



17th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.” - Mt 13:49-50

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July 26, 2020

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm & Sunday - 8:30 & 11:00am

Weekday Schedule

Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday at 9:00am

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





RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older Children

We now meet on Thursday afternoons from 2 to 3pm. Ed and Don are preparing to receive their sacraments in just a few weeks. Please keep them in your prayers.

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) or are curious about the process, feel free to stop in any Thursday and see what it is all about.

Need more information?? Contact Sharon at 518 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: WE'RE BACK!!

Mary's Kitchen began serving meals again on July 6. For the present time, we can do TAKE OUT meals only. All are welcome. Why cook when the weather is so HOT!! Stop by and pick up a meal all ready for you to take home: Soup, salad, sandwich, entrée and dessert!! Email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or call 518-328-0427 for more information.



Scripture Sharing: The Letter of James

For all those interested, we will begin meeting on Wednesdays in August from 2 to 3pm in the Parish Life Center. Our current series is on the Letter of James. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

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Faith Formation - For All Ages

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Faith Formation

Faith Formation sessions are on hiatus for the rest of the 2019-2020 year. As soon as we have information about the 2020-2021 year, we will contact you.

Meanwhile, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Questions, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW):

Currently on hiatus.

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, 8:30am & 11am.

See you in church!!


GOSPEL MEDITATION ~ A single mother who has a child with special needs works two jobs and sacrifices much of her own pleasures in order to be available for her son. Being the best mother possible is important to her and brings her joy. We are willing to make great and often heroic sacrifices for those people and things that matter most to us. Unless there is something of obvious importance to us in our immediate path, we can easily approach life in a more haphazard and chaotic way. We jump from one thing to another, responding to whatever it is that is competing for our attention at that moment. When everything is important, nothing is important.

If we do not wear the right pair of glasses, we can get all too easily caught up in the superficial stuff and neglect paying attention to the things that really matter. The kingdom of God is like the pearl of great price that is worth selling everything for so that it can be obtained. Based on where I invest my time and energy each day, I really wonder whether I am serving God's kingdom or my own. Have you ever considered tracking how you spend your time? You may be surprised! We allow our agendas to set the clock of our lives. We forget that joy and a true sense of purpose are not going to be found in following that timepiece. Joy is the expression of the happiness that is discovered when living in the kingdom of God. When our agenda matches God, not only do we leap for joy but God leaps with delight as well. Our well-being is what matters most to God.

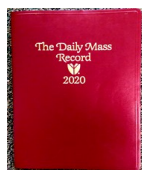
Can you imagine God delighting in you? It is easy to deaden our senses to the whole reality of God and the joy that living the Gospel can bring. The demands of secular life and the agendas competing for our attention can quickly do that. We can get tired and spiritually apathetic. But if we can see our way through all of the conflicting voices and hear the voice of God, we can rediscover our zeal and passion and redirect our efforts. When we begin to see as God sees, we can rise each day and notice what really needs our attention and embrace it with exuberance. Be careful, though. It may not be what we originally had on our list. Responding to it, however, will be worth putting everything else aside.

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In Memoriam ~ 2020-21		
 <p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson 2/7/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan 1/10/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family 1/10/21</p>
<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family 10/25/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family 8/23/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope 7/19/20</p>
<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family 7/19/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family 7/19/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family 5/24/20</p>
<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family 5/10/20</p>		

THE PARISH OFFICE IS NOW OPEN to the public. Our Summer Schedule will be Monday through Thursday; 8:30am to 3:30pm. Closed on Fridays throughout the summer months.



Mass Intentions - At this time all the Mass intentions that were previously listed from March 21 through end of June in the Mass Intention book have been rescheduled and will be read at the corresponding Masses going forward each weekend in the Prayer of the Faithful at the Saturday and Sunday Masses according to the Mass time booked. **We are accepting new requests for Weekdays as well as Weekends now, so please stop by the parish office during business hours if you would like to request a Mass intention.** First come first served basis, with maximum of 3 requests at one time.

Question:

Why do Catholics light candles in church?

Answer:

Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.

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IHM 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 at 518-271-6184.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., July 25

10:00am—Mem'l Mass-Annette Constanza

12:00pm—Mem'l Mass-Eva Krause

4:00pm—*Robert S Lewis, Sr, req by Ginny & Diane Jakubics

Sun., July 26

8:30am—*Andrea Hanley, req by Tom & Jane Hanley

Living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—*Sally Colbert, req by Audrey O'Hare

*Michael Kowalski, req by Mary's Kitchen James & Mary Connors, req by the family

Tues., July 28

9:00am—William LoFink, Jr, req by Aunt Mariom

Wed., July 29

9:00am—Edward F Keegan, req by IHM Staff

Thurs., July 30—Mass 9:00am

Sat., Aug 1

4:00pm—*Robert S Lewis, Sr, req by Charmaine & Danny Frye

Thomas Fuchsluger, req by Janet Nicoletta & Pamela Crispina

Sun., Aug 2

8:30am—*Andrea Hanley, req by Lorraine Alund

*Sally Colbert, req by Fred and Margaret Gonsowski

Living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—*Marion Winterbourne, req by the family

*Michael Kowalski, req by Faith Formation

**Intentions originally slated for April Masses.*

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

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

July 11-12, 2020—\$6670.00

Thank you for your continued support & commitment to Immaculate Heart of Mary. Your faithfulness is much appreciated. God bless you.