



What's Happening at I.H.M. April 24-May 3 2008

The Week at a Glance:

Tues April 29 Hot Lunch~Hot Dogs
Wed April 30 4th grade field trip AIR ZOO
Thurs May 1 Hot Lunch~Hamburgers
Mass 9am
2nd grade Retreat
Fri May 2 **May Crowning Mass 9am**
Sat May 3 **First Holy Communion Mass 5:15**

Happy Birthday to You!

25 Cameron Gerrity, Troy Siebert
26 Erin McCaffrey
28 Erin Jagger
1 Jacob Polakovich, Nicole Joseph
2 Mitchell Lowe, Ella Rossi, Harrison Rohen,
Alexis Lomonoco
3 Jack Vicari

From the Principal:

"Now that the weather is nice, more parents are choosing to pick up their children at the rope located between the gym and parking lot. I would like to remind you of the **protocol when picking children up at the rope**.

- You may not drive up to the rope.
- You must park in the lined parking spaces and walk to the rope to pick up your child.
- Your child may not walk to your car without an adult escorting them.
- You must exit onto Burton and not the drive where the buses are parked.

Please follow the above rules. I have had several complaints in the last few weeks from parents concerning the safety of the children. Some parents are driving right up to the rope area, through the crowd of children and if this continues, there could be an injury. Please, everyone must follow the same rules in order to keep all of our children safe.

I would like to clarify an item in last week's newsletter. We have hired a **new pre-school teacher** because Mrs. Dolan will no longer be with us because she is moving to be with her husband, former GR Police Chief Harry Dolan, in North Carolina.

Plans for next year's 5th – 8th grade band program will be announced next week. Also, the **Kindergarten teacher schedule** for next year will be announced next week, hopefully during Kindergarten Roundup.

The unveiling of the **new indoor school Mary Statue** will take place in school directly after the May Crowning Mass. You are welcome to join us in the front entrance of the school. The new statue and the foundation that she stands on was donated by an anonymous school family. Miss Kate's elective art students created the mosaic background.

Students may wear **uniform shorts beginning next Thursday, May 1**. Remember that shorts must be school-approved (from Lands End or Educational Outfitters) and be the appropriate length.

Beginning April 28, parents with students in grades 7 and 8 may begin to use **the new on-line grading program**. Instructions and passwords were mailed home earlier this week. Please be patient as we use the end of this school year to work out all the bugs. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Freiderichs."

God's blessings,
Kathleen Vafadari

HOT LUNCH VOLUNTEERS: Tuesday, April 29 - Beth Liszewski, MaryKay Schumar, Jane Eggleston, Tracy Rosenbach, Sue Jakubowski, Eileen McCaffrey - Supervisor; Thursday, May 1 - Terri MacLachlan, Ann Longo, Sue Brueggeman - Supervisor. Please sign in at the office and report to the kitchen by 11:00.

WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF HOT LUNCH VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES: May 1 - 3 people and May 29 - 5 people. Call Patty Rohen @ 245-8262 to volunteer.

THE TRAVELING VOCATIONS NOVENA TO ST JOHN MARY VIANNEY is moving from the **Siebert Family** to **Vernum Family** next week! Did you know the reason that we all kneel right after *every Mass* at IHM is to pray for an increase in vocations and for the sick and those who will die that day? Sometimes we're not real good at communicating to new families what seems to be "common knowledge." *And now you know the rest of the story!*

FAMILY REUNION: We gather every week as a parish family to celebrate our Lord in the Eucharist. It's not about what we get "out of Mass" but rather *what we bring to it*. We gather for each other 'cause HE told us to. **Just keep coming back.**

HOKEY PETE! \$16,000 dollars was raised at the **2nd Best Sale** last week! We couldn't do it without all your generous donations. Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! We also want to thank all the dedicated volunteers that unpacked bag after bag, and folded shirt after shirt for 4 days. We appreciate those that worked for an hour as much as those who worked everyday. You are the people that make this sale so much fun to put together. If you did not get a chance to work this year, you will get another chance next year. So save your donations and we will see you next year on the third weekend in April. Thanks again!"
~Dena Maldag and Anne Brown

LAST CALL FOR NURSERY COUPONS! Please turn in your orders for Ludema's Floral and Garden and Romence Gardens by **TOMORROW FRIDAY, APRIL 25TH**. IHM receives 20% of all sales from Romence and 10% from Ludema's. Thank You

ANY ONE INTERESTED IN THE OLD STATUE OF MARY THAT USED TO BE IN THE FRONT FOYER OF SCHOOL: Please call the school office and let us know. We'll put your name in a hat and draw for the winner next FRIDAY 5/2. One entry per family!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 8TH GRADE WINNERS of the "America and Me" Essay Contest for Immaculate Heart of Mary School: **Nichole Joseph** (1st place), **Maggie Berigan** (2nd place) and **Will Barkeley** (3rd place)! Each of these winners was given an award certificate and Nicole's winning essay advanced to the statewide competition. Please stop by room 8 to read these deeply moving works of art.
~Mr. G

ERIN, GO GIRL! : Erin Longo (6-5) won the coloring contest from the St. Patrick's Day parade. She received a certificate of honor, signed by State Representative Michael Sak. Excellent!

NEW PHONE NUMBERS/ADDRESSES

- : The Samer and Lara Karadsheh family are standing by, waiting for your call to their new number
949-9778
- : The Betsy and Jim Passinault family has a new address 2329 Burning Tree, 49546 and a new
phone number 551-2734
- : The McCaffery's have new cell numbers you can call to run up their minutes: Mom's 561-5655/Dad's 516-5755
- : Jill Winn's home # 551-3718 and Jill's cell phone 322-9555
- : The Jager's new cell phone contact is 328-3068
- : The Benitez Family's (Caitlin, 1-2) new address: 1270 Glen Ellyn, 49546 and phone 682-4550
- : The Lown's live at 5800 Manchester Hills, 49546

CSA TIC-TOC TIC-TOC: Translation: *Two weeks left to get your pledge card in for the annual Catholic Services Appeal* (CSA) All registered IHM parishioners are asked to respond. The amount you pledge or don't pledge is between you and God. **The turning in of the pledge card, however, is between you and your priest.** All cards in = Father promises to go another year without talking about money. Cards missing = Father promises to speak about money. (Not the slide show! Not the pie-charts! Not the appeals video played on VCR's that won't work! Yikes!)

HEY REMEMBER THE SURVEY you received from **Board Member Mrs. Jennifer Joseph**? She needs them back. She will NOT talk about money or ask Father to give longer homilies if you don't turn it in. She will, however, let the air out of your tires so please fill them out and send them ASAP to the school office. The Board is really interested in your opinions.

OLE'OLE'OLE, OLE, OLE, OLE!!! Calling all Seniorita's for a Cinco de Mayo Celebration. To be held Monday, May 5 at 6:30 in the DeMazenod Room. This gathering is for adult women only. Mark your calendars for a fun filled evening! More details to follow.

Please pray daily, the following intentions: for **Mrs. Loretta Kirby** as she continues towards remission; **For OUR 2ND GRADERS AS THEY RECEIVE OUR LORD IN THE EUCHARIST FOR THE FIRST TIME!** ; for **all our families** to make the commitment to attend Mass every Sunday; for an **increase in priestly vocations** and for **all catholic schools, especially ours, to be full next fall!**

"God is God and I am not!"