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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." - Mt 18:15

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SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Celebration of the Eucharist

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

**Weekday Scheduled Masses - 9:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
Adoration on Tuesdays - 9:30 to 11:00 am**

Gospel Meditation ~ a Deeper Understanding of Scripture

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What are you supposed to do about the bad behavior of the people around you? You know who I'm talking about. That family member, friend, coworker, or acquaintance who is quite immoral. On this front there are two lively options in our culture: bash the person to others (probably online) or pretend everything's fine. The former damages the person. The latter ignores reality. What to do?

Jesus' strategy in the Gospel of Matthew is as wise as it is difficult: go directly to the person, and then gradually expand the circle of intervention. Simple, often effective, and hard. But what we often miss is the context of the Lord's strategy, "If your *brother* sins against you..." Notice the italicized words. Is the person in a Christian familial bond with you? And was the action in question against you? If so, proceed with the plan. Fine. But how often we fret over the sins of those who either aren't our spiritual siblings or have done nothing directly to us. This is not an invitation to ignore injustice in the world. Rather, we should build bonds of fraternal love, and carefully discern when and how others' sins are indeed our concern. Sometimes they are. Other times — frequently, perhaps — they simply are not. — *Father John Muir*

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SCRIPTURE SHARING:

"The Chosen" Season Three

We are revisiting *The Chosen*, Season 3. So much happens in each episode, to keep track of characters and events, can be difficult to absorb it all in one viewing. This week's episode is entitled "Sustenance." Thousands arrive to first argue with and then listen to Jesus as He preaches. Shmuel and Atticus become aware of what has happened and journey towards the Decapolis* to possibly catch Jesus in the act of fomenting a revolt. In the midst of all this, as the preaching extends to the next day, the disciples realize they have a problem: the crowds are hungry and there is no food. (*The Decapolis was a group of 10 ancient Greek cities on the eastern frontier of the Roman Empire, formed after the Roman conquest of Palestine in 63 BC. It was one of the few regions where Jesus traveled in which Gentiles were in the majority).

Come join us. All are invited. We meet most 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

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.



FORMATION... ~FOR ALL AGES - Sharon C. Kowalski,

Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

Faith Formation: 2023-2024

Faith Formation sessions for 2023-2024 will begin on October 8, 2022.

Registration will take place on October 1 and October 8 in the Faith Formation Center. 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.

September DVD: Molokai, the Story of Fr. Damien, 1:30pm Parish Life Center

The State of Hawaii is one of the most beautiful places in the USA. Some have even used the word "paradise" to describe it. But just like in recent days with the wildfires, not all of its history is picture perfect. In 1872, the island of Molokai is where those were sent who were suffering from leprosy in the Hawaiian Islands. This is the inspiring story of a young priest, Father Damien who went to Molokai to minister to those afflicted with the disease who felt abandoned by the rest of the world. He worked relentlessly to obtain the help and supplies that were so desperately needed.

Come join us **September 21, at 1:30pm** in the Parish Life Center. What is God calling each of us to do, to share, and to be??

All are welcome. Contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org for more information.




FALL FLEA MARKET & BAKE SALE

September 23
9 AM - 3 PM

&

September 24
12 PM - 2 PM

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish
2416 Seventh Ave
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In Memoriam ~ 2023 ~ '24		
 <p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p>6/2/24</p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p>2/18/24</p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan</p> <p>2/18/24</p>
<p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson</p> <p>2/4/24</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>1/14/24</p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p>12/31/23</p>
<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p>12/17/23</p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p>10/29/23</p>	<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski</p> <p>9/17/23</p>

Question of the Week ~ Reflect and respond

In Today's First Reading: The Lord teaches Ezekiel that he is personally responsible to be faithful to the prophetic words given to him. How could you show others that you take your faith seriously?

MARY'S KITCHEN: MONDAY'S 3 to 5PM ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Is the heat getting to you?? Don't heat up YOUR kitchen. 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!!

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



Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, September 16 - 12 Noon

All are invited to celebrate the
Feast of St Francis of Assisi
with the blessing of the animals

Please bring your beloved animals
and pets, great and small
to receive their special blessing.

We will gather at the parking lot
side entrance
of the Church building

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE: ~

The 51st Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration will be held **Saturday, September 23rd, 2023 at 4:00 PM** at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will celebrate the Mass at 4:00 PM and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area at the Cathedral immediately following Mass. Please register by email to: MarriageJubilee@rcda.org.



The Food Pantry Cupboard Items Needed This Month:

The items needed at this time are:
Applesauce, Crackers and Cookies.
Thank you so much!

- Mary Beth

Readings for the week of September 10, 2023

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/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

~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

Sat., Sept 9

4:00pm—Albert Hanley, req by Rose Avery
Maureen McMahon, req by Bob & Sandy
Beston
Robert & Lorraine Burns, req by Karl & Joan

Sun., Sept 10

7:30am—Mary Rutherford, req by her son
David Anderson, req by Carol Carlson & family

11:00am—Living & deceased members of IHM
Charles Edward Moore, req by the Ricciardone
family

Joseph Allan Nicolella, req by a friend

Tues., Sept 12

9:00am—Theresa A Lazzaro, parish
Giovannina DeGenero, req by Anthony DeLucia

Wed., Sept 13

9:00am—Sue Ellen Paloski, parish

Thurs., Sept 14

9:00am—Francis J Yeomans, parish

Sat., Sept 16

4:00pm—Charles E Moore, Jr, req by Frederick
Hudy
Frances Granger, req by Brenda Persons/8 & 40
Aux.

Sun., Sept 17

7:30am—Lv'g & Dec'd members of IHM

11:00am—Jerry Connors, Sr/Jerry Connors, Jr,
req by the family
Richard & Elizabeth Hilly, req by daughter Janet

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Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.)
Aug 26-27 '23.....\$4596.00