

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Watervliet, NY

Welcome



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34

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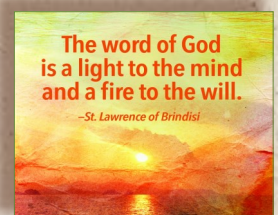
Celebration of the Eucharist

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



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

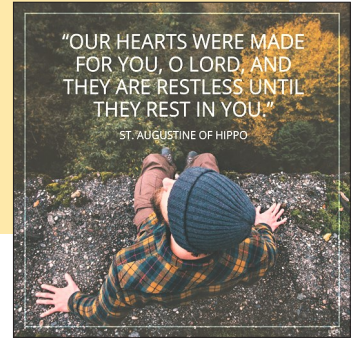


We only have so much psychological and spiritual energy. We easily get tired. Responding to life's demands and people's needs can really zap us of all of our energy. Anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and even apathy can run wild. We can find ourselves bitter and irritated by the fact that we have to do it all again. We need to rest, connect, and focus. Deserted places, free of unnecessary distractions and demands, are great places of refreshment and we all need them. Desiring to be alone for a bit and rest does not indicate selfishness.

Rather, it radiates wisdom. God is the source of all we do and the satisfaction of every human heart. If we are going to use the gifts God gave us well, then we have to make sure our batteries are recharged and replenished. Jesus invites us to go to a desert place to rest and pray. Where is yours?

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RESPONDING to the *Call*



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.

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: All Are Welcome!

Please note: Mary's Kitchen will now be offering eat in as well as take out meals.

Why heat up the kitchen when we've done it for you?? 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!!

If you would like to try volunteering at the soup kitchen, we can use you – for an hour or more, for clean up only (which is minimal), or at the service counter. Please think about it and maybe give it a try.

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

Faith Formation For All Ages

Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

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Faith Formation: UPCOMING DATES

Note to Confirmation families: we must your sponsor paperwork returned, as well as the Confirmation name your young person has chosen ASAP. All 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.

Scripture Sharing: 'The Chosen'

We've begun our summer series, watching episodes of "The Chosen". The next episode is entitled, "Shabbat."

We meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm. All are welcome. Just come and experience this highly acclaimed series. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in your ordinary moments


The Steward's Work Is Never Done

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock! When you hear these strong words from the Old Testament, you're probably thinking, thank goodness I don't have any sheep — dodged that bullet. Nobody misled here! No flock scattered on my watch! However, we are all shepherds of a kind, called to tend our own sheep: our families, our parishes, our communities.

But it's exhausting. Don't we all sometimes just want to take a break from being a steward? The excuses are so familiar: we're tired, we've done enough, we've given all we can, what more does the parish (or my spouse, or my kids, or my boss, or my friends, or my community) want? We give ourselves permission to be selfish. So, what if the flock scatters just a little?

Jesus gets that. We can just imagine him weary with exhaustion, can't we? We see him on his boat, attempting to sneak away for a quick break — maybe just a chance to eat a bite of food in peace. He is God, but he was still human, after all. Even the most dedicated shepherds need to sleep. But people couldn't leave him alone. They were hungry for him. They needed what he could offer, and they needed it now.

As tough as it is, that's the example we are tasked with imitating. Everyday Stewardship demands accountability. It demands our showing up even when we are tired. It demands that we look at our lives, our time, our energies, our talents, our hearts, our bank accounts and think: where do I still have more to give? — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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 Joseph V Germano requested by the Family 1/9/22</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>Legnard Curtin Auxiliary & Register tapes: L.C.A. 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.</p>		<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family 7/18/21</p>



Angels

Question:

I've heard that we become angels when we die. Is this what the Church teaches?

Answer:

As human beings, we are both spiritual and corporeal. We are body and soul. This makes us unique in all creation. No other physical creature — plant or animal — possesses an immortal soul made in God's image and likeness. Like the distinction with plants and animals, angels have an entirely different sort of existence. Angels are pure immortal spirit, and they have been so since the moment of their creation. While they may take on an appearance of a body in Biblical history, they are not a body like we are. Angels are neither male nor female, despite the art we often see.

As the result of the Fall, human beings experience death. Our souls are temporarily separated from our bodies. However, we do not become something other than human. Every Sunday in the Creed we profess "I believe in the resurrection of the body." As Jesus was united with his body on the third day, so too will we be united with our bodies at the end of time.

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The Lighter Side

Marriage and Coffee

Shortly after tying the knot, a young married couple started arguing over who should make the coffee. Being a good Christian woman, the wife went to the scriptures for her answer. She said that the Bible specifically stated that men should be the ones to make the coffee.

Puzzled, the husband asked her where in the Bible it said that. Very confidently, the wife opened up her Bible and said, "It's right here — HEBREWS."

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., July 17

4:00pm—Thomas Fisk, req by the family
Frank Cocca, req by Gene & Cindy Cocca
Stephen Hogan, req by wife Lynn

Sun., July 18

8:30am—living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Jim Connors, req by Lorna
McCartan

Stephen Haner (B'day), req by mother &
brother

Tues., July 20

9:00am—Robert Fahr, req by the family

Wed., July 21

9:00am—Mary Kowalski, req by Jim/Sharon
Kowalski

Thurs., July 22

9:00am—Peter J Ensel, req by Marge
Centanni

Sat., July 24

4:00pm—Charles Rutherford, req by Beston
family

Gerald Beston, req by Beston family
Living & deceased members of IHM

Sun., July 25

8:30am—William Lofink, Jr, req by mother
Veronica Keating Bak/Wm H (Hoppy) Keating,
Req by their sisters, Ellen Keating Malone & Sr
Jean A Keating, CSJ

11:00am—Jim Connors, req by Kay Connors

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Weekly Collection (incl mail-in/E.G.)

June 26-27, 2021—\$5117.00

and

July 3-4, 2021—\$4729.00

Parish Registration: (If you are not presently registered with the parish, we invite you to fill out this tear-off to start the process.)

In an effort to keep our records updated, kindly fill out this form below and place it in a regular white envelope and drop in collection basket at church or 7th Ave. door slot of parish office. Thank you for your assistance.

Name _____ Address _____
Phone _____ Email: _____