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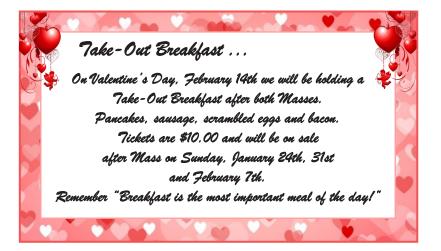
2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 17, 2021

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm & Sunday - 8:30 & 11:00am Weekday Schedule Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday at 9:00am Adoration on Tuesday - 9:30 to 11:00am

Church and Parish Center - Handicapped Accessible

Our mission at Immaculate Heart of Mary is to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and to praise His name, by being a Christ-centered, welcoming, unified community. Called to holiness, we celebrate the love of God through prayer and worship, the Eucharist and other sacraments, catechesis, evangelization and service to all. Always His people, we strive to be good stewards of our time, talent and treasure.



RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older Children \sim

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) or are curious about the process, contact Sharon at <u>skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org</u>. or 518-328-0427. After the first of the year, we will be meeting on Tuesday evenings.

We would like to welcome Brock Palmatier to the RCIA process and ask that you keep him in your prayers.

Faith Formation - For All Ages ~ Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry <u>skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org</u>

Faith Formation: 2020-2021 JANUARY 24 SESSION

January 24 will be our next in person session and if you have not picked up materials for your young people who are doing the sessions online, you may do so at that time. See you at the Faith Formation Center at 9:45am!!

Please contact Sharon at <u>skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org</u> or 518-328-0427 for more information or questions.



Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW): Currently on hiatus.

"The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1407). The weekly celebration of the Eucharist on Saturday evening or Sunday morning defines who we are as Catholics – in our parishes, in our households of faith, in our neighborhoods, and in our world.

We have **3 Mass options every weekend:** Saturday, 4pm; Sunday, 8:30am and 11am. *See you in church!!*

REFLECTIONS

First Reading: Eli was the priest of the temple in Shiloh. He raised Samuel and helped Samuel to hear God's voice in his life. Who have you taught to hear God's voice?

Second Reading: Paul taught the Corinthians that believers should "glorify God in your body" by avoiding immorality. What do you think is needed to live a good, moral life?

Gospel: In John's account of the call of the first disciples, Jesus poses the question, "What are you looking for?" In your own spiritual journey, how do you know you have found Jesus? ©LPi

IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR HOLIDAY, JANUARY 18TH, THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: we're back!!

Mary's Kitchen is serving meals again!! For the present time, we can do TAKE OUT meals only. All are welcome. Why cook when we've done it for you?? Stop by between 3 to 5pm on Monday and pick up a meal all ready for you to take home: Soup, salad, sandwich, entrée and dessert!!

If anyone would like to prepare a dessert for the soup kitchen, it would be most appreciated.

Email <u>skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org</u> or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

Scripture Sharing: Metanoia

On Thursday, January 21, we will begin our new series from Franciscan Media, *Metanoia* (change, conversion). Since this series will continue through Lent, it seemed a good path to follow. The first episode is entitled, *Who Do You Say That I Am*?? Who is Jesus to you?? Who did the ancient world recognize in Jesus?? For all those interested, we meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm in the Parish Life Center. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org



We have often heard it said that God is always calling but we are not always listening. It is not only that we are not listening, but that we are not familiar enough with God to even recognize that it is God who is calling! We can easily mistake God's voice for someone or something else and miss some profound opportunities for connection. We have to train our minds, hearts, and souls to specifically listen for the voice of God. It is a voice that draws us to deeper places, leading us to moments of grace and more profound God awareness. To look at Jesus and be able to say, "Behold, the Lamb of God," means that I know something special about this person whom others know as simply a man. I will become more attentive and receptive when he says, "Come, and you will see." I may even

be more willing to set aside what I am doing and actually go. ©LPi

"God loves ns. May we discover the beauty of loving and being loved." Pope Francis

In Memoríam ~ 2021

In memory of our beloved son In loving memory of In loving memory of Michael D Kowalski John A O'Brien Joseph V Germano requested by the Family requested by requested by the Family Michael and Sharon Kowalski 10/24/21 3/21/21 In loving memory of In loving memory of In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak William T.Sr. Julia F John T Sherlock John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot and Robert A Fahr requested by his wife and Family requested by the Family requested by the Family 3/7/21 2/21/21 2/21/21 In loving memory of our Families: In loving memory of In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) The Carlsons, The Mardígans, The Barron & Rys Families Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) The Foleys & The Butlers requested by the Family requested by Bob & Carol Carlson requested by Judith Pope 1/17/21 1/17/21

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Christ Is Anything but Ordinary

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you

following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Every Saturday at 4 PM, Mass will be live streamed with the following link: https://vimeo.com/event/572225

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Jan 16

4:00pm—Jerry Valenti, req by wife & family Helen Kuentzel, req by Bill/Carol Dedrick Theresa Lazarro, req by Rosary Society

Sun., Jan 17

8:30am—Henry Mangene, req by the family Rick Shevy, req by the family

11:00am—living & deceased members of IHM

Tues., Jan., 19 9:00am—Thomas & Helen Sullivan, Estate

Wed., Jan., 20 9:00am—Mary Rutherford (6th Anniv), req by the family

Thurs., Jan 21 9:00am-DiNuzzo, LoParco & Burnham Families, Estate

Sat., Jan 23 4:00pm—Joan & Paul Duffey, req by family Helen Kuentzel, req by Bob & Sandra Beston

Sun., Jan 24 8:30am—Joseph Crowley, req by wife

& family Madeline Theresa Whaley (B'day), req by **Dolores Shaw**

John J Brennan, reg by children/grandchildren

11:00am—Anne DiNuzzo, req by Ann & Phil DiNuzzo

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Weekly Collection (incl Mail-in/E.G.) Jan 2-3, 2021-\$5955.00 **IHM Prayer Ministry** ~ We believe as faith-filled people, prayer matters and offers hope. The Prayer Tree Ministry is made up of a group of people who pray for others. If you would like prayers said for a family member, relative, or friend contact Brenda Persons at 518-271-6184.



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