

# 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 11, 2018

Celebration of the Eucharist  
Saturday Vigil—4:00PM, Sunday—8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Weekday Schedules  
Communion Service: Monday & Friday, 9:00 AM  
Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9:00 AM

**HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE**

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Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Saturday prior to the 4:00pm Mass

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 arrange-  
ments as soon as the engagement  
is announced.

Anointing of the Sick  
The Anointing of the Sick will be  
administered the first full weekend  
of each month, immediately after  
each Mass.

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*Deacon Al's Corner ~*

**The Desert** – The desert where Jesus went to pray is amazing for its desolation! There are no trees or vegetation, and there are huge bare mountains. It was a place where Jesus could pray and be alone. Lent is a time for us to fast, pray and give alms.

**Prayer** - We need help to get away from our daily activities, and our usual patterns of life in order to grow closer to Jesus. Please take advantage of the “Little Black Books” to help you spend some quiet time with Jesus in prayer. The Stations of the Cross on Fridays and Lenten Tuesdays also provide an opportunity to reflect on the Passion of Jesus and His life. Time spent in prayer with Jesus is time well spent!

**Fasting** – Giving up something for Lent has always been a part of my Lenten tradition. I gave up chocolate and desserts. The practice of fasting or “giving something up” for Lent has practical benefits. It helps improve our self-discipline. Giving up watching TV, or giving up texting, or giving up some other form of distraction may help you in your prayer life as well.

**Giving Alms** – When you're thinking about giving alms during Lent please consider increasing your contribution to the weekly collection for our Parish. Our collections are down from last year. We need your help. There will also be other opportunities for alms giving during Lent and the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl. We will never outdo God's generosity.

**Vocations Ministry**— “...do everything for the glory of God.” be an imitator of Christ! Pray for the graces of openness and willingness to follow the inspiration of the Spirit.

Pray that you will be all that God intends for you! Is Christ “calling YOU to consider priesthood, religious life, become a deacon or a lay ecclesial minister? Seriously, how will you answer? Join the parish in praying for willing people from our parish.



Consider signing up to take our symbolic chalice home for a week as a special reminder to pray for vocations. Sign up at “the Vocation corner

**Social Justice: Caring of the Environment**—1 Corinthians 10:31— “whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.”

**Pope Francis, Laudato Si:** “Admittedly, Christians have not always appropriated and developed the spiritual treasures bestowed by God upon the Church...in communion with all that surrounds us.”

**Collection Feb 17/18 for the Black, Native American & Latin American Missions.** Funds from this combined collection support projects and are used to help fund catechesis and evangelization programs throughout the United States and the Church of Latin America and the Caribbean. Your gifts will fund catechesis, pastoral programs, marriage & family life projects, seminarian education, & many other necessary programs. By contributing to next week's collection you will provide seeds to grow the faith for years to come. Please support the Black & Native American Missions in the United States & the Church in Latin America.

**Smile Train: Sunday, February 11**—Confirmation candidates, our PM session and Mr. Gleason's grade 5-7 will be hosting a Resurrection Bake Sale on February 11 after the 11AM Mass in the back of the church. All monies raised from the sale will go to The Smile Train, an organization that provides cleft palate and cleft lip surgeries for children living in poor countries throughout the world.

Why do we refer to it as a "Resurrection Bake Sale"? For these children, it is truly a rebirth. In their home countries, children born with cleft issues are ostracized, ridiculed, abandoned, not allowed to attend school. After the surgery, they are able to do all the things they were previously forbidden to do. They are able to be children, to grow and flourish as any other child can.

Our goal is always to raise enough money to provide as many children as possible with this life giving and life changing surgery. With your prayers and support, we know we will be able to accomplish a rebirth for these children...a second chance at life. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your check out to Immaculate Heart of Mary, with Smile Train in the memo section. Cash donations may be put in an envelope marked "Smile Train" and put in the collection basket or brought to the bake sale.

### Help our Heroes -

We have received the following letter from Soldier's Angels:

**Dear Members of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish:**  
"On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank you for your generous in-kind donations made in December 2017. The goal of Soldier's Angels is to continually bring care and comfort to our Heroes in uniform who sacrifice so much for our freedom. Contributions such as yours are a critical part of our success. In our work, we see so many heartwarming expressions of appreciation from the soldiers we serve - your gifts will mean a great deal to them.

Thank you again for your heartfelt generosity!"

Warmest regards,

Amy Palmer

President and CEO

"May No Soldier Go Unloved"

**Mardi Gras: February 13: Pancakes and Sausage??** —Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 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 to 6PM.



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.



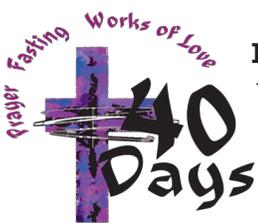
Mardi Gras was a last chance to clean out the pantry of those things which would be forbidden during the coming fast. Pancakes and sausage, which used up the remaining dairy, eggs, syrup, sugar, oil and meat, were and are, traditional foods for Mardi Gras.

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.

**Gathering Disciples: Monday, February 12**—There will be a Gathering Disciples meeting on Monday, February 12 at 6:30pm in the Parish Life Center. Representatives from all parish ministries, or interested parishioners are invited.

**Rosary Society**—The next meeting of the Rosary Society will be held on Wednesday, February 21st at 6:00 pm.

**IHM Prayer Ministry**—if you would like the prayer team to pray for you or a loved one, please contact Brenda Persons at 518 271-6184 .



**Lent Begins February 14: What Does it Look Like at IHM?** Ash Wednesday is February 14 this year. Stations of the Cross on Fridays will be at 7pm: 2/16, Traditional; 2/23, presented by Rosary; 3/2, Way of the Cross (all Ministries); 3/9, Everyone's Way of the Cross; 3/16, Through the Eyes of Mary; 3/23, Living Stations. Lenten Tuesdays will feature a soup & salad supper followed by either a Holy Hour or video presentation. Keep an eye on the bulletin for further details.

### Faith Formation - For All Ages

Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry — [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

#### Faith Formation: Winter Break Schedule

There will be no AM or PM sessions for Faith Formation on February 18. Sessions will resume on February 25.

#### Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Following the opening prayer at the 11am Mass, Father will invite all children from **Pre-K 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 11:** Resurrection Bake Sale for Smile Train

**February 12:** Gathering Disciples, 6:30pm, PLC

**February 13:** Mardi Gras, **February 14:** Ash Wednesday

## In Memoriam ~ 2018

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<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">7/8/18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of The Barron &amp; Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">7/8/18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Francis X Lacosse, Sr requested by wife Lucille, Toni &amp; Frank, Jr</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">5/20/18</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family &amp; Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks &amp; Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">4/22/18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of J. Vince Cocca requested by his wife and Children</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">4/22/18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">4/22/18</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Adam &amp; Katherine Novak John G Novak &amp; Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">3/4/18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Norman A &amp; Marion E Persons requested by dgr. Brenda, sons Norman M &amp; Edgar Persons</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">2/18/18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of James D Langford requested by Lilia Langford &amp; Christine Callahan</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">2/11/18</p>

### Sunday, Feb. 4: *Super bowl Chili Cook-off: Great fun!!*

Many thanks to all who brought food and chili to share with all who came to our Pregame celebration. And, congratulations to the Eagles team who won their first Super bowl ever!!

### NCYC...*What Happened in Indianapolis?? The Presentation*

What a wonderful job our chaperone, Bob Passonno, and our two young NCYC participants, Michael Ford and Joseph Mazzola did in sharing their experiences in Indianapolis last November. The slide show and personal experiences have already generated interest for the next NCYC in 2019!!

**Scripture Sharing: *The Psalms, Thursdays 3 to 4pm***—Join us Thursday, February 15 in the Parish Life Center for a DVD on session 9, *The Penitential Psalms*. You don't have to be a Scripture scholar to join us; we are all learning and sharing together. If you aren't sure you can make a commitment every week - not a problem. Stop in any week to see what it's all about. For more information, please contact Sharon at 328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

**RCIA & Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older Children**—*Need to receive sacraments –Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation; for yourself, an older teen or young adult? Something to consider - Do you know that in order to be a godparent for Baptism or a sponsor for Confirmation, you must have received all three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation)???*

Megan Luke and George Forslin, our catechumen and candidate in RCIA, are approaching a different phase in the RCIA process. During Lent is the period of Purification and Enlightenment. Please keep Megan and George in your prayers.

Whatever your needs may be, we are here to help you make it happen. We are able to work around your schedule and your individual area of need. Want more information?? Contact Sharon at 328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

**Christ Our Light Church, 1 Maria Dr, Loudonville-Charismatic Mass and Healing Service:** Wed. Feb. 21st. Praise & Prayer, 7:00pm, Mass-7:30pm. Healing service to follow. For information call Jack 518 334-6503. Come experience the power of the Holy Spirit! All are welcome!

### *Mass Intentions for Week*

- Sat., Feb 10**  
4:00pm—Living & deceased members of IHM
- Sun., Feb 11**  
8:30am—Stephen Halayko, req by Dorothy/Allen Styno  
Edward Kennedy, Sr, Req by Gilchrist family  
Peggy Marx, req by Michael & Diane Smith  
11:00am—Frank Blair, Sr, req by Chris Adkins & Brian Haner  
Catherine Novak (10th Anniv), req by family  
Dorothy Klocek (B'day), req by Joyce Novak
- Mon., Feb 12**  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE
- Tues., Feb 13**  
9:00am—Bryan T Roberts, req by his mother

#### ASH WEDNESDAY, (Day of Fast & Abstinence)

- Wed., Feb 14**  
9:00am—Christine Callahan (Lv/B'day), req by her mother  
5:30PM—Stephen Halayko, requested by Pete & Marilyn Barron



- Thurs., Feb 15**  
9:00am—Johnson & Malasky families, Estate
- Fri., Feb 16**  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE
- Sat., Feb 17**  
4:00pm—Joseph Germano, req by the family  
Stephen Halayko, req by Carol Ashline  
Paul Duffey, req by the family
- Sun., Feb 18**  
8:30am—Living & deceased members of IHM  
11:00am—Dr Richard Crinigan, req by the family  
Margaret & Tom Alund, req by Lorraine Alund  
Jane Kelso, req by Mr/Mrs Raymond Novak

#### ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

*Weekly Collection (incl. mail-in/E.G.)*  
Feb 4-5, 2017.....\$7778.00  
Feb 3-4, 2018.....\$6140.00