

# IHM Centennial Celebration

This year marks the centennial of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) at Saint James Catholic School. On **September 17, 1923**, under the leadership of Mother Josepha Clarke, the IHM Sisters began teaching 92 students at Saint James School. In addition to running our parish school, the IHM Sisters also spread the Catholic faith by catechizing the children from several parishes and mission churches in Northern Virginia.

To commemorate this historic event, Bishop Michael Burbidge will celebrate the Noon Mass for the intentions of the IHM Sisters. **We invite you to join us at the Noon Mass on September 17th, 2023--100 years to the day from when the IHM Sisters began teaching our students--to celebrate this important milestone. A reception for the IHM Sisters will take place immediately following Mass from 1:00pm-3:00pm in Knecht gym.**

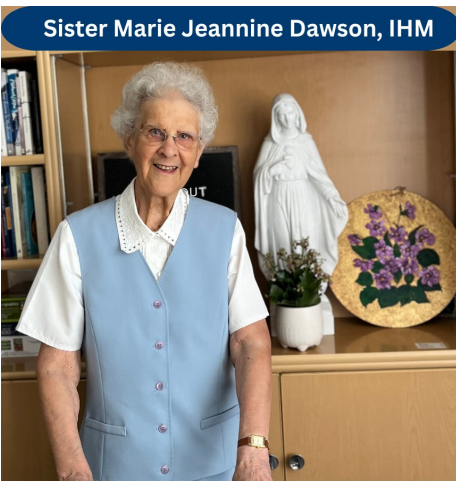
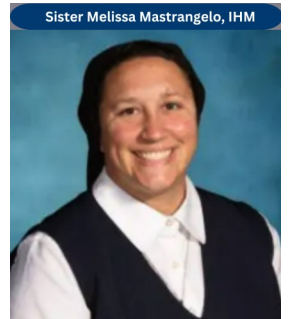
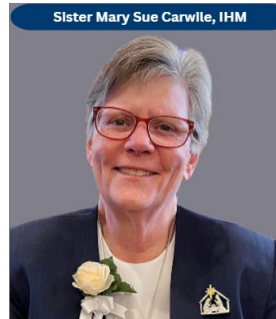
Several IHM sisters who were missioned here at Saint James will be attending the event, including Sister Marie Jeannine Dawson, who was our first IHM vocation. Sister Jeannine attended Villa Maria Academy boarding school in eighth grade. Mother Clotildis, Principal from 1937 to 1952, was instrumental in her vocation. Sister Jeannine entered the IHM Order on October 2, 1948, the Feast of the Guardian Angels, which was also her 20th birthday. She is 94 years young and is looking forward to joining us for the celebration on September 17th!

Other IHM Sisters who will be attending our celebration include Sister Christine Mary Remington (Villa Maria Academy vocation), Sister Anne Marie Stegmaier (Saint James vocation), Sister Teresa Ballisty (former Principal), Sister Melissa Mastrangelo (former Vice Principal), Sister Michele Crawford (former DRE), Sister Margaret John Stichter (former DRE), and former teachers Sister Ruthanne Croley, Sister Pat Walsh, Sister Patricia Micklos, Sister Sharon Hendrick, Sister Rita Ann Keller, and Sister Eileen Riley. The IHM Leadership Council, including Sister Mary Sue Carwile, will also be joining us. We hope you all can attend!

**For planning purposes, please RSVP. You can scan the QR code below to RSVP or visit our homepage, [www.StJamesCatholic.org](http://www.StJamesCatholic.org), which has a link to the IHM celebration.**



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