



## Palm Sunday

### IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY-ST. CASIMIR SCHOOL

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#### Mission Statement

*IHM-St. Casimir Catholic School challenges students to discover God's gifts spiritually, intellectually, socially and physically within a community that nurtures, honors and respects the unique person.*

**Sixth Sunday in Lent, Palm Sunday:** "Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'" Mark 11:10

### SOUL FOOD

#### Seven Sorrows of Mary Week Five

In each one of these seven sorrows of Mary, we are invited to enter into the mind, soul, and Heart of Mary to experience, at least to a limited degree, some of the sorrow of Mary and then to console her. As you will see, the consolation becomes your spiritual response.

#### *Sixth Sorrow: Jesus Placed in the Arms of Mary*

The artist Michelangelo depicted this masterfully in the famous *Pieta*. The film producer Mel Gibson presented this in the movie *The Passion of the Christ* in a most powerful and moving fashion. How can we console the Heart of Mary? To love Jesus is to love Mary; they are inseparable! The suffering Body of Jesus is present in His Mystical Body, the Church. In a most powerful and special way, the Body of Christ comes to us in the greatest of all the Sacraments, the most Holy Eucharist within the context of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The greatest single gesture that we can do on the face of the earth is to receive Jesus, the Son of Mary, in Holy Communion. Therefore, a superb way in which we can console the Heart of Mary is to pray to receive Jesus in Holy Communion through Mary's most pure and Immaculate Heart.\*

Fr. John

\*(Courtesy of Fr. Ed Bloom)

### A WORD FROM MRS. JOHNSTON

**LOST AND FOUND WILL BE DONATED AT SPRING BREAK:** Please check and see if any of your lost items are here on the table BEFORE we give them away!!!

**PARKING LOT SAFETY:** We received a report that Sunday, March 18, a car was broken into during Mass here at IHM. There had been a purse on the seat of the car and the window was broken and the purse snatched. There were other valuables in the car that were undisturbed—obviously they were just smashing and grabbing. Please use caution – tuck valuables out of site and lock your doors.

This coming week we experience the events of Holy Week and Easter. This is a beautiful time for us to share with our children our faith. We will parade and shout with joy this coming Palm Sunday. Holy Thursday we will celebrate the Passover with our Seder meal and school and evening Mass of Eucharist with washing of the feet and striping of the altar. On Good Friday we venerate the cross and remember His passion for us. On Sunday we raise in joyous "Alleluias". Try to do everything you can to bring your children to church to experience the paschal

mystery of our Savior. There is no greater way for our children to learn than through action. I pray that Holy Week will remind all of us of God's incredible mercy and love.

Today you will find that all the third quarter grades are posted. Please be sure to ask your children to see their report card that was sent home with them in their Friday envelope. It is really important that your children know that you see school as a very important aspect of their lives. Praise them for their strengths and talk to them about what they can do to improve any grades that are on the low side. Remind the children to enter this last quarter strong and to work hard to keep up on all their work. Keeping up really makes their life so much easier. No one likes to feel like they are always chasing to catch up. Please sign the envelope and return it for next quarter.

On Saturday, March 24, we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 am in the playground pit area. We will begin our egg hunt promptly at 10:00am and it does not take very long for the children to find all the eggs so be sure to not be late. Bring your favorite Easter basket to hold all your treasures that you find.

I just want to remind everyone that our students return to school on **Tuesday, April 10**. We have no school on Monday, April 9 as the teachers have professional development to review the data from the students' NWEA testing. We will be working together as a team to look at strengths and weaknesses in the testing and looking at our curriculum to be sure that we are aligning the concepts being taught and looking at what we need to go back and teach again.

I hope everyone has a beautiful Palm Sunday and a beautiful journey with Jesus this coming Holy Week.  
Angela

## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

**2Peter 1:5-7:** As we continue to journey through all the virtues for which we are striving in our Scripture quote, we spend one more week reflecting on Christian affection. Jackson shares his words with us this week: "The definition of Christian affection is basically love which is above all virtues. We are Christians as we know and we have affection for everyone and everything good. This is what God wants us to do; he is our creator and loves us dearly. Affection means to love or care about something or someone, such as Jesus showed affection to us by dying on the cross. This was the ultimate sign of affection. Mary showed affection to Jesus. As Christians we are called to service; in that service we must be dutiful to God's virtues and follow his Commandments. This is where the Christian part comes in: as Christians we believe that Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins. We also believe that Jesus will come again to save the Earth at the end of time, and we also believe that there is life after death in heaven, where all the saints and angels pray and enjoy everlasting and eternal life with the Lord God. This is why we must have good Christian affection, to get to the promised land so we can live eternally with God the Father, his son Jesus, all the saints and angels and relatives that have passed on and in the future. I hope you know now why Christian affection is such an important thing for us and for the many that have not discovered Jesus's Saving Grace yet."

**Lenten Alms:** Please remember to send in your non-perishables this week for our parish food pantries. Once again, paper products, especially toilet paper, are critical needs for our friends. Please consider sending in this necessary product once more again this week. Thank you for your generosity.

**Student Council/Pi Day:** Last week we celebrated Pi Day and Student Council sponsored a special event. Pi signs were hidden in each classroom, and additional signs were in the common areas. Classroom pies were won by Damien, Olive, Donovan, Lilah, Izzy, Vivian, Erin, Colm, Maria, Emma and Naidalyn. Large pies were won by Rosie (twice!), Lucas and Emma Mae. Congratulations to all our winners!

Blessings, Mary Margaret

## ATHLETIC DIRECTORS REPORT

The girls' basketball season has come to a close and our 5th & 6th grade teams played their hearts out, but didn't advance in the league tournament last week. The 7th/8th grade team showed real Eagle Spirit and captured the consolation bracket beating St. Gerard last Saturday. Hats off to all our coaches, Danielle Martin - 5th grade, Kofi Baker - 6th grade and Chet Magaway, Rob Schultz and Daniel Magaway - 7th/8th grade, on their many sacrifices this season and helping to improve their teams throughout the season.

IHM-St.Casimir was given the opportunity to host the Girls' Finals at Lansing Catholic on Sunday, March 18th and we were successful raising \$900 for the schools' athletic program. We want to take this opportunity to thank the following adults and students who sacrificed their time that day: Angela & Don Johnston, Deanna & John Szarowicz, Melissa Hall, Anita & Chet Magaway, Michelle Oswald, Mike Eidelbes & Becky Larsen, Carrie Guzman, Isabella L., Milianna L., Elizabeth Putman, Emily, Emily Baker, Emma Mae and Laila. Through the efforts of many parents and students in volunteering their time during our hosting the finals this school year for Girls Volleyball, Boys Basketball and Girls Basketball, we raised a total of \$ 3,300 for the schools' athletic program. Thank You and God Bless!!

Bill Devine, Athletic Director

## TUITION CONSULTANT COMMENTS

All families that have a balance due for the 2017-18 school year will be receiving a final statement in their family envelopes. Please let me know asap if you will not be able to complete your tuition obligation in April as the new school tuition year begins on May 10.

We are working hard to prepare all the tuition packets for the 2018-19 school year. They will begin going home after spring break. Any families who applied for tuition assistance, please be patient as those take more time to process. Chris Wilcox

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:** **Check out the Google Calendar on the [ihmlansing.org](http://ihmlansing.org) homepage for more....**

**March 24: Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00, Parking lot**

**April 20: Mary Goeddeke Basketball Game, 7:00 pm, LCHS**  
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**WEEKLY LITURGY:** Wednesday, Mass 8:00. Lenten Prayer Service Thursday, 2:15.

**SCHEDULE:** March 23: ODC. Report cards posted.

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**IHM-ST. CASIMIR LUNCH HELP NEEDED ASAP:** Would you be interested in a permanent lunch server position here at IHM-St. Casimir or be willing to train and finish the last quarter of the year in this position? For info or details, please call Bridget at LCHS (267-2119 – leave a message; she will call back) or our school office. Thank you for your consideration!!!

**PTO EXECUTIVE BOARD:** The two-year term of the PTO executive board expires at the end of the year. Would you be willing to step up to filling one of these spots? President, vice-president, secretary and treasurer are all needed beginning in the fall. The current team will still be available for questions and advice, so it is a good time to step up to a position that will make a difference to our school community! Call to ask about positions to a current board member, Anita Magaway, Allison Goodman, Jessica Emmons or Abbey Richey. Or via the school office.

**PRESCHOOL AND CHILD CARE REGISTRATION:** We are in the process of taking registrations for the 2018/19 school year. We have 3 and 4 year old preschool and all day child care. Our child care program is open from 7:00am-5:30 pm. Preschool is in session Monday through Friday from 8:00am-11:00am. Your child must be 3 or 4 on or before September 1 and potty-trained. Please call Mary Maher, Program Director at (517)882-6631 ext. 223 or email at [maherm@ihmlansing.org](mailto:maherm@ihmlansing.org).

**MARY GOEDDEKE BASKETBALL GAME AND RAFFLE:** An envelope went home to each family about the annual Mary Goeddeke Basketball Game and raffle. The game will be on **Friday, April 20** at LCHS and the graduating seniors are getting very excited to play against the staff and coaches and Goeddeke family members. The raffle prizes are fabulous with the ticket price being **ONLY \$1!**:

1<sup>st</sup> prize: 43" Insignia LED Flat Screen TV

2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Apple iPad

3<sup>rd</sup> prize: 4 Tickets Detroit Pistons Basketball

4<sup>th</sup> prize: \$50 Gift Certificates Champion's Sport Bar & Grill

Please review the paperwork carefully and respond! If selling or purchasing the tickets is not an option for you, please return them to school so that others can sell them. If you want more tickets, send in the request for more and we will be happy to oblige.

**WAVERLY PIRANHAS:** Competitive swimming is a great way to exercise, meet friends and raise your confidence! Join the students from area Catholic schools and Waverly for this combined team. Spring Registration is 4/9 or 4/17, 6-7:00 pm at the Waverly pool. Bring your suit! Swimmers will be evaluated for placement. See the website for more information: [www.waverlyswim.org](http://www.waverlyswim.org).

**MSU SPRING SCIENCE FESTIVAL:** MSU has pulled together a schedule of Science activities over 16 days and many cities to excite those with all different interests! Check it out: <http://www.sciencefestival.msu.edu/about>

**LANSING CATHOLIC EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:** Bridget is searching for help in the food service department for a part-time employee. This position would be at LCHS Monday - Friday, from approx. 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. If you know of someone that may be interested, please see Bridget in the Food Service department. Completed [applications](#) should be mailed to the attention of Bridgett Norris, Food Service Manager, [501 Marshall Street, Lansing, MI 48912](#).

### **CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS:**

**Grade 2:** We went to the Ingham County Fairgrounds to see all that MI has to offer in occupations that are related to agriculture. This special annual program is called **Project R.E.D. (Rural Education Days)**. We saw baby animals, big animals, chicks hatching from their shells, and more. We even got free food, like popcorn. What fun we had!

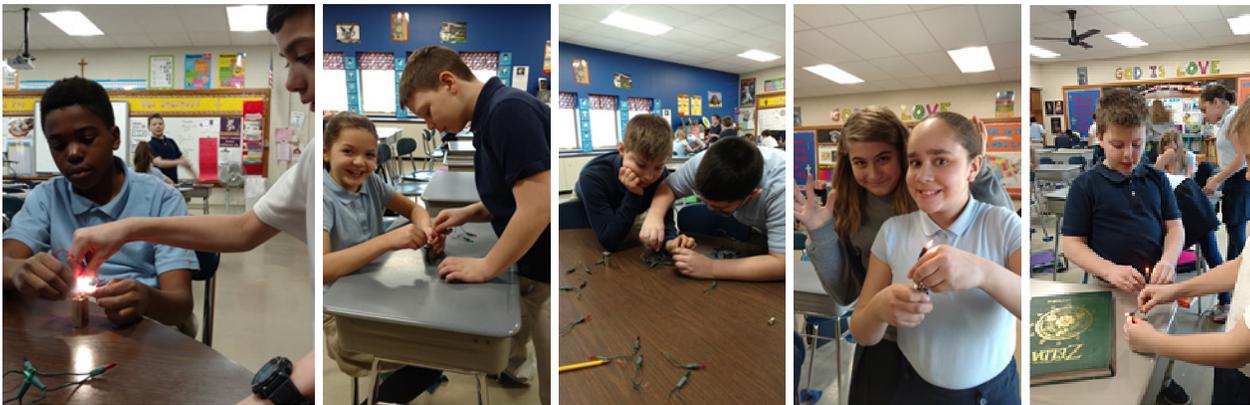
**Religion 6:** Water, water everywhere! We celebrated water throughout salvation history and received holy water as a sacramental. Blessings are poured out on us!

**Grade 1:** We are finishing up our [Holy Week in Handprints](#) booklets. They are lookin' cute!

**Grade 4:** In social studies, the 4th graders have been learning about the growth of the food processing industry in the Midwest.

**Library:** March is Reading Month is rapidly coming to an end. The last reading slips need to be turned in on Wednesday, March 28. We will have our final drawing at lunch that day. Please help your student remember to turn them in. All forms of reading count. If they read to a sibling, both get to count the minutes. READ, READ, READ!!!

**Grade 5:** We explored building circuits using a battery, lights and wire.



## CURRENT MORNING PRAYER

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me

Body of Christ, save me

Blood of Christ, cover me

Water from Christ's side, wash me

Passion of Christ, strengthen me

O good Jesus, hear me

Within Thy wounds hide me

Suffer me not to be separated from Thee

From the malicious enemy defend me

In the hour of my death call me

And bid me come unto Thee

That I may praise Thee with Thy saints

and with Thy angels

Forever and ever

Amen