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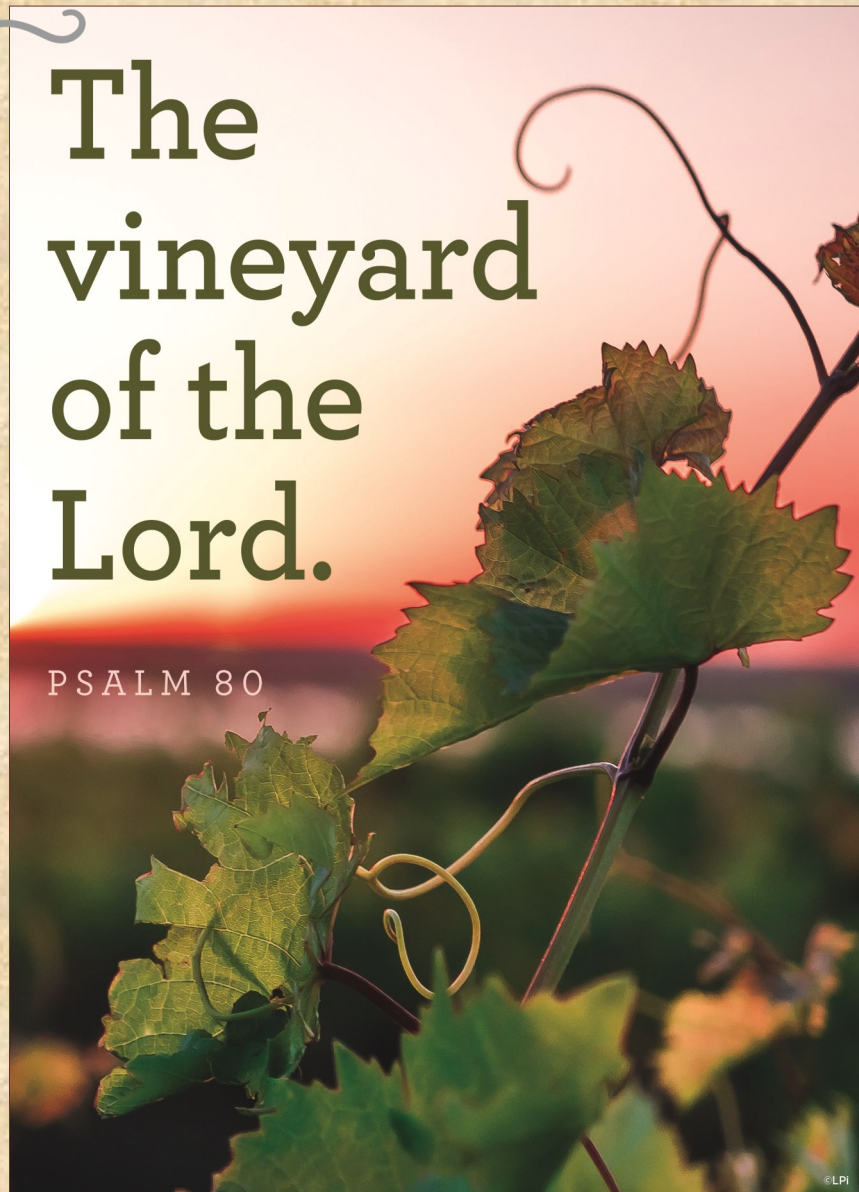
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27th SUNDAY~IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

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Inspiration for the Week

Who has authority over God's kingdom? While we know that the obvious answer is Jesus, that is not the answer our lives always reveal. We struggle with wanting control over God's kingdom. We wrestle with ownership, privilege, status, and the protection of our rights. However, at the end of the day nothing in this world or in the one to come belongs to us. All that we see and know to be true belong to God, and Jesus is the only one who has any authority. How often do we defer any of our decision making to God? We often conduct our business as if we are the owner, lord and master of it all, but sadly we are not. God gives us the means and the potential to bear good Gospel-centered fruit. This desire and capacity exist within each individual. Unless we really acknowledge and accept who is ultimately in charge, the type of love, justice, peace, and other good fruits God desires for the world will never be realized. ©LPi



GOSPEL MEDITATION - Do you ever wonder why things never seem to come together? We see glimpses of consistency, equity, justice, peace, harmony, and wellbeing, but it always falls short. Human life is still expendable and manipulated, people are used for personal advancement, countries are at war, the economy continues to face turbulence, anger and frustration are widespread, and happiness is the possession of just a few and not the many. Could it be that we are serving the wrong kingdom? We keep trying to make our kingdom work and find ourselves still scratching our heads after repeatedly failed attempts to do so. It is almost as if people are saying, "we'll get it right this time if we do ...," as if some new and secret innovation has yet to be tried.

We serve God's kingdom. We may not like hearing that, but it is true. God did not make only a few of us. God made all of humanity and all of humanity is called into service. How often do we defer any of our decision making to God? Secular leaders enjoy winking at the Sacred Scriptures and using



them when they advance a cause, but are they really listened to? Even those who consider themselves believers tend to sift through God's Word, taking what seems to fit and apply and discarding the rest. After all, if we were really serving God's kingdom, we would see an abundance of fruit testifying to this fact. But what's growing on the vine is anything other than good Gospel-centered fruit.

Nothing in this world or the next belongs to us. We have such a hard time believing this and live our lives as if everything belongs to us. And, the fruit does not lie. Trees that are neglected and not properly fertilized reveal that fact. They cannot keep these deep secrets from being discovered. If God's kingdom was really being served, then life would have looked much differently after the crucifixion. By now, there would be plenty of fantastic fruit to harvest in abundance: faith, hope, love, prudence, temperance, justice, and fortitude. Do we see these in abundance around us? Why not?

Still we grapple with ownership, privilege, status, and the protection of our rights. It's all about us and what we want, think we need, and expect to acquire. When did this change of focus occur? We may be struggling with this since humanity's day in the garden and have never understood that the focus cannot be on us and the apple but on God and God's justice. Maybe the only answer is that the Kingdom be taken from us and given to someone who is willing to do a better job. Is that the fate we really want? ©LPi

Faith Formation - For All Ages

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

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

Scripture Sharing: "The Wild Goose"

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. This week's theme is 'The Spirit and the Eucharist.'

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

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!!

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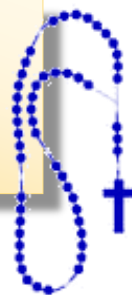
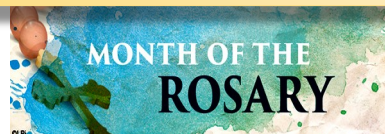
RCIA & Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older Children

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.

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.

"We must not be surprised when we hear of murders, of killings, of wars, of hatred. If a mother can kill her own child, what is left but for us to kill each other."

~ Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta ~





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 & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & 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 & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson</p> <p>2/7/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p>1/17/21</p>
<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>1/17/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & 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>		

RESPONDING to the *Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments
Gifts Given to Share

My oldest two children took piano lessons when they were younger. In fact, it was because my oldest wanted to learn to play so badly that we purchased a piano. He would use it for practice during his few years of lessons, and then my daughter took up the instrument. After a few years of lessons for each, restlessness set in and a type of indifference took over. The lessons and the practicing came to an end.

My youngest had not expressed much interest in piano when he was younger. Then when he was a teenager, he asked for lessons. He began to play and now he plays even for fun and to relax. When his siblings try to play, they are stuck with the truth that those days are gone and since they gave it up years ago, they can no longer really play. In many ways, they were given a gift, but since they did not use and cultivate it, they lost it.

God gives us gifts every day and we too often act like those gifts will simply always be there. The truth is, unlike God Himself, many of those gifts are not eternal. If we fail to acknowledge them and put them to use, we risk losing them in the end. What a shame. What gifts might be slowly slipping away from each of us due to our lack of interest and indifference? They might not be there if and when we change our minds. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



For Viewing IHM Mass on TV; Local station is WVLT 1303. Showing of current Mass is at 9am, 12Noon, 4pm and 8pm daily until Saturday—then on Sunday the most recent one will be listed.



MASS INTENTIONS

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
Living & deceased members of IHM

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

Tues., Oct., 6
9:00am—Norma Brennan, req by IHM Food Pantry

Wed., Oct., 7
9:00am—Saundra S Cummings, Estate

Thurs., Oct., 8
9:00am—Kevin Bulson, req by the Raleigh family

Sat., Oct., 10
4:00pm—Paul Duffey, req by Duffey family
Paul J Deguire, Sr, req by Ann Vogt
Norman/Marion Persons, req by Brenda, Edgar and Norman

Sun., Oct., 11
8:30am—Kevin F Bulson, req by Tom & Jane Hanley
Margaret Rose/Fred Gonsowski, Sr, req by Son & daughter
Norma Brennan, req by Fred & Margaret Gonsowski

11:00am—Norma Brennan, req by Kathy Stebbins
Living and deceased members of IHM

Thank you for your continued support of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. Our office is open Monday thru Thursday, from 8:30am - 3:30pm. During that time you are welcome to stop in the office or drop your tithing envelope in the mail slot located on the 7th Ave door, it will be received. As a reminder to those who are attending Mass at Church on the weekends; there is a wicker basket on a white pillar in the main lobby and also one within the worship space near the back wall to place your contributions. (since there are no collection baskets passed among the pews, due to the pandemic regulations) Registration or call ahead is not necessary to attend Mass on weekend. There are people at door to guide you, should it be your first time attending. Protocol is face mask while on premises and use of hand sanitizer which is available at entrance to the building and at stations throughout the church. Floors are marked for distancing. The Church is also sanitized **before and after** every Mass. Your well-being is our priority. Any questions, do not hesitate to contact the parish office at 518 273-6020 during business hours.

+ May God's blessings be with you.

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