

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 30, 2020



"For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct." - Mt16:27

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

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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.

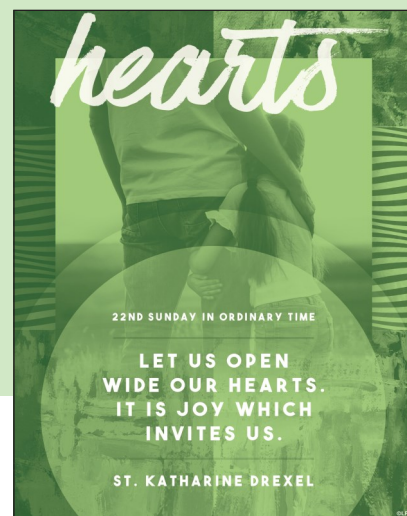
GOSPEL MEDITATION ~

Secular pursuits only bring a temporary amount of satisfaction and fulfillment. As much as we may think that achieving worldly success, economic security, personal well-being, and self-fulfillment are worthy goals to obtain, they all are dependent on external variables and can lead to emptiness. We are trained to be very pragmatic and productive. Unless we are able to check off all of the boxes or comply with specific measurable requirements, our value and worth becomes questionable. Corporations, educational institutions, systems, structures, and secular ideology rarely consider deeper, more spiritual, and human contributions a person can and needs to make.

To the secular mind, the wisdom and ideals of the Gospel are making less and less sense. Consider for a moment this question: "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" While Jesus is asking this very challenging question to people who are considering his message, many in our world are in a quite different place. Whether we realize it, many folks are asking a much different question. Why would you not want to gain the whole world and secure your life? If you look at where a lot of folks are investing their time, energy, and resources, it becomes obvious where current priorities rest.

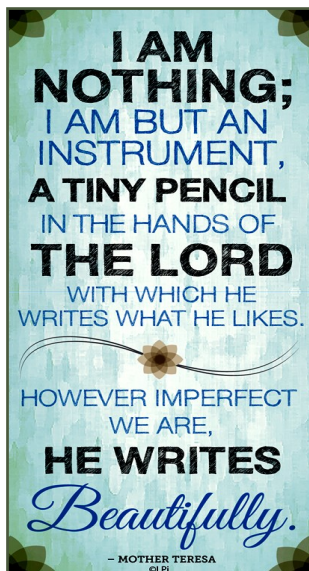
Modern day comforts and possibilities are backing us out of our relationship with God. The fire burning in every human heart is trying to find its satisfaction in the things that humans have created and not God. Being altruistic and offering compassion for those most in need becomes a political responsibility or responsible gesture. We realize that our hearts need to be centered on something and someone who calls us out of ourselves, but we struggle and battle with naming the source of that call. God places the desire to seek, find, and love Him in the core of every soul. We are not abandoned and left to fend for ourselves. But we can easily get confused. We know that when we extend ourselves to another self-sacrificially, we are doing what is just and right. We know that we can work through suffering and loss and come out better and more whole on the other side.

Our minds need to be renewed so that they can begin to understand that there is much more to who we are, and that faith plays a pivotal role in achieving our true and everlasting goals. It is when we see that it is only faith that can bring us to this heightened awareness of ourselves and God that it will begin to make sense. Then, we can put things in proper perspective and consider being a disciple. ©LPi



IHM Prayer Ministry~

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



Faith Formation - For All Ages

Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry - skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

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!!

HANNAFORD GIFT CARDS ~ At the present time, Hannaford gift cards will be available **only** at the Parish Office during business hours. If you would like to make a purchase, call the office and we will hold the amount for you until you are able to pick them up. Just call ahead.



Thank you.

Scripture Sharing: The Letter of James

For all those interested, we will begin meeting on Wednesdays 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.



In Memoriam ~ 2020-21

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

2/21/21

In loving memory of
John T Sherlock
requested by his wife and Family

2/21/21

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Tues., Sept., 1

9:00am—Raymond Tracey, req by sister & brother

Wed., Sept., 2

9:00am—DiNuzzo, LoParco, Burnham, Estate

Thurs., Sept 3

9:00am—Saundra S Cummings, Estate

Sat., Sept 5

4:00pm—John K Connors, req by Bob & Kathy Falzo
Robert Connery, req by Legnard-Curtin Aux
Jerry Valenti, req by wife & family

Sun., Sept 6

8:30am—Andre Colarusso, req by his wife
Jackie Vincent, req by Barbara Crowley & family

Ray Donato, req by Mary Crowley

11:00am—Michael Kowalski, req by Gail Mantello

Jerry Connors, Sr, Jerry Connors, Jr, req by the family
Carlson & Schnapp family, req by Barb & Ellen



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, 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.

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Instruction on Receiving Communion

Question:

How many times a day can a person receive communion?

Answer:

To find an answer to this question, we need to turn to the Church's Code of Canon Law. Here we read, "One who has received the blessed Eucharist may receive it again on the same day only within a Eucharistic celebration in which that person participates ..." (no. 917). This tells us that the standard answer would be that we can receive communion twice in a day.

Having said that, we also want to be sure that we pay attention to the entire instruction. The phrase "within a Eucharistic celebration in which that person participates" is important. It means a) that we always have to think of receiving communion as being within a celebration of the Mass and b) we have to be participants in that celebration – we can't simply show up "in time" for communion.

So, when would this rule apply?

For example, if you attend Mass on a Saturday morning and then take part in the Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday evening, you could licitly receive communion at both celebrations. Or, another example, if you receive communion at a wedding or funeral Mass, you could also receive communion at a daily Mass or Sunday Vigil celebrated on the same day. We always want to be sure that we observe the rules for fasting from food and drink before receiving the eucharist (see Code of Canon Law, no. 919).

We should also remember that the Code of Canon Law instructs that anyone who is in danger of death or seriously ill may also receive communion a second time (no. 91, §2).

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