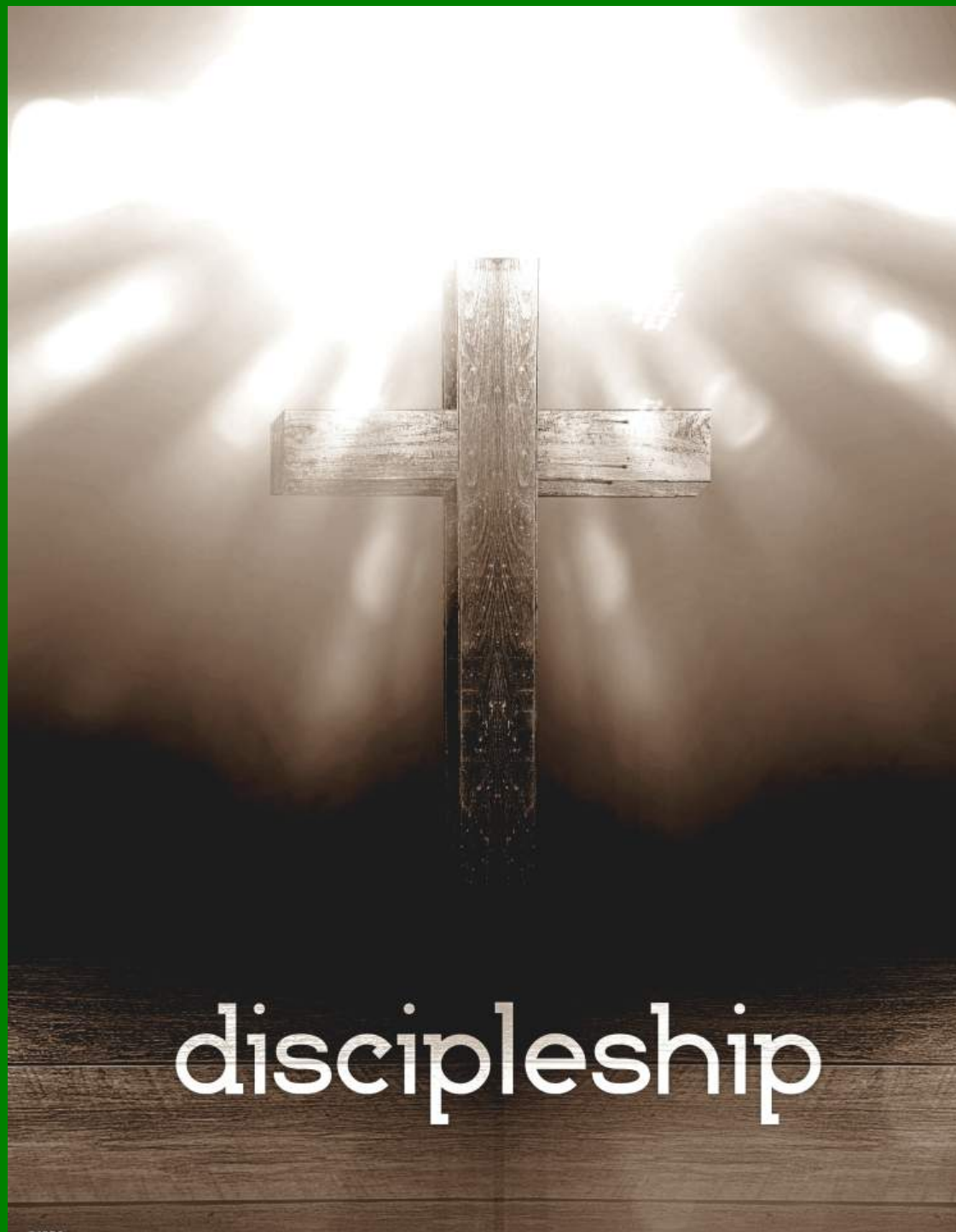


30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 29, 2023

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Mass will continue to Live Stream on Facebook and our website: [www.ihmparish.net](http://www.ihmparish.net)

**A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE**

To love God with our entire being and to love our neighbor go hand in hand. We cannot do one without the other. Our love of neighbor is an expression of our love of God. We cannot separate our relationship with God from our relationship with our neighbor. The reading from Exodus helps us to focus on our neighbors who are most vulnerable, the alien, the widow, the orphan, the unborn, the elderly and the poor, the people who are powerless and unable to care for themselves.

Our love of God should not oblige us to love our neighbor, rather, it should evoke a desire to love and serve our neighbor more and more each day. Loving and serving our neighbor is a disciples response to, or outpouring of, the love of God that we have experienced in our lives.

Peace, Fr. Mike



**Attention families of 8th grade students planning to attend Catholic High School in Fall 2024!**

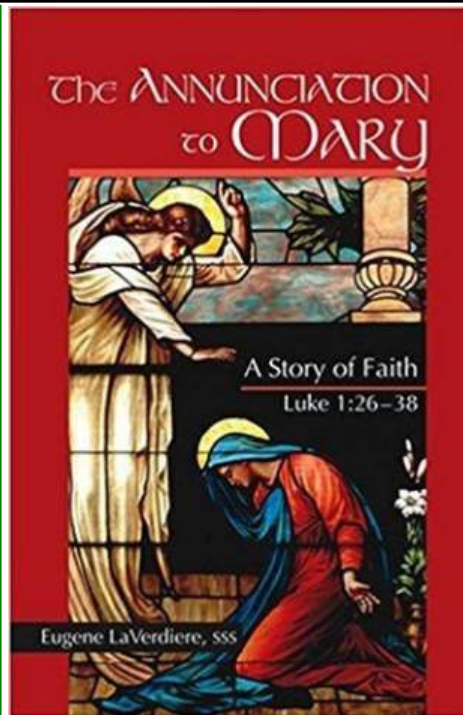
The High School Placement Test (HSPT) administered as part of the Cooperative Admissions Exam Program for Catholic High Schools will be given on **Friday, November 10, 2023**. Registration for the HSPT exam is available online at [www.njcoopexam.org](http://www.njcoopexam.org) beginning September 1st. For more information about the Cooperative Admissions Program, go to [www.catholicschoolsnj.org](http://www.catholicschoolsnj.org).



**BUY A BRICK FALL 2023**

Please donate a brick and place an everlasting memento of a loved one at "Our Lady of Fatima" garden. We are offering 2 sizes of bricks:  
4"x8" at \$75 per brick  
8"x8" at \$150 per brick

Order forms are available at church and in the Nazareth Center. Order deadline is November 5! Call Tracey at the office if you need help: 908-889-2100



**The Annunciation to Mary: A Story of Faith**

The prologue of Luke's Gospel is both simple and profound. As we prepare for Christmas let us take a close look at Mary of the scriptures. At the heart of the book, each chapter examines a particular phase of the Annunciation story through a biblical perspective.

The deep mystery of the Incarnation is revealed in this passage of Luke's Gospel. **We shall meet on Zoom on Tuesdays from 7:15pm until 8:15pm beginning November 7th, 2023.**

Please register at [FrRob@ihmparish.net](mailto:FrRob@ihmparish.net) and contact him if you have any questions or would like to obtain a copy of the book.

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Schedule for Mass & Worship (schedules are subject to change)**

Saturday (Anticipated) 5:00 pm  
Sundays - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon  
Weekdays & Saturdays - 7:00 am and 8:30 am  
National Holidays - 9:00 am  
Holy Days - 7:00 am, 12:00 noon, 7:00 pm

Morning Prayer - Monday - Saturday at 8:15 am  
Rosary: Monday - Saturday after 8:30 am Mass  
Novena to the Miraculous Medal & St. Jude:  
Saturdays after 8:30 am Mass  
Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:15 - 4:45 pm

**Mass Intentions For the week of October 29 - November 5, 2023**

<b>Saturday October 28</b>	7:00am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	John Lynch+ from the Chimento Family Gregory Ritter+ from the Conlon Family Joan Foley+ from Connie & David Boruch
<b>Sunday October 29</b>	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Bob Sowa+ from John & Tracey Foley Mary Wood+ from the Verdic Family Michael D'Ambrosio+ from the Kiley & D'Ambrosio Families
<b>Monday October 30</b>	7:00 am 8:30 am	Karen Schurtz (living) thank you from IHM Parish John Mucksavage+ from the Mulrooney & Kelly Families
<b>Tuesday October 31</b>	7:00 am 8:30 am	Msr. Francis Houghton+ from Fr. Mike Helen & Stanley Leonard+ from Patty Regal
<b>Wednesday November 1</b>	7:00 am 12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Lena Rosa+ from the Chimento Family Patricia Klock+ from Marilyn & Henry Espinoza Nancy Santanello+ from Mary Frances Malone
<b>Thursday November 2</b>	7:00 am 8:30 am 7:00 pm	All Souls All Souls All Souls Remembrance Mass
<b>Friday November 3</b>	7:00 am 8:30 am	All Souls Novena Christopher Gorka+ (39th Wedding Anniversary) from his wife Nancy
<b>Saturday November 4</b>	7:00am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	All Souls Novena Todd Werner+ from Patty Regal Joseph Amabile+ from the O'Donnell Family
<b>Sunday November 5</b>	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	All Souls Novena Francesco & deceased members of the Buscini Family+ from the Buscini Family Carol & Donny Patten+ from Thomas Barrett


*Kindly keep our parishioner's family and friends, with health and other challenges, in your prayers*

John Allen	David Connell	Mary Foster	Jillian Lapidus	Jacob Rivera	Ryder Francis Spillane
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Fran Boglioli	Samantha Bridge	Nicole Griffin	Eileen Lynch	Marisol Rodriguez	Sr. Elizabeth Vermaelen
Erin Brennan	James Brown	Ann Marie Harvey	William Maines	Susan Rozborski	Stephanie Vernace
Anna Cassella	John Burkert	David Hens	Jim Malfetti	Dolores Rust	Stephen Voorhees
Paul Cassidy	Ray Clark	Kathleen Herron	Bill Malone	Diana Scariati	Ben Wheelock
Matthew Cassio	Matt Donovan	Juliann Junio	Marlene Mosko	Arty Shapiro	Evelyn Whitehorne
Peter Cavanagh	Albert Fischer, Jr.	Marie Keller	Hilda Pizza	Elisa Silversey	★ Please advise if any
Frank Chimento	Phyllis Fischer	Dorothy Klein	Diane Pricken	Bernard Slaza	names can be removed
Edward Clark	Emily Fleming	Anna Koch	Carmela Resnick	Beverly Sopp	from the sick list.


**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS**

St Bartholomew Bereavement Ministry will be offering a Grief Support Group **continuing November 1, 8, 15.**  
Meeting times 7 pm to 8:30 pm. Meetings will be held in the cafeteria of St Bartholomew Academy.  
Please contact Jo-Anne 908-889-7790 or contact Bernadette 908-510-0995.


**Special Intentions for the week of October 29 - November 5, 2023**



**Sanctuary Light**  
For the intention of:  
**Mary Wood+**  
requested by:  
Verdic Family




**Altar Bread & Wine**  
For the intention of:  
**Mary Frances Malone**  
(living) requested by:  
IHM Parish



**Flowers for the Blessed Mother**  
**Blessings on our children and grandchildren (living)**  
requested by:  
Betty & Tony Perfilio

**Remember Our Departed**



Fr. Michael Feketie +



**Farmer Emil's Garden Report**  
 The garden is officially closed for 2023, we had a very productive year!  
 Today was the last day I picked produce: 7 lbs. I want to thank all who helped make it happen. Hope to see you all next spring for planting.  
 IHM: 578.23 lbs - Others: 11.25 lbs  
**Total 589.48 lbs**



**CYO Basketball is Back!**

Final registration for youth basketball players grades 3-8 (both boys and girls) will be on **Tuesday October 31st**. Registration forms are available for at the Nazareth Center. Or you can download & print the registration form at our webpage: [www.ihmparish.net/sports](http://www.ihmparish.net/sports)  
 Any questions, please contact John McNulty at [johnmcnulty144@hotmail.com](mailto:johnmcnulty144@hotmail.com)



**SCOOPS FOR CHARITY!**  
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**UNION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP EXAM**

The Scholarship Exam for the Class of 2028 will be held on **Saturday, December 2 at 9 AM and Sunday, December 3 at 12 NOON**. There is a \$35 fee to take the exam; there is no makeup date. Over \$120,000 in scholarship monies will be awarded based on the results of this exam. To register for the Scholarship Exam, contact the Admissions Office at 908-889-1600, ext. 302 or email [jbowman@unioncatholic.org](mailto:jbowman@unioncatholic.org)  
 Union Catholic High School: 1600 Martine Ave. Scotch Plains

**Own Your Belovedness**

Retreat for Women  
 Friday Evening and Saturday  
**November 3rd and 4th, 2023**



SCAN HERE TO REGISTER



Women's Cornerstone X

**IHM Food Drive**

The IHM Food Bank is assembling Thanksgiving Boxes, with distribution of those beginning Nov 3, and continuing through the month.

Any donations from the list below would be greatly appreciated to help those in need this Holiday Season!

<p>For Food Boxes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Boxed Mashed Potatoes</li> <li>-Boxed Stuffing</li> <li>-Gravy (can or jar)</li> <li>-Broth (canned or boxed)</li> <li>-Cranberry Sauce</li> <li>-Canned Yams</li> <li>-Canned Vegetables</li> <li>-Boxed Jiffy Corn Bread Mix</li> <li>-Foil Pans (for turkey)</li> </ul>	<p>For Pies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Ready-Made Pie Crust</li> <li>-Pumpkin Pie Filling (canned)</li> <li>-Canned Evaporated Milk</li> <li>-Apple Pie Filling (canned)</li> </ul>
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**Mother Seton High School PEPPERMINT BOUTIQUE**

**Saturday, December 2 from 9 AM-4 PM**  
 Over 100 vendors featuring home décor, handbags, ceramics, jewelry, art, Christmas ornaments, baked goods, and more! Raffle tickets for a \$5,000 gift card will be sold. Drawing to take place on December 8, 2023. Collecting baby items to benefit St. Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth. Food and beverages available for purchase. Questions?  
 Email: [peppermintboutique@motherseton.org](mailto:peppermintboutique@motherseton.org)  
 Free Admission! Mother Seton Regional High School is located at 1 Valley Road, Clark, NJ 07066



**Prayers to all our children and their friends for a safe and happy Halloween this year. Have fun! Amen**

## Minister Assignments: November 4 - November 5

Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider
11/4 5:00pm	Chris Zucosky	Janice Good Piga Dan Kelly Chris Haight Alice Schaffernoth (C)	Fr. Mike
11/5 8:00am	Rich Banasiak	Jean Bagdonas Colm Keogh Rich Wagner (C)	Fr. Mike
11/5 10:00am	MaryKate Schiller	Connie Boruch (A) David Boruch (A) Eileen Wagner (A)	Fr. Rob
11/5 12:00pm	Michelle Gardella	Carol Kiley Chris Dill	Fr. Rob



### Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours

Monday - Wednesday 9:00am - 9:00pm

Thursday - Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm

Closed Saturday, Sunday, Holy Days & Holidays

For more information contact Kerby at:

kpershay123@gmail.com | 908-406-0493

### IHM PARISH INFORMATION

#### Fall Office Hours:

Mon. - Thurs. 9:00am - 4:00pm | Fri. 9:00am - 2:00pm

**Mass Intention Reservations:** Call or leave a message at the office (908)889-2100 or email [office@ihmparish.net](mailto:office@ihmparish.net)

**Religious Education:** [faithformation@ihmparish.net](mailto:faithformation@ihmparish.net)

**Baptisms:** Please call the office at (908) 889-2100

**Marriage:** Appointments should be made at least one year in advance. Contact the priest about a date and Pre-Cana information.

**New Parishioners:** Registration forms available at [www.ihmparish.net](http://www.ihmparish.net) or in the Nazareth Center office.

**Ministry to the Sick & Homebound:** Please notify the parish office of those who are sick or homebound, in hospitals or are unable to worship. For urgent calls, contact (908) 889-2100

**RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:** Religious education for adults who are either not Baptized or who are Catholic, but have not received all of their sacraments and would like to be Confirmed or receive Communion. We have flexible hours. Call (908) 889-2100. All are welcome!

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays: 4:15 - 4:45 pm  
Arrangements can be made at any time for private confession. Please call the office at (908) 889-2100

**Parish Schools:** St. Bartholomew Academy (908) 322-4265  
Union Catholic Regional High School (908) 889-1600

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## Rosary Altar Society News

### Autumn Prayer

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons. As we embrace these autumn months, May the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest. May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet remind us of the brevity of this earthly life. May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us your breath of life. May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds remind us that you call us to follow your will. We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen.

♥ Join us for IHM's "Broadway Show Extravaganza Trip to New York City" to see the Award-Winning "SOME LIKE IT HOT" on Friday, November 24. Luxury bus transportation (leaving 9:15AM From IHM) Delicious family style luncheon at the famous TONY'S DI NAPOLI restaurant in Times Square and the Broadway Show (Mezzanine Seating). Total cost is \$185. Please call Janice 908-759-6729 for tickets.

♥ Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 14 at 7PM for the "LET'S MONET" painting event. Even if you don't consider yourself to be an artist, you will enjoy this class taught by a true artist and take home a portrait of your very own! Kindly reserve your seat at the easel by November 9th. The fee is \$30 for materials and the instruction. Kindly make your check payable to "IHM ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY" and mail to Alice Mansfield-Smith: 3 Kennedy Drive, Clark, NJ 07066. Kindly call Mary Anne Sopko 908-322-0279.

♥ May your week ahead be a Blessed one with joy-filled sunny fall days, renewed old friendships and special new ones! Please remember to take a moment to breathe in the fresh fall air, marvel at the colors of the falling leaves, and to thank God for all of the beautiful gifts that he showers upon us daily. May we continue to be grateful for our homeland and for the freedom and peace that we feel on a daily basis, and may we remember those whose lives are in danger in our prayers. You and your families remain in our daily thoughts and prayers. ♥ Janice



The Women's Prayer Group will gather on **Thursday November 9 at 7:30pm on ZOOM**. The theme will be "The Eucharist". Please email [tefoleyihm@gmail.com](mailto:tefoleyihm@gmail.com) for more details. Prayer connects us all!



**CENTERING PRAYER-** Join us for Lectio Divina, Reflection, Discussion & Quiet. Three times monthly at the Nazareth Center. **Thursday mornings from 9:30-10:45 AM**. Contact Phyllis at [tman18912@comcast.net](mailto:tman18912@comcast.net) or call the office at 908-889-2100 for details or to sign up.



The next live meeting for the IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group will be **Saturday morning November 11 at 7:30am in the church basement**. Donuts & Coffee served! Contact [dndiken@aol.com](mailto:dndiken@aol.com) for more info.

We have been reporting our weekly collection "target" to reflect what was submitted in our budget to the Archdiocese. However, this number does not give us a balanced budget. So moving forward, we have revised our "goal" to balance our budget.

<b>Collection Report</b>		<b>October 22, 2023</b>
Weekly Target:		\$11,765.00
Collection (Mass + Parish Giving)		\$ 9,502.50
Surplus/(Deficit)		(2,262.50)
<b>Fiscal Year to Date:</b>		
Budget		\$198,390.00
Actual:		\$189,833.87
Surplus/(Deficit)		(8,556.13)
<b>Rolling 4 Week Averages:</b>		
Average Collection:		\$11,009.08
Average Surplus/(Deficit)		(755.92)

## IHM SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday 10/29</b> 10:00am– Families of Faith Trunk or Treat 7:00pm– Youth Group College Care Package Night
<b>Monday 10/30</b> 7:30pm– Alpha Episode 6 on ZOOM
<b>Tuesday 10/31: Halloween</b> 4:00pm– CYO Basketball Registration Deadline
<b>Wednesday 11/1: All Saint's Day</b> 10:00am - Food Pantry (Open until 11:30am) 7:00pm– Adult Choir Practice 7:00pm– Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30pm– Beta Episode 4 on ZOOM
<b>Thursday 11/2: All Souls Day</b> 9:30am - Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Meeting 7:00pm– All Souls Remembrance Mass
<b>Friday 11/3</b> 5:00pm– Pee Wee Basketball 6:00pm– Women's Cornerstone Begins @ St. Bartholomew
<b>Saturday 11/4</b> 8:30am– Saturday Morning Basketball 8:00pm– Women's Cornerstone Ends
<b>Sunday 11/5</b> 8:00am– Families of Faith Thanksgiving Food Drive 9:00am– Holy Name Society Meeting & Breakfast 7:00pm– Youth Group Boxes of Joy

**IHM YOUTH GROUP EVENTS powered by BOLD**

Sun. October 29 @ 7PM: College Care Package Night  
 Sun. November 5 @ 7PM: Boxes of Joy  
 Sun. November 12 @ 7PM: Youth Group Service Project  
 November 17-19: Embolden Retreat at Pittstown, NJ  
 Sun. November 19 @ 12PM: Community Friendsgiving  
 Sun. December 3 @ 7PM: Youth Leadership Meeting  
 Sun. December 10 @ 1PM: Living Nativity & Holiday Market

**IHM Youth Ministry Powered by BOLD**

### COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

SERVICE EVENT for 7th & 8th Graders!

We'll be making care packages for alumni in college! We'll also play games, learn about our faith and pray together!

**Sunday, October 29th, 7:00-8:30pm**  
Nazareth Center

To RSVP and sign up to bring a specific donation, please visit [boldym.com/ihmosp/events](http://boldym.com/ihmosp/events)

Each package will contain a personal letter with prayers and encouragements to let your student know that they are being prayed for by our IHM community.

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### BOXES OF JOY Service Night

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Help spread love with Boxes of Joy! We are taking part in a nation-wide project to make gift boxes for children who might otherwise not receive a gift this Christmas. These gifts might not fix a leaky roof, but they are a tangible way for children to understand God's love, and God's gift of Jesus to us at Christmas.

**All in High School are Invited!**  
Bring a small gift and join us for an awesome service night and packing party!

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5**  
7:00-8:30PM | NAZARETH CENTER

Sign up at [boldym.com/ihmosp/events](http://boldym.com/ihmosp/events) to RSVP and to contribute items for the Boxes of Joy!

*Gift Ideas*

Handheld toys	Cups/bottle w/lid*
Small plush animals*	Bar soap*
Small balls (tennis, etc.)	Toothpaste*
Ball (deflated) w/pump*	Toothbrush*
Mini puzzles	Sunglasses*
Jump rope	Necklaces*
Lego building blocks	Hair accessories*
Other small toys	Hair bands*
Crayons*Coloring books*	Drawstring bag*
Pencils, Colored pencils	
Pencil case, Erasers	*Highly desired items
Pens, Markers	
Note pads, Stickers	
Flashcards	
T-shirts*, Dresses, Socks*	

Questions? Contact: **Rachael Flanagan** at [ihmosp@boldym.com](mailto:ihmosp@boldym.com) or call/text 908-280-2893

### A Message from Faith Formation Pastoral Associate: John McGuire

We must all take the time to consider how we represent our faith in the community, and ask "what does that say about our faith?". At times colleagues in my field, and I'm not an exception, fall into the trap of taking ourselves, and our roles too seriously. "If I don't do this well enough, this family will never know the fullness of their faith" or, "if I don't make sure these families are going to Mass, I've failed as a faith formation leader". These concerns have a foundation in truth, but so do all temptations to a lack of faith. The reality is that it is the work of the whole community to form the young people, and the families of our community. The whole community includes clergy, professional staff, volunteers, parents, and the community at large... (to be continued online at [www.ihmparish.net/childrensfaithformation](http://www.ihmparish.net/childrensfaithformation))

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