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20th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." - Mt 15:24-25

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AUGUST 16, 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

Our mission at Immaculate Heart of Mary is to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and to praise His name, by being a Christ-centered, welcoming, unified community. Called to holiness, we celebrate the love of God through prayer and worship, the Eucharist and other sacraments, catechesis, evangelization and service to all. Always His people, we strive to be good stewards of our time, talent and treasure.

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; email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or at 518-328-0427.

**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!!

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS ~

The Challenge of Stewardship

Every day we are called by Christ to respond in some way. The more practice we have at giving of ourselves freely and living in His presence, the easier it is to discern that call. Once we hear the call, the choice is ours: will we respond with yes or no? We could say that we are not required to say yes because God has given us free will. However, our response speaks much to where we are in our maturity of faith. When we were children, the word "no" used to be one of our favorites. If we continue to say that as we get older, well, that says something about where we are in our walk with the Lord. If we truly are disciples of Jesus Christ and are serious about growing in our faith, we will say "yes." We are not required to say yes, but we say yes because that is who we have become.

This is the challenge of a stewardship way of life. Have we matured enough to say yes when God calls, regardless of how much our answer may cost us? What matters more to us: what it will cost us or our relationship with Jesus? Some days we will easily be able to say yes. The grace and love he gives us will be plenty to see us through whatever situation in which we find ourselves. However, we are imperfect beings and there will be days when we are more into ourselves than him. It is on those days that we find ourselves at a true crossroads of a challenge. The choice is always ours. Hopefully, our faith will be strong enough. His call is never for his own sake. He calls us because the world he created and the Church he instituted need us. They wait just as he does for our response. – Tracy Earl Welliver

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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

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.



IHM Prayer Ministry~

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

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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

GOSPEL MEDITATION ~ 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are hardwired for wholeness and crave it. When something is broken, we want it fixed. If a part of our body is not working properly, we want it healed. How often do we find ourselves saying, "I'm tired of struggling with this cold, I can't wait for my surgery to heal, or I want my treatments to make me better." Wholeness and healing restore our relationships and make us free to love as we desire. We know very well how our limitations, imperfections, and brokenness really limit us. They can easily prevent us from being and doing what we want to do.

Our physical and emotional wounds and maladies are easier to identify. If my back hurts, I feel it and know what part of my body needs attention. If I am feeling intense anger, I can identify the emotion and take necessary steps to uncover its cause. Being persistent often brings greater and quicker results. But will pursuing and even achieving our physical and emotional healings really be enough? We forget that there is a deeper healing that we seek and desperately need. As we look around at humanity, there are some physical and emotional wounds and scars that cannot be made whole. They are limitations that must remain and, for one reason or another, cannot be rectified. Does this mean that the wholeness and healing that my being longs for is not possible for me? Must I settle with less than what God promises?

The answer is no. Ultimately, there is a desire that goes deeper than the physical and emotional. It is a desire that resides in our soul. What we really seek and thirst for is healing and wholeness for our soul. Inner strength, conviction, focus, grounding, love, hope, faith, courage, determination, peace, and connectedness are all words that center us on eternity. They direct us to a presence we discover in our core, which is none other than the presence of God. In God, we are healed. When we are persistent in reaching out to and establishing our relationship with God, real healing and wholeness begin to happen.

There are some limitations and some of our brokenness with which we may simply have to live. This does not mean that we have to abandon our journey to wholeness and healing. If we have done our inner soul work, we have worked toward and acquired what and who we ultimately need and desire. ©LPi

**GOD FIXES
WHAT IS
BROKEN**



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Aug 15

4:00pm—*Catherine Slupski, req by family

*Mary Connery, req by the family
Living & deceased members of IHM

Sun., Aug 16

8:30am—John J Brennan, req by family
Angelynne Moffre, req by Mary/Barbara Crowley
Sr Mary Damien Cushing, CSJ, req by Shufon family

11:00am—Nicoletta Romanelli and Brian Bloomfield, req by the family
Mr/Mrs Arthur Connery, req by the children

Tues., Aug 18

9:00am—Thomas & Helen Sullivan, Estate

Wed., Aug 19

9:00am—The Bulger Family, Estate

Thurs., Aug 20

9:00am—Margaret VanBuskirk, req by Margaret Fisk

Fri., Aug 21—Memorial Mass at 10:00 AM
for Darlene Mackey

Sat., Aug 22

4:00pm—*Michael/Frances Milos, req by Karl & Joan

*Edward/Anita Dillon, req by Dorothy Dillon/Mitchell family

*Theresa Cocca, req by Gene & Cindy

Sun., Aug 23

8:30am—Elizabeth Rushia/Marie Pasquini, req by the family
William Beston, req by Bob & Kathy Falzo
Living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Angelynne Moffre, req by Pat Fitzgerald

*Michael Kowalski, req by Mary's Kitchen
Edward Keegan, req by Kristine, Julianne & Andrew Keegan

(* Mass Intentions originally slated for May)

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

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

Aug 1-2, 2020—\$5654.00

Thank you for your support to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. God bless you.



*Enjoy the Lazy Days of Summer
and the Beauty of Nature*

Lighter Side ~

Who Makes the Coffee??

Early one morning, a husband and wife were playfully arguing over who should get out of the warm bed to make the coffee. Finally, the wife folded her arms and said decidedly, "You have to make the coffee. It's in the Bible!"

The husband was shocked. "Is not! Show me!"

Pulling out her Bible, the wife opened it the New Testament and declared, "It says right here — HEBREWS!" ©LPi