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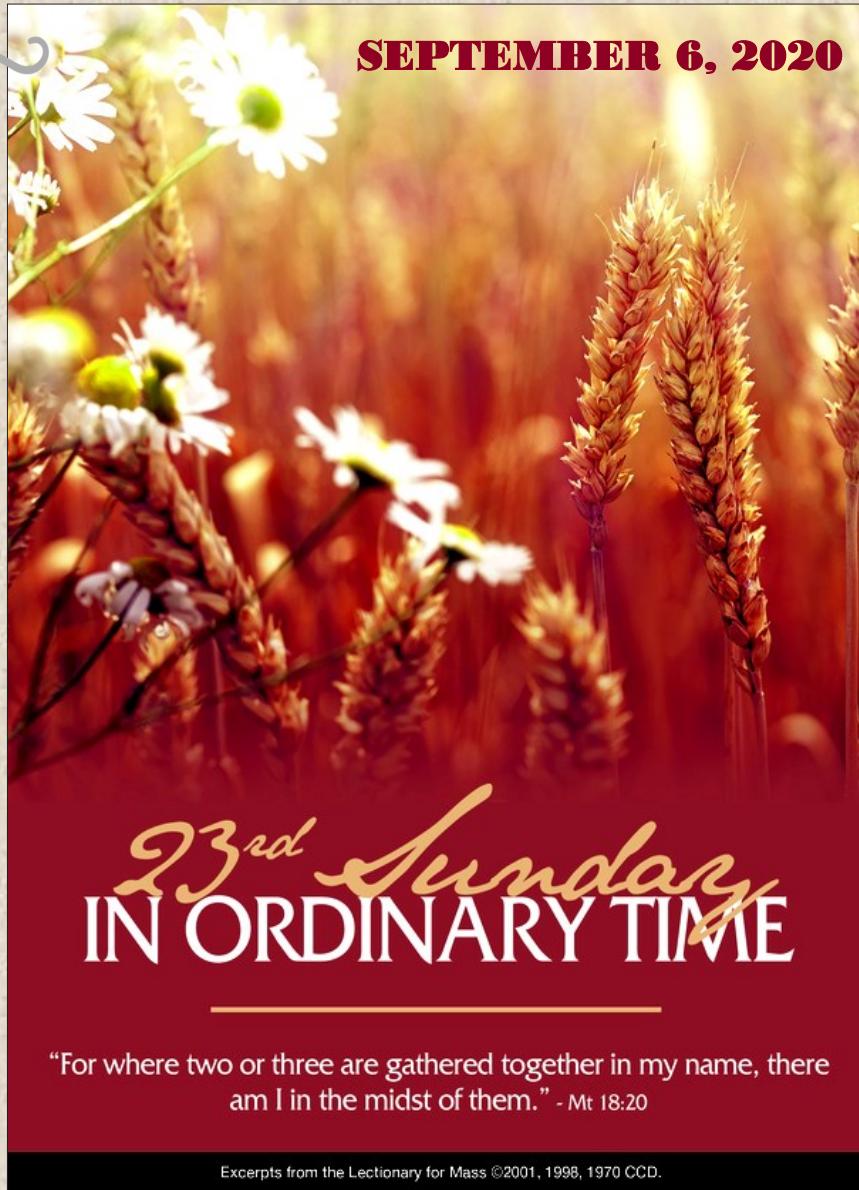
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SEPTEMBER 6, 2020



23rd Sunday **IN ORDINARY TIME**

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there
am I in the midst of them." - Mt 18:20

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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

Church and Parish Center - Handicapped Accessible

IHM Prayer Ministry~ We believe as faith-filled people, prayer matters and offers hope. The Prayer Tree Ministry is made up of a group of people who pray for others. If you would like prayers said for a family member, relative, or friend contact Brenda Persons at 518-271-6184.

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RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older Children

Congratulations to Ed Rea (St. Michael the Archangel) and Don Cicchinelli (St. Florian) who became fully initiated in the Catholic faith during the month of August. They had been preparing to receive the Sacraments on the Easter Vigil in March, but all that changed with the onset of Covid-19. We are so happy to have them as "official" members of our parish and welcome them as they continue on their lifelong journey of faith.

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: skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or at 518-328-0427.



Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: WE'RE BACK!!

Mary's Kitchen is serving meals again!! For the present time, we can do TAKE OUT meals only. All are welcome. Why cook when we've done it for you?? Stop by between 3 to 5pm on Monday 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.

Faith Formation - For All Ages

Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

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Confirmation: August 16

Michael King (St. Andrew), Peter Konteh (St. Luke), Jeremy LaParl (St. Peter), and Leah Mercer (St. Grace) completed their Sacraments of Initiation at the Mass on August 16. We congratulate them as fully initiated members of the Church. God bless them and may the saints they have chosen for their Confirmation names intercede for them in the years ahead. May the Holy Spirit guide and protect them always!!

First Eucharist: August 23, 30

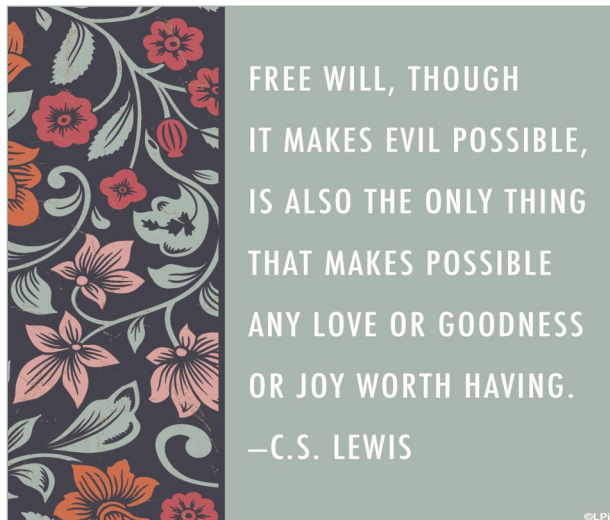
We welcome to the Table of the Lord: Vincent LaBoissiere, (August 23) and Aiden Ide (August 30). We are so happy that you are now able to join the entire parish community at Communion, now and in the years ahead. May God continue to bless you every time you receive Him at Mass throughout your lives.

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 at 518-328-0427 or email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW): Currently on hiatus.



Parish Office will be Closed Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day. Have a Safe Holiday!!

Readings for the week of September 6, 2020

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 [24b]/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 [2]/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/ Mt 18:21-35

Scripture Sharing: The Wild Goose

This has certainly been a year of changes and we thought we might follow that trend and try a different type of format. Our new series is entitled "The Wild Goose", a term the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. Presented by Franciscan Fr. Dave Pivonka, it is a series that begins each week with a DVD, followed by a few discussion questions and then some suggestions for reflection during the week. Even if you can't make it for all 14 of the sessions, we encourage you to stop in and try it out.

For all those interested, we will meet on 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



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., 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
Kay 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

Tues., Sept., 8

9:00am—Susan Hacker (Lv'g), req by her sister

Wed., Sept., 9

9:00am—Frank & Vincenza DiNuzzo, Estate

Thurs., Sept 10

9:00am—Edward Kuentzel, req by Marie Ruping
Julia F Fahr, (6th Anniv), req by the family

Sat., Sept 12

4:00pm—Thomas James Falzo, req by family
Madeline Theresa Whaley, req by Dolores Shaw
Carol Conroy, req by Legnard Curtin Aux

Sun., Sept 13

8:30am—Andre Colarusso, req by his wife
Kay Donato, req by Mary Crowley

11:00am—Michael Kowalski, req by Bob & Kathy Falzo

John Connors, req by Toni Delduce
Michael MacLasco (15th Anniv), req by Mary Rose & family

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
Weekly Collection (incl Mail-in/E.G.)
Aug 22-23, 2020—\$4141.00

GOSPEL MEDITATION ~ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's all about reconciliation and conversion, not punishment. Relationships are not static adventures but wonderful gifts that continue to develop, grow, change, and mature. We are meant to be social beings, so isolating ourselves from others is rarely helpful. But, because human beings are on the one hand tremendously gifted, talented, and blessed creations, they are on the other also flawed, broken, and sinful. We all need to humbly admit that we are works in progress and not only capable of enriching each other's lives but causing deep hurts and wounds as well. Hence, we always need to be reconciled. We are always growing, changing, and expanding our knowledge of who we are and how we are meant to share life together.

Because reconciliation and conversion are always part of the mix of life, honesty is crucial. Without honesty, we can easily find ourselves living a lie and causing more harm than good. Being able to freely share our feelings, especially those involving pain and hurt, is a charism necessary to pursue and an art to learn. When we are wronged or wrong someone else, we do not enjoy the confrontation that can and needs to come. We are taught to keep our feelings to ourselves, especially when they are negative, and we tend to avoid difficult conversations. Hence, we never really learn how to confront another, successfully resolve conflict, find reconciliation, and welcome conversion. When we hurt or wrong someone, it does not mean that we are a bad or sinful person who deserves only punishment and excommunication. Quite the opposite! We are simply a human person who can make poor choices and sin and can be forgiven. We can restore and deepen the relationship that has been affected and find our way home again.

Jesus clearly wants to avoid shame because it has no purpose in achieving reconciliation and conversion. All broken relationships deserve a chance at reconciliation. Every person has room for growth and a need for conversion. We have to learn to be okay with honesty and not be afraid to hear and process what someone needs to say, even if it is difficult for us to hear. Severing a relationship, both personally or with the church community as a whole, ought to definitely be a last resort and only pursued when all else has failed.

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Parish Registration: In an effort to keep our records up to date, we are asking all parishioners to kindly fill out the form below with your current address, phone number and email and include it in your tithing envelope or a regular white envelope and drop in collection basket when you come to Church. Thank you for your assistance. (If you are not presently registered with the parish, we invite you to fill out tear-off to start the process.

Name _____ Address _____
Phone _____ Email: _____