

welcome

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29th 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

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.

Faith Formation - For All Ages

Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith 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. However, we will be having our annual collection of winter gear for Joseph's House beginning in mid-October.

A registration letter detailing different formats was mailed to families who were registered last year. We ask that parents **email us as soon as possible** so that materials may be ordered. 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.

"The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1407). The weekly celebration of the Eucharist on Saturday evening or Sunday morning defines who we are as Catholics – in our parishes, in our households of faith, in our neighborhoods, and in our world.

We have **3 Mass options every weekend**: Saturday, 4pm; Sunday, 8:30am and 11am. **See you in church!!**

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.

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 Sacraments*. 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

Oct. 18 – 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.

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 or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS Chosen

It is getting close to Election Day and I suppose most of us have an idea of how we will cast our vote. We have tried to discern where candidates stand on important issues and what type of leader they might be if elected. However, there is a good chance that when we go into a voting booth, we will cast at least one vote for a person who we never heard of and to do a job we do not understand. We know the more notable people in the more notable contests, but some of those on the ballot as we get further into it? Who knew that was going to be on there?

In life we will at times be asked to make a choice about something or someone we know little about. Our choices will not always be as informed as we would like. Then, when we do know some information needed to make a choice, we still don't know everything. We may support a candidate and not really know him or her personally.

When God chose you and me, He had all the information needed to make the choice. The crazy thing is He chose us anyway! He knew we would sin, turn our backs on Him, and sometimes not be very good ambassadors for Him. However, He still chose us because He loves us. We are a chosen people. We are His own. I don't know about you, but if given the chance I am not sure I would have chosen myself. I rejoice that God sees in me something that at times seems hidden to me.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

The
safest
place
to be is
within
the will
of God



*Pray Without
Ceasing....*

"Abortion on demand has, in my judgment, contributed significantly to an environment in our country in which life has become very cheap."

~ Robert Casey ~



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>		

Father Rutherford held the 'Blessing of the Animals' Prayer Service

on Saturday, October 3rd at the parking lot of the Church. People brought their pet animals; dogs and cats to receive the blessing for the occasion of the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi (He is the **patron saint** of the environment and **animals** because of his love for all creatures, and allegedly preached to even the birds). After the ceremony, Fr. Rutherford invited everyone to take some treats for the animals and prayer cards for themselves as a remembrance of the day. The pups and kitty cats voiced their heartfelt appreciation in one accord. A great day was had by all. Thank you Father Rutherford.



GOSPEL MEDITATION -

Nobody enjoys paying taxes. Despite our displeasure in being forced to do so, we also realize that the monies generated from taxes allows governments to provide essential services for its people. Corruption really gets our goat, however. When we witness malfeasance, overspending, irresponsibility, and dishonesty in governmental spending, the grave injustices make an already unpleasant and arduous task even more difficult. The inappropriate distribution and use of hard-earned monies can leave a person quite angry and disconnected. It's bad enough the government wants something from me, now God does, too?

God is not concerned necessarily with our money, although its proper use does factor into our faith life. As the payment of secular taxes speaks of our allegiance to the government, our return to God speaks of our allegiance to God. All of creation, even the entire universe, is fashioned in the image and likeness of God. What speaks to God and has meaning and relevance to him? All of creation and indeed our very selves! God delights in us and when we present ourselves back to him, he delights even more! As the payment of secular taxes is designed to secure the equitable distribution of goods and services to all people, so is our return of ourselves to God in gratitude meant to advance God's kingdom here on earth.



When our exclusive and sincere allegiance is given to God, God can use us to set things right and straight again. The wounds of sin distort our relationship and disorder our world. By giving ourselves and all of creation back to God in gratitude, we acknowledge the proper Creator and Author of life for who He is and devote our labors exclusively to God's kingdom and the justice, peace, or order God envisions. In giving back to God all that belongs to God, we set the

axis of our lives correctly and put our priorities in proper order. All of our relationships, especially with God, our brothers and sisters, and all of creation are perceived more clearly as they really are. Using, accumulating, wasting, exploiting, hoarding, and self-preservation are no longer necessary. ©LPi

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Tues., Oct., 20

9:00am—Joseph Bagnardi, Sr, req by son

Wed., Oct., 21

9:00am—Joan Duffey, req by Mary's Kitchen
Helen Casey, req by daughter Barbara

Thurs., Oct., 22

9:00am—Joan Duffey, req by Adams family

Sat., Oct., 24

4:00pm—Philip A Lacivita, req by his wife
Stephen Haner (3rd Anniv), req by Mom & Bran
Santa/Henry DelBrocco, req by dgtrs Jo-Ann, Natalie

Sun., Oct., 25

8:30am—Norma Brennan, req by Kathy White
Angelynn Moffre, req by Bob/Carol Carlson
Living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Joyce Belokopitsky, req by Betty Simonik
Joan Duffey, req by Marlene O'Brien
Nick Cristiano, req by Bob/Carol Carlson

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Weekly Collection (incl Mail-in/E.G.)
Oct 4, 2020—\$8147.00