

16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME JULY 19, 2015

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil—4:00PM Sunday—8:30AM and 11:00AM

Weekday Schedule

Communion Service: Monday and Friday at 9:00 AM

Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9:00 AM



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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 pm—3:30 pm or by
Appointment

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 arrangements
as soon as the engagement is
announced. (Preferably at least
6 months in advance)

Anointing of the Sick

If you are hospital bound, home-
bound or seriously ill and desire to
be anointed, contact the Parish
Office. Eucharist can be brought to
any parishioner by a Eucharistic
Minister.

*“Come away by yourselves to a deserted place
and rest a while.”*

HOW IMPORTANT IT IS to rest both physically and spiritually. We need so many hours of sleep to rejuvenate our bodies physically. The workweek is set up so that most (or many) people have weekends off to put aside the emotional stressors of their jobs. Again they are rejuvenated. However what do we do to rejuvenate ourselves in our spiritual lives?

Jesus told the disciples to go to a deserted place and rest a while. Yet all the people followed them still wanting comfort and healing from the disciples. If you ever had a job whereby you worked seven days a week, you might understand what the disciples were going through.

One of the commandments is, “Thou shall keep holy the Lord’s Day.” Did God want us to race around doing errands on Sunday? I think not. Did He want us to spend restful time with Him on Sunday as a way to show our gratitude for all the gifts we have been given? Of course. Resting in the arms of the Lord is one of the best paths to spiritual rejuvenation. Acknowledging all that we have been given is keeping holy the Lord’s Day.

Surprisingly when Jesus took the disciples off to rest, he was saddened by the crowd’s reaction to be without shepherds. Without a shepherd to guide them, the people were scattered. And since the disciples were off resting, Jesus stayed and taught them many things.

The main difference between shepherds misleading their flock, as we read in the first reading, and the true Shepherd, is that Jesus truly cared. Jesus cares about us. Jesus cares that we come to worship on Sundays.

We will pursue what is important to us. What could be more important than pursuing the life Jesus wants for us.

How do you rejuvenate spiritually? What kind of life do you pursue?

Blessings, Kathie



PLEASE NOTE: BAPTISM PREP CLASS—There will be NO Baptism Prep class on Thursday, August 6. Parent/adult who wishes to have a child baptized before September and has not attended a class, should call the parish office (273-6020) and leave a message for Deacon Mark Leonard.

ANNUAL MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE PROGRAM. NEXT WEEKEND: On July 25 & 26 we will host Father Jeff Foal, a missionary priest from Vietnam who will be making an appeal on behalf of the Passionist’s Mission in Vietnam. Please be as generous as possible for this worthy cause.

“SCOOPING” RESULTS MAC’s Drive-In has donated 10% of their total proceeds for the day Fr Ed “scooped” to IHM, which amounted to \$235.00. Thanks to all who came to MAC’s to support this fun and profitable effort.

We invite you to become a member of our parish family. To begin the registration process, please fill out this form and place in the collection basket on Sunday. We will send you a new membership form for registration. Thank you

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—Our weekly sessions of RCIA are on hiatus until September. We will continue to meet once a month throughout the summer. Our next session will be August 5.

What is the RCIA process?? It is the rite through which Catholics can complete the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation) or a non-Catholic can become a member of the Church.

Is this something you've thought about, been meaning to do or would like more information?

Contact Kathie at 273-6020 or Sharon at 328-0427 and we'll guide you through the process.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: The Acts of the Apostles—This week, we will continue with a dvd on Chapters 22-25 in the Acts of the Apostles. Paul finds himself facing near death at the hands of a crowd but, instead of failure, it provides him with the opportunity to speak five times before audiences of increasing importance.

You are invited to join us, between 6 to 8PM, at the Faith Formation and Ministry Center (2425-7th Avenue). For questions or for more information, please contact Sharon at 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.



EVANGELIZATION MEETING: July 20—An Evangelization meeting will be held in the Faith Formation and Ministry Center at 6:30pm on Monday, July 20th.

CALLING ALL NURSES: NOTE CHANGE OF DATE—The Seton Health Director of the Parish Nurses Program, Angela Sheehan, will be at Immaculate Heart of Mary on **July 22, (Wednesday)** to give an informational session on Parish Nursing. We invite all nurses to come and learn about this important program and how it will enhance our parish.

Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Faith Formation and Ministry Center, 2425 7th Avenue (across the street from the Church)

SOCIAL JUSTICE—Victims of human trafficking are often exploited for sexual purposes, including prostitution, pornography and sex tourism. They are also exploited for forced labor, including domestic servitude, sweatshop factory work and migrant farming. Children are often physically and sexually abused. If you think you might know a victim of human trafficking please call **1-888-373-7888**. Even if you are not sure, please call. This problem is widespread and help cannot be given if suspicions remain unreported. It is better to be safe than sorry!

HELP A HERO—We want to help our troops stay healthy and clean when they're on the go by sending unopened travel-size hand sanitizers, lip balms, toothbrushes, toothpaste and eye drops. These will be included in care packages being shipped to troops stationed in remote areas. Please bring your donations and place them in the box in the back of the church. Thank you!



FAITH FORMATION—For All Ages

Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry, skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

July 26: PreK Day

We will be having a special program on July 26, after the 11am Mass. All children in pre-k and their families are invited. An invitation was mailed last week to families registered in the parish or whose children were baptized here. Didn't get an invitation?? Not yet a member?? Come anyway and see what it is all about!! See you at the 11am Mass!!

We Said We'd See You Soon...Here's What's Coming Up in July/August

Over the next few months, we'll see you for special celebrations, as well as at Mass: As important as Sacraments are, we are not just a "Sacramental Church". Faith Formation begins the journey with Jesus at our Baptism and continues throughout our lives. Attendance at sessions doesn't end with the reception of a Sacrament; it takes a lifetime to develop a relationship with the God who loves us.

July 26: Prek Day

August 2, 9: NCYC Raffle and Bake Sale

August 16: Ice Cream Extravaganza

August 25: Registration for 2015-2016 Faith Formation

Faith Formation Sessions & CLOW: See You in September!!
Faith Formation sessions and Children's Liturgy of the Word will be on hiatus until September. If you would like information on registration meetings or our programs at IHM, please call Sharon at 328-0427.

"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.

We have 3 Mass options every weekend: Saturday, 4pm; Sunday, 8:30 and 11am. See you in Church!!

IHM PRAYER TREE MINISTRY—If you know of a friend, or a loved one in need of prayers, contact Brenda Persons at 271-6184.

MARY'S GARDEN AND MARY'S KITCHEN—3:30 to 5:30pm—Now summer is REALLY here – our picnic tables are out for our guests on Mondays so that they have the option of eating their meal here or taking it home.

And what a meal it was last week!! How much would you pay for a dinner out like this: soup, tossed salad, fresh beans (from Mary's Garden), roasted potatoes, roasted chicken, hot dogs, ham salad or bologna and cheese sandwich, cookies and cherry cheesecake (Lauraine Fitzgerald)? That's what was in the take out meal last week and it was free to our guests – thanks to the work of our volunteers and YOUR generosity!!

A special shout out to our friends from St. Ambrose, Fran Ziegler and her sister Elaine who provided some of the elements of that wonderful meal!! Many, many thanks for thinking of us and taking the time to bring it to IHM.

Mary's Kitchen is open Mondays from 3:30 to 5:30pm. All members of the community are invited – both parishioners and non-parishioners alike – to pick up a take-out meal during those times.

Questions about Mary's Kitchen? Please contact Sharon at 328-0427 for more information.

Mass Intentions for July 20–26

Mon., July 20

9:00am—**COMMUNION SERVICE**

Tues., July 21 (MASS)

9:00am—**Michael Cocca**, req by Rose & Joseph Squillace

Wed., July 22 (MASS)

9:00am—**Henry DelBrocco (B'day)** req by his wife, Santa & family

Thurs., July 23 (MASS)

9:00am—**Living & deceased members of IHM**

Fri., July 24

9:00am—**COMMUNION SERVICE**

Sat., July 25

4:00pm—**George F Bouchard (3rd Anniv)**, req by wife Anna & family

William LoFink, Jr, req by Marion & Stan Scesny

Patricia Sibincich, req by Testo family

Sun., July 26

8:30am—**Helen S Baciewicz**, req by Baciewicz family

Norman Persons, Sr, req by Brenda Persons

Rev Donald Kelly, req by Lucille Lacosse & family

11:00am—**Living & deceased members of IHM**

SANCTUARY CANDLE: JULY 19–25

In memory of Frank & Grace Brandi & special friends, donated by Chris Williamson

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Weekly Collection (including mail-in)

July 12-13, 2014.....\$6218.00

July 11-12, 2015.....\$6649.00



Baptism for the month of June 2015

Sofia Michelle Adamo

See printed correction of bulletin issue May 31, 2015 below for baptismal name, which should read as follows:

Devin Michael Jeff King,

Baptism for the month of April 2015

Memorials for 2015		
 <p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>4/17/16</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>1/3/16</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>10/18/15</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of Genevieve M Dyer requested by her beloved husband Bill, Children & Grandchildren</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>2/28/16</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of James D Langford requested by Lilia Langford & Christine Callahan</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>11/8/15</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John g Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>9/27/15</small></p>
<p>BLOCK AVAILABLE</p>	<p>In loving memory of Norman & Marion Persons requested by Dgtr, Brenda & Sons, Edgar & Norman M</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>11/8/15</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Dr. Richard P Crinigan, Jr requested by his wife, Patricia and Children</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>8/16/15</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>1/3/16</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>10/25/15</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Fahr, Sr & Julia F Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>8/2/15</small></p>