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ADORATION
TUESDAYS
9:30 - 11:00 AM



23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me
cannot be my disciple.” - Lk 14:27

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SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

Celebration of the Eucharist

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

Weekday Schedule

9:00am Mass - Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments ~

Where's the Sacrifice?

"It's not that I want you to do it. It's that I want you to *want* to do it."

If you're married or in a relationship, your partner has probably either said something like this to you or you have said it to them. If one of you hasn't said it, you have probably wanted to, and it's likely that a big argument or two was had where you dance around the sentiment, these exact words flashing in your mind like an old-time movie marquee.

The "it" never really matters much. Taking out the trash, painting the bedroom, traveling to your in-laws' for Christmas — whatever the subject matter of the disagreement is, it's all just so much set dressing. The heart of the matter is the sacrifice and desire. That's what it all hangs on.

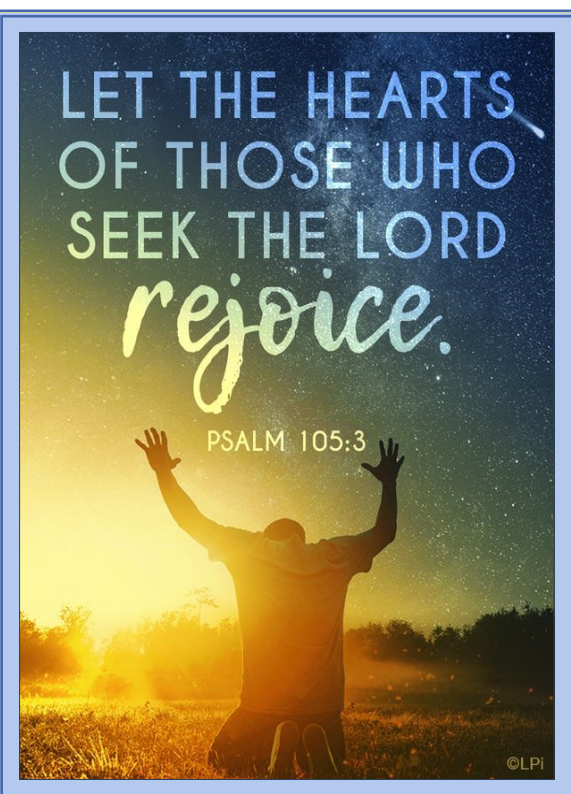
Am I with a person who will sacrifice for me?

When Paul writes to Philemon that he is sending Onesimus to him, he says exactly this. He tells Philemon that he would prefer to keep Onesimus with him, but that he does not want to deprive Philemon both of Onesimus and the opportunity to make a sacrifice worthy in the sight of the Lord.

The point is not who gets to hang out with Onesimus. The point is, as it says in the Gospel, who is willing to carry his cross? Who is willing to renounce his possessions? Who is willing to do the good deed for the sake of the other?

God doesn't care that much about what we have to offer. He cares much more that we have the strength to offer whatever we have.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI



The Chosen: Thursdays, 2 to 3pm, Season 2 of The Chosen

We are watching Season 2 of the Chosen. The seventh episode is entitled "Reckoning". After learning of Jesus' whereabouts, the Romans set out to arrest him. The disciples become frantic with where they have taken him. When Jesus returns, preparation for the Sermon on the Mount is underway.

Curious?? Come join us. As always, all are welcome. We meet on most Thursdays from 2 to 3pm. No homework, no materials to buy. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

RCIA & Sacramental Preparation for Adults & Older Children

Please note: There will be no RCIA session on September 6.

Anna Clifford and Paul Hilston are preparing to complete their Sacraments of Initiation at IHM. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they journey with us.

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.



"The Eucharist is the Heart and the Summit of the Church's life"

Faith Formation For All Ages—Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation & Youth Ministry - skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Faith Formation: 2022-2023

Faith Formation sessions for 2022-2023 will begin on October 2, 2022.

Registration will take place on September 25 and October 2. 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.

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: ALL ARE WELCOME!!


Mary's kitchen will be closed on Monday, September 5. It will reopen at the regular time on Monday, September 12.

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!! All are welcome; parishioners, neighbors and friends!!

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



**OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPT. 5TH
IN OBSERVANCE OF HOLIDAY**

In Memoriam ~ 2022 ~ 23		
 <p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family <small>8/11/23</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>2/19/23</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>2/19/23</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson <small>2/5/23</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>1/15/23</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family <small>1/15/23</small></p>
<p>In memory of Justin Berthiaume and Veronica Gardner requested by The Vertone Family <small>11/13/22</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family <small>10/23/22</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family <small>10/9/22</small></p>
<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski <small>9/18/22</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family <small>9/4/22</small></p>	<p>MASS INTENTIONS</p> <p>Sat., Sept 3 4:00pm—Frank A Baciewicz, req by the Baciewicz family Lorraine & Robert Burns, req by Karl/Joan The Beston Family, req by the family</p> <p>Sun., Sept 4 7:30am—Lv'g/dec'd members of IHM 11:00am—Carole Maloney & son Jeff, req by husband Don Richard M Hilly, req by children Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM</p> <p>Tues., Sept., 6 9:00am—for the souls in purgatory</p> <p>Wed., Sept., 7 9:00am—Julia F Fahr (6th Anniv), req by the family For people in the Ukraine</p> <p>Thurs., Sept 8 9:00am—Sue Werner-Hacker (L), req by her sister Mary Rutherford, req by her son Mary Berardi, req by Fr. Rutherford</p> <p>Sat., Sept 10 4:00pm—Jerry Beston, req by Lois Ennis Lv'g/dec'd members of IHM Helen G. Shufon, req by Eleanor Hack</p> <p>Sun., Sept 11 7:30am—Kay Conroy, req by the family 11:00am—Adam Novak (Anniv), req by the family Jerry Connors, Sr/Jerry Connors, Jr, req by the family</p>

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Lighting Candles in Church

Question: Why do Catholics light candles in church?

Answer:

Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.

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Readings for week of September 4, 2022

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/
Lk 14:25-33

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19

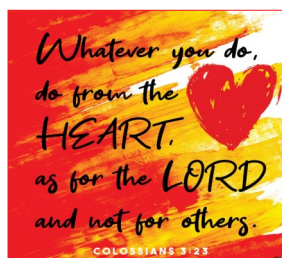
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10



Prayer Ministry ~ If you would like prayers for a family member, relative or friend, contact Brenda Persons at 518 961-0169.

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