eble, Open

11:15am—A. Wallis, A. Ratterman, B. Killigrew, M. Irving, Open

Ushers

5:30pm—John Leppert

8:00am—D Koors Group

9:30am—Jack Esselman, Greg McCormack

11:15am—Sean Murphy, Miguel Mederos

Advent ADORATION



On Tuesday, December 19 join us to celebrate Advent from 6:30-9:30am. You are encouraged to sign up & commit as an attendant for Eucharistic Adoration. Sign-up [HERE](#)

St. Vincent de Paul

Volunteers needed in supporting the 5th Annual Christmas Day meal for the Homeless at St. Phillip Neri Church. Please help organize and prepare food on Christmas Eve & on Christmas Day morning to drive, cook, serve and clean-up. Contact Steve Hastings for more information at: stephen.james.hastings.i@gmail.com

IHM Leader in Me Program

Throughout this year I have participated in many activities that show me how to be a leader & a good example to those around me. I have used habit 5 which is to seek first then be understood. While I was giving tours I listened first to others and shared my great experiences at IHM school and parish. I also used habit 4 to think win-win. When I was playing against my friend's softball team, I congratulated my friend and her team after the game. We both played hard and had fun. I am grateful to be at IHM and have the opportunity to work on my leadership skills that will help me be successful in the future.

~Grace, Class of 2027




MEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION

Saturday January 27, 2024
10am -5pm, Mass at 5:30pm

All men of the parish are welcome to join!




Contact Tim Lohrstorfer with questions:
tlohrstorfer@gmail.com

We are also encouraging ALL Welcome!/Christ Renews His Parish alumni to celebrate the gifts the program has bestowed on the parish. Fr. Pat will share with us the parish's vision for men's faith formation as the parish transitions to small faith groups. The current Men's team will share reflections and all men of the parish are welcome to join as we celebrate the past and present and prepare for the future.

Please RSVP by Sunday 1/21 and fill out this google form: <https://forms.gle/xT11Bwh4fLE4tEc59>

Contact Tim Lohrstorfer with any questions at (317) 702-0360 or tlohrstorfer@gmail.com

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 17, 2023 ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent

Why do we believe in Jesus & the Catholic Church? Why should we continue to do so? We've never seen him face-to-face. Most of us have never had mystical visions of angels or saints. We live in the same world as our atheist & secularists friends. Why do we believe in Christ if we've never seen him?

The simple, symbolic answer the Gospel presents to us this week might surprise us: we believe because of John the Baptist. Early in John's Gospel we hear: "There was a man sent from God, his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him." The Baptist powerfully announces Jesus. This is a historical fact, and it is also now a pattern at work in our lives.

John the Baptist stands for the entirety of the old covenant, everything entrusted to the Jewish people. And yet he prophetically opens the door to something entirely new in Jesus, to the revival and fulfillment of God's promises. In every generation, and in every human life, God continues to do this. He has done it through people named Augustine, Francis, Catherine, Theresa, and countless others. In my life, the Baptist's spirit has come through persons named Eric, Paul, Mary, and Ron.

I challenge you to name at least three people through whom God has announced the coming of Jesus in your life. Consciously thank God for their testimony. And let's commit ourselves to listening to the spirit of John the Baptist testify again this week so that we might more strongly believe in the light.

~Father John Muir

North Deanery's Advent Reconciliation Schedule

Sunday, December 17 at 2pm

~St. Thomas 4600 Illinois St.

Monday, December 18 at 7pm

~St. Matthew 4100 E 56th St

Tuesday, December 19 at 7pm

~St. Lawrence 4650 N. Shadeland Ave



We are... *United*
in the Eucharist

As a Church, we are stronger together. The impact of your gift is essential to the people of our archdiocese and the mission given to us by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the life of the Church. Without it, there is no Church.

Without vocations, we would have no priests. Without priests, there would be no sacraments, namely the Eucharist.

Supporting the United Catholic Appeal means you are supporting vocations, allowing young men who are answering God's call to flourish.

2024 Goal is \$6.3 million



Watch Video



Give Today



The North Central High School choir program is starting a new Middle School Show Choir called North Side Sound. This is open to any middle schooler in grades 6-8 on the North Side of Indianapolis. All rehearsals will take place at North Central High School. Register online at www.northcentralchoirs.com, or at the following link: <https://forms.gle/G6vTjVj1pARWPCB6> Questions? Email Director of Choirs Mike Raunick at mraunick@msdwt.k12.in.us

Girls Basketball

North Deanery Night:

All girls who play CYO Basketball are invited to join the BCHS Girls Basketball Program for North Deanery Night on **Friday, Dec. 15**, during the Girls Varsity game vs Covenant Christian. Dinner will be provided for the girls from 5 to 5:30 p.m. along with free admission to the game! More details: <https://bishopchatardathletics.org/girls-basketball-news/>



SAVE THE DATE!

Boys Wrestling North Deanery Night is January 10 as the Trojans take on Hamilton Southeastern Royals. Free admission for North Deanery students! More details to come soon.

BREBEUF JESUIT

MEN AND WOMEN FOR OTHERS

Holiday Family Mass and Cookies with Santa

Sunday, December 17 at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel
Bring your family to join in this beautiful morning of worship in our sacred Chapel. Following the Mass, please join us for light refreshments and a photo opportunity with Santa Claus!

To register for the Holiday Family Mass, please <https://www.brebeuf.org/holiday-family-mass>

Cathedral High School

Greatness is calling.

Visiting "the Hill" is the best way to learn more about the many opportunities available for prospective students. To learn more about

Cathedral High School, click [HERE](#)

Applications for the Class of '28 are due by Friday, December 15th: gocathedral.com/apply



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Music Ministry

The IHM Music Ministry is in need of cantors, choir members & musicians. If you are interested in sharing your gift of music please contact the Director of Music Ministries, Joe Burrows at: jburrows@ihmindy.org



Honey Baked Hams

PICK-UP DATE is **Friday, December 22nd** at 12:00 noon in IHM's parking lot, *All orders must be picked up at this time. Please contact Cindy Harkness at charknes@iupui.edu.



The Pastoral Council of IHM has initiated a program to recognize the work that so many volunteers do to make our parish a community. Our next honoree is Victoria (Tori) Bratcher.

Tori & her family have been members of IHM since they moved to Indianapolis 8 years

ago. Her children were baptized at IHM & her oldest attends kindergarten. Tori has been part of the athletic commission since 2019. This is her second year being the chair of the commission & currently manages the IHM athletics social media page.

For the school, she volunteers with creating the handbook & staff appreciation committee. She initially chose to volunteer as a way to get involved in the parish & meet more people in the IHM community. She feels that finding a community brings her closer & more connected to God's purpose in her life. It helps her find more joy & appreciation for the gifts her family has been given and enables her to give to others. Volunteering also is a way for her to give back.

Tori recalls a favorite memory from volunteering is starting the City Championship Recognition. Now, every team that wins a city championship in their sport gets a t-shirt that says City Champions & are presented those shirts in front of the congregation at Mass. Seeing the joy and confidence build among the kids as a result of this recognition is really rewarding and makes me proud of the work we do.

THANK YOU VICTORIA BRATCHER!!

Please Pray

Please pray for these members of the IHM Community and their care-givers:

Max Schuster, Rich Burke, Barb Rhea, Bob Anslinger, Lisa Hoekstra, Laura Webber, Connie Graham, Phyllis Thomas, Maeve Buhl, Rémi Coquard-Wallace, Suzanne Cramer, Keith Fessler, Phillip McKiernan, Sarah Zyromski, Carolyn Reutter, Leo Hahn, Henry Hartwell, Diane Eltzroth, Charles Lane, Caroline Merriek, Max Breedlove, Cora Vincent, Bowen Brant, Matt Pivec, Maeve Bigelow, Rosemary Schilder, Jo Ann Cady, and all of our frail elderly.



If it's an emergency, please call the parish office, and choose option #8 to leave a voicemail for Fr. Pat. Fr. Pat will return your call.

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

Calling all Mass Ministers

Due to Christmas being on a Monday this year, IHM has a total of 8 Masses in a 3 day period. We are encouraging all our amazing Mass Ministers to please look at the calendar to see when you would be able to share your time with IHM during this Christmas season. Sign up [HERE](#)

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23

4:00pm Mass

5:30pm Mass

Sunday, December 24

10:00am Mass

Christmas Vigil Masses

Sunday, December 24

4:00pm in the Church

4:00pm in the Activity Center (Children's Choir)

6:30pm

10:00pm (9:30pm Carols by the Adult Choir)

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25

10:00am



Contact Julie Tomich with any questions at jmtomich@ihmindy.org

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