

Dear IHM Parents and Families,

The wonderful IHM Gala is fast approaching and we would like for you to attend this grand event! The Gala is a fun and great night out and is the biggest School and Parish fundraiser of the year!

Monte Carlo Casino Night
Saturday, February 10, 2018
Crowne Plaza – Madison (4402 E. Washington Ave. Madison)

Schedule of Events:

4:00 p.m. Mass* (at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church)
5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Blackjack & Roulette, Cocktails, Appetizers and
Silent Auction (Bidding closes at 7:30 that evening)**
7:00 to 8:00 p.m. – Dinner
8:00 to 10:00 p.m. – Games and Live Auction
10:00 to 11:00 p.m. – DJ and Dancing

Frequently Asked Questions About the IHM Winter Gala

Q. What should I wear to the Gala?

A. For some, this is an opportunity to dress in fancy or elegant clothing. However, this is not a requirement. You may wear apparel that you would wear to a wedding or your Sunday best.

Q. How do the proceeds of the Gala benefit our school and parish?

A. Besides the Memorial Day Festival, this event is an annual major fundraiser that benefits both IHM Parish and IHM School. The proceeds are divided evenly between the parish and school budgets to help with general operating expenses.

An average of \$20,000 each year is provided to the School from the Gala proceeds. Here are some of the school projects funded in past years:

- 2014 - New steps, brick wall, air conditioning in Marian Hall
- 2015- Entry way school breezeway, blinds in classrooms
- 2016 - Lighting gym entrance, class room upgrades
- 2017 - Security system encoders

Q. I'm unable to attend the Gala, but would like to offer my support. What could I do?

A. The first thing you can do is PRAY that this event is successful in both raising funds and building community in our parish and school. You can donate as a Gala sponsor or a table sponsor, or simply provide a financial gift of support (see link below). You can purchase 50/50 "Split the Pot" raffle tickets at \$20 each (which will be sold after all Masses the weekends before the event).

****Please visit biddingforgood.com/ihmbenefit for more information.**