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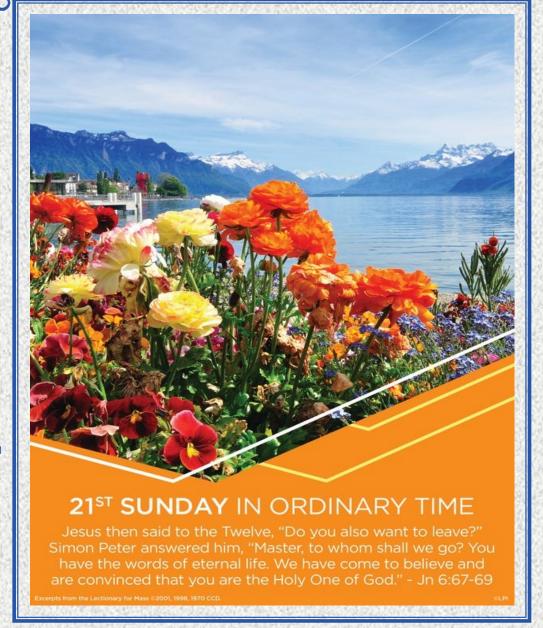
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Adoration of Eucharist Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00am

August 22, 2021

Celebration of the Eucharist Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm - Sunday - 8:30 and 11:00am Weekday Schedule 9:00am Mass - Tuesday . Wednesday . Thursday



WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: We live in a country that upholds the separation of Church and state. What is the role of Catholics in society?

Answer:

The role of the Church in the world has taken different forms over time, but the theme is the same. Be disciples in it! As the lay faithful — that is, not vowed priest or religious — we are called to live and love in the circumstances of our daily lives. St. John Paul II wrote a document about the laity. In it he wrote, "In their situation in the world God manifests His plan and communicates to them their particular vocation of seeking the Kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the

plan of God" (On the Lay Members of Christ's Faithful, 15).

God wants us in the hospitals, the board rooms, the law offices, the food pantries, and the little league games! We are to engage in the affairs of the world. But when we're there, we should live the plan of God. We need to respect those around us, engage in just business and legal practices, and love our children. We should care for the earth, use our money wisely, and get to know our neighbors. We must advocate for social policies that respect human dignity and human freedom. No matter our state in life, we are invited to build the kingdom of God!

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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.

Scripture Sharing: The Chosen

This summer we are enjoying the first season of "The Chosen". The next episode we will watch is entitled, "Invitations". 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

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. We have had such a good response that we're all set for serving from 3 to 5pm. If anyone would like to help with clean up we could still use a volunteer or 2 from 4:30 to 5pm. 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 - skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Faith Formation: 2021-2022

Faith Formation sessions for 2021-2022 will begin on October 10, 2021. Registration will take place on September 26 and October 3. Registration forms will be mailed to families who have previously attended sessions or have been baptized at IHM. Sessions are open to children from 3 years through Confirmation. Sacramental programs require a two year preparation in the Faith Formation sessions.

Please contact Sharon at 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.

LIVE THE LITURGY~ INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Many people give their allegiance to something until it asks them to do something challenging or radical. Then, they find themselves rethinking whether they want to be associated with it. The same holds for God. Either we serve God, or we don't. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom, love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, and trust that the Eucharist is in fact Jesus' very Body and Blood. For some, buying into these things may prove too difficult and a return to a life without them is preferred. But truth is truth and it can only be found in God. If we find it hard to accept it from the mouth of Christ, where else can we go to find it? The task before us is to commit to the truth even



when it may be easier to pursue something else. Truth is always worth obtaining even when it is difficult. Jesus offers us the truth of life, a life that is found in his own flesh and blood and a life of discipleship. ©LPi

In Memoriam ~ '21-2022		
In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson	In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan	In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family
In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope	In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family	In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family
In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family	In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski	In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family
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Questions for the week: Reflect and Respond to ScriptureFirst Reading:

Joshua, who helped settle the Israelites into the Promised Land, knew the struggle ahead lay in Israel's fidelity to God. *How does anyone best show fidelity to God?*

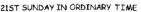
Second Reading:

Toward the end of his letter, Paul takes up the topic of husbands and wives. He speaks of the importance of mutual subordination and love. What do you see as secret to a successful marriage?

Gospel:

Jesus' bread of life discourse ends with the report that "many of Jesus' disciples" no longer followed Jesus. How should we respond to family or friends who choose to walk away from Jesus?

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

Readings for the week of August 22, 2021

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3 -4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13,

14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6,

10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/

Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Remember Me In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family

8/22/21

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Aug 21

4:00pm—John Leonard, req by Brenda Persons Gerald Beston, req by Martha/Chuck Fandl

Daniel J Murphy, req by Bob/Kathy Falzo

Sun., Aug 22

8:30am—Patrick Dunbar, req by Linda/family Mr/Mrs Arthur Connery, req by children Frederick Rushia, req by MaryAnne/George

11:00am—Iv'g & dec'd members of IHM Richard/Elizabeth Hilly, req by children Barbara Cardany, req by Marilyn LaParl & Tony Cassidy

Tues., Aug., 24 9:00am—Deacon Mark Leonard, req by parishioner

Wed., Aug 25 9:00am—Jean Fox, req by parishioner

Thurs., Aug 26 9:00am—Werner/Roberts fam. req by family

Sat., Aug 28

4:00pm—Gerald Beston, req by Peggy Germano

RoseMarie Kotansky, req by Bob/Carol Carlson

Dcn Mark Leonard, req by Ginny & Diane Jakubics

Sun., Aug 29

8:30am—Norma Brennan, req by children Kevin Bulson (1st Anniv), req by family Brenda Burnett, req by Bob/Carol Carlson

11:00am—Iv'g & dec'd members of IHM Carrie/Angelo Delduce(85 Anniv), req by family Gordon & Arlene Hilly, req by their niece

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Aug 7-8, 2021—\$4649.00

"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.