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December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

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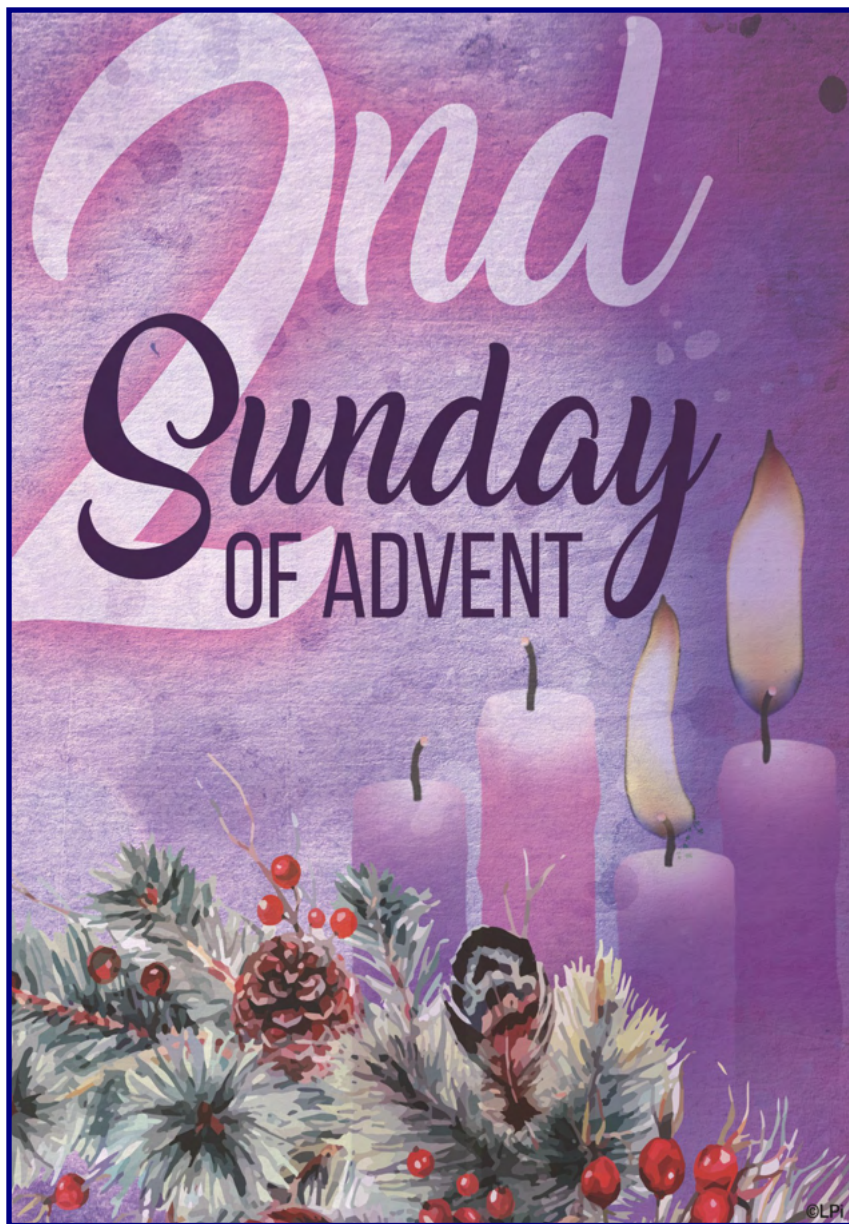
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Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

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 - 8:00am

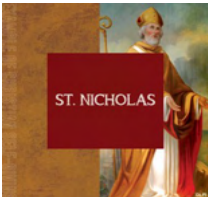
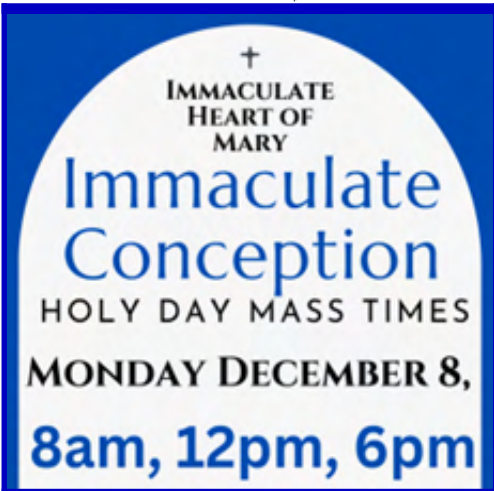


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Schedule of Masses			
Date	Time	Liturgical Celebration	Mass Intention
Monday, December 8	8:00am Mass	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	† Gus LeFebre By: Mary Ann Griggs
	12:00pm Mass		† John McNelis By: Bob and Sheila Bates
	6:00pm Mass	Holy Day of Obligation	† Lona Nowak Patzke By: Ralph Nowak
Tuesday, December 9	5:30pm Mass	St. Juan Diego	† Paula Clendenin By: Chris & Monica Foye
Wednesday, December 10	5:30pm Mass	Our Lady of Loreto	All those traveling by air this holiday season
Thursday, December 11	5:30pm Mass	St. Damasus	Special Intention of the Hageman Family By: Betty & Gary Chapman
Friday, December 12	8:00am Mass	Our Lady of Guadalupe	† Bob Vollmer By: Sondhaus Family
Saturday, December 13	5:30pm Mass	St. Lucy	† Chris Gruver By: Richard & JoAnn Cady
Sunday, December 14	8:00am Mass	Third Sunday of Advent	People of IHM
	9:30am Mass		† The deceased members of the Nowak family By: Ralph Nowak
	11:15am Mass		† For the Sondhaus Family By: Steve Sondhaus

† signifies deceased



St. Nicholas is sometimes merged with the modern figure of Santa Claus in the collective imagination. St. Nicholas was a real-life bishop, a follower of Jesus whose example of Christian self-giving endures hundreds of years after his death. His feast day is December 6th!

Sacraments

Holy Communion Service

Holy Communion is offered Monday through Thursday at 15 minute intervals from 7:00-8:00 am in the Chapel. On Fridays, 7-7:30.

Reconciliation

After daily Mass, Monday-Thursday

Marriages

Engaged couples must start their preparation *at least* six months prior to the wedding. Preparation includes work with a sponsor couple & Tobit.

A person must be registered & active for 6 months BEFORE plans will be discussed or a date set.

Baptism

All infant baptisms take place at one of the weekend Masses chosen by parents. One preparation class for first time parents is required. **The next class will be held on Monday, February 2, 2026 from 7:30–9:00pm.** *New parents are encouraged to attend prior to the birth of the child.* Please call the parish office and speak to Kelli to schedule class & sacrament.

Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament is offered to people who are seriously ill, injured, elderly, or about to undergo surgery or other medical procedures. Call Fr. Pat at the Parish Office.

Stewardship

Thank you for your generous support of IHM.

You may sign up for EFT with this QR code or at <http://bit.ly/48tL86o>



Baptism

With joyful hearts, we welcome our newly baptized:

Emilia Claire Stallings

~child of Dianna & John



New Young Adult Ministry

Calling all young adults! Join us in the Gathering Space after 6pm Immaculate Conception Mass on Monday, December 8th, for an authentic Italian dinner from 7-8:30pm.

We will be kicking off a new Young Adult Catholic ministry here at IHM. This will be an excellent opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship with other young people.

Contact Jonah Messina at jonahmessina@gmail.com with any questions.



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating **"locusts and wild honey"** (Mark 1:6). It's not just a strange historical detail. It's a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey.

I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere, but raw — barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts.

But I also recall them light up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second. And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it.

This Advent, maybe we're each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it's time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith — prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It's time to eat some locusts.

But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That's the honey. Savor it!

John didn't avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we'll be ready — really ready — for the coming of Christ.

— Father John Muir

The story of Advent is a story of repentance. John the Baptist held up a mirror to the chosen people. He urged them to look at what they saw there. This Advent, will we look in the mirror? Will we choose repentance?

JOIN OUR MEN'S MINISTRY

AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

All men of the Parish are invited to join us for fellowship. We will discuss Reverence God's Name & Love the Lord's Day

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18TH
GATHERING SPACE
7PM - 8:30PM

OCIA

Sunday, December 7 at the 9:30 Mass, OCIA Catechumens & Candidates will participate in the Rites of Entrance and Welcome.

The Rite of Entrance is for those who have never been baptized. They state their intention to respond to God's call to follow the way of Christ. The Church, in turn, accepts them into the Order of Catechumens (a Greek word meaning 'hearers'). "From this time on, the Church embraces the catechumens as its own, with a mother's love and concern. Joined to the Church, the catechumens are now part of the household of Christ, since the Church nourishes them with the word of God and sustains them by means of liturgical celebrations" (OCIA, 47).

The Rite of Welcoming is for baptized but uncatechized adults who are seeking to complete their Christian Initiation through the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist or to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church. This rite acknowledges that these candidates are already part of the community because they have been marked by Baptism. Now the Church surrounds them with special care and support as they prepare to be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation and take their place at the banquet table of Christ's sacrifice. (OCIA, 411-412)

Please pray for our catechumens and candidates as they continue their preparation towards the Easter Vigil.

Join our Second Saturday

Posadas

CELEBRATION

The FLFFC & the Parish Office are co-hosting

SATURDAY 12/13 AFTER 5:30PM MASS

COME FOR TRADITIONAL FOOD, BEVERAGES & MUSIC

IHM Giving Tree

'Tis the Season we bring love and cheer to those less fortunate than us. The IHM Giving Tree supports students at St. Anthony's, Holy Angels & mothers from Birthline.

The tree will be up on November 29th and gifts must be returned before December 14th. **Please note that the gifts are needed back quickly with secured gift tags on wrapped packages.**



Boulevard Food Pantry Food Drive

Join our Christmas Food Drive by grabbing a red bag under the giving tree or at the church doors!

Please donate starting 11/29 and return bags by 12/21 filled with Breakfast foods too for all the students home for break.

CLOW

We appreciate all the support for this ministry. [HERE](#) is the combined sign up for the adult leads and junior high/high school students assistants for the beginning of 2026. Please arrive by 9:15am to meet ahead of Mass.

If you are signing up for the first time, please contact Rose at rfine@ihmindy.org for info.

Thank you for volunteering & helping to spread the Gospel!



Posada Celebration

Our Outreach ministry needs volunteers for St. Patrick's Parishioners who put on a traditional play with music of the Christmas story as it is celebrated in Latin America.

Join Saturday, 12/20 from 9am-12:20pm.

We need the gift of books for every child. Please support by purchasing at the school Book Fair. Contact Sarah at stselzne@iu.edu.



Coat Drive Thank You

Dave Stuhldreher, with the IHM Men's Group, delivered many coats this week to St. Anthony's. The coat drive was a huge success!

Many thanks to Jennifer Zyromski for collecting and organizing the coats. And to the generosity of IHM which never fails to amaze us.



Reconciliation

FOR CHRISTMAS
WILL BE HELD AT:

Sunday, December 14 at 2pm
~Immaculate Heart of Mary

Monday, December 15 at 7pm
~Christ the King 1827 Kessler Blvd E Dr.

Tuesday, December 16 at 7pm
~St. Pius X 7200 Sarto Dr





Upcoming School Events!

Every Friday

8 am - All-School Mass - Join us!

Dec. 1 & Every Monday in December

2:20 pm - Advent Prayer Service

Friday, December 5

8 am - All-School Mass

2-5 pm Poinsettia Pick Up (Gym)



December 6-12

Book Fair!



Wednesday, December 10

Christmas Concert! 9 am & 6:30 pm

Sunday, December 14

Girls Basketball Evaluations

4th Grade: 3:30 - 4:30 pm

5th/6th Gr: 4:30 - 6 pm

7th/8th Gr: 6 - 7:30 pm



Tuesday, December 16

Kinder Christmas Pageant!

Koors @ 11 am & Clark @ 1 pm

Friday, December 19

8 am - All-School Mass - Join us!

12 pm - Dismissal for Christmas Break!

Interested in IHM School for your children?

To help IHM School better plan for our future in educating the children of our Parish, we would like all families with small children to fill out our **School/Parent Inquiry Form** for the year your child would enter kindergarten. For questions, please email admissions@ihmindy.org.

Please use this link to access the Parent Inquiry Form:

<https://ihmindyschool.org/admissions/>

Special Visitors at School!



To kick off our Thanksgiving break, we enjoyed a visit from the Pacers' Boomer and the Fever's Freddy who unveiled our new Blue Ribbon signage! Such a fun pep rally to celebrate our



national recognition and our amazing student efforts in all of our Fall Activities! We had four city champion teams to honor: Chess, Cross Country, Football and Volleyball! Truly a blessed Fall season that we were grateful to celebrate!



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IHM ATHLETICS

Girls Basketball Evals - December 14!

Contact Girls Basketball Coordinator Carson Goff at carsongoff@hotmail.com

CYO Wrestling Sign Up!

PreK - 8th grade boys in our parish are welcome to register using the link below. Practices will begin in January (2x/week @ St. Luke) and meets will start in February 2026. Season ends at spring break. Cost of the season is \$140. Please contact matthew.j.whiteside@gmail.com.

<https://www.fellowshiponegiving.com/App/Form/aa94d11b-8074-44e6-b38a-0927478dbbfa>



Basketball Home Game Family Pass



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The IHM Family Pass entitles the purchaser's immediate family members (parents and children of any age), admittance into our gymnasium for home basketball and volleyball events. For questions, please contact Sports Ministry Director Annie Rumer at cyo@ihmindy.org.

<https://services.ihmindy.org/ihm-athletics-family-pass>

St. Vincent de Paul

Volunteers are needed to support the Christmas Day meal for the homeless at St. Phillip Neri Catholic Church! Consider helping with this fulfilling opportunity that is very much in keeping with the meaning of Christmas. There are many opportunities. Scan the QR code for more information!

Contact Stephen Hastings at stephen.james.hastings.i@gmail.com.



CALLING All Men and DADS!

Join other men at Marian University's campus on Friday, December 12th 8am-1pm for our Fraternitas Kickoff for the 2025/2026 year. The theme is "Hidden Beauty." Our speaker, Fr. Rick Martignetti is VP of the Franciscan Leadership Institute and Lead Chaplain at Marian University.

Pray, learn, and discuss how to be a better father and enjoy coffee, a light breakfast and lunch at no charge!

Hosted by Marian University's Franciscan Leadership Institute. Please RSVP here by Tuesday, December 9th: bit.ly/Fraternitas2025-2026Kickoff.

Communications

There are a few things you can do to make sure you hear from us regularly.

Follow us on Social Media!

Facebook is **Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Indianapolis**. You need to "Like" the page.

Our **Instagram** account is **IHM Indy Parish**. Again, hit the follow button, like and comment posts for more information in your feed.

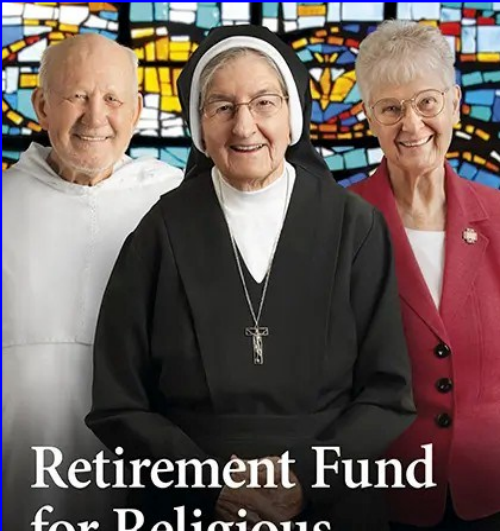
Eblasts & Bulletin

We send eblasts often and bulletins every week. If you do NOT receive these emails, please call Anne in the parish office to update your information. You can always access the weekly bulletin on our website at <https://ihmindy.org/about/weekly-bulletins/>.

Second Collection

Senior religious need your help. After a lifetime of ministry for little to no pay, many of their communities are struggling to care for them. You can help bridge this gap by donating to the Retirement Fund for Religious at Mass next weekend.

Visit retiredreligious.org for more information.



Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

retiredreligious.org

LeaderinMe

In life, I use the seventh habit, "Begin With the End in Mind," in acting & in school. Acting is one of my favorite passions. I take classes every Wednesday & participate in all of the IHM school musicals.


I think that acting is a great example of the seventh habit, "Begin With the End in Mind," because you have to think about how you're going to convey the right emotions to the crowd and what you're going to be saying next.

This skill also helps me in school when it comes to homework. Whenever I have homework, I always try to make good goals on when to get it done and make a game plan on what order I do it in. This helps me get in my assignments on time and improve my acting skills.

In the end, the seventh habit, "Begin With the End in Mind," helps me with my personal life and school life.

~London, Class of 2028

WEEK 2
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Eucharistic Adoration

Come & spend time a Holy hour with Jesus every Tuesday of Advent from 6:30-9:30am & every Wednesday after 5:30pm Mass. Sign up [HERE](#) to be an attendant.



When Mary appeared to Juan Diego as Our Lady of Guadalupe, she had encouraging words for him. "Am I not here, I who am your mother?"



In the image on Juan Diego's tilma (tunic), Mary identifies herself with the Aztec people. She has their hair and features, their symbolic maternity dress. She incorporated their important symbols of the sun, moon, and stars. Today's Mass includes two Gospel options. Both are familiar passages from the Gospel of Luke - the Annunciation and the Visitation. Both are equally relevant to today's feast because Mary's yes to Christ isn't only to care for him but to come to us. Our Lady of Guadalupe is pregnant. The image bears witness to Mary's yes to conceive the Savior of the World. But even in her pregnancy, she goes to care for Elizabeth. Now Mother to all the world, Mary comes to the aid of her children, reminding them of her presence among them.



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Mass Ministers for 12/13/25 & 12/14/25

(click [HERE](#) for the schedule)

Mass Coordinators:

5:30pm-Sue Foxx
 8:00am-Bob Buening
 9:30am-Julie Huffman
 11:15am-Julie Tomich

Lectors:

5:30pm-Eva Corsaro, Bob Zyromski
 8:00am-Jim Roe, Liz Elias
 9:30am-Kari Lemme, Colleen Sakon
 11:15am-Confirmation Group

EMHC:

5:30pm-Franklin Nowlin, Emily Nowlin, John Creamer, Molly Creamer, Jennie Gerard
 8:00am-Bill Otte, Christine Vujovich, Mary Ann Klein, Larry Coan, Elizabeth Mascari
 9:30am-Diane Powers, Dave Stuhldreher, Julie Huffman, Emily Bannister, Anna Gilley,
 11:15am-Wesley Short, Lenore Schmitz, Bob Killigrew, Megan Short, Sara Freeman



Ushers:

5:30pm-Marq Boggs, Patrick Rodgers,
 8:00am-D Koors Group
 9:30am-Jack Esselman, Greg McCormack
 11:15am-Confirmation Group

Please Pray

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

Melissa Mates, Bob Martinez, Bob Fine, Matt Hutton, Colleen Ryan, Cindy Wadelton, Max Schuster, Bob Anslinger, Lisa Hoekstra, Laura Webber, Connie Graham, Phyllis Thomas, Maeve Buhl, Rémi Coquard-Wallace, Suzanne Cramer, Phillip McKiernan, Carolyn Reutter, Leo Hahn, Henry Hartwell, Charles Lane, Caroline Merrick, Max Breedlove, Cora Vincent, Bowen Brant, Rosemary Schilder, Jo Ann Cady, Jane Meyer, Mike Ruppert, E. Grace, V. Rose, P. Jude & family & all of our elderly.



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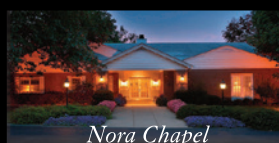
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