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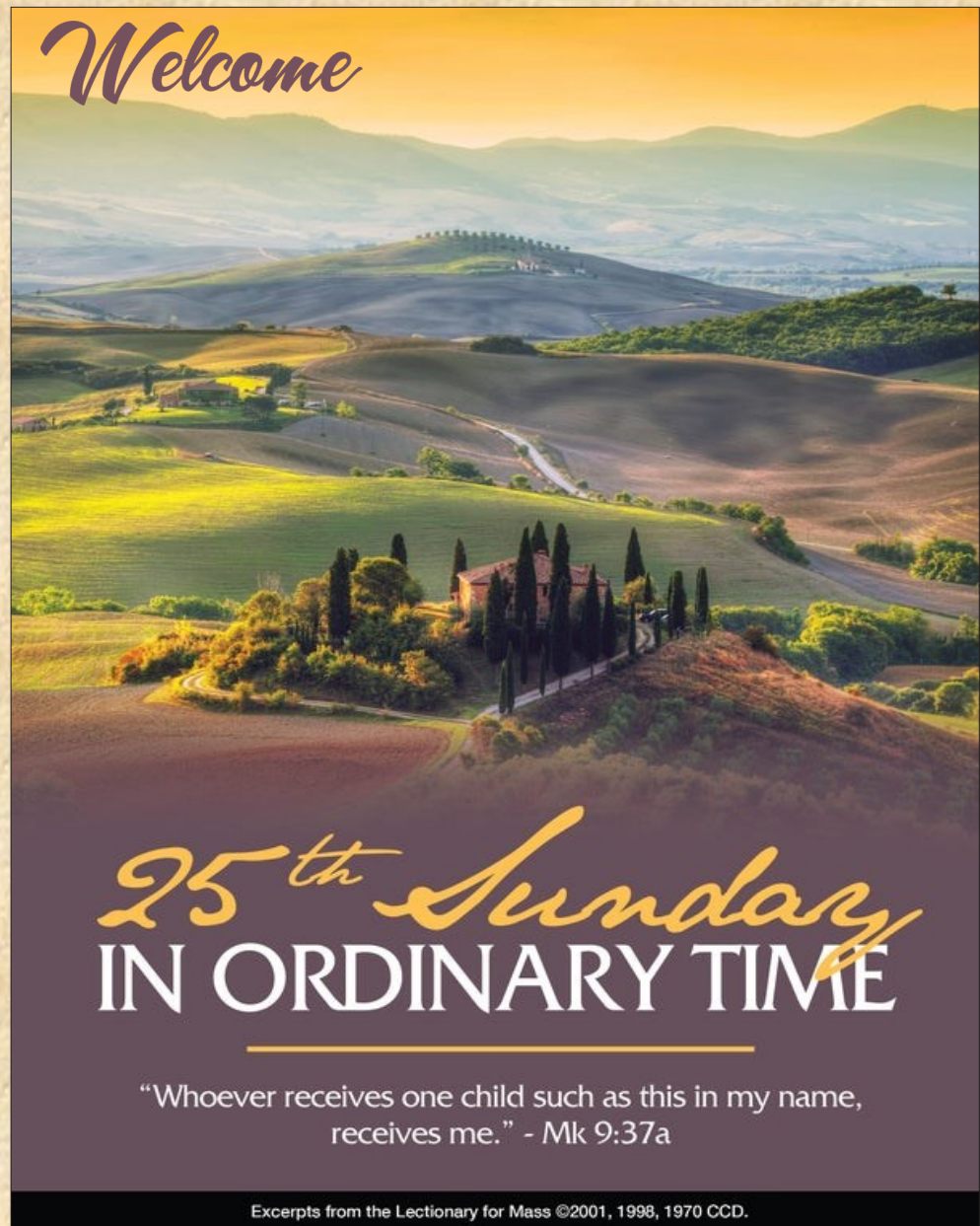
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Adoration
of Eucharist
Tuesdays
9:30-11:00am



Welcome

25th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name,
receives me." - Mk 9:37a

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September 19, 2021

Celebration of the Eucharist
Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm - Sunday - 8:30 and 11:00am
Weekday Schedule
9:00am Mass - Tuesday . Wednesday . Thursday

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.

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy. ©LPi



Scripture Sharing: The Chosen

We are currently waiting for Season Two of "The Chosen" to ship. If we receive it by Thursday, we will watch the first episode of Season Two. If not, we will watch another DVD by Bishop Robert Barron.

We meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm. All are welcome. Just come and experience this highly acclaimed series. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

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

Why heat up the kitchen when we've done it for you?? 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!! We would like to thank Schuyler Bakery and Freihofer's who provide the bread and rolls we use in Mary's Kitchen – every week, free of charge.

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

Mary's Kitchen Meatloaf Special: September 13

On Monday, September 13, from 3 to 5pm, Bob Beston and friends put on a special meatloaf dinner for Mary's Kitchen and members of the parish – meatloaf, mashed potatoes, veggies and dessert. All were invited. Thanks so much to Bob and all who joined us. It was delicious!!

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.



Faith Formation For All Ages

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Faith Formation: 2021-2022

Faith Formation sessions for 2021-2022 will begin on October 10, 2021. Registration will take place on September 26 and October 3. 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 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org for more information or questions about Faith Formation and/or receiving sacraments at IHM.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW):

Currently on hiatus.

 In Memoriam ~ '21-2022		
In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family <small>3/6/22</small>	In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>2/20/22</small>	In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson <small>2/6/22</small>
In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>1/23/22</small>	In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family <small>1/16/22</small>	In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>1/16/22</small>
In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family <small>1/9/22</small>	In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family <small>10/24/21</small>	In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family <small>9/26/21</small>
In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski <small>9/19/21</small>		

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION DURING THE WEEK

First Reading:

The Wisdom writer reveals the mentality of the wicked, characterized by revenge and treachery. **How best should people of faith respond to such behavior?**

Second Reading:

James offers insight into the human condition as it relates to how often our ambitions and passions can lead us astray. **How do you keep yourself grounded in holy intentions?**

Gospel:

We hear today how the disciples were afraid to ask Jesus questions and reluctant to share with him some of their tensions. **Why do you sometimes hold back from opening up to the Lord?**

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Readings for the week of September 19, 2021

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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.

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Sat., Sept 18

4:00pm—Jerry Valenti, req by wife & family
 Beston family, req by the family
 Ralph R Zeto, Sr, req by Frederick Hudy

Sun., Sept 19

8:30am—Living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Pamela DiNuzzo, req by Ann/Phil DiNuzzo
 Dcn Mark Leonard, req by Pat Fitzgerald

No
 Weekday Masses
 9/21-23
 9/28
 Fr. Rutherford
 Away

Sat., Sept 25

4:00pm—The Beston Family, req by the family
 Peter/Marilyn Barron (54th Wedding Anniv), req by children
 Dcn Mark Leonard, req by Frank & Jan Gilchrist

Sun., Sept 26

8:30am—Tammy Morgan, req by Mom & Dad
 Dcn Mark Leonard, req by Cindy Murdza
 Thomas P Callahan (3rd Anniv), req by the family

11:00am—Living & dec'd members of IHM
 Connie Repko, req by her "baby" sister Cindy
 Thomas & Grace Biondi, req by their children

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
Weekly Collection (incl mail-in/E.G.)
 Aug 28-29, 2021—\$4558.00
 Sept 4-5, 2021—\$4822.00