



May 31, 2020

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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION ~ Pentecost Sunday

You can feel so small standing by the seashore. The vastness of all that is before you expands much farther than your eye can see. What is happening on the other side? As tides continue to ebb and flow, what occurs as they come and go remains largely a mystery and the effects of their presence unknown in your sight. Yet, things are moving and changing as you gaze upon the water, as the thumbprint of their presence is left behind. The greater the wind and wave, the greater the effect. But even a gentle breeze leaves its humble mark upon the seashore on which you stand. The smallest pebble still makes a ripple in the great blue expanse of ocean waters. It doesn't need to be big.

You never know the full impact of your smallest gesture or simplest of words. A yes or no, agree or disagree, here or there, this or that can influence time and history in ways you may never know. The Holy Spirit is like that: fierce and torrential, and then almost still and silent, creating and recreating nonetheless. Coming as a gentle breeze or a gusty wind, God's Holy Spirit continues to move over, around, and into the waters of our lives. The Spirit brings fruit and unknown possibilities to what we humbly bring with us and that same Spirit eventually brings all to fulfillment in Christ.

The first disciples didn't have much. They possessed simple faith and a willingness to go into uncharted territory with a love of their friend-God, humble offerings, and a knowledge that they were not alone. This allowed them to do amazing things with very little. Do you believe that you are being led and that you have a purposeful life? We often do not realize our value because we do not think that the little we have is good enough. How wrong we are! A little flour mixed with water and embraced by a prayer of blessing transforms simple offerings into the magnificent Eucharistic presence of God. If the Holy Spirit can do such amazing things with these humble gifts of the earth, even more can happen with you. Don't underestimate the value of the smile you gave a stranger, the door held open for an elderly widow, the listening ear offered to one who was lonely, the tolerance given to the wounded soul who is angry, and the loving shoulder you offered as a cradle under the head of someone in pain. Modest gifts offered with love can be transformed by the Spirit into wondrous blessings you may never know. It's Pentecost. Trust. You are not alone. ©LPi



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE ~

The pantry is open to registered clients of the pantry on Tuesdays and Thursdays, between the hours of 9 and 10 AM. Clients are to remain in their cars and the volunteer workers will take their name and will bring the food out to the car. Until further notice, the Parish Life Center is closed to the public.

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 at 518-271-6184.

Let us pray also for the families of those who have died within these past few months, and for an end to this virus that

has afflicted so many people in our community and around the world. Lord Jesus, hear our prayers.

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RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

We Are Never Alone ~ My children want my help sometimes, and other times, not so much. I remember being a teenager and young adult myself. At times, I thought I knew everything. I didn't need help because I was just so darn smart. Truth is, I needed to find my own way. I needed to stretch my wings and prove to myself and my family I could fly. I assume that is what is happening with my own children as well. It just seems so different now that I'm the parent.

Human beings need help. We need community, and we need to rely on one another. At Pentecost, we reflect on Jesus sending to the Church a helper, the Holy Spirit. God interacting with us in this manner means we are never truly alone. We focus most of the time on the Spirit of God as the assistance we need, and we do need Him for sure. However, since it is that very same Spirit that turned us into "Church" from a band of people looking to carry on after Jesus' ascension, at Pentecost we gained more than divine help: we gained each other.

Today, the Church needs help in a profound way. We need to lean on the Holy Spirit to blow through the Church with a profound renewal. But we cannot forget that we have been given each other to lean on as well. We are a gift to each other, and together with the Spirit's help, we are the Body of Christ here on earth. We must be strong and stand for one another. If we do that, this Pentecost will bear fruit that will be with us for many Pentecosts to come. —Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

In Memoriam ~ 2020-21		
 <p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson 2/7/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan 1/10/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family 1/10/21</p>
<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family 10/25/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family 8/23/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope 7/19/20</p>
<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family 7/19/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family 7/19/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family 5/24/20</p>

Readings: Week of May 31, 2020

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16 [1]/Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef [1b]/Mk 12:18-27
Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 4:5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [4]/Mk 12:28-34
Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17/Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168 [165a]/Mk 12:35-37
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 12:38-44
Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18



In loving memory of
Adam & Katherine Novak
John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot
requested by the Family
5/10/20

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Contributions received the week of:

May 14-20, 2020—\$4483.00

This total includes the tithing envelopes and Electronic Giving (We Share).

Do you know someone who might like to receive the bulletin for the Readings of Week and Reflections, and doesn't have access to a computer, just drop a note in 7th Ave. mail slot at the Parish Office and we will be happy to send one to them. Let's keep connected!



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PRAY FOR US

Thank You - to all the parishioners who have been mailing their weekly contributions, or dropping the envelopes off in the Mail Slot in the 7th Avenue door of the Parish Life Center.

We greatly appreciate your commitment and continuing support to Immaculate Heart of Mary.

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED

Watch your local Watervliet TV channel 1303 for the video of Immaculate Heart of Mary's current Weekend Mass.

Please Note: Since all regularly scheduled Masses are canceled until further notice, we will NOT be scheduling any new Mass intentions until the diocesan directive is lifted. Intentions that have been previously reserved will be rescheduled at a later date before any new intentions are taken. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding of this situation.

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Parish Registration Update:

In an effort to keep our records up to date, we are asking all parishioners to kindly fill out the form below with your current address, phone number and email and include it in your tithing envelope or a regular white envelope and drop in collection basket when you come to Church. Thank you for your assistance. (If you are not presently registered with the parish, we invite you to fill out tear-off to start the process.

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Email: _____