



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

One God, One Faith, One 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.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time: "Because of this God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Phil. 2:10-11

Soul Food- Courtesy

And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have observed from my youth." And Jesus looking upon him loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." Mark 10:21

This scripture quote inspires the virtues of charity and generosity which we can easily connect to St Vincent de Paul who we remembered at Wednesday Mass this week. It also reflects the virtue of courtesy which we focus on this week. To be courteous is to treat other people with respect recognizing that all are made in God's image and likeness, regardless of their state in life.

At the basic level what does courtesy look like?

- Letting others go first
- Letting others speak first
- Making eye contact
- Holding the door for another
- Picking up a dropped item for someone
- Being on time

What does it sound like?

- You can go ahead of me.
- You can ask your question first.
- Silence
- Let me hold the door for you.
- Let me get this for you.

Blessings, Fr. John

A WORD FROM MRS. JOHNSTON

DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES PROGRESS REPORTS ARE NOT GOING HOME TODAY.

PLEASE LOOK FOR THEM NEXT WEEK. You can, however, look at Powerschool and see your children's grades. If there is missing work you can chat about it getting turned in; if all looks good you can congratulate them on a good start to the year.

Special Invitation to Parents: On Wednesday, October 13, as part of the Catholic Church, we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the final appearance of Mary to the children of Fatima. To honor this occasion, we will join together as a community for a living Rosary. We will do this at 2:15 so if you are picking up your children that day, please come early and join us.

I hope that everyone has had a beautiful week. It was a little warm this week but we need to thank God for the warm blessing because before long we will be into our Michigan fall and winter and wishing it could be 90 degrees. Your children have been terrific about not complaining and continuing to work hard on their studies.

We are so very blessed to have the opportunity to partner with you parents to help your children grow spiritually and academically. Along with spiritual and academic growth comes the most important part of any child's life and that is their family. Remember to sign up and attend the workshop for Heroic Families. Sessions are tomorrow, Saturday and for 1 ½ hours on Sunday. Let the Heavenly Father connect with your family and build them up to be on fire with Him.

You will also have time to talk about your child and their understanding on Oct. 18 and 19 at Parent/Teacher Conferences. Please take a few minutes this weekend and sign up for Parent Teacher Conferences. The link is: https://ptcfast.com/schools/IHM_St_Casimir_School to sign up for your child's homeroom teacher and any other teacher that you would like to see. Our teachers would like to see every parent. Please take the time to set up an opportunity to come together and talk about your incredible kids. If you do not have the capabilities to sign up on the computer, then please call the school office and we will get you set up to see your child's teacher. **It is really important that we see everyone at this conference.**

Thank you to many, many, many of you for helping with Walk-a-thon this year. This is a beautiful way for us to experience Christ within our school family. Each and every person is a gift from God and we want nothing more than to be able to have children join our school family when their moms and dads want them to have a Catholic Education. Together we make this possible through the Mary Goeddeke Walk-a-thon. Raising money to help with tuition assistance is a call that we all take seriously so that we can allow children to join our beautiful faith-filled school family. Thank you, students and parents, for soliciting donations and for helping to make this great education possible for any child.

Uniform Issues: We seem to be having a little difficulty with our school uniform. I have to ask all of our moms and dads to help with this. Our Mass days seem to be the most mixed up. Students in the Kindergarten through Fifth grade need to wear navy blue pants, skorts or jumpers and their white Mass shirts. All knee socks or tights need to be white with the jumpers and skorts and the leggings can be white or navy blue. Middle school wears their khaki pants, skorts or skirts with their navy blue Mass shirt. Girls can only wear white or navy leggings and only white tights and knee socks.

The other difficulty we are struggling with is socks. Socks must be solid color navy blue, black or white. No pattern socks. Socks must also be worn with shoes at all times and must be visible above the shoe. We have allowed small logos, but the kids are pushing that to include many patterns and designs. Those are not allowed.

Moms and Dads, please help us with this issue so that we can get the uniform back up to par and everyone looking prepared for their day. I appreciate your help. The last thing any of you want us to do is spend the bulk of our day patrolling the uniform. You want us teaching your children. We will be holding uniform checks periodically until this is routine. If students get two uniform infractions, they will be asked to serve a detention.

This year we will celebrate Halloween with a parade at 1:30pm for grades Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. After the parade, the students will return to their classroom for a small Halloween get together. We would like to keep this simple. For costumes and school students may not have costumes that promote blood, scary or weapons. I know this is difficult for some of the kids but we need to remember this is school and we have little ones in our building. Fr. John would like us to reconsider Halloween in future years and think about a theme for costumes and for us to really put the focus on the next day which is All Saints Day. If your child has a favorite saint, we would love to get to know them and a little about their saint. Why not consider dressing as a saint? If you ask me, all of your children are really SAINTS!!

I hope everyone has a fabulous weekend and enjoys the little bit cooler weather.
Angela

Diocesan Campaign Prayer

O God, hear our humble prayer.

Pour your Holy Spirit upon every person within our diocese
that all may come to know, love and serve you as faithful
and generous witnesses to the enduring hope found only in You.

With the help of Mary, our Mother, may we bear witness
to the glory of God with great joy.
Bless this campaign by igniting a new enthusiasm for the sacred mission
we share as disciples of your Son, especially as we
care for those who experience despair.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the source of our hope,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

May God bless everyone with a fantastic weekend. Angela

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Faith: Again we consider faith from our Scripture quote ~ “Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1). The sixth grade textbook uses this as a definition for faith. Faith, hope and love are impossible to separate. Praise God often for this gift, and renew daily your living faith, hope and love in Christ Jesus.

Rejoice! God is good! Mary Margaret Utess

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

We have an opportunity to **coordinate the Catholic Youth League Volleyball Finals at Lansing Catholic High School on Sunday, October 22.** This will give us an opportunity to put some cash in our athletic fund. Games begin at 1:00pm with two courts running at the same time. We will coordinate the Admissions, 50/50, Concessions, 2 Scorers Tables and Line Judges for the afternoon's 5th/6th & 7th/8th grade championship games. We need your help in the following areas (Lansing Catholic students can earn Service Hours):

Admissions: 2 people each shift- 12 noon-2pm & 2-4PM

50/50: 2 people each shift - 12 noon-2pm & 2-4pm(if needed)

Concessions: 3 people each shift - 12 noon-2pm & 2-4pm

Scorers Tables: 2 people each for 7th/8th & 5th/6th - 12:30-until games completed

Line Judges: 2 people each for 7th/8th & 5th/6th games

To sign up or with questions email me at wedevine26@gmail.com
or 484-6344 and leave a message.

Thank you so much in advance for your positive response and God Bless each of your families,
Bill Devine, Athletic Director

UPCOMING EVENTS: Check out the Google Calendar on the ihmlansing.org homepage for more....

September 30-October 1: Heroic Families Event

October 9: NO SCHOOL; ALL TEACHERS TO DIOCESAN MEETINGS

October 26: LCHS 6:30 Trick or Treating; 7:00 Costume Concert ** See details below.

November 3: Adult Social/Auction, IHM PFC.

WEEKLY LITURGY: No Mass, all priests at convocation. Keep them in your prayers for this annual gathering.

SCHEDULE: Sept. 29: ODC. MARY GOEDDEKE WALK-A-THON. MS at Hawk Island, 7:40-11:00 (dismiss at 11:00). Elem. walks after lunch. Oct. 4-5: Gr. 4 Camp Howell overnight.

EVENTS: Sept. 30-Oct.1: Heroic Families Event. October 3, 5 & 6: Scholastic Bookfair, 3:00-5:30. October 6: Progress Notes home in family envelopes. Oct. 8: Scholastic Bookfair after 10:30-11:30 (after Mass).

ADULT SOCIAL/AUCTION: Attention: **186 of the 200 free dinners are already reserved!!!!** Free babysitting provided. Return your registration in your family envelope asap if you would like to make sure you get dinner!

WINTER GET AWAY-SKIING WEEKEND RAFFLE: One of the priorities of the Silent Auction Committee is to offer a wide variety of opportunities for families to support the Education Fund/Gym Fund. So here is another that may be of interest to your family: Win a 2-night stay/lift ticket passes for four at Caberfae Peaks Resort!! Tickets are \$20 and only 100 will be sold! Tickets are now available and the drawing will be held at the Adult Social, so you will have all winter to book your stay! Return the bottom of the flyer to purchase your ticket or stop by the office.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR: Shop the Scholastic Book Fair next week! The fair will be open for parent shopping Tuesday, Thursday and Friday after school until 5:30 and after Mass on Sunday morning after 9:30 Mass. This bookfair provides credits for our teachers and librarian to receive books for their classrooms and school library. Thank you for your support!

TRIP UPDATE: New Retailer to the program: **Google Play:** ScripNow \$25; 3% return. Awesome gift for the kids you know who don't use Apple products.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION: PTO is holding a Boxtops for Education drive October 9-13 this fall. We know you are always clipping these premiums for school; this is a good reminder to attach them to the collection sheets and send them into school. **These premiums raise hundreds of dollars for the PTO!!!! Every little bit adds to make a big check! Partial sheets are happily accepted!**

HEROIC FAMILIES: IHM Parish is sponsoring this two-day event for parents on **Saturday, September 30** and Sunday, October 1. We know that all are busy and this is a big commitment, but spending a weekend mindfully considering God's plan for your family is a worthy use of your time!!! Check out the flyer for times and topics. Registration is required at the ihmparishlansing.org website. For questions, contact Aaron Epkey, 517-393-3030 or epkeya@ihmlansing.org. Babysitting available.

LCHS HOMECOMING: Friday, October 6 LCHS Celebrates homecoming. Football game at 7:00. Check out the website and get all the details of our partner school!

LCHS COSTUME CONCERT: On October 26, **the middle school band and choir has its annual costume concert!** We will perform at Lansing Catholic at 7:00, with (optional) trick-or-treat through the LCHS halls beginning at 6:30. **Students need to be in their places at 6:50 so that the concert can begin promptly.** Students should wear a costume. The costumes may be either sacred or secular, but they should be appropriate for a Catholic school student. We will be going to Lansing Catholic earlier that day to rehearse with students from Resurrection, St. Gerard, St. Thomas, and St. Martha. It will be a great concert!

ART TEACHER REQUEST: Mrs. Franz would like to make a very special project in art class this year. If you could donate old tee shirts for deconstruction that would be wonderful. Any color, any shape can be used – words or no words - variety in colors would be great. Just send them to school clearly marked, "ART CLASS". Thank you.

LOOKING FOR A PART TIME JOB?: Bridget Norris at LCHS is looking for a person to work one hour each morning delivering lunches to three schools. For details call 267-2119.

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS:

Grade 7 & 8 English: Our English classes are taking a close look at conflict and how it drives the plot of a story.

Grade 2: In math we are working with *patterns of counting*. What fun!

Grade 5: We had a great time at Camp Howell. Some of the activities we participated in included: team building challenges, zip-line, canoeing and archery. Thank you, parent volunteers, for helping out!

Grade 6: Working in groups to distinguish between the different types of consumers in our world!



Grade 4: In science we have been learning about characteristics living organisms have in common.

Grade 1: We started bringing home books to read as homework every day!

Religion 8: Students are completing projects as they struggle with the Divine Missions of the Blessed Trinity. God the Father is given credit for creation, but God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, as one, were also a part of this mission. Part of the Mystery of the Holy Trinity.