

August 2, 2020

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OUR CHURCH

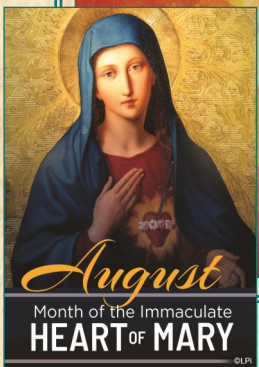
BLESSING



He said the blessing,
broke the loaves, and gave
them to the disciples.

MATTHEW 14:19c

**18th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**



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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



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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

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 ~ 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Many people in our world are hungry and thirsty. This hunger and thirst go well beyond physical needs for food, security, and shelter. Many are emotionally and spiritually parched, too. Behind every act of violence is a soul who hungers. People live with relationships that actually starve them. They are abused, exploited, disrespected, laughed at, and marginalized. There is a lot of confusion and inner pain that needs to be acknowledged and expressed. We all long to be understood and loved, even when our inner demons or who I am make it difficult to be. Do you live with inner confusion and pain? Folks often wander through life without any real direction or purpose and take their cues from what seems satisfying or popular at the moment. The deeper dots of our lives can easily remain unconnected, and we can find ourselves without grounding, purpose, or real happiness. Life becomes shallow and without real purpose as we hunger and thirst for an ultimate love.

It's easier to see the physical hungers and thirsts. We try to respond to these as best we can. Much more needs to be done. With all that God's earth can provide, nobody ought to face sleep at night with a belly that's empty. It's sinful. It's unjust. But isn't all hunger unjust? It doesn't need to be, and it should not be. Just as no one ought to be physically hungry and thirsty, there is really no need to be emotionally or spiritually deficient either. If we have more privileges at our fingertips, it is easier to try to satisfy our emotional and spiritual hungers and thirst by acting on impulse or self-indulgence, carelessly following passions, or by seeking self-destructive ways to dull the ache of emptiness.

Folks need to know where to look for nourishment and need the right friends to help them find it. We may not think that we have enough to respond to and to satisfy all of the needs, but we do. It doesn't take much. Five loaves and two fish provided for a huge crowd. With God, all things are possible. Our faith provides the direction for where God's children must go to find the nourishment they seek. It also tells us how to structure life so that justice and equity can be a reality for all. It also tells us how to respond to pain, sinfulness, and confusion. Come to the water and then help another get there. ©LPi



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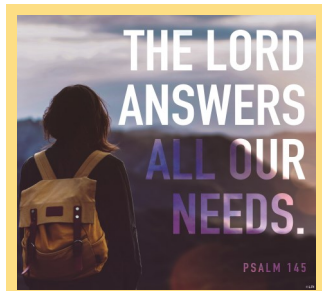
 In Memoriam ~ 2020-21		
In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson 2/7/21		In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family 1/17/21
In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope 1/17/21	In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan 1/10/21	In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family 1/10/21
In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family 10/25/20		In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family 8/23/20

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

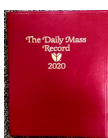
The Power of a Simple Action

I remember seeing a story on a morning news program about a little girl who wanted to give an elderly man in a grocery store a hug. She had no way of knowing that this man had just lost his wife of many years and now felt so very alone and depressed. Her reaching out to the man seemed odd to her mom at first, but the girl was so insistent about giving a hug she moved the shopping carts close together so the exchange could take place. No one knew that from that moment on the little girl would ask to visit her new friend at least once a week for the next four years until he passed away. In an interview soon after the initial encounter, the man said, "I haven't been this happy in some time." Imagine the joy that relationship brought to them both over the years!

It was just a moment. It was a simple gesture. Yet, it had a large impact that no one could have predicted. You never know what will result when we give just a little of ourselves. That uncertainty too often leads us to hold back or refrain from the simple actions of love or gestures of generosity that could come so easily for us if we wanted. We should never doubt the power of a simple random act of kindness. Generosity does not need to be grand to make a big difference. The time is now, and the opportunity presents itself often to plant a small seed that God can water and nourish so that something beautiful can grow. - Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi



THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN ~ The Summer Schedule is Monday through Thursday; 8:30am to 3:30pm. **Closed on Fridays throughout the summer months.**



MASS INTENTION REQUESTS - We are accepting NEW requests for weekday as well as weekend Masses, 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.

Parish Registration: In an effort to keep our records up to date, we are asking all parishioners to kindly fill out the form below with your current address, phone number and email and include it in your tithing envelope or a regular white envelope and drop in collection basket when you come to Church. Thank you for your assistance. (If you are not presently registered with the parish, we invite you to fill out tear-off to start the process.)

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Email: _____

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Aug 1

4:00pm—*Robert S Lewis, Sr, req by Char-maine & 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

Tues., Aug 4—Mass—9:00am

Wed., Aug 5—Mass—9:00am

Thurs., Aug 6

9:00am—Margaret Stebbins, req by her daughter

Sat., Aug 8

4:00pm—Carol Lansing, req by husband

*Maryanne Bagnardi, req by son Joe

*Jerry Valenti, req by wife & family

*Robert S Lewis, Sr, req by Mike/Diane Smith

Sun., Aug 9

8:30am—*Jim Mantello, req by sister

*Mary (Mae) Muir (10th Anniv), req by family
Thomas Fuchsluger, req by Janet Nicoletta,
Pamela Crispico, Christopher Hilly

11:00am—*Michael Kowalski, req by Food Pantry

Richard Bleau (2nd Anniv), req by Diana
Living & deceased members of IHM

*Intentions originally slated for May

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

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

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

July 18-19, 2020—\$4833.00

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