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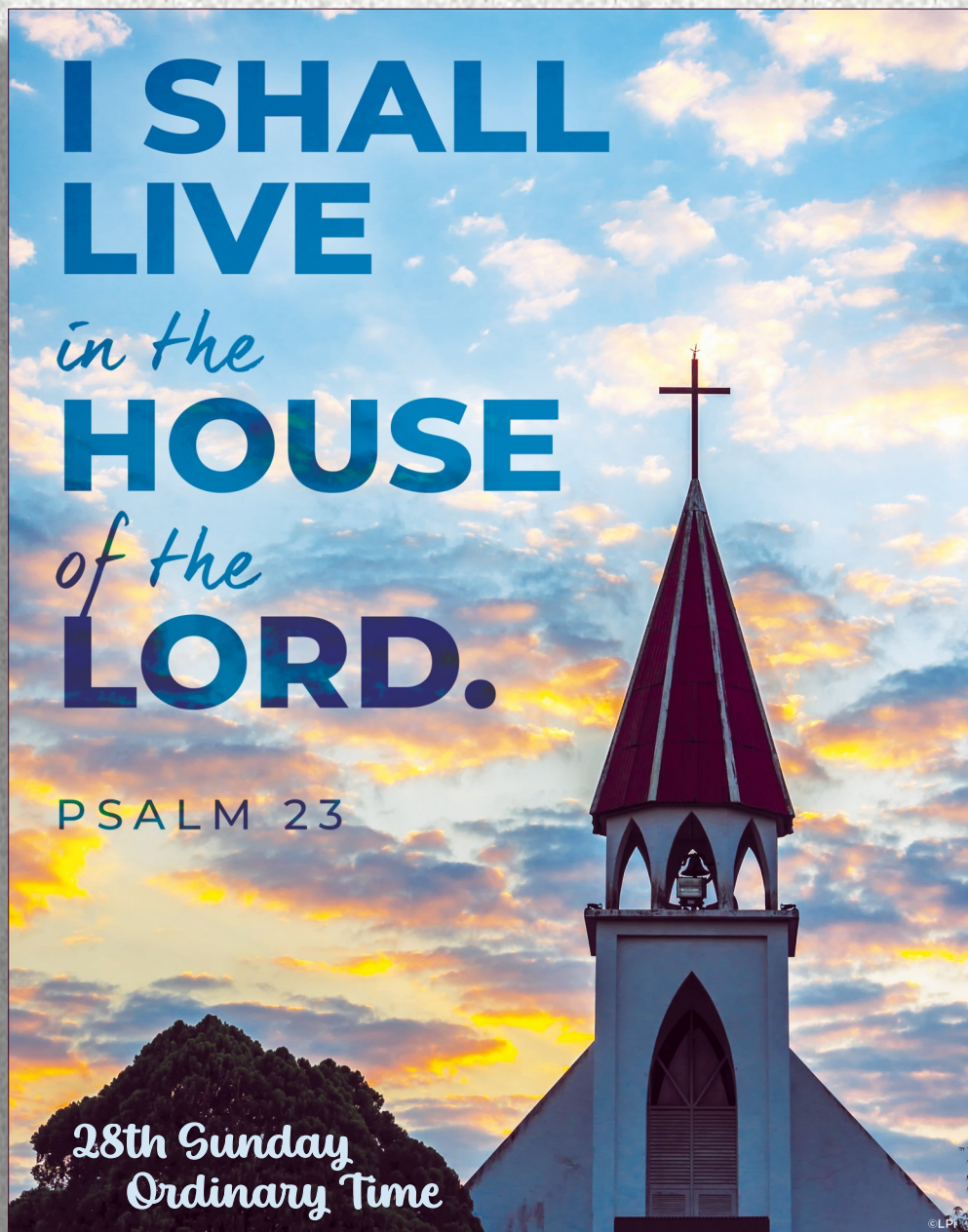
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OCTOBER 15, 2023

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

## 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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) or Linda Dunbar at 518-209-6446.



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

### 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.



*Shine like lights  
in the world  
as you hold on to the word  
of life. "*

### QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK ~

#### *Reflect and Respond*

#### First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah speaks of a future when God will be fully present, and we will experience complete joy. What gives you hope for the future?

#### Second Reading:

Paul shares with the Philippians that regardless of his circumstances, he has learned to draw strength and gratitude from his faith in Jesus. How does your faith sustain you in good times and bad times?

#### Gospel:

Jesus's parable of the wedding feast offers a warning to be open to God's invitation to answer His call. How do you stay open to God's presence in your life?

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



~FOR ALL AGES - Sharon C. Kowalski,  
Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

### Faith Formation: 2023-2024

Faith Formation sessions for 2023-2024 began on October 8, 2023. 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.

If you would like to register your children and have not yet done so, please contact Sharon at [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) or 518-328-0427 for more information or questions about Faith Formation and/or receiving sacraments at IHM.

### SCRIPTURE SHARING: Max Lucado, 'Help Is Here'

On Thursday, October 12, we started 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 next session is entitled: Our Strength and Guide "...I will give you a new heart – I will give you new and right desires and put a new spirit within you. I will take out your stony hearts of sin and give you new hearts of love. And I will put my Spirit within you so that you will obey my laws and do whatever I command." (Ezekiel 36: 26-27 O

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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

### Prayer for Joy

Dear Lord,  
Fill us with your joy today.  
Let our hearts overflow with thanks and praise  
for your goodness and grace in our lives.  
Increase our trust in your providence, our  
assurance of your love, our awareness of  
your blessings.

Amen.



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





## In Memoriam ~ 2023 ~ '24

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| <p>In loving memory of<br/>John T Sherlock<br/>requested by his wife and Family</p> <p>6/2/24</p>   | <p>In memory of our beloved son<br/>Michael D Kowalski<br/>requested by<br/>Michael and Sharon Kowalski</p> <p>2/18/24</p>   | <p>In loving memory of<br/>William T Sr, Julia F<br/>and Robert A Fahr<br/>requested by the Family</p> <p>2/18/24</p>                     |
| <p>In loving memory of<br/>Albert P Morelli,<br/>Donald &amp; Eileen Gallagher Hogan<br/>requested by Don &amp; Patti Hogan</p> <p>2/18/24</p>          | <p>In loving memory of our Families:<br/>The Carlsons, The Mardigans,<br/>The Foleys &amp; The Butlers<br/>requested by Bob &amp; Carol Carlson</p> <p>2/14/24</p> | <p>In loving memory of<br/>Bryan T Roberts (son)<br/>Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents)<br/>requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>1/14/24</p> |
| <p>In loving memory of<br/>Adam &amp; Katherine Novak<br/>John &amp; Rosalie Novak &amp; Florence Szpot<br/>requested by the Family</p> <p>12/31/23</p> | <p>In loving memory of<br/>Joseph V Germano<br/>requested by the Family</p> <p>12/17/23</p>  | <p>In loving memory of<br/>John A O'Brien<br/>requested by the Family</p> <p>10/29/23</p>   |



### 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.

### 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

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 circumstances 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 produce its fruit." — Matthew 21:43

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### ~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

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  
Arthur Connery, req by the Brennan family

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

Tues., Oct 17

9:00am—Burgess L Whitehead, parish

Wed., Oct 18

9:00am—Kevin Keith Keegan, parish

Thurs., Oct 19

9:00am—Deacon Bob Reed, req by Paul Lehmuller

Sat., Oct 21

4:00pm—Santa & Henry DelBrocco, req by the daughters, Jo-Ann & Natalie  
Arthur Connery, req by Joseph/Kathleen Di Fabio  
Paul Deguire, req by Ann Vogt & family

Sun., Oct 22

7:30am—Joan Bisio, req by Donna/Dennis Toma  
Living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Gary Volk, req by Diana/Keith McCoon

Joan & Michael Capitula, req by the family  
Stephen Haner (anniv), req by mother & brother

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**  
**Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.)**  
**Sept 30/Oct 1 '23.....\$5671.00**



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