



21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm & Sunday - 8:30 & 11:00am

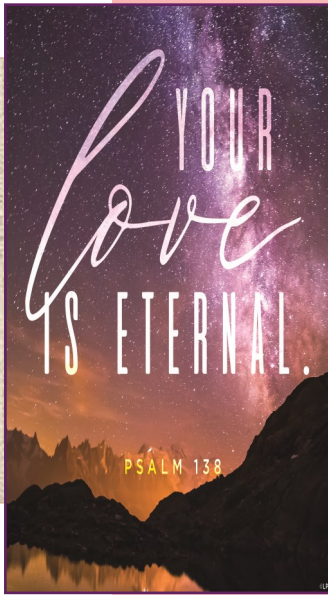
Weekday Schedule

Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday at 9:00am

Adoration on Tuesday - 9:30 to 11:00am

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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



The only way to know God is to love God. Our minds will never fully grasp the mystery of God, but our hearts and souls can learn to love the mystery. Years ago, when life had a more innocent quality to it, we believed what we were told or witnessed, unless there was direct evidence otherwise. This was especially true if the information came from someone in authority. In a sense, we were a bit more gullible on one hand but also more trusting on the other. The latter is an admirable quality that sadly can be eroded when we realize we have been duped. With education and technological advances, we find ourselves more skeptical and less likely to too quickly accept and believe what we see and hear.

For all of the good that social media can do, it can also easily distort reality and truth. Photoshop and a myriad other technological truths can add to, fabricate, and make even the non-existent seem real. It is amazing. How far do we allow this obviously justifiable skepticism to take us? Questioning and doubting are healthy elements of any good relationship as long as we don't allow them to turn us away from a deeper experience of love and encounter. If we cannot get our minds around something or empirically justify or prove it, we tend to declare it a hoax, untrue, or unauthentic and walk away. The very same trust that can quickly be eroded is exactly what is essential for all of our relationships, especially our relationship with God. With all things and people that make a profound claim on us, we have to trust in the absence of knowledge. Full self-investment involves plunging completely into the unknown!

Simon Peter said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Peter came to this knowledge, which is not "head knowledge" because of the relationship he shared with Jesus and what God was able to reveal in and through that relationship. Peter simply "knew" because of love that this is who Jesus really is. The silent exchange of love between friends, and not an intellectual exercise of the mind, brought Peter to this place. When we stop and think about it, there are many things in life that we simply know but do not completely understand. When someone sacrifices their own well-being for another, it may not make intellectual sense when examined. But it makes a world of sense when it is carried out. The vastness of reality and an encounter with incomprehensible mystery all lead us to profound silence where we simply know something to be true. Have you trusted enough to allow your relationship with God to bring you to this place or are you still too skeptical? ©LPi

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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

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: WE'RE BACK!!

Mary's Kitchen has begun serving meals again. 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.

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!!



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

RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older Children

We now meet on Thursday afternoons from 2 to 3pm. Don is preparing to receive his sacraments in just a few weeks. Please keep him 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.

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

To stand in the presence of God is to stand in the presence of incomprehensible mystery. We are people of proofs and facts. With good reason, we are becoming more doubtful of what presents itself to us, as technology makes it easy to fabricate false images and distort what is actually true. What we think is real actually may not be. We become skeptical. Does this skepticism affect our relationship with God? To have faith in God means that we must be willing to trust in the absence of full knowledge. To know the mind of God means we would know God himself, and that is impossible. To acknowledge Jesus as the Christ means we acknowledge that the reality and presence of an incarnate God has a fundamental claim on who we are. When we name this truth, we participate in a depth of knowledge that stretches us far beyond the scope of our minds. It brings us to silence, which is the only way to touch our soul. ©LPi



SUNDAYS READINGS-

First Reading:

"I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut when he shuts, no one shall open." (Is 22:22)

Psalm:

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. (Ps 138)

Second Reading:

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! (Rom 11:33)

Gospel:

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." (Mt 16:18)

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IHM 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Tues., Aug 25

9:00am—Margaret Tracey, req by the children

Wed., Aug 26

9:00am—Wm Johnson/Malasky Families, Estate

Thurs., Aug 27

9:00am—John Connors, req by Betty & Jimmy Tracey

Sat., Aug 29

4:00pm—Edward Kuentzel, req by Allen & Dorothy Styno

Joseph Teson, req by Bob & Kathy Falzo
Living & deceased members of IHM

Sun., Aug 30

8:30am—Jackie Vincent, req by Mary Crowley

Angelo & Carrie Delduce (Anniv), req by The family
Frank Blair, Sr (B'day), req by daughter & grandson

11:00am—John Connors, req by Marge Centanni

Rosemary Watson, req by Local 3418 G.I. Fire Dept

*Michael Kowalski, req by Kendalyn/Keilani Maloney

(*Mass Intentions originally slated for May)

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
Weekly Collection (incl Mail-in/E.G.)
Aug 8-9, 2020—\$6491.00

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