

The Good News of Immaculate Heart of Mary

December 24, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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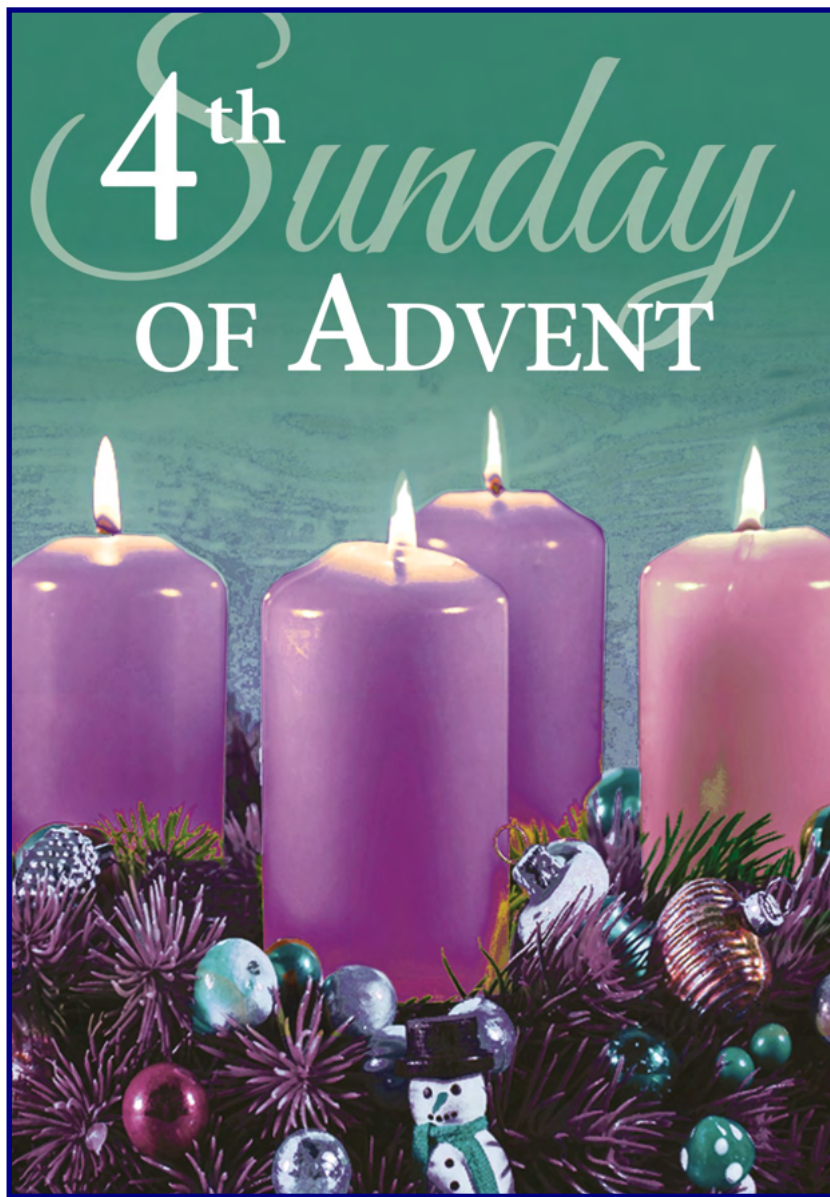
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The Mission of Immaculate Heart of Mary

The Immaculate Heart of Mary parish strives to be a vibrant Catholic community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ as our guide. We invite 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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday 12/23 - 4:00 pm

5:30 pm

Sunday 12/24 - 10:00 am

Daily

Tuesday-Thursday - 5:30pm

Friday - 8:15am

Christmas Eve, Sunday 12/24

4:00 pm in the Activity Center

4:00 pm in Church

6:30 pm in Church

10:00 pm in Church

Christmas Day, Monday 12/25

10:00am in Church



"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.

Schedule of Masses

Date	Time	Liturgical Celebration	Mass Intention
Sunday, Dec 24	4:00pm Mass	Christmas Vigil	† Mary Catherine Lotti By: Paul Ryan
	4:00pm Mass (Activity Center)		† Jack Snyder By: Perry Family
	6:30pm Mass		† Hurley & Killilea Families By: Hurley family
	10:00pm Mass		† Dr. Richard Coak By: Dr & Mrs. Larry Burch
Monday, Dec 25	10:00am Mass	The Nativity of the Lord	† Ryan Irick By: Tom Irick
Tuesday, Dec 26	5:30pm Mass	St. Stephen	† Jim Chase By: St. Barnabas
Wednesday, Dec 27	5:30pm Mass	St. John	† Bob Winans By: St. Barnabas
Thursday, Dec 28	5:30pm Mass	The Holy Innocents	† Carolyn Robinson By: St. Barnabas
Friday,	8:15am Mass		† Dorothy Scheidler By: St. Barnabas
Saturday,	5:30pm Mass		† Kate Cline By: St. Barnabas
Sunday, Dec 31	8:00am Mass	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	People of IHM
	9:30am Mass		† Mary Ruth Ernstburger By: Dr. & Mrs. Larry Burch
	11:15am Mass		† Steve Clements By: Steve & Larry Sondhaus

† signifies deceased

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. New parents are encouraged to attend one preparation class prior to the birth of the child. Godparents are welcome as well. 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

Stewardship ~Thank you for your support of IHM !

November, 2023- \$152,048.74
This number includes Sunday collections, online giving and feast days.

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



Baptisms

Please Welcome to our Community

The next [Baptism 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:](#)

Eva Gray Patrick, *child of Jeffrey & Stacey*





Celebrating the Season and...

Our IHM School is truly a gift, and we are so grateful for the blessing of our community! We wish all of our families an abundance of love and peace this season and always! Merry Christmas to all from IHM School!

Welcome Home
IHM
Graduates!

We would love to hear from you! Please use the QR Code to keep in touch!



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www.ihmindyschool.org

...the gift of IHM School!

IHM ATHLETICS

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

Please consider volunteering for home basketball game concessions.
Click [HERE](#) !



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!

IHM
TRIVIA NIGHT
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, there are **two** Mass obligations to fulfill Christmas weekend ~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



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 Monday, December 25.

10 am Mass in Church



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 & Altar Servers to **please** look at the calendar to see when you would be able to share your time with IHM, specifically for the 4th Sunday of Advent. Sign up [HERE](#) !

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23 Sunday, December 24

~4:00pm Mass

~10:00am Mass

~5:30pm 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

Our **SVdP Boulevard Place Pantry Outreach** is giving thanks to our IHM Parish for the large amounts of food donated in the food drives this year. IHM has donated over 21,500 pounds of food in 2023. In addition, the Thanksgiving drive had 5,200 lbs. & our Christmas drive total is 3,944 lbs.!



"The generous will themselves be blessed for they share their food with the poor." ~Proverbs 22:16



Families visiting the pantry have doubled since 2014, so our donations are crucial to helping those in food insecurity in the neighborhoods all around us.

JOY to the **WORLD!**

The Nativity of our Lord

Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas! Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and gingerbread to the feel of crisp air on our skin and the warmth of a loved one's embrace.

At some point in the holiday hustle and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season. Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing in softly. Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus. As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas.



ADORATION

On Tuesday January 2, 2024 join us to from 6:30am-9:30am to set time aside for you and Jesus.



Think of a visit to the Blessed Sacrament as coming to see your best friend. Sit quietly and enjoy being in each other's company. Instead of talking, try listening to what He wants to tell you. You may want to bring your rosary, a Bible to read scripture, or simply journal your thoughts and feelings. Most of all just bring your heart.

You are encouraged to sign up & commit as an attendant for Adoration. Sign up [HERE](#).

IHM Leader in Me Program

I use my seven habits in volleyball by using Habit 4 to Think Win Win. I use this habit by including my teammates and working together. I also use Habit 1, Be Proactive by working on my skills not only at practice but also at home. One of my favorite habits is Habit 5 to Seek First to Understand Then to Be Understood. I use this habit by understanding my teammates when they are down because of home or school. I also use Habit 3, Put First Things First. I use this habit because while I was working on volleyball I remembered that academics comes first before sports. I also use Habit 2, Begin With the End in Mind. I use this habit when my team is down a lot of points, this helps me think we're tied and know we have to play really hard.

~Eleanor, 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](#) here on the google form by Sunday 1/21. Contact Tim Lohrstorfer with any questions at tlohrstorfer@gmail.com

Keep "Christ" in Christmas!

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 24, 2023 ~ 4th Sunday of Advent

Life is troubling. Who among us has not struggled with anxiety and difficulties, sometimes massive ones? I certainly have, as have many of my loved ones. If we do, does this mean that we don't trust the Lord or just need to toughen up?

I don't think so. How encouraging for us anxious and troubled souls to hear Luke describe the Blessed Mother Mary in these words, "But she was greatly troubled at what was said." An archangel has visited her. An inconceivable promise has been made to her. Her life has become wildly unpredictable, perhaps more so than any person before or since. The first point for us: the Lord is with her precisely when she is troubled. Her anxiousness and God's presence are not mutually exclusive. Christianity is not about a trance-like robotic indifference. It's about the presence of divine love. Even in — especially in — troubled circumstances.

Our troubled soul can become our greatest treasure. What seems so troubling at first to Mary becomes the best possible thing, Jesus, the Savior and Lord, is now her son. All the difficulties and troubles remain, and yet her movement into the fullness of God is accelerated. What is troubling you right now? This scripture invites us now, this week, to hear the Lord's messenger say to us what he said to Mary, "Do not be afraid! You have found favor with God."

~Father John Muir

Notre Dame Folk Choir

Come see the Winter Tour perform at St. John the Evangelist on Saturday, January 13th at 7PM! Please sign up [HERE](#) if you are able to host two or more members of the Folk Choir for one night while the choir is in the Indianapolis area.



Please reach out to Thomas Mazzurana at tmazzura@nd.edu with any homestay questions.

**SATURDAY,
JANUARY 6**

Magi Ball

6:30 PM HOLY MASS
SS PETER AND PAUL CATHEDRAL

FORMAL RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
WITH DINNER AND DANCING
MCGOWAN HALL
DOORS OPEN 7:30

**SAVE THE DATE!**

The Boys Wrestling North Deanery Night is Wednesday, January 10th as the Trojans take on Hamilton Southeastern Royals. Come cheer on our very own, Mr. Fauber who is an assistant coach!

Free admission for North Deanery students!

BREBEUF JESUIT

MEN AND WOMEN FOR OTHERS

The Brebeuf shadow program is designed to provide interested 8th grade & transfer students an opportunity to visit the Brebeuf campus for a day, attend classes & meet teachers. Join us! Click [HERE](#) to register.



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](#)

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Holy Family Shelter is one of the few shelters that serves parents with children, couples, and entire family units.

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2024 Goal is \$6.3 million

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*There is an inseparable bond between our faith and the poor.
May we never abandon them.* Pope Francis

Watch Video



The North Central HS choir program is starting a new Middle School Show Choir called North Side Sound. It is open to any middle schooler in grades 6-8 on the North Side of Indianapolis. All rehearsals will take place at North Central HS.

Register online at www.northcentralchoirs.com

Email Mike Raunick at mraunick@msdwt.k12.in.us

St. Thomas Aquinas ~ Job Opening

Director of Music Ministry

STA is looking for a *Director of Music Ministry* to engage the parish in vibrant musical celebrations of faith at all Liturgies. Part time/Full time, minimum 20 hours/week beginning January 2024. Please contact Mary Rice at mkrice58@gmail.com for more information.



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IHM PARISH OFFICE

**Closed from
December 23–January 1**

Holiday Office Hours

**Tuesday, January 2- Friday, January 5
9am-3pm**

The Art & Environment Committee

invites you to help with IHM Christmas decorating and preparation for the Masses.

The Activity Center & Church decorating and set-up will be Friday, Dec. 22, starting at 1pm in the Activity Center. The Activity Center take down will be Tues. Dec. 26, 9am-11am.

Any students who need service hours are welcome to help! Lots of chairs to set-up and take down.

Please contact Karen at the Parish Office!



The Eucharistic Revival and IHM

The Eucharistic Revival is a 3 year national movement discerned and approved by U.S. bishops to restore understanding & devotion to our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. We are currently midway through Year 2, which focuses on fostering Eucharistic devotion at the parish level.

In 2024, IHM will join parishes around the country in implementing the Jesus and the Eucharist Study with 7 sessions. There will be a 3 day Parish Mission, February 25-27, focusing on The Power of the Eucharist. Finally, Year 3-the Year of Mission, kicks off July 17-22 with the Eucharistic Congress in Downtown Indianapolis! From it we are sent out to spread the word & to accompany those in need and on the margins.

Make it your 2024 resolution to participate in these faith formation opportunities.



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 Merrick, 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 cwhealey2@gmail.com.

Mass Ministers for 12/30/23 & 12/31/23
(click [HERE](#) for the schedule)

Mass Coordinators

5:30pm—Steve Bourgeois

8:00am—Linda Eichholtz

9:30am—Open

11:15am—Julie Tomich

Lectors

5:30pm—Elaine Edwards, Arnie Brames

8:00am—Jim Roe, Tim Harvey

9:30am—Kari Lemme, Louise Henderson

11:15am—Natalie Murphy, Mary Dougherty

EMHC

5:30pm—A. Harton, M. Johantgen, L. Wheeler, E. Johantges, M. Creamer

8:00am—MA Klein, R. Buening, K. Gogola, L. Eichholtz, G. Neal

9:30am—C. Rogers, A. Gilley, K. Daugherty, S. Temporo, G. Findley

11:15am—A. Wallis, G. Lowry, E. Spahr, M. Irving, L. Schmitz

Ushers

5:30pm—Diane Hallquist, Mark Sojda

8:00am—D Koors Group

9:30am—Jack Esselman, Greg McCormack

11:15am—Christi Garcia, Miguel Mederos

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