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15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word
and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields
a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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JULY 16, 2023

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm - Sunday: 7:30 am and 11:00 am

Weekday Schedule: 9:00 am Mass - Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

Adoration on Tuesdays - 9:30 to 11:00 am

Church and Parish Life Center Handicapped accessible

*"The seed
that falls on good
ground
will yield a
Fruitful
harvest" - (Ps 65)*



Food Pantry Items Needed This Month:

Our food pantry grant from the regional Food Bank was greatly reduced this year due to an increase in need throughout the country. The items most

needed at this time are:

Paper Towel and
Toilet Paper.

Thank you
so much!

- Mary Beth



Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments ~ By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman Soil Conditions

I am a hopeless gardener. I never met a plant I couldn't swiftly kill with good intentions and poor understanding of soil conditions.

Because really, it's all about the soil conditions — at least, that's what Google tells me when I helplessly search phrases like "Why aren't any of my seeds sprouting? Please, I tried so hard." I can never seem to match the right type of soil offering the right type of drainage and texture with the right plant. I can't understand why it's not enough to bury the seed in whatever ground is available, sprinkle some water and ask it, very nicely, to grow.

This is also a quality that makes me a poor evangelist to people who do not share my beliefs. How many times have I encountered a friend or loved one who left the faith, and I tried to coax them back by hurling Catechism passages in their direction, offering advice they never asked for and are ill-equipped to understand? I sow these seeds of witness and bang my fists in frustration that they rot where I plant them, never realizing that *it's all about the soil.*

It is Christ, and Christ alone, who works within the heart. It is Christ who is the sower of the seed, not me. When I leave him out of the equation, when I fail to offer the Person and instead only offer the teaching, I can anticipate that any witness I have to offer will rot where it is planted just as sure as a tulip bulb in a bed of clay.

*"...my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." -
- Isaiah 55:11*

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Scripture Sharing: The Chosen ~ Season Three ~ Please note: because of the July DVD, we will not have Scripture on July 20. We will continue with Season 3 of The Chosen, episode 2, on July 27 at 2pm.

Come join us. All are invited. We meet most Thursdays from 2-3pm in the Parish Life Center. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

July DVD: "Hidden in Silence", Thursday July 20, 1:30pm, Parish Life Center

"Hidden in Silence" is the true story of a Catholic teenager, Stefania Podgorska, living in Nazi occupied Poland during World War II. Her unwavering resolve and selfless commitment is exhibited in the face of tremendous danger. While others stand silent, Stefania chooses the role of one who risks all for the sake of others. Every day, she risks detection and extreme consequences by smuggling food and water to the 13 Jewish people she has hidden in her attic. Where does such courage come from??

Come join us July 20, at 1:30pm in the Parish Life Center. Maybe we'll discover the answer. All are welcome. Contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org for more information.




Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm All Welcome!! Stop by between 3 to 5pm on Mondays and sit down to enjoy a meal with friends or pick up a meal to take home: Soup, salad, sandwich, entrée and dessert!! Questions?? Please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

IHM Memorial Brick Walkway ~ Monday, July 17th Last Day to hand in order for memorial brick for 2023!! - Please submit your filled out application form at the Parish Office by Monday, July 17th during business hours between the hours of 8:30am and 3:30pm. The next opportunity will be in the Spring of 2024.

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.

Faith Formation For All Ages ~ Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

Faith Formation: 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.

| In Memoriam ~ 2023 | | |
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|  <p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p>6/2/24</p> | <p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan</p> <p>2/18/24</p> | <p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson</p> <p>2/4/24</p> |
| <p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p>12/31/23</p> | <p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p>12/17/23</p> | <p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p>10/29/23</p> |
| <p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski</p> <p>9/17/23</p> | <p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p>8/20/23</p> | <p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>7/16/23</p> |

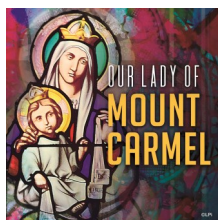
"Prayer is the key that unlocks all doors."

If you would like prayers said for a family member,
relative, or friend contact Brenda at 518-961-0169.

In loving memory of
The Barron & Rys Families
requested by the Family

7/16/23

DID YOU KNOW? OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL



The origins of this feast reach all the way back to the Old Testament. In the book of Kings, we read the story of the prophet Elijah. Much of his prayer, fasting, and public ministry occurred from Carmel, a mountain in Israel. Christian hermits -- seeking solitude -- made their homes on the mountain during the first millennium. Over time, the hermits assembled into a community and were given a

Rule of Life. They named their church after Mary -- Our

Lady of Mount Carmel. Political upheaval forced the Carmelite order out of the Holy Land and into Europe, where they established monasteries for both men and women across the continent. Many great saints and doctors of the Church have come from the Carmelite order, including St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Therese of Lisieux, and St. Edith Stein.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Pray for us!

**WILL YOU
RESPOND**
to the *Call?*

We are all sowers in the field. Our time, our money, our attention: these finite resources are the seeds, and the choice is ours where we scatter them.

Do we focus our efforts on soil that will bear fruit for the kingdom?

Readings for the week of July 16th

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14
(Luke 8:8)/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/
Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-
34/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4,
6-7/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-
25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10-12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 &
16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2,
3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-
10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or
13:24-3

LEGNARD CURTIN AUXILLIARY 927 would like your Price Chopper cash register tapes. There is a drop box in the entry lobby to the church. Any questions contact Brenda at 518 961-0169.

~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

Sat., July 15

4:00pm—Marilyn Barron, req by Lori/Bob Fowler

Connie Alston (2nd Anniv), req by sister-in-law, Lois

Marie W Ruping, req by Frances Lee

Sun., July 16

7:30am—Living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Christine Ragosta, req by Edward & Marietta

Florence Lehner, req by Pat Fitzgerald

Stephen Haner (B'day), req by mom/dad/Brian

Tues., July 18

9:00am - Helen Shufon, req by parish

Brent Gawron, req by Donna Tallman

Wed., July 19

9:00am - Robert A Fahr (7th Anniv), req by the family

Lorraine Toomey, req by parish

Thurs., July 20

9:00am - Audrey O'Hare, req by parish

Sat., July 22

4:00pm—Marilyn Barron, req by Jean Jojo

Shirley Jordan, req by Eleanor Hack

Thomas Mullen, req by Bob & Sandy Beston

Sun., July 23

7:30am—Living & Deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Steve Hogan, req by Lynn Hogan

Frank Cocco, req by Cindy & Gene

Elizabeth Crawmer, req by Georgianna Marchione

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Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.)
July 1-2 '23.....\$4673.00