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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 7, 2016

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil—4:00PM Sunday—8:30AM and 11:00AM

Weekday Schedule

Communion Service: Monday & Friday at 9:00 AM

Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9:00 AM

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.

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Deacon Al Manzella, Parish Life Director
Deacon Mark Leonard

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm—3:45 pm or
by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements. Baptisms are generally on the 2nd weekend of the month.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples should make arrangements as soon as the engagement is announced.

Anointing of the Sick

If you are hospital bound, homebound or seriously ill and desire to be anointed, contact the Parish Office. Eucharist can be brought to any parishioner by a Eucharistic Minister.

Deacon Al's Corner

Lent - Can you believe Wednesday is the start of Lent, Ash Wednesday? Lent is a time for prayer, fasting and alms giving. We all have busy lives, sometimes too busy. Lent is a good time to slow down and reflect on what is most important in our lives. While the secular world calls us to think about the needs and desires of our bodies, such as material possessions and entertainment, the Church calls us to reflect on the gift we have received at Baptism, life with Jesus. Jesus promises gifts that the world cannot give – Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. These gifts start with the recognition of our life with Jesus. Jesus is with us, but we have to be open to His presence.

Rediscovering Jesus – The parish provided copies of Matthew Kelly's Book "Rediscovering Jesus." Now we have the opportunity to be part of "The Best Lent Ever" series. It's free! Check out the Bulletin Insert on how to sign up. I've signed up. Please join me in making this the best Lent ever!

Bulletin Insert – The Bulletin Insert has the times for the liturgies, and the other opportunities for prayer and reflection available during Lent. Please read through the insert to help you prepare for Lent. Then keep the insert handy as it has the times for Reconciliation and the Easter Triduum.

May God bless us all with the Best Lent Ever!

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—Do you have **questions** about the Catholic faith? Is becoming a Catholic something you've thought about, but never actively pursued the **"How can I do this"**? Have you been Baptized or made your First Communion, but still **need to complete the sacramental process**? Are other family members Catholic and you would like to be able to **share fully with them in worship**? If you would like more information, contact Sharon at 328-0427.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Exodus 40—As Israel strays from God spiritually, the closer God comes to them physically. As the story of salvation history continues on after Exodus, the sins of the people of God continue to worsen. In all of this, though there is hope. God continues to draw ever nearer, until finally he becomes flesh and blood in the New Covenant.

You are invited to join us on Thursdays, between 6 to 7:30PM, at the Faith Formation and Ministry Center (2425-7th Avenue). For questions or for more information, please contact Sharon at 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

We invite you to become a member of our parish family. To begin the registration process, please fill out this form and place in the collection basket on Sunday. We will send you a new membership form for registration. Thank you

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____



PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will be closed in observance of Presidents Day, February 15th. We will re-open on Tuesday, February 16th at regular time.

It's Here: February 7, IHM's 8th Annual Superbowl Chili Cook-off—At Immaculate Heart of Mary, everyone who attends the Chili Cook-off is a winner. Our guests get to sample some of the best and most unique chilis in the area. All who enter a chili will get a prize...anything from a gift card to a local restaurant to a variety of fun prizes.



So....do you have a chili recipe that you've been bragging about for years that is just the best ever??? Now's the time to put your spices to the test...come join us on February 1st, immediately after the 11am Mass, in the Parish Life Center to share or to sample some of the best chili in the Northeast.

The Cook-off is open to family and friends of all IHM parishioners. Don't miss it!!!

Mardi Gras: February 9: Pancakes and Sausage??—Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10 but **before we fast - we feast.** Don't miss the traditional Mardi Gras meal of pancakes and sausage, which will be served in the Faith Formation Center from 4:30 to 6:30PM.



Why pancakes and sausage? Mardi Gras literally means "Fat Tuesday" (in French) and is the day before Lent begins, Ash Wednesday. In times past, Lent was observed by a more rigorous method of fasting. Mardi Gras was a last chance to clean out the pantry of those things which would be forbidden during the coming fast. Pancakes and sausage, which used up the remaining dairy, eggs, syrup, sugar, oil and meat, were and are, traditional foods for Mardi Gras.

Mardi Gras, even today, serves as a reminder...a day to step back from our daily routines and focus on the great season of Lent...and what that means for each of us this year.

Tuesdays in Lent: Get Ready for Something Special—Start with a simple supper and then Adoration or a video series by Bishop Robert Barron, "*Priest, Prophet, King*"...sounds like we could be ready to experience a special Lenten journey... Check off Tuesday evenings, beginning **February 16**, for a special Lenten experience.

Stations of the Cross: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus—Share a special gift with your families this Lent; take some time out of your busy lives to attend the Stations as a family at **7PM on Fridays**. Sometimes to really understand the journey, you have to walk in the footsteps of Jesus on His way to the cross.

There are many ways to experience the Stations; many ways to express the same prayer: The schedule this year is:, RCIA/FF, Feb. 12; Rosary, Feb. 19; Traditional, Feb. 26; Gr. 6-9, Mar. 4; Rosary, Mar. 11; Confirmation candidates/parents/sponsors, Mar. 18.

FAITH FORMATION—For All Ages

Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry, skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

CRS Rice Bowl: Where in the World Are We This Week????

Throughout the season of Lent, we will be taking a look at people and places throughout the world; highlighting families and ways different CRS projects impact lives in struggling areas of the world. On the calendar inside of each Rice Bowl, we will find Catholic Social Teaching and even recipes from the country profiled that week. Want to learn more? Check out crsrice-bowl.org.

Each of the Faith Formation classes will have a Rice Bowl in which we will collect donations each week. If your family would like one to work on at home, they will be available in the church.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

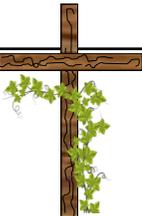
Following the opening prayer at the 11am Mass, Father will invite all children from **PreK to grade 3** to go to with our catechists to hear and discuss the readings for that Sunday's Mass. They will return to you in the church after the Prayer of the Faithful.

Older siblings may participate in a different role as helpers to Mrs. Pontari. She also welcomes parent's help. If you would like to accompany your little ones and see what it's all about, please feel free to join them.

Here's What's Coming Up in February

February 7: Chili Cook-off February 9 Mardi Gras February 10: Ash Wednesday, Mass at 9am and 5:30pm
February 12: Stations of the Cross, 7pm

Memorials for 2016

 <p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">10/16/16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of William T Fahr, Sr & Julia F Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">7/31/16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John G Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">7/31/16</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">7/3/16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">7/3/16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of James D Langford requested by Lilia Langford & Christine Callahan</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">6/12/16</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Dr. Richard P Crinigan, Jr requested by his wife, Patricia and Children</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">4/24/16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">4/24/16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">4/17/16</p>

MARY'S KITCHEN: Mondays: 3 to 5pm: Help Needed!! —We need a few people willing to pick up bakery items at Schuyler Bakery on Saturday afternoons. Please contact Sharon at 328-0427 if you would be able to fill in occasionally.

Mary's Kitchen is open Mondays from 3 to 5pm. All members of the community are invited – both parishioners and non-parishioners alike – to pick up a take out meal during those times.

Questions about Mary's Kitchen? Contact Sharon at 328-0427 for more information.

<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Genevieve M Dyer requested by her beloved husband Bill, Children & Grandchildren</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">2/28/16</p>

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE
Weekly Collection (including mail-in)
Jan 31-Feb 1, 2015.....\$6259.00
Jan 30-31, 2016.....\$5625.00

SOCIAL JUSTICE—City Gardens -- If you are interested in growing your own fruits and vegetables and don't have a place to grow them, please consider becoming a part of City Gardens. Space is still available. Sign up forms are available in the back of the Church. A public meeting information meeting will be held on Saturday, February 20th at 1:00 pm . (More information to follow in future bulletins).

Next Social Justice Meeting will be held on Wednesday, **February 24th at 11:00am.**

Her Treasure Box is now open at 1775 Van Vranken Avenue in Schenectady, NY. Donations of craft items, i.e. material, sewing supplies, knitting and crochet supplies, art supplies, patterns, etc. are still needed. Proceeds support Eyes Wide Open NENY, Inc., a non-profit organization committed to bring awareness to human trafficking in the Capital District area and to provide hope and healing to those who have been victims. Please call Linda at 209-6446 if you have items you would like to donate.

IHM PRAYER TREE MINISTRY—If you know of someone who would like prayers said for them on their behalf, or for yourself, please contact Brenda at 271-6184.

 **NURSES CORNER**—Hear Ye Hear Ye calling all nurses. The parish nursing team is in need of members. Anyone interested in being part of the team please email me at BNash7495@hotmail.com. The first thing that the nursing team will be doing is a blood pressure clinic at the next coffee hour, which is in February.

END OF YEAR TAX LETTER FOR 2015—The tax letters are now being prepared for 2015 donations. Contact the office (273-6020) if you would like a printout of your contributions for 2015.

Mass Intentions for Feb 8—14

Mon., Feb 8
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., Feb 9 MASS
9:00am—Living & Deceased members of IHM

Wed., Feb 10—Ash Wednesday/beginning of Lent

9:00am
and
5:30pm



Thurs., Feb 11 MASS
9:00am—**Philip Pope (B'day)**, req by family

Fri., Feb 12
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., Feb 13
4:00pm—**Walter Tracey**, req by his sisters & brothers
Peter Farron, req by Brenda
Anna M Biggs, req by Pam & Jack McGrath

Sun., Feb 14
8:30am—**Brandon Sherwin**, req by Bob & Carol Carlson
G Robert Harris (Hack) 12th Anniv, req by family
11:00am—**John F Flint**, req by Marlene O'Brien
Sr Mary Immaculate Heart, req by Toni Delduce
Joseph Germano (1st Anniv), req by the family