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Thank you Sam Aburashed for
 providing us a wonderful meal last week!
 It was GREAT!!!!
 Stop by and tell him THANKS!!!!

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.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: "Jesus said to his disciples, "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Matthew 25:13

SOUL FOOD - Stewardship is good for the soul

Stewardship Commitment Sunday: "Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38

This weekend all IHM parish families are asked to make their financial stewardship commitment for 2018. It is by this commitment that we are able to operate our school. Filled with gratitude, I thank you school parents for making the sacrifice that it takes to send your children to Catholic School. Join me in giving thanks for the commitment made by those who have no children in our school. Together we make a difference.
 Fr. John

A WORD FROM MRS. JOHNSTON

Congratulations to our School Auction Committee for all you have done to pull together our annual auction! Get out of the way, the construction equipment is moving in at the beginning of May! We do not have final numbers as there are some bills that have not come in yet, **but the preliminary numbers look like over \$28,000 to the gym and over \$5,000 for the Mary Goeddeke Educational Fund.** Everyone was incredibly generous. We will give you the final numbers once all is in. I am so glad everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed friends and family. Be sure and stop into Zaytoon's for a meal and express your gratitude!

We have so much to celebrate. At Morning Prayer, during the month of November, we are joining together and praying the Solidarity prayer. We are coming together to pray for all people and peace in our world. We have included the prayer in our bulletin this week. Take time during your prayer time and join us in this effort. We all know how much we need peace throughout our community, country and world. Let's pray for God's divine intervention for all people. Our Student Council has also been having discussions on activities that they can plan to celebrate all people. We are not only blessed with beautiful diversity in our school, but we are blessed with how we are all different.

Wow!!!! Our children's choir sang at Mass this week and they are absolutely wonderful. As Fr. Kuzi put it at Mass – they were voices from Heaven. We are beyond blessed by our choir and how they help to bring God's word alive in our hearts so that we can draw closer to Christ. Thank you Mr. & Mrs. Taylor for sharing your gifts with us. God's peace, Angela



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Scripture: **Do your best to add goodness to your faith; to your goodness, add knowledge...."** Knowledge is important. Knowledge of your faith is important. We have catechism classes for children, Catholic schools for children and high school students, and college students, and more classes for adults. Matthew Kelly, in his book *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*, names knowledge, and study, as one of these signs. In fact, he states, "A world without truth would be a world without joy and meaning." Putting that meaning into action, however, requires kindness. Grade 8 has been writing about kindness and you will be hearing from them in the weeks ahead.

Family Life: Theme 5: God's Gift of Community. The family, as the domestic Church, is one of the key communities in which people live as disciples of Jesus and where discipleship is taught. An understanding of how people live with and relate to one another is an essential component of discipleship and family living. Students should develop these key Catholic values in association with this theme: A respect for interpersonal relationships and human interaction; an appreciation for the cooperation and mutual benefit needed for a healthy society; a willingness to implement Catholic social teaching, such as solidarity and stewardship; and a recognition for all Christians to work together for the coming of God's reign of justice, mercy and peace.
Blessings, Mary Margaret

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

Wed., Nov. 22: NO SCHOOL; beginning of Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 7, MS Play: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, LCHS

WEEKLY LITURGY: **MASS CANCELED DUE TO CHURCH LIGHTING UPGRADES:** Wednesday, 8:00

SCHEDULE: Nov. 15: **MS Honor Roll at morning prayer.** Nov. 17: ODC. Gr. 6 Retreat at Cristo Rey; drop off and pick up there.

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DECEMBER LUNCH MENU: Please mark your lunch choices on the menu that is coming home in the family envelopes today. Payment and order are **due back to the office, Monday (Nov. 13)**. MS Play participants please note that you should not order lunch on Tuesday, Dec. 5 as it is your dress rehearsal offsite.

TRIP: Great Lakes Scrip is offering their seasonal low denomination cards now until Dec. 15 (or while supplies last). Check out the total list at their website, but these caught our eye: **\$10 cards for: Amazon, Applebees, Regal Theatres, Meijer, Red Lobster, Target, Walmart. \$5 cards for: Barnes & Noble, Panera, Starbucks.** Think stocking stuffers and small tokens of gratitude.

GRADE 8 31 FUNDRAISER: Grade 8 is offering the opportunity to purchase Thirty-One merchandise from Mrs. Tietsort (our band teacher and 31 consultant) as a fundraiser for their trip to Washington, D.C. The party link is: <https://www.mythirtyone.com/1939410/shop/Party/EventDetail/10312267> The order deadline is 11/18! Shop now!

ANNUAL BATTERY SALE: The Student Council will be conducting the annual battery sale. They provide this sale to fund their good works for the school and to offer you the opportunity to stock up on batteries at great prices. Check out the attached flyer! Sales will be tallied and completed **Dec. 5**; please send in your order with payment on Monday, Dec. 4. Batteries will be back to you at the end of the week!

MS PLAY: The MS students in the drama elective have been very busy learning their parts and creating scenery for their performance on Thursday, December 7 at LCHS. There are a couple of props that they would like to borrow from school families if they can. If you have any of these, please contact Mrs. McBrearty at mcbreartyr@ihmlansing.org to discuss details: Old fashioned radio, walking canes, ladder, cardboard, paint, glue, many colors of face paint.... Do not send them in before checking! Thanks for helping if you can.

LCHS FALL PLAY: "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" & "The Littlest Angel" are being performed at LCHS on Nov. 10 & 11 and 12. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7:00 pm; Sunday the show is at 2:00. Reserve your tickets now at: www.ticketor.com/lchs-drama. If you have any questions or need assistance you can email us at: LCHSDramaTickets@gmail.com. Many of our alumni are participating! Tickets are \$10.

FIVE BELOW FUNDRAISER WITH IHM-ST. CASIMIR SCHOOL: five BELOW is offering to partner with IHM-St. Casimir November 19-25 and December 10-17. All purchases **accompanied by a flyer** will earn us 10% of the total dollars spent. Flyers may be copied and shared with family and friends. Take advantage of this pain-free assistance to our school as you shop for stocking stuffers and many, many items. Local stores are located at the Okemos Target plaza and near the west side Walmart. Flyers will come home in family envelopes the week before the event dates.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE NEEDED: One of our Kindergarten friends needs a happy, safe place to stay after school until about 6:00 each day (thus Student Care is not an option). If you would consider sharing your home after school, please give us a call at school and we can put you in touch with his mom!

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.

AFTER CARE EMPLOYEE NEEDED: We are looking for an energetic after school assistant who is self motivated and loves working with children. This is a part time position from 2:30-5:30 2 or 3 days a week. All candidates must be at least 18 years old, be able to assist with children ages 3-13, be creative and willing to take on the responsibilities for daily care. This is a fun job and requires playing at the children's level as well as getting messy, laughing and enjoying their unique personalities. Please send resume to maherm@ihmlansing.org.

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY: City of Lansing Human Relations and Community Services Department & the Greater Lansing Food Bank announce the mobile food pantry distribution of FREE, fresh, non-perishable food items When: Saturday, **November 18, 2017 9:00 am to 11:00 am** (or until food runs out) Where: St. Casimir School 800 W. Barnes Ave. Lansing, MI 48910. Who can participate? • The disadvantaged and vulnerable. • Senior citizens on fixed incomes. • Families/individuals with limited or low income jobs. **ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BRING A VALID STATE IDENTIFICATION CARD OR DRIVER'S LICENSE.**

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS:

8th Social Studies: After finishing our unit about the Revolutionary War, we are looking at how America created a republic.

7th Social Studies: After finishing our unit on the Fertile Crescent, we are looking at Ancient Egypt and Nubia.

Grade 1: We wrote notes and made a little craft for some veterans!

Grade 5: As part of our annual Stewardship project, we walked over to Transition Central and spent some time with the wonderful people there. We made Thanksgiving cards that will be delivered to the Pines Healthcare Center.

Grade 4: The 4th graders have been looking into how authors develop characters within stories they write.

Religion 8: Students read the story of the Transfiguration from the Gospel of Matthew and presented the story through news reports. It is challenging to imagine the impact of this miracle on the apostles who were there.

Media 6: Students had the opportunity to reflect on the impact of math in their lives.

Grade 2: We wrote a *narrative* about an imaginary friend. Capitalization at beginning of sentences and end punctuation still challenge us, but we will get better at this as we write more.

SOLIDARITY PRAYER

For the one who cannot rest,
For the one who cannot cry,
I bow and pray.

For the vulnerable,
For the lost,
For the broken,
For all those who've been told that this glorious created world and the Word of God that
 echoes through it is for others, but not for them,
I bow and pray.

For the one who cannot stay,
For the one who cannot leave,
For the one who cannot forget,
For the one who cannot forgive,
I bow and pray.

For all the prayers that lie still in the hearts
Of the hungry, the thirsty, the homeless,
 The lonely, the imprisoned, the enslaved,
 The sick and the dying,
 Those fearful or haunted by sin,
I kneel and say my prayers for them.

May others pray for me,
For I am a child of solidarity,
A member of the body of Christ,
And when my brother suffers, I suffer,
And when my sister rejoices, I rejoice.

I put aside my prayers for myself, Lord
And pray for the one who cannot pray.
This is my song of solidarity.
 Amen

Source: Catholic Relief Services