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

Welcome



22nd Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:15

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August 29, 2021

Celebration of the Eucharist

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

Weekday Schedule

9:00am Mass - Tuesday . Wednesday . Thursday

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.

HELPING HANDS NEEDED ~ We are in need of people to do the Altar linens (corporal cloths and purificators) weekly. This involves simply picking up the used linens, washing and ironing them and returning the following weekend. If you are willing to help, please contact Linda at (518) 209-6446.

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: All Are Welcome!

Please note: Mary's Kitchen will be closed on September 6 for the Labor Day holiday.

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.



Scripture Sharing: The Chosen

Please note: We will not meet for Scripture on September 2.

This summer we are enjoying the first season of "The Chosen". The next episode we will watch on **September 9** is entitled, "I Am He".

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

RESPOND
to the *Call*

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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION ~ A Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Albert Einstein said that the "true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination." Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God's children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God's compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God's word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn't just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That's why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It's risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That's why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling. ©LPi


**HE MEETS US
WHERE WE ARE**



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

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.

In Memoriam ~ '21-2022		
 <p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p>2/20/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson</p> <p>2/6/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan</p> <p>1/23/22</p>
<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p>1/16/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>1/16/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p>1/9/22</p>
<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p>10/24/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p>9/26/21</p>	<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski</p> <p>9/19/21</p>
<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p>9/5/21</p>		

Readings for the week of August 29, 2021

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
Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Questions for the week: Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

As Moses prepared the Israelites to settle and live in the Promised Land he urged them to stay close to God's commandments and statutes in order to become a "great nation." *Why do you think so many nations stray from this idea?*

Second Reading:

In the opening verses of his letter, James urges his readers to be "doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves." *Why do you think this is wise advice?*

Gospel:

In returning to the Gospel of Mark, we hear today how the religious leaders from Jerusalem questioned Jesus about keeping "the tradition of the elders." Jesus responded with the importance of being clean of heart. *Why is this such a challenging spiritual exercise?*

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Aug 28

4:00pm—Gerald Beston, req by Peggy Germano
Rose Marie 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 the family Brenda Burnett, req by Bob and Carol Carlson
11:00am—lv'g & dec'd members of IHM Carrie/Angelo Delduce (85 Anniv), req by family Gordon & Arlene Hilly, req by their niece

Tues., Aug., 31

9:00am—Victoria Byrnes, req by Judith Pope

Wed., Sept 1

9:00am—Frank & Vincenza DiNuzzo, Estate

Thurs., Sept 2

9:00am—Johnson & Malasky families, Estate

Sat., Sept 4

4:00pm—L'vg/dec'd members of IHM Rose Marie Kotansky, req by Carol Gillespie & Joan Hope
Deacon Mark Leonard, req by Barbara Voland

Sun., Sept 5

8:30am—Jeannie Brennan (L'vg), req by Anne Burnett
Pam DiNuzzo, req by Bob & Carol Carlson
Michael Raymond, req by his sisters
11:00am—Carole Maloney & son Jeff, req by family
Jerry Connors, Jr & Jerry Connors, Sr, req by family

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