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Watervliet, NY

He
answers
all our
needs.

Psalm 145

17th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

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July 25, 2021

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

Welcome

Gospel Meditation -

St. Oscar Romero said, "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord's grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life's adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God's creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed!

Bread and wine transform into Christ's Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that.

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Faith Formation For All Ages -

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Faith Formation:

CONFIRMATION FAMILIES:

UPCOMING DATES

Note to Confirmation families: we must have 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, "Jesus Loves the Little Children."

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.

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, at the service counter, or for clean up only (which is minimal). Please think about it and maybe give it a try.

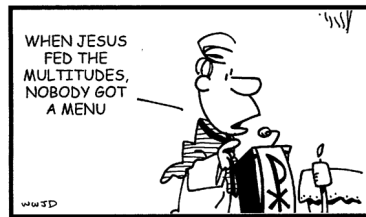
Anyone interested please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or call 518-328-0427 for more information.



*"Then Jesus took the loaves,
gave thanks, and distributed them."*

In Memoriam ~ '21-2022		
 <p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carbons, 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 The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family 1/16/22</p>
<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope 1/16/22</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 9/16/21</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>

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family 8/22/21</p>
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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Tues., July 27

9:00am—Beatrice & Philip Zarlengo, Estate

Wed., July 28

9:00am—Joseph & Alice Leahy, Estate (SHM)

Thurs., July 29

9:00am—Farrell & Synan families, Estate

Sat., July 31

4:00pm—Gerald Beston, req by Beston family
Joseph Trzcinski, req by Michael/Kathy Carroll
Doris Ziegler, req by Martha Fandl

Sun., Aug 1

8:30am—living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Jim Connors, req by Norma
Carole Maloney & son Jeff, req by the family

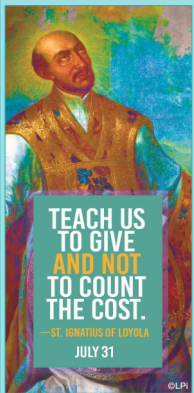
FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
Weekly Collection (incl mail-in/E.G.)
July 10-11, 2021—\$4388.00

Prayer Ministry If you would like prayers said for a family member, relative or friend, contact Brenda at 518-271-6184.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP ~ Recognize God in your ordinary moments

It's All in the Basket

St. Therese of Lisieux made a point of going the extra mile in kindness towards those people who really got under her skin. It was part of her own brand of Everyday Stewardship — thanking God for all His creation, even the parts with which, in her own humanness, she struggled to cope.



I think about this a lot when I challenge myself to give thanks for things that bother me and people who challenge me. When I do this, I envision Christ giving thanks over those insufficient loaves. How many of us would see that paltry little basket and kick a rock in frustration because we can't feed all our people? "You didn't give me enough, Lord! You didn't give me enough patience, enough money, enough creativity, enough stamina to be a good steward. If you had given me more, I could also give more!"

In those moments of despair, we need to take a good look at the life God has given us. We need to look at the trials and the challenges and the shortcomings. The hopes that didn't pan out, the disappointments that keep cropping up. Somewhere therein lies what we need to be the steward God asks us to be, just as St. Therese's own stewardship was defined by the people she simply

couldn't stand.

God does not give us all we want. He does not give us all we ask for. He does us one better: He gives us all we need. It's all in the basket. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

"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.



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