

Dear Parishioners:

The IHM staff would like to gauge the interest of IHM parishioners in the ministries listed below. Whether we move forward with the implementation of a ministry will depend upon the interest that is shown. A summary will be shared with all later in the summer. Each listed ministry offers only a few details. Please contact Deacon Tom (deacontom2010@gmail.com; dtaumen@hbgdiocese.org; 717-259-0611) directly if you have an interest, or need additional information. If leaving a message or e-mailing Deacon, please leave your name, phone number, e-mail address, and any comment about your interest. Depending upon the ministry, participation would be open to non-parishioners as well.

Proposed Ministries at IHM:

Grief Share: a nationally known 13-week program for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one and who needs the reassurance that comes from sharing insight into personal suffering. The program involves viewing a weekly 30-minute video, followed by group sharing. There is a fee of \$20 for purchase of an accompanying workbook.

Emmaus Men's Scripture Breakfast: a gathering of men (age 18+, Catholic and Christian) who meet at the Perkins Restaurant in Hanover on the last Saturday (7 a.m.) each month. Now in its 15th consecutive year, a Scripture lesson is prepared by one of the men who then engage in discussion of the topic. Each man orders his own breakfast. Bring along a Bible.

Seniors: anyone above the age of 50 may join to share in activities, fellowship, and in gaining knowledge of issues important to seniors. Initially, we would join with the Grandview Seniors at St. Joseph, Hanover before embarking upon a separate group here at IHM in January 2026. The Grandview Seniors meet monthly on the 2nd Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

Cancer Support Group: would be held monthly at IHM on a day/time TBD. Open to **ALL** current cancer patients, survivors, and support persons. This program would incorporate time for prayer, reflection, guest speakers, fellowship, and refreshments.

Loss of a Child: would be held quarterly at IHM on a day/time TBD. Open to **ALL** parents/friends who've experienced the loss of a child at any age (miscarriage through adulthood). It will be a time of prayer, sharing, fellowship, and refreshments.

Soul's Survivors: a ministry within IHM's PCCW which continues to share IHM's love and compassion with families after their loved ones have died.

Holy Name Society: created in the 13th century by Pope Gregory X, this Catholic men's spiritual organization (which has a history at IHM) incorporates spirituality into parish life through the devotions of its members. It would meet monthly (day/time TBD) and is complementary to the vibrant and beautiful work of the IHM Knights of Columbus.

Veteran's/First Responders (separate groups): initially, it would be held monthly depending on the needs of those gathered. Open to all those who may be suffering from military duty (past or present) or duty as a first responder (past or present). This program would offer prayer time and reflection time, but does not provide specialized counseling that is available from government/charitable agencies.