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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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AUGUST 27, 2023

Celebration of the Eucharist

**Weekend Masses - Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am and 11:00 am**

**Weekday Scheduled Masses - 9:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
Adoration on Tuesdays - 9:30 to 11:00 am**

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Who Do You Say That I Am?

I once knew a very devout woman whose adult godchild had fallen away from the practice of the faith. This godchild still believed in God, and even felt a sense of belonging in the Church. He was a good and kind person. But poor catechesis and a society that confuses pleasure with joy had left him lax in practice, without an appreciation of the sacraments. He was making choices that threatened his soul.

His godmother wanted more for him. She planned to speak with him about his life, hoping to encourage him to return to the practice of the faith. She knew that, when she brought this up, he would reply that it wasn't important to attend Mass or to receive the Eucharist, that was all just "extra."

She told me that she was going to begin their conversation by asking him the question Jesus poses to Peter in Matthew 16:15 — the critical question in all our lives, the question whose answer will define what we become in this world and the next.

Her godson knew the answer. She was confident, unshakably, that he did. He may have forgotten it or ignored it. He may have tried to convince himself he wasn't entirely sure. He may have refused to give an answer. But he knew it. He knew the answer.

There is a reason that, after Peter's response, Jesus gives him the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

"Who do you say that I am?"

Let our whole lives be our answer.

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." — Matthew 16:16

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FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL AGES - Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation

and Youth Ministry

Faith Formation - 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.

Readings for the week of August 27, 2023

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

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

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29

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

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

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.

MARY'S KITCHEN: MONDAY'S 3 to 5PM

ALL WELCOME!! 'air conditioned'

Is the heat getting to you?? Don't heat up YOUR kitchen. 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!!

Questions?? Please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

SCRIPTURE SHARING: "The Chosen" ~ Season Three

We are revisiting *The Chosen*, Season 3. So much happens in each episode, to keep track of characters and events, can be difficult to absorb it all in one viewing. This week's episode is entitled "Intensity in Tent City." Andrew and Simon (Peter) discover their previous mission resulted in devastation that will require a return. Simon the Zealot is forced to confront his past. Meanwhile, two disciples of John the Baptist come to Capernaum with an important question for Jesus. Lots happening!!

Come join us. All are invited. We meet most Thursdays from 2 to 3pm in the Parish Life Center. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

The Food Pantry Cupboard Items Needed This Month:

Our food pantry grant from the regional Food Bank was greatly reduced this year due to an increase in need throughout the country. The items needed *at this time* are:

applesauce and cookies.

Thank you so much! - Mary Beth



DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE: ~ The 51st Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration will be held **Saturday, September 23rd, 2023 at 4:00 PM** at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will celebrate the Mass at 4:00 PM and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area at the Cathedral immediately following Mass. Please register through your parish office or by email to: Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org.



In Memoriam ~ 2023 ~ '24

<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p>6/2/24</p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p>2/18/24</p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan</p> <p>2/18/24</p>
<p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson</p> <p>2/4/24</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>1/14/24</p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p>12/31/23</p>
<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p>12/17/23</p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p>10/29/23</p>	<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski</p> <p>9/17/23</p>

Questions of the Week

...Reflect and respond

First Reading:

The Lord condemns Shebna (the master of King Hezekiah's palace) for ignoring Isaiah's prophetic warning and gives to Eliakim the authority and honor that belonged to Shebna. *What helps you stay focused on following God's commandments?*

Second Reading:

Paul celebrates the wisdom and knowledge — the mystery — of God. *If you could ask God one question, what would it be?*

Gospel:

In Peter confessing Jesus as "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," Jesus gives him the authority to hold the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

How do you use authority in your life?

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WILL YOU
RESPOND
to the *Call?*

"Who do you say that I am?"
Let our whole lives be the answer, given not in words, but in action. If the world looked at your life, your decisions, your words, and your deeds, would they conclude that you are a person who believes Christ is the son of the living God?

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FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.)
Aug 12-13 '23.....\$3931.00

~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

Sat., Aug 26

4:00pm—Arthur W Connery (20th Anniv) & Mary A Connery (12th Anniv), req by children Joseph R Torre, req by Bob/Sandra Beston

Sun., Aug 27

7:30am—Living & deceased members of IHM George Delong, req by T & K Wendt

11:00am—Helen S Baciewicz, req by family Frank Blair, Sr (B'day), req by daughter/grandson Maureen McMahon, req by Rose Avery

Tues., Aug 29

9:00am—Thomas F Adams, parish

Wed., Aug 30

9:00am—Irma M Inco, parish

Thurs., Aug 31

9:00am—Filippo Pascarella, parish

Sat., Sept 2

4:00pm—Living & deceased members of IHM Albert Hanley, req by Michael Avery & family Francis Cocca, req by Gene & Cindy

Sun., Sept 3

7:30am—Helen & Bob Degnan, req by T & K Wendt

11:00am—Carole Maloney, req by husband, Don JoAnne Kowalski, req by Judy/Phil Pope Frank A Baciewicz, req by Baciewicz family



REGISTER NOW FOR THE NYS EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS ~

Catholics from across New York State are planning to come together at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville on **October 20-22, 2023** to celebrate the real presence of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The Congress will feature inspiring talks, Mass, Eucharistic adoration, opportunities for confessions, inspiring music and more.

For details and to register (EVERYONE ATTENDING MUST REGISTER), log onto <https://nyseucharisticcongress.org>