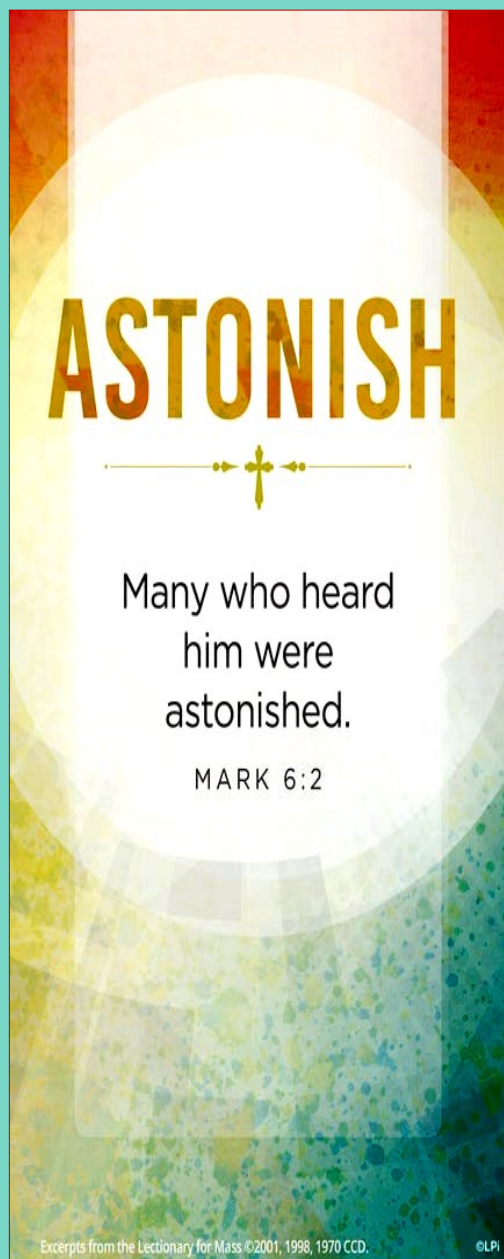


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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 4, 2021

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary-ness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either.

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Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm - Sunday - 8:30 and 11:00am

Weekday Schedule

**9:00am Mass - Tuesday . Wednesday . Thursday
Adoration of Eucharist: Tuesdays, 9:30 - 11:00am**



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Scripture Sharing: The Chosen ~ *Please note: We will not meet on July 8. On Thursday, July 15 we will begin watching episodes of "The Chosen". The first episode is entitled, "I Have Called You by Name."*

For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

"As for me
and my household,
we will serve
the Lord"

Joshua 24:15

"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.

RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older Children

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 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God never ceases to proclaim His Word. His life-giving presence continues to sustain all things and keep them in being regardless of whether there is the faith to receive or perceive Him. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be so hard of heart and obstinate that we fail to see what God is trying to do. While God remains ever present, faith is necessary for God's power to bear fruit. As we celebrate our country's independence, let us not forget the difference between liberties and freedom. While the liberties we have are most welcome treasures, only freedom from what blinds, deceives, and weighs us down can bring happiness. God is all about healing, transformation, and hope. In order for God to do what God does best, we have to invite Him in and see Him for who he is. Otherwise, God's will for humanity will be something at which we simply take offense, a common reaction when something challenges or unsettles us. ©LPi



Faith Formation For All Ages

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Faith Formation UPCOMING DATES

Confirmation candidates, their parents and sponsors will meet for the 11am Mass on August 8, followed by a meeting and lunch in the Parish Life Center. Confirmation will take place at the 11am Mass on the Feast of the Assumption, August 15.

Please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or 518-328-0427 for more information or questions about Faith Formation and/or receiving sacraments at IHM.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW):

Currently on hiatus.

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm:

Please note: Mary's Kitchen will be closed on July 5 in observance of the July 4th holiday.

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

Beginning Monday, **July 12**, we will again be serving eat in meals, as well as take outs. We do need more volunteers. People to work the service counter, as well as those who will be putting together the meals for take out. Tables must be sanitized in between guests. We also need one or two volunteers for clean up from 4:30 to 5pm.


Many thanks to those who have already responded to our appeal for help. Even if you aren't able to commit to every week, we can work with that.

Anyone interested please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY - July 4th,
the Parish Office will be closed Monday, July 5th
and re-open Tuesday morning at 8:30 AM.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!



In Memoriam ~ 2021		
 <p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson 2/6/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan 1/23/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family 10/24/21</p>
<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family 9/26/21</p>	<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski 9/19/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family 9/5/21</p>
<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family 8/22/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope 7/18/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family 7/18/21</p>

Readings for the week of July 4, 2021

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

REFLECTION:

In today's second reading, Paul learned that the "thorn in his flesh" taught him to be humble and dependent upon God's grace alone.

Question -

Where do you see God's grace most present in your life?



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.

Legnard Curtin Auxiliary - would like your Price Chopper Cash Register tapes. We can put them through on our Education Committee. Please take your Advantage card to customer service, have cashier register it under "Tools For Schools" for the school of your choice. Any questions, contact Brenda Persons at 518-271-6184.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., July 3

4:00pm—Jerry Beston, req by Bob & Kathy Falzo
Cornelius Culkin, req by Martha & Ronald Soucy

Sun., July 4

8:30am—Lv'g & Dec'd members of IHM
11:00am—Jim Connors, req by Wilson family
Mary Louise Basle, req by daughter & son
Carole Maloney & son Jeff, req by family

Tues., July 6

9:00am—Beatrice & Philip Zarlengo, Estate

Wed., July 7

9:00am—Madeline Theresa Whaley, req by Dolores A Shaw

Thurs., July 8

9:00am—Saundra S. Cummings, Estate

Sat., July 10

4:00pm—Charles Rutherford, req by Jack & Janice Faith
Edmund T McMahon, req by Frederick Hudy
Michael Gregware, Sr, req by Brenda Persons

Sun., July 11

8:30am—Lv'g & Dec'd members of IHM
James Connors, req by Bob & Carol Carlson

11:00am—Jim Connors, req by Norma
Edward Kuentzel (1st Anniv) req by his wife Mary
Edward Ruping (2nd Anniv) req by the family

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