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**October 11, 2020**

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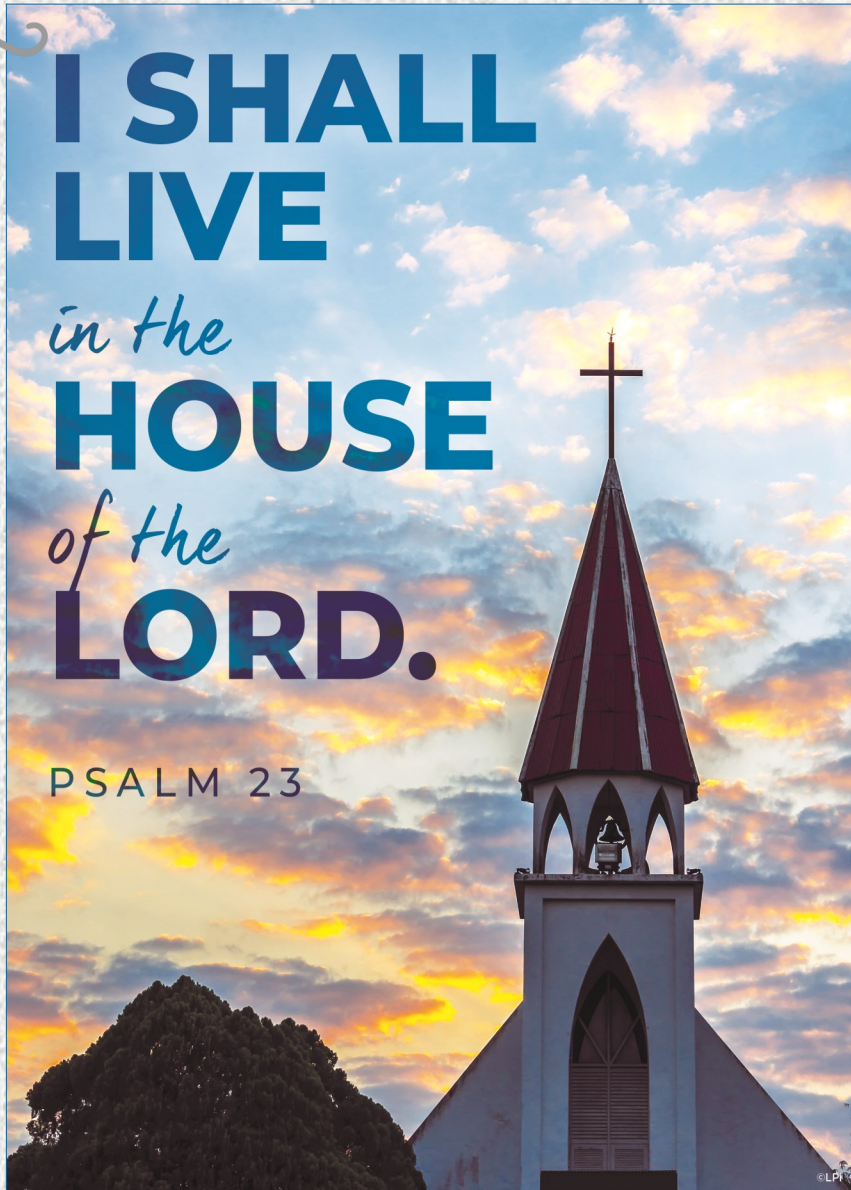
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**28th SUNDAY~IN ORDINARY TIME**

**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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**GOSPEL MEDITATION** - God gives us an invitation to have an abundant life. The banquet is ready, and the tables are set. Come! There is so much to attend to in the everydayness of our lives. We have plans, after all. There is never enough time and so much that needs to be done. There is work, children, and grandchildren, paying the bills, planning for retirement, figuring out the details of our next vacation, making sure we are on top of our game with work, planning social engagements, answering emails, texts, and getting our latest pictures on Facebook. There is always something. What is this about some banquet?

I need another party and commitment like a hole in the head. I can't manage what I already have, and someone is asking me to do more! Seriously? I saw the invitation; I think it came in the mail the other day. Did I leave it on the table? Oh wait, it may have gotten thrown away. I can't remember. In any case, I'm managing things pretty well on my own, I think. Thanks for thinking of me, but no thanks. My life is only as good as I make it and I have to be sure that all is in order! Oh, another invitation came today! This guy's being persistent. Now, I'm getting angry. I wish he would just leave me alone and stop with this invitation nonsense.

I woke up feeling a bit unsettled this morning. The kids have left the house, the grandchildren are busy with their lives, my retirement fund is losing ground, I'm worried about my health, folks have moved away, and I find myself alone. I am unhappy. I remember getting an invitation some time ago to a banquet promising new life and life in abundance. Did I miss something? I think I may have. I am finally discovering that life is not about me and my world. I think I've ignored the God who made me and the God who is the reason for my life, my hope, and my joy. It's always been about me. I have not really discovered Eternal Love.

Is the invitation still open? Can I come to the banquet? I think I'd like to come.

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## Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: WE'RE BACK!!

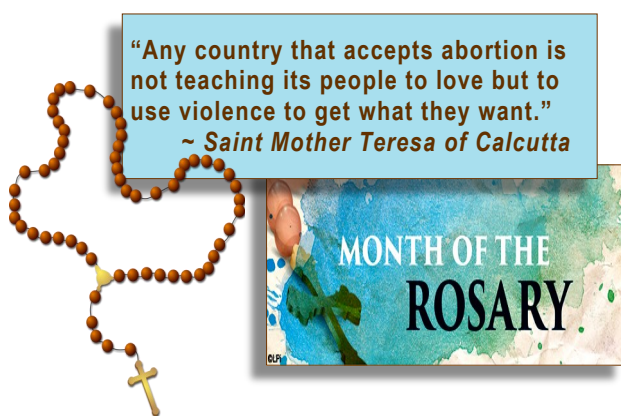
\*\*Mary's Kitchen is serving meals again!! For the present time, we can do TAKE OUT meals only. All are welcome. Why cook when we've done it for you?? Stop by between 3 to 5pm on Monday and pick up a meal all ready for you to take home: Soup, salad, sandwich, entrée and dessert!! Email [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

**\*\*CLOSED OCT. 12 IN OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY.**

## Oct. 11 – Nov.15: Collection of New Winter Gear for Joseph's House

Faith Formation will again be collecting **new** jackets, gloves, hats and scarves for **children** and **new** white socks for **adult** clients of Joseph's House. We will begin collecting this week and will continue through November 15.

Items may be left at the Faith Formation Center or in the parish office. Looking forward to your support!! Questions?? Contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).



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



## 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 of Adoption*. 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 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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

## Faith Formation - For All Ages

Formation and Youth Ministry ...

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## 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.**

WE SHOULD SPEND AS MUCH TIME  
IN THANKING GOD FOR HIS BENEFITS  
AS WE DO IN ASKING FOR THEM.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL







## 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><b>RCIA &amp; Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older Children ~</b> 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 <a href="mailto:skowlski@ihm.rcpw.org">skowlski@ihm.rcpw.org</a>.</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

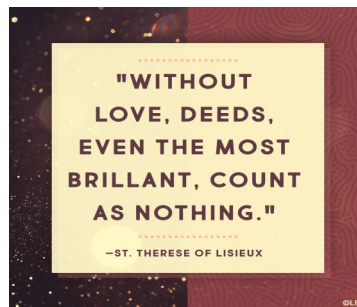
### Respond with Love

Do you remember a time when you spent much time or money on a surprise or gift for someone else and they failed to appreciate it? We do open ourselves up to disappointment if our expectations do not match the response. Perhaps we reached down deep to share a part of ourselves only to encounter apathy and insensitivity. That can hurt even if the person ignoring our gesture meant no ill will toward us.

What must God feel like when we fail to respond to what He has done for us. We probably do not purposefully slight God, but perhaps we are so busy and mindless that it becomes impossible to be responsive and mindful. We can miss the gift of God which is right before our eyes.

It is very difficult to be a good steward if we do not intentionally choose to be mindful. We miss the important stuff in life, and we neglect those placed in our path as gifts to enrich our lives. If we are to live as Jesus asks, we must work on focusing our eyes of faith on the things that matter and the gifts we have been given. If we are made in the image of God, I suppose we can guess how God might feel when His gifts are not acknowledged, or His love not returned. If I reflect on the One who loves me more than anyone, how can I choose to not offer my love in return?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



**IHM PRAYER MINISTRY**—If you would like prayers said for a family member, relative or friend, contact Brenda Persons at: 518-271-6184.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE** ~ There are hearing assist earphones available for use during Mass time. The hearing aid is linked to the same frequency as our sound system and will only work within the Church building. If you have difficulty hearing, please feel free to use one of them during Mass, they are located on a stand at the rear of the church. Just return the earphone to the same stand where you picked it up.



## MASS INTENTIONS

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

Tues., Oct., 13  
9:00am—Chris Droney, req by the Raleigh family

Wed., Oct., 14  
9:00am—Nicholas R. Panetta, req by friends of family

Thurs., Oct., 15  
9:00am—Deceased members of IHM

Sat., Oct., 17  
4:00pm—Paul J Deguire, req by Duffey family  
Cornelius F Culkin, req by Martha & Ron Soucy  
Robert Lewis (88th B'day), req by Lewis, Stark & D'Attilio families

Sun., Oct., 18  
8:30am—Norma Brennan, req by Frank/Judy  
Paul J Deguire, req by Michael Wright & family  
Kevin Bulson, req by Brennan family

11:00am—Joyce Belokopitsky, req by Victoria Persichilli  
Joseph Germano (B'day), req by wife, Peg  
Living and deceased members of IHM

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**  
**Weekly Collection (incl Mail-in/E.G.)**  
**Sept 26-27, 2020—\$3880.00**