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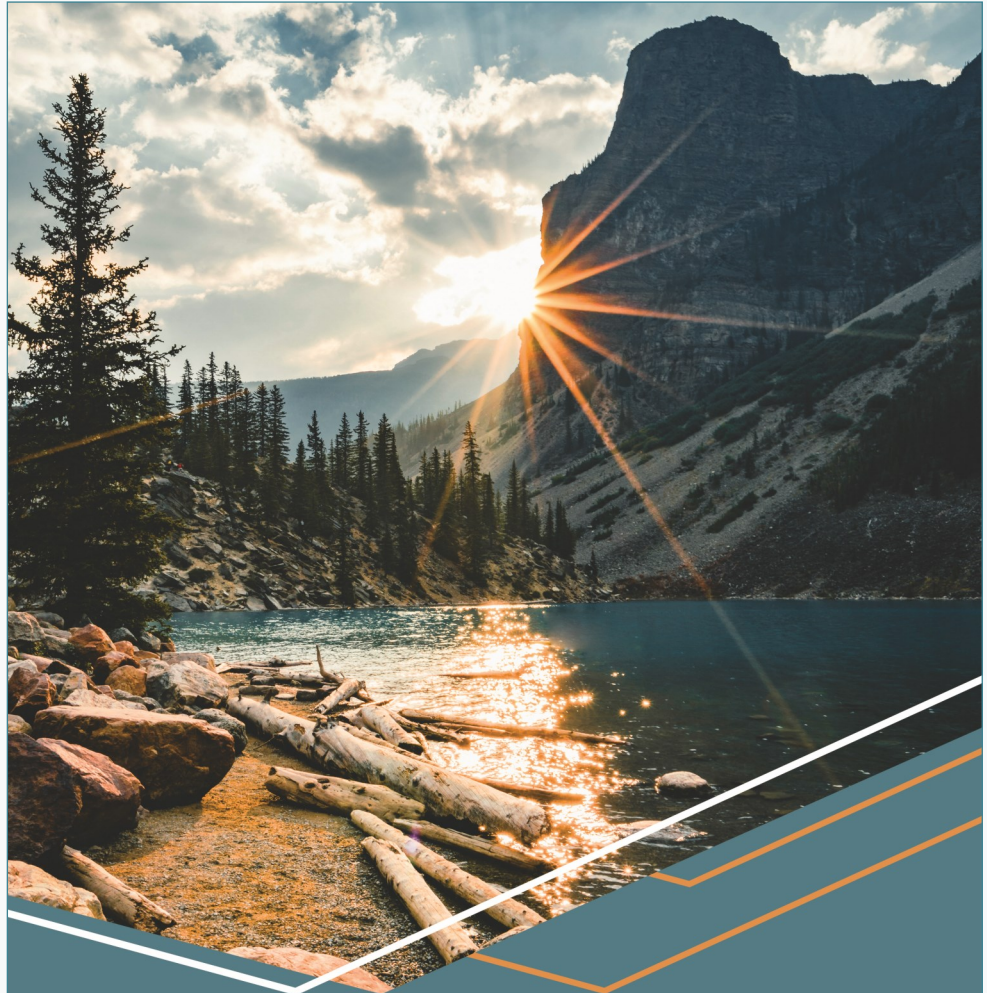
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16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom
of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

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JULY 23, 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

Scripture Sharing: The Chosen ~ Season Three

We are revisiting *The Chosen*, Season 3. So much happens in each episode, to keep track of characters and events, can be difficult to absorb it all in one viewing. This week's episode is entitled "Two by Two". Pilgrims have come from everywhere and are setting up a tent city at the gates of Capernaum in order to see Jesus. Tensions are rising with the Roman troops. Meanwhile, Jesus sends out the twelve apostles on an exciting but dangerous mission.

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

Prayer Ministry

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



Faith Formation For All Ages

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

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

Readings for the week of July 23, 2023

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

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older Children

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Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm All Welcome - 'air condition'

Super thanks to Margaret Vumbaco who has replenished our stores of vegetables and other necessary non-perishable items!! God bless you Margaret for all you do for the soup kitchen!!

Is the heat getting to you?? Don't heat up the kitchen. 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!!

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Gospel Meditation ~

Patience is rooted in Hope (an image of a bush filled with birds would be great)

Life, like the church, is often burdened with evil, smallness, and impurities. The Lord's parables give us a hope-filled perspective on all three.

Evil: in Jesus' parable about the good farmer whose enemy plants weeds at night, Jesus tells us that God is not the cause of evil but permits evil to exist with good out of his patient love. He *will* finally deal with it, but his love lets things stay messy for a time.

Smallness: It's funny that Jesus says his kingdom looks like ... wait for it ... a bush. What a letdown! Yet this little shrub still somehow has room for all the birds of the sky. The smallness of the Church, and even our own little lives, still provides plenty of room for all whom God sends.

Impurities: divisions and hypocrisies in the Church and our own hearts exasperate us. Recall that Jesus compares his kingdom to a lump of dough with impure leaven eating away at it and therefore making it expand. It's the secret of the Cross. Not how we'd prefer it. But finally, great news.

The field, the bush, the loaf: all three parables invite us to embrace a patience rooted in hope: one day the field will be weeded, the bush filled with birds, and the risen loaf leaven-free. — *Father John Muir*
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In Memoriam ~ 2023 ~ '24

<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 Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>1/14/24</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>

Live the Liturgy ~ Inspiration for the Week

When the disciples cannot understand something, they approach Jesus, and beseech him to explain. Let us be this forthcoming when we are discerning the will of God or struggling with a decision. Let us ask him to explain in words we can understand.

Questions of the Week - Reflect and Respond

First Reading:

Our Jewish wisdom writer describes God as lenient, powerful, and kind.

What words would you use to describe God?

Second Reading:

Paul encourages the believers in Rome that the Spirit intercedes for us and teaches us what to pray for.

What could you pray for this week?

Gospel:

In the parable of the weeds among the wheat, Jesus speaks privately to his disciples of the presence of the evil one, the devil in this world.

How can we best defend our family and loved ones from evil?

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"The Lord sustains my soul."

"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, 7:30am and 11am.** See you in church!!

Family Dinner with Father Sam

Parents and their children, and young adults are invited to join Father Sam for food, fellowship and faith sharing. Pizza and beverage will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

Friday, August 4th - 6:00 to 8pm

This event will be held outdoors at different locations. Scan the QR code for further information.



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

7/16/23

~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

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 Cocca, req by Cindy & Gene
Elizabeth Crawmer, req by Georgianne Marchione

Tues., July 25

9:00am - Meghan Marie Aberle (B'day), req by mother Diane

Wed., July 26

9:00am - Maureen McMahon, req by Jane Poletto

Thurs., July 27

9:00am - Maureen McBain, parish

Sat., July 29

4:00pm—Ted Testo, Sr, req by family
Thomas Halpin, Sr, req by family
Marilyn Barron, req by Barbara Voland

Sun., July 30

7:30am—Sr Jean Marie Cotter, PBVM, req by Allen and Dorothy Styno
Antoinette Delduce (Anniv), req by sisters

11:00am—Maureen McMahon, req by Rose Avery
Jim Burnham, req by Ann & Phil DiNuzzo
Helen S. Baciewicz, req by Baciewicz family

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