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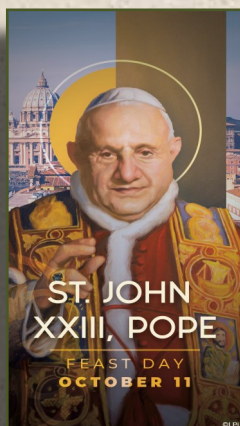
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Church and Parish Life Center
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The vineyard of the Lord.

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27th Sunday
Ordinary Time

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OCTOBER 8, 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

SCRIPTURE SHARING: Max Lucado, 'Help Is Here'

On Thursday, October 12, we will be starting a new series entitled "Help Is Here". The theme of this series is finding fresh strength and purpose in the power of the Holy Spirit. The first session is entitled: "Our Powerful Ally". (Acts 19: 1-2) ... *Paul traveled through the interior of the country and arrived in Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the holy Spirit when you became believers?" They answered him, "We have never even heard that there is a holy Spirit."*

As believers, we know a lot about God the Father and Our Lord Jesus Christ. Sometimes, our greatest gift – the Holy Spirit, is acknowledged but lesser known.

Come join us and we will all listen and learn a little more. All are invited. We meet 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: 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.

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS ~ MEETING OCTOBER 18

The Rosary Society will be having a meeting on Wednesday October 18th at 6:00 PM in the Parish Life Center. All men and women over the age of 18 yrs are invited to attend. If you would like to be a part of the rosary society, please contact Linda at 518 209-6446.



Pasta Dinner and Basket Raffles

On Friday, **October 27**, Faith Formation will host our annual Pasta Dinner. Tickets will be \$10. In addition, we will have Basket Raffles which will be sold on the weekends of **October 14/15 and 21/22**.

Tickets for the Basket Raffles will be \$1 each and winners will be drawn at the Pasta Dinner. For more information, contact Sharon Kowalski at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or Linda Dunbar at 518-209-6446.

"The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him."

Readings for the week of October 8

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK ~ Reflect and Respond

First Reading:

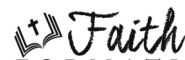
The prophet Isaiah uses the metaphor of a vineyard to express God's anger with Israel. How do you communicate your displeasure with a loved one?

Second Reading:

Paul teaches the Philippians that prayer and a positive attitude is key to settling our anxious hearts and minds. What have you been anxious about this week that using Paul's advice could help?

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Rosary Beads and Crosses wanted ... 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.



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 8 in the Faith Formation Center after the 11am Mass.** Registration forms have been 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 at 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.

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.



In Memoriam ~ 2023 ~ '24

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| <p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p>6/2/24</p> | <p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski</p> <p>2/18/24</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>2/14/24</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> |

**PARISH OFFICE
CLOSED MONDAY
OCTOBER 9TH
IN OBSERVANCE
OF
COLUMBUS DAY
HOLIDAY**



The Food Pantry Cupboard Items Needed in the month of October:

Cranberry Sauce, Canned Soups:
Chicken noodle, Chicken w/wild
rice, Vegetable soup, Beef barley,
vegetable & beef, etc. Thank you
for your continuing support of our food
pantry! - *Mary Beth*



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

~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

Sat., Oct 7

4:00pm—Macy & Terese Enders, req by
daughter & granddaughter
Arthur J Connery, req by Frederick Hudv
Living & deceased members of IHM

Sun., Oct 8

7:30am—Joan Bisio, req by Don Rosekraus

11:00am—Betty Tracey, req by Don/Lucy Alund
Arthur Connery, req by Paul & Joanne Crispo

Tues., Oct 10

9:00am—David B Woods, req by Fred/
Margaret Gonsowski

Wed., Oct 11

9:00am—Mary E Raila, parish

Thurs., Oct 12

9:00am—James A Tracey, parish

Sat., Oct 14

4:00pm—Joseph Germano, req by the family
Robert S Lewis, Sr, req by wife and family
Marge Halpin testo, req by the family

Sun., Oct 15

7:30am—Joan Bisio, req by Doreen/Hank
Frenger

11:00am—living & dec'd members of IHM
Nancy Comley, req by Ginny/Diane Jakubics



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Price Chopper cash register tapes. There is a
drop box in the entry lobby to the church. Any
questions contact Brenda at 518 961-0169.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.)
Sept 23-24 '23.....\$3534.00

**RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS ~ By Colleen
Jurkiewicz Dorman**
The Gift that Gives Back

It never ceases to amaze me how often I fall into the trap and end up grumbling
about the greatest gifts in my life. A husband, children, a life that is full almost
to bursting: these are things for which I once begged God. These are the jewels
in the crown of my life.

Oh, but the children need care. Constant care. And a husband — a real
flesh-and-blood creation of God, entrusted to me by God, to help me be holy
and relying on me for holiness in turn — well, that relationship is a lot of work,
isn't it? And a "full life" — I laugh to think of it, and then I blush with shame,
because I admit sometimes, I do yearn for a life that is a little less ... *full*. A full
life can leave you awfully tired at the end of the day.

I would imagine it's the same for everyone, no matter your life circum-
stances or vocation. Your greatest blessings are also those things that require
much of you, more than you imagined you would ever be asked to give. The
biggest jewels make the crown heavy.

But if we had any of these gifts without the effort it takes to maintain
them, would they be half as sweet?

In this same way, the work of the vineyard is opened to us through
baptism; we are given the chance to produce fruit for the kingdom. It's a chance
we never dared to dream would be given to us.

It's a gift. But just like with any gift worth having, it requires effort.
Upkeep. Work.

It requires that we give in return. And it's the giving that somehow, mystically,
transforms us. It's the giving that turns into the gift itself.

"...the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will pro-
duce its fruit." — *Matthew 21:43*

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