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26th SUNDAY~IN ORDINARY TIME

## 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*

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.

## Faith Formation - For All Ages

Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry ... [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

### Faith Formation: 2020-2021

Our opening for Faith Formation this year will be delayed until November, to give parents a chance to adjust to whatever the "new normal" looks like. We plan on having our annual collection of winter gear for Joseph's House beginning in mid-October. A registration letter detailing different formats has been mailed to families who were registered last year. Keep healthy and God bless. Questions, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or email [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

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

## 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: email - [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) or at 518-328-0427.



### LIVE THE LITURGY - Inspiration for the Week

When making decisions, we often struggle with what voice to follow. We acknowledge the presence of God, the existence of the Trinity, the priority of the Gospel, and the virtues and values they embody. Yet, even with all of that truth, knowledge, and tradition behind us, we think we know better. When confronted with a decision, we easily dismiss what we know we ought and need to do and entertain responses that stem from lesser desires and wants. We eventually may come around and realize that what God asks us to do is what we need to do, even if it wasn't our original intention. God accepts our return to Him with joy. What becomes dishonest is deceiving ourselves, God, and others by originally saying yes to what we know we need (and are asked to do) and willfully doing something else. That is blatant hypocrisy. ©LPi

THE GREAT  
THING TO  
REMEMBER  
IS THAT,  
THOUGH OUR  
FEELINGS  
COME AND GO,  
GOD'S LOVE  
FOR US  
DOES NOT.  
C.S. LEWIS

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## RCIA & 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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

## GOSPEL MEDITATION -

What prompts you to make the decisions you make? When confronted with a decision, whether one that is more trivial and mundane or one that is more significant and profound, we rely on guidance. That guidance can be the result of impulse and passion or the fruit of the interior voice of conscience. Decisions made on impulse and passion can be misguided and erroneous. Decisions based on conscience, or the moral voice within, will reflect the depth and maturity of our soul work. A more contemplative soul will make more contemplative decisions. A less developed conscience will make decisions based on the individual's level of development.

Conversion and a change of heart are at the core of Jesus' message precisely because of this reality. We are works in progress. For the person on fire with the Holy Spirit and centered on God, life reflects an ever-deepening awareness and heightened sense of God's presence and a greater willingness to do God's will. What is happening internally is validated by what is witnessed externally. The hypocrite is the one who says yes when they really mean no. From the start, they had no desire to do the virtuous act but wanted to outwardly appear as if they did.

Where are you on the road of integrity? Honesty is all that is required. God is good with that. It is okay to struggle with our decisions and wrestle with ourselves. Consciences on the path to maturity and greater depth are not always going to know what action is immediately best. We may, at first, say no to what we know is right and, after prayerful reflection and thought, come around to doing it. Conversion happens when our no changes to yes, regardless of how sinful or out of sync we may be at the time. God is anxious to welcome us to Himself. But we cannot embrace Him unless we want to. Learning to orient our gift of free will to what is of divine origin, right, and best is a discipline we must always tweak and perfect. ©LPi





## In Memoriam ~ 2020 ~ 2021

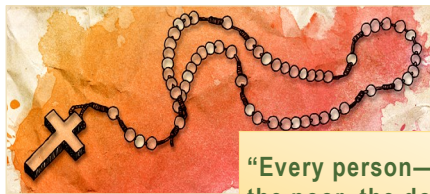
<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski</p> <p>3/21/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam &amp; Katherine Novak John &amp; Rosalie Novak &amp; Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p>3/7/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p>2/21/21</p>
<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p>2/21/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys &amp; The Butlers requested by Bob &amp; Carol Carlson</p> <p>2/7/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron &amp; Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p>1/17/21</p>
<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>1/17/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald &amp; Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don &amp; Patti Hogan</p> <p>1/10/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p>1/10/21</p>
		<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p>10/25/20</p>

**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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) or call 518-328-0427 for more information.



### IHM Prayer Ministry~

If you would like prayers said for a family member, relative, or friend contact Brenda at 518-271-6184.



"Every person—the born and unborn,  
the poor, the downcast, the disabled,  
the infirm, and the elderly ~  
has inherent value."  
~President Donald Trump

### Blessing of the Animals ~ Saturday, October 3rd at 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.

### QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK -

#### First Reading

The prophet Ezekiel warned that even the just at times turn away from justice. But the just are saved through repentance. *How do you turn away from your sin?*

#### Second Reading

Paul presents in Philippians one of the Church's earliest Christological hymns, emphasizing the humility of Christ. *Who do you see as a model of humility in your life?*

#### Gospel Reading

In a tense exchange between Jesus and the religious leaders of Jerusalem, those on the margins of society are held in higher regard by Jesus because of their repentance. *What do you think motivates anyone to repent?*

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Sept 26

4:00pm—Robert J Strohecker, req by Fahr family  
Jean Dean, req by Bob/Kathy Falzo  
John Ogden, req by Bettianne/Ed Smulski

Sun., Sept 27

8:30am—Norma Brennan, req by Emma Poletto  
Kevin Bulson, req by Gail Mantello  
Edmund Luzine, req by Fred Gonsowski

11:00am—John Connors, Sr Mavis Jewell,  
Rosalie Novak, req by Patty

Tues., Sept., 29

9:00am—Kevin Bulson, req by Marge Centanni

Wed., Sept., 30

9:00am—Norma Brennan, req by Adams family

Thurs., Oct., 1

9:00am—Madeline Theresa Whaley, req by Dolores Shaw

Sat., Oct., 3

4:00pm—Robert Connery, req by Brenda Persons  
Philip J Lacivita, req by his mother  
Albert Valenty, req by Eleanor Hack

Sun., Oct., 4

8:30am—Kevin Bulson, req by Joe Squillace  
Norma Brennan, req by children/grchildren

11:00am—Wm J May, Jr, req by Ann/Phil DiNuzzo  
Elizabeth McHale, req by Kay Connors & family

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**  
**Weekly Collection (incl Mail-in/E.G.)**  
**Sept 12-13, 2020—\$4282.00**