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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 24, 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



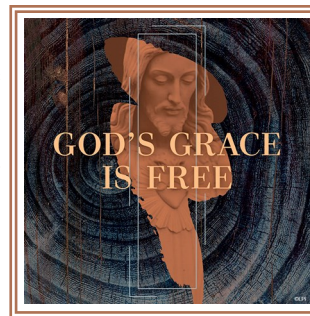
Gospel Meditation ~ a Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Once I gave my three-year-old niece a certain toy for Christmas. When she opened it, she was happy. Shortly thereafter her five-year old sister opened another present from me: the same toy, along with some play jewelry. The three-year-old cried out: "That's not fair! Why'd she get the jewelry, too?!"

Let's face it: there's something about God's grace in our religion which bugs us. We love to look at others' blessings and cry out: "That's not fair!" Catholicism is not fair in the sense that it is a religion founded on God's grace which is *unmerited* favor. God pours his mercy, love, and divine life upon us not because we're good but because He is infinitely good.

If you think the "not fair" quality of grace is easy to accept, consider how typically angry we get when we hear the parable of the workers who get paid way more than they deserve. The hyper-generous landowner says to the indignant hard workers, "Are you envious because I am generous?" Well, yes, they are, and so are we! Therefore, we *have* to reckon with this painful truth in order to move into the divine sphere of gifts, which is the world of Christ and his Church. Then we are able to move beyond a tit-for-tat world and into one where gifts are poured forth on those who don't deserve it — namely, upon us.— *Father John Muir*

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SCRIPTURE SHARING:

"The Chosen" Season Three

Please note: Because of the September DVD, we will not have Scripture on this Thursday.

Come join us next week. All are invited. We will meet Thursday, October 5 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.

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

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.

September DVD: Molokai, the Story of Fr. Damien, 1:30pm Parish Life Center, September 28

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 28 (**please note date change**), 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.



DO YOU HAVE??... Any old small metal crosses, or old stone, metal, or glass rosary beads that you no longer use, please call Linda at 518 209-6446 for further details.



Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

Let us never make the grave mistake of assuming we earn our salvation in the same way we earn a wage. It is a gift lavished upon us by a God who does not count the hours of our labor or measure the amount of our output. ©LPi




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 after the 11am Mass. 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.

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>

This weekend: Annual Collection for the Catholic University of America - Your gift this weekend will support students who go on to serve the nation and transform the world. Catholic University serves dioceses and parishes through innovative research initiatives and training programs, such as the Catholic Project - an initiative that aims to heal the breach of trust many have experienced as a result of the current crisis in the Church, an online Child Protection Certificate Program, a Master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers. Please be generous. Thank you for your continued support.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Catholic Vs. Protestant Bibles

Question:

Why are Catholic and Protestant Bibles different?

Answer:

Since the earliest days of the Church, Christians used a Greek translation of the Old Testament known as the Septuagint. This collection of the texts of the Hebrew Scriptures included 46 books. At the time of the Protestant Reformation in the 1500s, the Protestant reformers began to create their own translations of the Bible (into local languages) and some began to question why the Jewish Scriptures would have included texts that were written in Greek, because, they assumed, the only valid Jewish Scriptures would have been written in Hebrew. And so, they decided to remove seven books from the Old Testament: Baruch, Sirach, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Tobit, Judith and Wisdom (as well as portions of the Books of Daniel and Esther). This means that the Protestant Old Testament only includes 39 books, while Catholic Bibles continue to include those original 46 books. Both Catholic and Protestant Bibles include 27 books and letters in the New Testament.

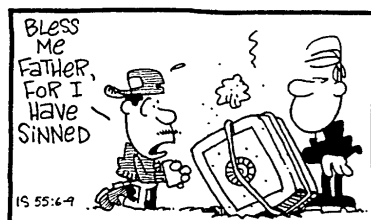
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION :

Every Saturday before the 4:00PM Mass.

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Prayer Team Ministry - If you would like prayers said for someone, Contact Brenda at 518-961-0169

~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

Sat., Sept 23

4:00pm—Jerry Valenti, req by wife& family
William J Connolly, req by Fred & Margaret Gonsowski
Margaret Halpin, req by the family

Sun., Sept 24

7:30am—living & deceased member s of IHM

11:00am—Betty Tracey, req by Lorraine Alund
Tammy Morgan, & Michael Raymond, req by the family

Tues., Sept 26

9:00am—Donna Wilkinson, parish

Wed., Sept 27

9:00am—Anne Green, parish

Thurs., Sept 28

9:00am—MaryKaye Proctor, parish

Sat., Sept 30

4:00pm—Ted Testo, Jr, req by the family
Mary Grace McGowan, req by Ginny/Diane
Arthur Connery, req by Jack/Marion Hupe

Sun., Oct 1

7:30am—living & deceased members of IHM
Anna Gicobbi, req by Gicobbi family

11:00am—Carole Maloney, req by Don
Frank Blair, Jr (Anniv), req by sister & nephew
Madeline Theresa Whaley, req by Dolores A Shaw



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Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.)
Sept 9-10 '23.....\$3979.00

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