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**August 8, 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**



## **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!!

Thanks so much for all who have called to volunteer. Special thanks to Joe S and George F who did an exceptional sanitizing effort on our tables. They made our much used tables look years newer!! Questions?? Please contact Sharon at [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) or call 518-328-0427 for more information.



**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 Persons at 518-271-6184.

## **Scripture Sharing: The Chosen**

*We've begun our summer series, watching episodes of "The Chosen". The next episode is entitled, "The Wedding Gift".*

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](mailto: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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

## **Faith Formation For All Ages -**

Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry - [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

### **Faith Formation: CONFIRMATION FAMILIES:**

**TODAY : August 8**

*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](mailto: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.

❧ *"And behold I am with you Always, until the end of the age."* ❧

## **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

### **A Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.


But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?

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In Memoriam ~ '21-2022		
 <p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys &amp; The Butlers requested by Bob &amp; Carol Carlson 2/6/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald &amp; Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don &amp; Patti Hogan 1/23/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron &amp; Rys Families requested by the Family 1/16/22</p>
<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond &amp; 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 9/26/21</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 &amp; Katherine Novak John &amp; Rosalie Novak &amp; Florence Szpot requested by the Family 9/5/21</p>

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - Recognize God in your ordinary moments What's Your Hearth Cake?

"Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." I've been to a lot of meetings in my years of work in the Church, and you can take my word for it: the ones with snacks just seem to go better.

I don't know what it is exactly. Maybe it's just that people are in a more agreeable mood if you show up with donuts. Or maybe it's about the very real sense of community and camaraderie that is created at a table where people are engaging in that most human of tasks — eating — beside one another. I think a big part of it comes down to the simple fact that we're all just nicer people when we're fed.

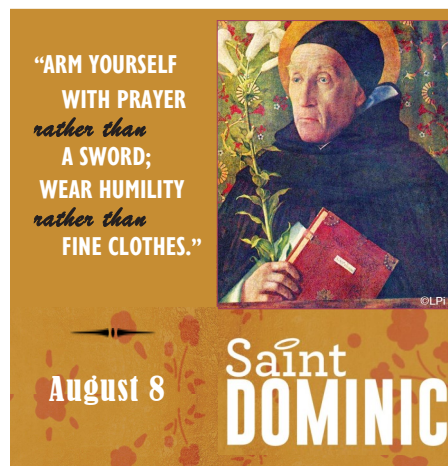
This rings true spiritually, too. We simply must remain fed if we, in turn, are to feed others.

Think of a time when you have neglected your relationship with God — when you haven't fed yourself with whatever it is that you need to remain committed to the journey of a Christian life. Is it Mass attendance? Is it prayer or Scripture reading? Is it time with your small group, or conversation with a trusted friend who knows your soul? What sustains your ability to be a good disciple, a good steward? What inspires you to give more freely, to love more abundantly?

Whatever it is, that's your hearth cake. That's your jug of water. Don't neglect it. The Angel of the Lord is nudging you in your sleep: "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### Readings for the week of August 8, 2021

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51  
**Monday:** Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27  
**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26  
**Wednesday:** Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20  
**Thursday:** Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1  
**Friday:** Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12  
**Saturday:** Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15  
**Next Sunday:** Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56



### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat., Aug 7**  
 4:00pm—Carol Lansing, req by the family  
 Gerald Beston, req by Beston family  
 Constance Alston, req by Nancy Styczynski

**Sun., Aug 8**  
 8:30am—Randy Smeltzer & Irving & Elaine Kirsch, req by Fred Gonsowski  
 11:00am—Richard Bleau, req by Diana/family living & deceased members of IHM  
 Jim & Pat Connors, req by Jim/Janet D'Angelo

**Tues., Aug., 10**  
 9:00am—Carrie Delduce, req by the family

**Wed., Aug 11**  
 9:00am—Madeline Theresa Whaley, req by Dolores Shaw

**Thurs., Aug 12**  
 9:00am—Jack Postulka, St Brigid Class of '62

**Sat., Aug 14**  
 4:00pm—Gerald Beston, req by Beston family  
 Charles Rutherford, req by Peggy Germano  
 Living & dec'd members of IHM

**Sun., Aug 15**  
 8:30am—John J Brennan, req by the family  
 Jack (10th Anniv) & Jane Geary (8th Anniv), req by the children  
 11:00am—Nicoletta Romanelli & Brian Bloomfield, req by the family  
 Edward Maloney, Peg Van Kampen, req by their sister Maureen

**MASS INTENTION REQUESTS** ~If you would like to have a Mass offered for a loved one, the Mass Intention Book will now be open for any available weekday or weekend Mass up to December 30, 2021.  
 A Mass offering of \$15 is much appreciated.

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**  
 Weekly Collection (incl mail-in/E.G.)  
 July 24-25, 2021—\$4995.00