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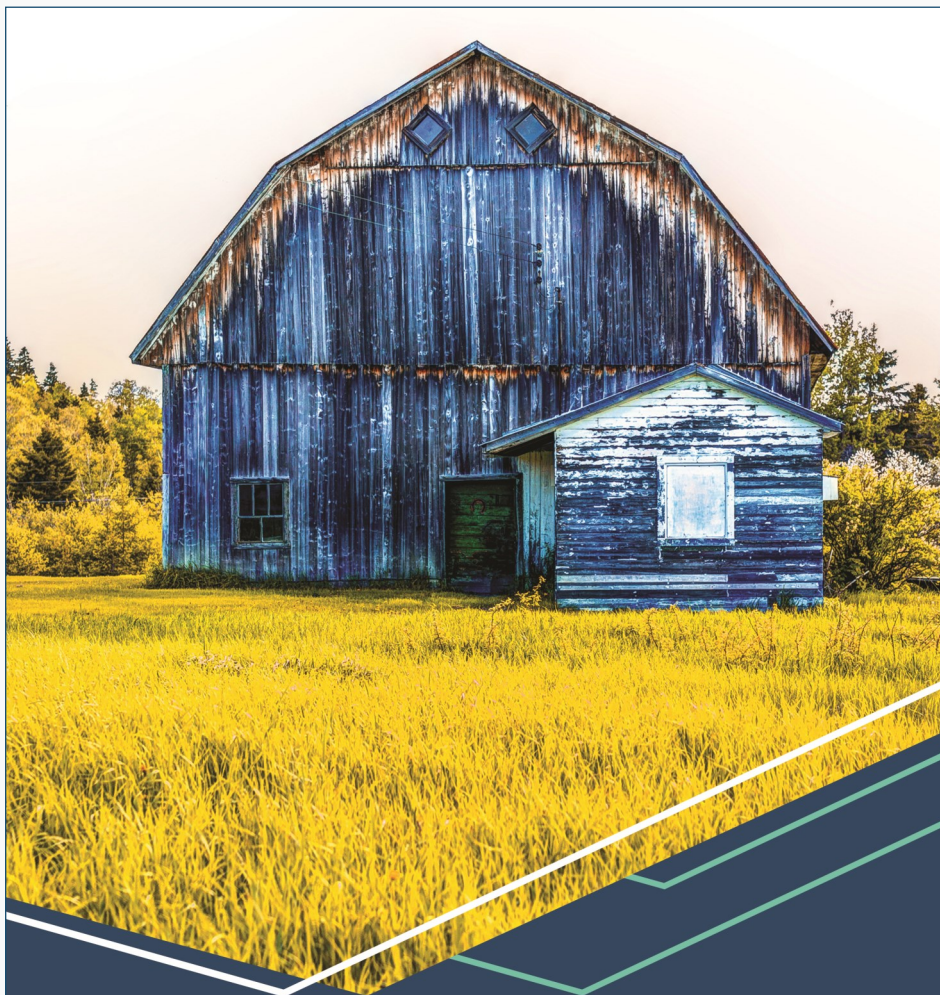
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17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

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JULY 30, 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



Gospel Meditation ~ a Deeper Understanding of Scripture

July 30, 2023
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our culture seems more polarized and divided than ever. Into this wounded situation, our Catholic faith has a healing remedy to offer: the gift of wisdom. When the Lord offers to give King Solomon anything the monarch desires, he requests “an understanding heart” (1 Kings 3:9). In his polarized situation, the King doesn’t ask for power to defeat his enemies. He asks for a wise and understanding heart to judge right from wrong. This wisdom is elevated and fulfilled in Jesus who teaches us to bring forth “both the new and the old” (Matthew 13:52).

In our fractured society, we Christians should stop pining for political power to crush our perceived enemies. That often just makes things worse. Rather, it’s much more useful to beg for the grace of true wisdom which transcends both sides of the aisle. This places us in a fresh position from which we can help our culture see what is true and good all across the ideological spectrum. Sometimes we’ll look like liberals (e.g., in our love for the poor and marginalized) and other times like conservatives (e.g., in our sexual ethics and views on religious freedom). Because this wisdom is free from ideological narrowness, it will help to heal these painful fractures. Lord Jesus, this week, pour into us your healing wisdom. — *Father John Muir*

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Mary’s Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm All Welcome - ‘air conditioned’

Is the heat getting to you?? Don’t heat up YOUR 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!!

Questions?? 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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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 “Physician, Heal Yourself.” As Jesus returns to his childhood home for the Jewish new year celebration, his friends and family are all excited about what they’ve heard is happening with Jesus.....until He tells them the truth of who He is. “Who do YOU say that I am??”

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

REGISTER NOW FOR THE NYS EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS ~

Catholics from across New York State are planning to come together at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville on **October 20-22, 2023** to celebrate the real presence of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The Congress will feature inspiring talks, Mass, Eucharistic adoration, opportunities for confessions, inspiring music and more. For details and to register (EVERYONE ATTENDING MUST REGISTER), log onto <https://nyseucharisticcongress.org>

Questions of the Week - Reflect and Respond

First Reading:

The young King Solomon asked the Lord in prayer for a wise and discerning heart, and it was granted to him. What gift would you ask from the Lord?

Second Reading:

Paul teaches the believers in Rome that God calls us “according to his purpose.” Do you have a sense of your purpose in life? If so, what is it?

Gospel:

Jesus offers several kingdom of heaven parables to the disciples: buried treasure and fine pearls (a priceless discovery) and the large catch of fish (an invitation to all). With these parables, what do you think Jesus is teaching us about the kingdom of heaven?

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RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older Children

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In Memoriam ~ 2023 ~ '24

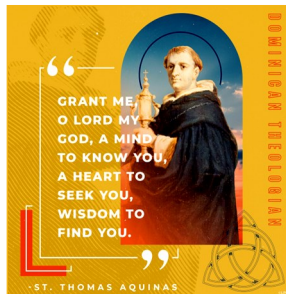
<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p>6/2/24</p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan</p> <p>2/18/24</p>	<p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers 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>

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments - What Is God Asking of You?

What are you willing to give for the sake of the kingdom of God? Often, we begin a discussion like this with a story or a few leading thoughts. However, if we are to be serious about who we claim to be as Christians, there should be no beating around the bush. The question is not only important for each of us and our relationship with our God, but it should be important for the relationship each of us has with the entire Body of Christ. Like any good team or family, I need you to have my back, and I need to have yours. If one of us is going to lay it on the line and be all in for our faith, then we *all* need to be as well.

If only all the Christians of the world felt the same way. In some parts of the world, Christians are still being martyred for their faith. Others must worship underground and avoid the government-led police. Then there are those who seem to take faith for granted, and because little is asked by their friends or parish, they give nothing. It is quite a contrast of situations.

On this day, it may seem like little is being asked of you and I by God.



Is that because we aren't being asked or because we aren't listening? If you are counting on me and I am on you, we should figure this out sooner than later. Of course, I suspect we actually do know the answer, don't we? —Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Family Dinner

with Father Sam

Parents and their children, & 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 weather permitting. Scan the QR code for further information.



Readings for week of July 30th

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

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

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

Tues., Aug 1

9:00am - Katherine Waugh, req by Bob/Sandy Beston
Kathy Macpherson, parish

Wed., Aug 2

9:00am - Jerry Beston (B'day), req by the family

Thurs., Aug 3

9:00am - Beatrice E Lagano, parish

Sat., Aug 5

4:00pm—Dale Alix, req by Frederick Hudy
Theodore Testo, Jr, req by Margaret/Fred Gonsowski
Maureen McMahon, req by Penny Warechak

Sun., Aug 6

7:30am—Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM
Teresa Ashline, req by Carol Carlson & family
11:00am—Carole Maloney, req by husband Don Kathleen Raleigh, req by Pat Fitzgerald

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