



WATERVLIET/GREEN ISLAND

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#### FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY CENTER

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#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm—3:45 pm or  
by appointment

#### Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to make  
arrangements. Baptisms are generally on  
the 2nd weekend of the month.

#### Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples should make arrangements as  
soon as the engagement is announced.

#### Anointing of the Sick

If you are hospital bound, homebound  
or seriously ill and desire to be anointed,  
contact the Parish Office. Eucharist  
can be brought to any parishioner by a  
Eucharistic Minister.

## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 4, 2016

#### Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil—4:00PM Sunday—8:30AM and 11:00AM

#### Weekday Schedule

Communion Service: Monday & Friday at 9:00 AM

Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9:00 AM

*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.*

#### Deacon Al's Corner

**Care for Caregivers** – When our Parish volunteer Nurse, Barbara Nash, did her health needs survey the area that came up as the greatest need was “Care for Caregivers.” In response to that expressed need we have scheduled a presentation entitled “Recognizing and Coping with Caregiver Stress.” The flyer for the presentation indicates that it is:

“A one hour, interactive program designed to help Caregivers recognize, understand, and combat caregiver stress.”

The same presentation is scheduled for Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm and the presentation will be repeated again on Wednesday September 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am. We are hoping that many of our Parish Caregivers will be able to attend and will benefit from this presentation. This presentation is also open to the public so if you know of anyone who is a Caregiver please extend an invitation to them. Please call Judy Pope at 273-6020 for reservations so we will know how many people will attend.

**Joyful Noise** – The current issue of the “Seasonal Missalette” July 31 to November 26, 2016 that we use at Mass has a very interesting article on the inside front page. It is worth reading and is about singing at Mass. One of the lines states: It has always struck me that 35,000 fans at a Chicago Cubs baseball game can lift their voices and join in singing of “Take Me Out to the Ball Game,” but those same folks won’t even open a hymnal or missalette at Mass on Sundays to sing hymns and songs that have the capacity to reach deeply into the hearts of believers.” I have noticed that for about five to ten minutes before Mass starts there is a lot of chatter in the pews. And that is good because we want to encourage people to speak to one another. However sometimes the Lector gets up to the Ambo to welcome everyone and do the introduction and the chatter continues. Please consider two things:

1. Please stop the chatter five minutes before Mass starts so people can settle into a prayerful mode; and
2. Please raise your voices in song – a joyful noise.

**Thank you** and have a safe and blessed Labor Day weekend.



**VOCATIONS MINISTRY:** When do men and women first start considering a religious vocation? According to subject matter expert, Rhonda Gruenewald "the majority of young men and almost as many young women consider a religious vocation between 13 and 18 years of age." The Vocations Ministry strongly encourages families to have an open dialogue about God's calling. Perhaps asking children, "What does God want you to be when you grow up?" Please remember the importance of keeping God in the conversation.

We invite you to become a member of our parish family. To begin the registration process, please fill out this form and place in the collection basket on Sunday. We will send you a new membership form for registration. Thank you

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**September 11: Grandparents' Day & Blessing of Backpacks:**—All grandparents are invited to attend the 11am Mass on September 11<sup>th</sup> with their children and grandchildren. After Mass, there will be snacks, crafts, and games in the Parish Life Center. There will also be an opportunity for parents to register their children for the 2016-2017 session of Faith Formation. **As our young people settle into the new school year, we encourage them to bring their backpacks with them to the Masses on the weekend of September 10/11.** We will have a brief blessing at the end of each Mass. In this way, they will carry with them, symbolically, our prayers and blessings throughout the school year.



**Family Reunion, Sept. 17/18; 11th Annual Fall Kickoff ,Sept. 18** —Our **annual Fall Kickoff** is always a great way to spend time with our parish family. This year, because of the Family Reunion weekend – September 17/18 - it will be **extra special**. After each Mass, we will celebrate aspects of our parish community.



There will be sign up sheets on the tables in the back of church for each of the Masses. For the 4pm, we will be looking for volunteers to provide cheese, crackers and fruit. At the 8:30am, we are hoping for donuts, pastries, muffins, etc. At the 11am, we will be looking for folks to sign up to bring picnic type items: hot dogs, rolls, snacks, desserts and beverages.

What other plans do we have to make this Kickoff extra special...horse rides, crafts, games, activities and who knows what else?? There will also be Basket Raffles to choose from. Tickets for the basket raffles will be available at the Kickoff on the 17/18<sup>th</sup> and on October 8/9 and 15/16. The drawing will be at the Pasta Dinner on October 21. Tickets are \$1.00 each and monies raised will go for purchasing Faith Formation needs.

**Keep an eye on the bulletin for further details!!!**

**PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY**—Just a reminder of our Prayer Blanket Ministry at IHM. Prayer Blankets are given to children baptized in our parish and to those who are dealing with illness, residents of nursing homes, those recuperating in rehabilitation centers, and/or others coping with severe emotional distress.

If you have someone who you feel would benefit from this ministry, please contact Sharon at 328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).



#### **FAITH FORMATION—For All Ages**

Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry, [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

#### **Registration for Faith Formation 2016-2017**

AM sessions for grades Pre-k to 7 will be on Sunday, from 9:45 to 10:55, with Mass at 11AM. PM sessions for grades 6 to 10+ will be on Sunday, **following** the 11am Mass, from 12:15 to 1:15pm.

A Registration meeting for all children will be on **Sunday, September 11** (after the 11am Mass) **The registration meeting will take place in the Parish Life Center (please note change).** You may choose to attend any of the registration meetings. Please bring the following to whichever meeting you will be attending: completed registration form(s) -one for each child; a copy of their baptismal certificate (if not baptized at IHM) ; Family fee -\$40 for one child, \$45 for 2 or more. Checks should be made out to: Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish.

**If you would like additional information on registration meetings or our programs at IHM, please call Sharon at 328-0427.**

#### **We Said We'd See You Soon...Here's What's Coming Up in September**

Over the next few months, we'll see you for special celebrations, as well as at Mass: As important as Sacraments are, we are not just a "Sacramental Church". Faith Formation begins the journey with Jesus at our Baptism and continues throughout our lives. Attendance at sessions doesn't end with the reception of a Sacrament; it takes a lifetime to develop a relationship with the God who loves us.

September 11: Registration for 2016-2017 Faith Formation

September 11: Grandparents Day

September 17/18: Family Reunion/Fall Kickoff

September 25: Faith Formation sessions begin

#### **Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word will be on hiatus until Faith Formation begins again September 25, 2016, except for September 11, which will be a Family Mass.**

#### **Do You Play a Musical Instrument??**

—For the past two months the Prayer and Worship Committee has been discussing ways to enhance and expand the Music Ministry in our parish. One of our initiatives is to involve more of our parishioners, especially our younger people, to play along with our three principal musicians as a larger ensemble. To this end we are asking anyone with musical skills on any instrument who would be interested in participating in the music-making at our Masses, to sign up in the back and/or speak to Deacon Al. You may also call the Parish Office at 273-6020. You don't need to be a great player. We will try to work with any skill level to produce "a joyful noise unto the Lord."



Memorials for 2016–2017		
 In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family  4/23/17	In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John G Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family  2/19/17	In loving memory of William T, Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family  1/29/17
In loving memory of James D Langford requested by Lilia Langford & Christine Callahan  1/22/17	In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family  1/22/17	In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family  1/1/17
In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope  1/1/17	In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family  10/23/16	In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family  10/16/16

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Sat., Sept 3  
4:00pm—Robert/Lorraine Burns, req by  
Karl & Joan  
Marian Winterbourne, req by Josephine  
Bonville  
Gary Gingersky, req by Sue/Ginny Ellis

Sun., Sept 4  
8:30am—Frank A Baciewicz, Sr, req by  
Baciewicz family  
Rhonda Bartholomew, req by Martha/Ron  
Soucy  
Anna/Walter Gonsowski & family, req by  
Margaret Gonsowski

11:00am—Carol A Vogel, req by Norma  
Keating  
In thanksgiving for the safety & protection  
of Watervliet Fire Dept, req by a parishioner

Mon., Sept 5  
9:00am—NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., Sept 6 MASS  
9:00am—Bob Fahr, req by Peg Cote  
Wm H Proctor, Sr, req by Donna Hoinski

Wed., Sept 7 MASS  
9:00am—Jose Mauro, req by Pam Reeves

Thurs., Sept 8 MASS  
9:00am—Sue Hacker (B'day), req by her  
sister  
Mary Kowalski, req by Jim & Sharon Kow-  
alski

Fri., Sept 9  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., Sept 10  
4:00pm—Julia F Fahr (2nd Anniv), req by  
the family  
Marion Persons (6th Anniv), req by dgter  
Roy Youman, req by Brenda Persons

Sun., Sept 11  
8:30am—Peg McCarthy, req by Bob/Carol  
Carlson  
Marion Carhart ,req by Brenda Persons  
Fred Gonsowski, Sr, req by Margaret  
Gonsowski

11:00am—Carol Ann Vogel, req by Theresa  
Bunk & family  
Joann Somich (Anniv), req by Helen Somich  
Irene Sefcik (90th B'day), req by the family

**PARISH OFFICE** will be closed Monday, Sept 5th due to Labor Day Holiday. We will re-open Tuesday commencing with our regular schedule:

Monday—Thursday: 8:30am—3:30pm  
Friday: 10:30am—3:30pm Open

Have a Safe Holiday!!



**SCRIPTURE STUDY: Gospel of Matthew**—You are invited to join us Thursday, September 8 from 6pm to 7pm in the Parish Life Center for a DVD on Chapter 9 of the Gospel of Matthew, New Wine, New Wineskins. For questions or for more information, please contact Sharon at 328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

**RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults**—Have questions about the Catholic faith? Is becoming a member of the Catholic community been on your “to-do” list for a while?? Are you already a baptized Catholic, but need to complete the sacramental process??

Whatever your needs may be, we are here to help you make it happen. We are able to work around your schedule and you individual area of need. Want more information?? Contact Sharon at 328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

**MARY'S KITCHEN: Mondays: 3:30—5:30pm**—Many thanks to all of you who generously give to Mary's Kitchen and to those who take time out of their lives every week to help prepare and serve the meals. We are also deeply grateful to Schuyler Bakery and to Freihofer's who provide us with bread and baked items to share with our guests. Together, we respond to God's call to share what we have with others.

Mary's Kitchen is open Mondays from 3:30 to 5:30pm. All members of the community are invited – both parishioners and non-parishioners alike – to pick up a take-out meal during those times.

Currently, we are in need of a few volunteers to help prepare food between 12:30 and 2:30pm. If you are available, please contact Sharon at 328-0427 for more information.



**Hannaford Gift Cards** will  
be available for purchase at  
the back of the Church after  
Mass THIS WEEKEND!!

**IHM PRAYER MINISTRY**—Contact Brenda Persons at 271-6184 if you would like the prayer team to pray for you or a loved one undergoing surgery or ill.

**ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**

**Weekly Collection (including mail-in)**  
Aug 29-30, 2015.....\$5359.00  
Aug 27-28, 2016.....\$5631.00

**Catholic Home Missions Collection**  
Aug 22-23, 2015.....\$1037.00  
Aug 27-28, 2016.....\$ 909.00