

LORD, MAY I HEAR YOU
Crying out in the
DESERT OF MY HEART



SAINT
GREGORY
the GREAT

December 8, 2024

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GUARDIAN ANGELS | IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY | ST. JOHN FISHER

INFORMATION

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 9: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

7:30 am (GA) † Rosemary Connor, by Kathy Bell
† Mary Catherine Formosa, by Kathy Bell
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8:15 am (IHM) † Pat Cass, by Meg Walters

9 am (GA) † Andy Fogarty, by Randy & Cathy Hensel

12 pm (IHM) † John Mussio, by Joan Mussio

† Mary Irion, by Angie George

† Bob Koesters, by Ed & Marjie Hamann

† Bill Tekulve, by Carol O'Toole

† Ryan Considine, by the Considine Family

† Hal Smith, by the Goshorn Family

6:15 pm (SJF) † Patty Nieporte, by the Hummel Family

7:00 pm (GA) † Kathy Topmiller, by Ed Topmiller

Tuesday, December 10: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14 (182)

7:30 am (GA) † Paul Ohe, by the Marchand Family

12 pm (SJF) † Roy Westrich, by the Hummel Families

Wednesday, December 11: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30 (183)

7:30 am (GA) † Joseph Waters, III, by Joann

12 pm (IHM) † Ernest Todd, by Robert & Joy Roose

† Joan Harmeier, by Judy Chandler

† Ward Sheeran, by the Sheeran Family

† Ryan Considine, by the Considine Family

† Mr. & Mrs. C. Thomas Martin, by Tom & Linda Martin

† Robert & Therese Seither, by Chuck & Charlotte Thompson

Thursday, December 12: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 (690A)

7:30 am (GA) Protection of the unborn, by Mary Ellen Johnson

12 pm (SJF) † Karen Valentine, by Arlyn & Sharon Scott

Friday, December 13: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19 (185)

7:30 am (GA) † Michael Setzer, by Kathy

12 pm (IHM) † Tom Ruthemeyer, by the Ruthemeyer Family

Saturday, December 14: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13 (186)

8:15 am (IHM) † Patricia Yards, by Mike & Gloria Heideman

3:30 pm (GA) † Walter Adam, by Family

5 pm (IHM) † Marilyn Sayer, by Garry & Charlotte Melish

Sunday, December 15: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18 (9) Pss III

8 am (GA) † Renee Feghali, by Susan Bove

9 am (SJF) † Jack Bishop, by Will & Jean Schwartz

9:30 am (IHM) † Michael Gasbarro, by Eugene & Rosanna Ardine

10 am (GA) † David Weber, by the Weber Family

11 am (SJF) † Rosemary Zink, by Arlyn & Sharon Scott

11:30 am (IHM) † Robert Dietsch, by Michael & Michelle Dietsch

1:30 pm (IHM) St. Gregory the Great Family of Parishes

5:30 pm (IHM) † Thomas J. Thomas, by Don & Linda Harrison

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask that you pray for our sick: Mackenzie Corbin, Brenda Gannen, Mary Masminster, Sandy Register, Mary Rettig, Archbishop Dennis Schnurr

And remember in your prayers those who have recently passed and their families: Michael Fries, John Kushner, Sebastian Schemmel, Bob Strickley

Welcome to St. Gregory the Great!

We are so glad you're here and encourage you to register as a parishioner. To visit our website, scan the QR code or visit stgregorythegreatparish.org.



Welcome to our new parishioners!

Joe & Katie Hackett, Jackson and Nicholas

Andrew & Kristen Kucia, Charley and Josie

Matthew & Sarah Kurian and Luke

Daniel & Jane Schmidt

Welcome

Reflections & Ruminations... by Fr. Steve Angi

In my first two assignments as a priest, there were religious sisters in both of the parishes. Sr. Pat was a Director of Religious Education, Sr. Mary Ellen and Sr. Judy were pastoral associates. They were dedicated religious sisters to their orders and to the parishes. Sr. Judy was a real collaborator as in my second assignment a few months after arriving, the pastor had a heart attack and open heart surgery. With the pastor gone for months, I relied heavily on Sr. Judy and her pastoral knowledge. With over 40 weddings a year, numerous funerals and five Sunday Masses, it was a real balancing act. It is religious sisters like these who we remember and fondly cherish.

This weekend, the second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Across the United States, hundreds of religious communities lack financial resources sufficient to meet the retirement and health care needs of aging members. Historically, Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—known collectively as women and men religious—received very little pay. Any surplus funds were reinvested in ministry and the education of younger members. As a result, hundreds of US religious communities lack adequate retirement savings. Like many Americans, religious communities face the monumental challenge of funding eldercare. Currently, the average annual cost of care for women and men religious past age 70 is nearly \$60,000 per person. Skilled care averages \$90,700. The total cost of care for senior women and men religious in the United States has exceeded \$1 billion annually for each of the last 16 years.

During the early and mid-twentieth centuries, the Catholic Church in the United States experienced a surge in vocations to religious life, with numbers peaking in the mid-1960s. Care for elderly members was provided largely by younger ones. Over time, however, the number of vocations decreased while lifespans increased. The result is far fewer younger members available to support the retirement and eldercare needs of senior members. Currently, 71 percent of the religious communities have a median age of 70 or older.

Thank you for your generous support today of these religious men and women who so tirelessly gave their lives in teaching, health care and parish work.



ADORATION & RECONCILIATION

Adoration

Guardian Angels

Thursdays from 7 - 8pm
1st Friday of the month from
8am - 8pm

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Exposition: Tuesdays from
6am - 10pm
You can also visit the adoration
chapel at any time during
the week.

St. John Fisher

Wednesdays from 7 - 8pm
2nd Tuesday of month from
12:30 - 1:30pm

Reconciliation

Guardian Angels

Saturdays from 2 - 3pm

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Tuesdays from 6:30 - 7pm
Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:30pm

St. John Fisher

Wednesdays from 7 - 8pm

BAPTISM

Sacrament of Baptism

By Baptism we become members of the Church, the Body of Christ! We invite you to learn more about baptism by contacting one of the individuals below! We joyfully welcome Giovanni Joseph Dunn, Marguerite Leigh Graham, Cade Daniel Merkt and Josie Elizabeth Schmitt to the Catholic Church!

Guardian Angels

Annette Robinson or Carolyn Schwettman
office@gaparish.org, 513-231-7440

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Peggy Sorrentino, peggys@ihom.org, 513-388-4093

St. John Fisher

Connie Wehmeyer, conniew@sjfchurch.org,
513-561-9431 x113

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A New Look at Some Old Friends

Looking for a good venue to help in deepening or growing your faith?

The Adult Spirituality Institute (ASI) will begin a new 4- week class at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary on Monday, January 6th, from 10am to noon. The speaker will be Monsignor Bill Cleves, from the Covington Diocese, speaking on "A New Look at some Old Friends." He will look at some familiar Bible passages with "new eyes". Cost is \$40 for the four classes. More information can be found on their website at spirituality-institute.com. Please consider joining us!

St. Gregory the Great

Advent Penance Service at GA Tuesday, December 10 at 7 pm

Our Advent Penance Service for the St. Gregory the Great family will take place at Guardian Angels on Tuesday, December 10th at 7 pm. This communal service is an opportunity to join our sisters and brothers in asking for forgiveness and healing during this important time of year. All are invited to join with our faith community to reflect on our lives through Scripture readings and songs, followed by an examination of conscience, and ending with individual confessions with a priest.

You don't need to memorize any words to receive Christ's healing gift, though you are welcome to use the prayers set forth by the church if that makes you more comfortable.

Most importantly, remember that this is a sacrament of healing - it is not meant to cause shame, but rather help you openly receive God's sacramental grace.

Our God is a forgiving God. Please consider participating in this sacramental action.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation

This Monday, December 9th, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. The schedule of Masses in the St. Gregory the Great family of parishes as follows:

7:30 am – Guardian Angels

8:15 am – Immaculate Heart of Mary (with school)

9:00 am – Guardian Angels (with school)

12:00 pm – Immaculate Heart of Mary

6:15 pm – St. John Fisher

7:00 pm – Guardian Angels

St. John Fisher Christmas Luminaries

The St. John Fisher Confirmation Program is offering our community the opportunity to remember family and loved ones or offer a prayer of praise and thanksgiving as we celebrate our Lord's birth on Christmas

Eve. Luminaries will decorate the church grounds following the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass and will continue to burn for the remainder of the evening.

Labels and envelopes are in the SJF gathering space for you to make your dedication. The suggested donation is \$2.00 per luminary; please place your completed envelope in the marked box by next Sunday, December 15th.

SJF Christmas Flower Donation Memorials & Honorees

Anyone wishing to make a donation for the beautiful flowers and greenery used to decorate the St. John Fisher worship space during the Christmas season may do so using the envelopes provided in the gathering space. At your discretion, your donations can be made in memory or honor of a family member, friend, or other loved one. A list of those who are being honored or remembered will be published in the bulletin the weekend following Christmas. Envelopes must be received by Sunday, December 15th and can be placed in the offertory basket or dropped off in the parish office. Donations received in excess of the cost of the Christmas décor will be used to pay for church flowers & greens throughout the rest of the year.

You can also make a donation in memory or honor of a family, friend or loved one at GA and IHM via envelope (the same process as past years). The list of those being honored or remembered at GA and IHM will be published in the bulletin throughout January.

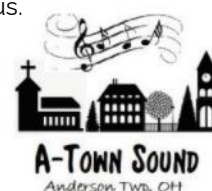
Local Barbershop Quartet Performance

Local Barbershop quartet A-Town Sound will be performing their Christmas program in IHM's Heritage Hall on Friday December 20 at 7pm. A-Town Sound has been performing around the Cincinnati area since 1989. All members are "graduates" of Turpin High School and include parishioners Jim and Jeff Farmer from IHM's music ministry.

There will be 30 minutes of fun holiday music and carols, plus a few corny Christmas jokes as a bonus.

Admission is free, but we will be accepting canned good items to benefit SEM

Food Pantry in Mt. Washington.



NEWS AND EVENTS



Advent Retreat
FOR YOUNG ADULTS

REGNUM CHRISTI
CINCINNATI

Sunday
Dec. 15th
5:00-9:00pm

NO SUNDAY MASS
Retreat will include preached meditations, dinner, sharing moments and a priest will be available for confessions

St. John Fisher Catholic Church
(3227 Church St. Cincinnati OH 45244)
Contact: Karla Amezcua (608) 201-7958

\$20 (dinner included)
www.rcohiovalley.org




CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

DECEMBER 24 BEFORE 3:30 MASS

Kindergarten to 4th Grade

PRACTICE MONDAY
DEC. 9TH, 16TH, AND 23RD
5:30 - 6:30

PLEASE EMAIL MRS. ANNIE CORCORAN TO JOIN!
CORCORAN.A@IHOMSCHOOL.ORG

Volunteers needed for winter weekend trip to St. Vincent Mission

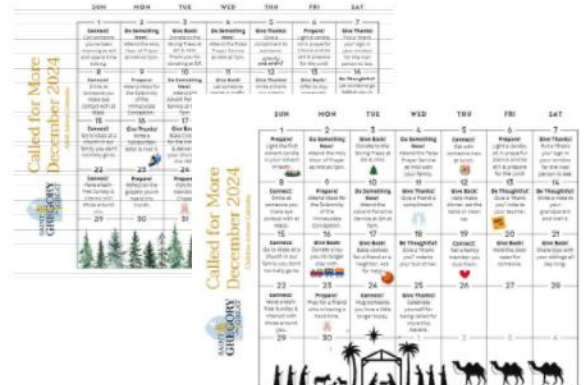
The St. John Fisher Social Action Team is inviting you to participate in a weekend work trip to St. Vincent Mission in David, Kentucky. Participants will leave St. John Fisher on Friday afternoon, January 3 and return on Sunday, January 5. We will stay at the Mission's Volunteer House and work on sorting and displaying donated items for the mission's store. All work is inside. Meals will be provided but the cost of two night's lodging is \$50.00. Please contact Marty Rauhen at mmrauen@gmail.com by Sunday, December 22nd if you are interested in coming. Volunteers must be 18 years old.

Advent Holy Hour of Prayer

During Advent, each Monday evening at 7pm we will gather at Immaculate Heart of Mary for a Holy Hour of Prayer. The liturgy includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Vespers and rosary prayers, and concludes with Benediction.

Help Us Communicate With You!

St. Gregory the Great has a monthly email newsletter. Subscribe today by scanning the QR code! The December newsletter will include a "25 Days of Acts of Kindness" Advent Calendar for Adults and Children!

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NEWS & EVENTS CONTINUED

Senior Heritage Luncheon at IHM

December 10

A delicious lunch and Christmas Carol sing-along is planned for our over-60 parishioners and friends on Tuesday, December 10th in Heritage Hall. (Yes, the December date is a Tuesday). If you wish to share or exchange cookies, bring your favorites. Julie Spangler and Julie Stinchcombe will lead music again this year. Doors open at 11:30 am and lunch is at noon. To help us plan, RSVP by calling the IHM parish office at 513-388-4466. Suggested donation is \$5.

Pregnancy Blessing at GA | December 15

Expectant parents are invited to receive a special blessing for the health of the mother and baby as you await the arrival of your children. Couples in the adoption process are also invited. This special blessing takes place at GA in Church in front of the Mary statue on Sunday, December 15 immediately after the 10 am Mass.

St. Gregory the Great 60+ Activities

December 17: Afternoon Euchre 2 - 4 pm in the Welcome Center on IHM Campus.

SEM Food Pantry Collection at IHM

December 14/15

Please bring holiday food items for the SEM Food Pantry on Dec. 14/15. Special items are boxed stuffing, canned sweet potatoes, green beans, and cranberry sauce. This will help fill baskets for Christmas.

Follow our Social Media Pages!

Facebook:

St. Gregory the Great Family of Parishes

Instagram:

@sggparish



HEALTH MINISTRY: NEWS AND EVENTS

Volunteers needed for St. Gregory the Great Bereavement Ministry

The Bereavement Ministry provides consolation, support, and practical assistance to families during the time of a loved one's death. This group strives to ease the burden of those planning a funeral service. Bereavement ministers are involved in planning the funeral Mass, setting up the church for funerals, and are often present on the day of the funeral to help everything run smoothly. If your gifts lie in consolation and healing of the grieving, please consider becoming a bereavement minister.

For more information, contact:

Kendall Keiser, RN - Director of Health Ministry

513-388-4184

kendallk@sggparish.org

Volunteers at Hospice

Volunteers are needed at Hospice of Cincinnati at the Anderson unit and the new Christ Hospital unit for spiritual care and Eucharistic Ministers, serving meals and other responsibilities. Fill out the short volunteer application at hospiceofcincinnati.org. For questions contact Nancy at Hospice at 513-246-9168 or Ray at IHM at 513-418-1315.



St. Gregory the Great Mental Wellness Minute

What is 9-8-8?

The national 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline provides 24/7, free, and confidential support for individuals in crisis. This important Lifeline can be reached by dialing or texting 9-8-8 or online at 988lifeline.org. Anyone who is experiencing a suicidal, mental health, or substance use crisis can connect with a trained counselor at one of more than 200 call centers. Counselors are prepared to aid in various crisis situations and to help create safety plans; they can also connect callers to resources or refer them to local mental health care providers. They are trained to only call the police as a last resort, when it is necessary to save a person's life. Since its launch in mid-2022, 9-8-8 has received more than 11 million calls, texts, and chats, with rates now exceeding a half million each month. Please help us spread the word about 9-8-8 so that people in crisis know where to get help in an emergency. For more information about 9-8-8 go to samhsa.gov/find-help/988. To learn more about the SGG Mental Wellness Ministry, contact Kendall Keiser at kendallk@sggparish.org.

FAITH FORMATION & EVANGELIZATION

Fathers Team | Every Friday

Come as you are. Leave changed.

In this season of Fathers Team our theme is "We Can Be Heroes." Jesus called twelve sinners to follow Him, and they changed the world. In the heart of every Christian man lies the potential to be a hero and it starts with doing the small things heroically like supporting our wives, guiding our children and mentoring our friends. Ordinary men doing extraordinary things can be found everywhere. Start your journey to becoming an everyday hero for the ones you love.

DATE: December 13, 2024 **TIME:** 6:03 - 7:03 am

Topic: Forgiveness

Locations:

IHM - St. Matthew Room, IHM Parish Center

Guardian Angels - Conference Room B

St. John Fisher (Fathers Team Lite) - Discussion of Sunday Mass readings - Nativity Room

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) provides a nurturing and age-appropriate environment where children can experience the joy of the Gospel and grow in their faith. CLOW is a special part of the Mass where children gather separately from the main congregation to hear and discuss the Word of God in a way that is tailored to their age group. Children will be dismissed from Mass just before the first reading and will return during the offertory.

- IHM holds CLOW on the first Sunday of the month during the 9:30am Mass. This program is for children ages 3-2nd grade. For more information, please contact Tina Ramundo at tinar@sggparish.org.
- GA holds CLOW on the third Sunday of every month during the 10am Mass. This program is for children ages 3-7. If you are interested in learning more or volunteering to help, please email alisonr@sggparish.org.

Keeping Christ in Christmas just got easier

With your pre-paid Formed.org account, you can receive short, daily Advent reflections in your inbox. The "Rooted" series will help you and your family discover the history of salvation in 7 minutes a day, complete with color sheets of daily Jesse Tree ornaments to keep kids engaged. Formed has a daily Advent/Christmas calendar with suggested content to help you choose easily without being overwhelmed by endless options. Go to Formed.org, and type in the IHM parish name and zip code to set up your free account.

Young Men's Faith & Fellowship

Men in their 20s - 40s are invited to join the Young Men's Faith & Fellowship group for the *Into the Breach Series* from the Knights of Columbus. The series touches on relevant topics for men in our age group through the lens of our faith. We will meet from 8:30 - 9:30 pm in Room B at Guardian Angels on the date listed below. No religious background/experience is necessary and there is no preparation required. Each session is a stand-alone topic. If you are interested in being added to our email distribution list, please email mensfaith@gaparish.org.

December 9 Topic: Suffering

Ministry of Prayer

Prayer is foundational to the Church and all our ministries. Contemplative orders like the Carmelites, Trappists, and Cistercians arose from the custom of the desert fathers and mothers who devoted themselves to prayer for the love of God and the salvation of souls. Our new Ministry of Prayer is for anyone willing to devote themselves to daily prayer for our family of parishes in this same tradition. There are no meetings, and you don't even need to leave home. We will send you monthly reflections and intercessions. For more information, contact Rosanne Thomas, Director of Adult Evangelization for St. Gregory the Great, at 513-388-4189 or rosannet@sggparish.org.

Women to Women

Women to Women in the St. Gregory the Great Parish Family will meet on Monday, December 16th at 6:30 pm in the St. Matthew Room in the Welcome Center at IHM. We will have our yearly Advent Prayer Service followed by our December Social. Please feel free to bring any cookies or treats to share if you would like.

This will be our last monthly meeting. We will no longer continue to meet on a monthly basis. We will continue at times with seasonal prayer services and possible guest speakers when available. We will definitely have our Fall Morning of Prayer and Reflection just as we recently did with Fr. Kevin Scalf. Notification of future events will be in the bulletin.

Looking forward to seeing all at our December meeting. Contact Candi Rinderle at 513-505-4436 or Susie O'Neil at 513-254-4408 with questions.

SOCIAL ACTION | VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

St. Gregory the Great

Christmas Cookies for Justice

Transforming Jail Ministries volunteer chaplains deliver more than 1,200 dozen cookies of homemade goodness to all of the jail facilities in Hamilton County, Ohio on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Each incarcerated person receives a bag of cookies and assurance that someone is thinking about and praying for them over the holidays. A similar thing is done for Corrections Officers a few days earlier. Our IHM prison ministry team asks for your help in baking and packing. If you are interested in helping to pack the cookies on December 19 or 20, please call Sherrie Heyse at 513-843-7188. If possible, decorate the cookies to look festive! While baking, please pray for the incarcerated and corrections officers.

Examples: 1. Chocolate chip or sugar cookies with sprinkles, decorated cut sugar cookies, colored M&Ms. 2. Oatmeal with raisins or Craisins, or any regular sized cookie. Regular size is approximately 2-3", so that we can fit 6 cookies comfortably in a zip lock sandwich bag when we pack them. Uniformity is desired so that everyone feels the same amount of appreciation. In other words, please avoid baking any cookies that could create jealousy between inmates (candy, fudge, etc.). Allow cookies to cool and dry completely before delivering, do not deliver in plastic bags. Tins and containers cannot be returned so please do not send us valuable containers you would like to receive back.

Drop off at the GA, IHM or SJF church office by Thursday morning, December 19. Pick up is at 12 pm.

Financial donations can be mailed to: Transforming Jail Ministries, PO Box 19070, Cincinnati, OH 45219

IHM St. Vincent de Paul

If you or a neighbor are in need they can call 513-388-4191 for help. If you want to join our volunteers or find out more information, please call 513-388-4191.



GA St. Vincent de Paul

If you or a neighbor are in need they can call 513-624-3147 for help. If you want to join our volunteers or find out more information, please call 513-624-3147.

SJF St. Vincent de Paul

If you or a neighbor are in need they can call 513-624-3147 for help. St. John Fisher partners with GA St. Vincent de Paul.

The Giving Tree at GA

If you are able to help a neighbor in need, please take an ornament or two from the Christmas Tree Baskets available at all church doors. Please return your unwrapped gift to the boxes at the church entrances by Sunday, December 29. Place the ornament on your tree as a reminder to pray for the recipients. These generous gifts will go to Pregnancy Center Plus, SEM and A Caring Place.



Add a Student From IHM's Twinning Community to Your Gift List This Year.

Working together as a people of faith, we continue to transform lives as our twinning community through Project Education for Batahola. Your gift of education this Christmas will mean a hope-filled new year for a most deserving and eager-to-learn Nicaraguan student. Education... it's the best gift you can give this Christmas!

You can find the form to sponsor a student on our website at ihom.org under News & Announcements and also under the Outreach tab - Parish Twinning.



FROM OUR YOUTH COMMUNITY

IHM Boy Scout Troop 694 Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale



Held in the IHM parking lot.

Hours through December 22:

Fridays: 5pm - 8pm; Saturdays, 8am - 8pm; and Sundays,
11am - 7pm.

Contact boyscouttroop694@gmail.com with questions.

God Bless and thank you for supporting our Troop!

IHM Annual Winter Gala | February 1

The IHM Gala is our annual fundraiser that supports the youth of our church. Proceeds will be given to the IHM schoolteachers, faculty, staff and catechists in the form of recognition bonuses for their discipleship in responding to our mission that we are called for more. Your donation will support the individuals who make an active choice to form our Catholic children through prayer, teaching, sacraments and service.

THE NOVEMBER RAFFLE

Use the QR codes below to purchase tickets and register to bid.

STEP 1
[Purchase Event
Tickets](#)



STEP 2
[Register to Bid](#)



GA Cantor Commissioning

During the School Mass on November 26th, several students at Guardian Angels were commissioned as cantors. During the commissioning, the students consecrated their voices "to God, to sing his praises and to proclaim his glory." They also promised to keep their hearts and tongues pure so that they may always praise him more worthily. Fr. King blessed and gave each cantor a St. Cecilia medal and cross necklace symbolizing their new leadership. He then gave a hymnal to each cantor saying, "May the chants, hymns and songs found in its pages help you to lift your heart and mind to God when you sing your praises to him."



IHM Student Led Rosary Rally

On October 4th, Immaculate Heart of Mary School (IHM) celebrated the Month of the Rosary in a special way by participating in a Rosary Rally led by our fifth-grade students. This annual tradition is a beautiful opportunity for our school community to come together in prayer and reflection. Our younger students had the chance to witness the rosary come to life in a visual and engaging way, helping them to understand the importance and meaning of each prayer. For our older students, this experience provided a moment to deepen their faith and engage in prayer with greater focus and intention. We are proud of our fifth graders for leading this special event with such reverence and dedication. The live rosary continues to be a cherished tradition at IHM, bringing our school community closer in faith as we honor Mary during this important month.

SPOTLIGHT

Charitable Giving

It's already December, which means the end of the year will be here before you know it. Of course that also means the window of opportunity to make a financial contribution for the 2024 tax year is rapidly closing. Donations made by cash or check are by far the most common methods of charitable giving. However, contributing stocks, bonds, or mutual funds that have appreciated over time has become increasingly popular in recent years, and for good reasons. There are a number of charitable planning strategies that can help you lower your taxes this year. Here are some ways to shift your taxable income to a charitable donation for Guardian Angels, Immaculate Heart of Mary, or St. John Fisher:

Outright Gift of Stock

Make a gift by transferring (not selling) stock directly to one of our three churches and avoid paying capital gains on the transfer and receive a tax-saving charitable deduction for the market value of the stock as of the date of the transfer.

IRA Charitable Rollover (Qualified Charitable Distribution)

If you are 70 ½ or older, you can transfer up to \$100,000 from your IRA account directly to GA, IHM, or SJF. Because the rollover counts against your required minimum distribution, this could reduce your taxable income. Although you won't receive a charitable tax deduction, you won't pay any income tax on the transfer either.

Donor Advised Fund

Make a tax-deductible gift of stock to a donor advised fund, which gives you the ability to make grants to one of our three churches this year and in future years. Talk to your financial advisor about establishing a donor-advised fund.

Whatever method you choose to make a financial contribution to GA, IHM or SJF, please be assured it is greatly appreciated and will be put to good use. If you have questions regarding charitable donations for the benefit of one of our three churches, please consult your financial planner, tax advisor, or contact your church office.

Year End Transfer Processing/Gifting Deadlines

Please note the cutoff times listed below do not imply a guarantee that orders keyed prior to the times listed will be completed by year end. The cutoff times below allow for customary processing times only. They do not include potential processing delays, rejects, transfer agent volumes, etc. Please plan early for guaranteed delivery.

DTC Eligible Securities (non-ACAT transactions):

NDO Cutoff - 12:00pm (noon) EST on 12/13/2024. Any orders keyed after this time will be best efforts only (including any same day delivery requests on 12/13/2024 and/or any previous day DK's).

Withdrawal Cutoff - 12:00pm (noon) EST on 12/13/2024. This includes all DWAC, DRS, and any non DRS eligible physicals (physical transfer fee will apply). Any orders keyed after this time will be best efforts only.

Physical Deposits - 12:00pm (noon) EST on 12/13/2024. Any orders keyed after this time will be best efforts only.

Remember Your Parish in Your Will or Estate Plans

Please consider remembering Guardian Angels, Immaculate Heart of Mary and/or St. John Fisher in your will or estate plans. Your gift will have a lasting impact on the life of the parish and future parishioners.

SUPPORT YOUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL

You May Receive an Ohio Tax Credit!

Ohio taxpayers who donate to a certified Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) may be able to claim a dollar-for-dollar, non-refundable tax credit on their state income tax return. **Up to \$750 per donor** (up to \$1,500 if married and filing jointly). See section 5747.73 of the Ohio Revised Code.



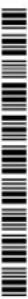
The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati (CEF) is a certified SGO.

Your donation can be designated to benefit a specific school(s).

Questions? Want to learn more?
CatholicBestChoice.org/SGO
Or email SGO@CatholicAOC.org.



CatholicBestChoice.org/SGO
To make your gift online



This Week's Activities: *Prayer, Teaching, Sacraments & Service*

	See pg. 4	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	Holy Day of Obligation
Monday, Dec. 9	7:00am	Rosary	Church, GA
	6:30pm	Walking With Purpose Bible Study	Room B, GA
	7:00pm	Holy Hour of Prayer Liturgy	Church, IHM
	7:00pm	Mental Wellness Group	Parish Library, IHM
	7:30pm	SVDP	E/W St. Matthew Rooms, IHM
	8:30pm	Young Men's Faith & Fellowship	Room B, GA
Tuesday, Dec. 10	6:00am	Eucharistic Adoration until 10pm	Eucharistic Chapel, IHM
	7:00am	Rosary	Church, GA
	9:00am	St. Gregory 60+ Team	Holy Family, IHM
	9:30am	WOW Bible Study	E/W St. Matthew Rooms, IHM
	10:00am	Tuesdays at 10	Resurrection Room, SJF
	12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction	Church, SJF
	6:00pm	Rosary	Fatima Room, IHM
	6:00pm	Social Action Team	Pater Hall, SJF
	6:30pm	High School Youth Ministry	Youth Room, IHM
	6:30pm	Fernside	Cafeteria, IHM
	7:00pm	Finance & Administration Commission	Bernardin Room, IHM
	7:00pm	St. Gregory the Great Penance Service	Church, GA
	Wednesday, Dec. 11	7:00am	Rosary
6:00pm		Rosary in Spanish	Church, IHM
6:30pm		First Reconciliation	Church, SJF
6:30pm		True Devotion to Mary	Blessed Mother Room, IHM
7:00pm		Holy Hour & Confessions	Church, SJF
8:00pm		Young Women's Faith & Fellowship	Room B, GA
Thursday, Dec. 12	7:00am	Rosary	Church, GA
	9:15am	Moms Bible Study	E/W St. Matthew Rooms, IHM
	2:00pm	Legion of Mary	Room B, GA
	3:30pm	Women's Faith Sharing	Gathering Space, GA
	6:00pm	Rosary	Fatima Room, IHM
	6:00pm	Worship Committee Sub Committee	Blessed Mother Room, IHM
	6:30pm	Band Concert	Gymnasium, IHM
	6:30pm	Christmas Concert	PC Gym/PC Room 101, GA
	7:00pm	RCIA	St. Matthew Room, IHM
	7:00pm	Festival Meeting	Blessed Mother Room, IHM
Friday, Dec. 13	7:00pm	Holy Hour	Church, GA
	6:03am	Fathers Team	GA, IHM, SJF
	7:00am	Rosary	Church, GA
Saturday, Dec. 14	9:30am	Discovering Our Dignity Breakfast	E/W St. Matthew Rooms, IHM
	7:45am	Catholic Men's Prayer Group	Nativity Room, SJF
	2:00pm	Reconciliation	Church, GA
	3:30pm	Reconciliation	Gathering Space, IHM
Sunday, Dec. 15	7:30am	Rosary	Church, GA
	8:00am	KofC Parish Breakfast	E/W Heritage Hall Rooms, IHM
	10:30am	Expectant Parent Blessing	Guadalupe Room, IHM
	12:30pm	Catechist Meeting/Lunch	E/W Heritage Hall Rooms, IHM
	1:00pm	Confirmation Planning Group	Youth Room, IHM

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Deacon Bob

FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday 7:30 am GA
 Noon IHM

Tuesday 7:30 am GA
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Thursday 7:30 am GA
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Friday 7:30 am GA
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Saturday 8:15 IHM

Saturday, December 14

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3:30 pm GA TK
 5:00 pm IHM AH

Sunday, December 15

8:00 am GA TK
 9:00 am SJF SA
 9:30 am IHM AH
 10:00 am GA TK
 11:00 am SJF SA
 11:30 am IHM AH
 1:30 pm IHM (en espanol)
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