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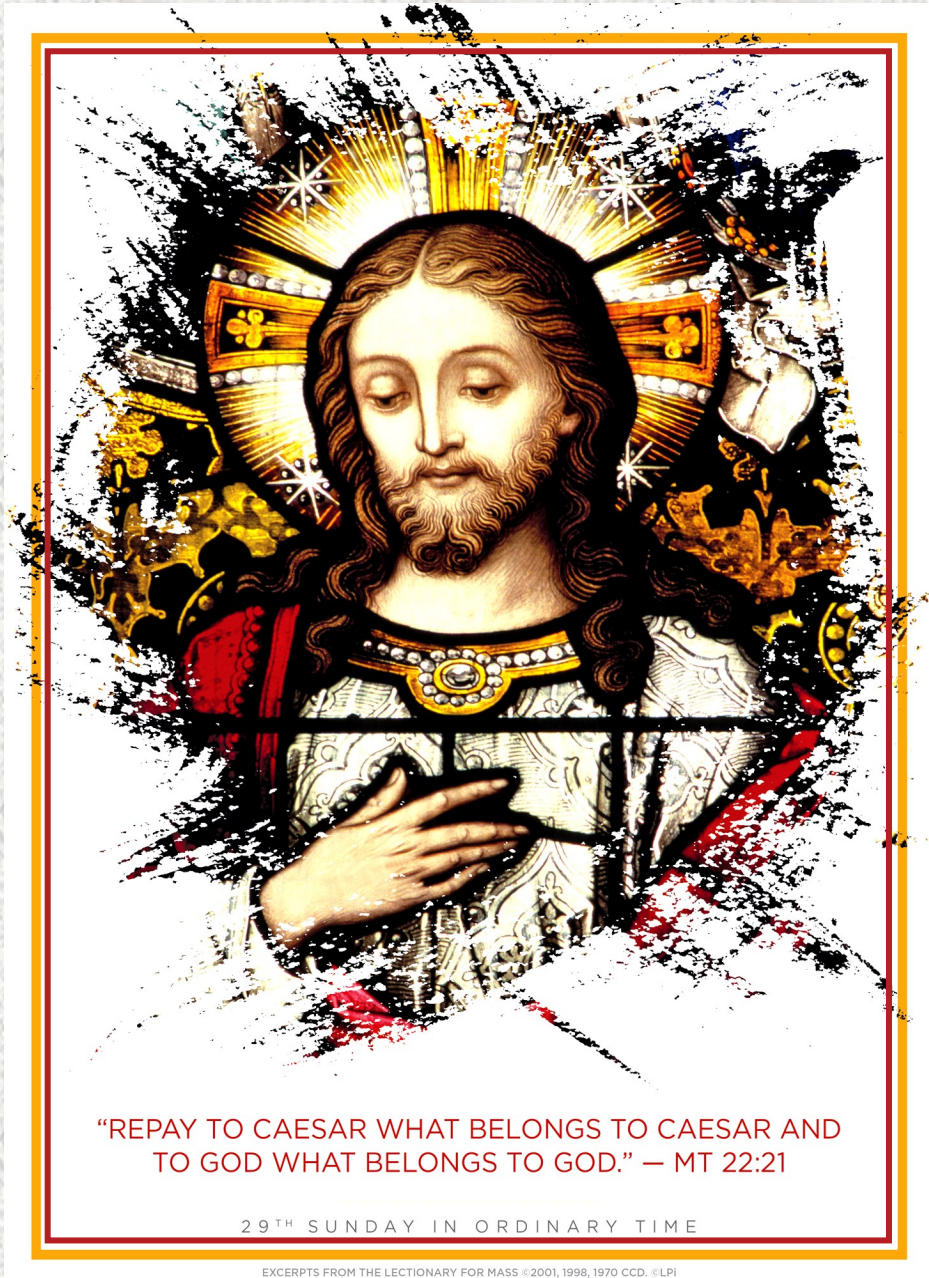
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OCTOBER 22, 2023

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

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.

Please note: We will not have Mary's Kitchen on Monday, October 30th. Instead we will have it on Thursday, November 2nd — time: 3 to 5pm.

Scripture Sharing: Max Lucado, 'Help Is Here'

Please note: We will not have Scripture on Thursday because of set up for the Pasta dinner. Our next session will be November 9.

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

"Give the Lord glory and honor" - (psalm 96)

Faith Formation for All Ages - Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

Faith Formation: 2023-2024

Faith Formation sessions for 2023-2024 have begun. Sessions are 9:30 to 10:45, followed by 11am Mass.

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 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.

October DVD: Wednesday, October 25 – Francis of Assisi

Please note: Because of set up for the Pasta dinner on Friday, October 27, we have had to change the day of our October DVD to WEDNESDAY, October 25 from 1:30 to 3:30pm.

Born into a life of privilege, passion and extravagance, Francis of Assisi would become one of the most beloved and revered saints in history. An adventurer who heard the voice of God, he answered that call by abandoning his secular life. Trading in his sword for a cross, he created a new focus in the Church.

Come join us October 25 (**please note date change**), at 1:30pm in the Parish Life Center. All are welcome. Contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org for more information.



Pasta Dinner and Basket Raffles

On Friday, **October 27**, Faith Formation will host our annual Pasta Dinner.

Tickets are \$10. In addition, we will have Basket Raffles which will be sold on the weekend of **October 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.



Blessing of Missionaries

So often we think of missionaries as those people from Protestant churches that go to other countries to spread the good news. However, do you realize that the United States is actually considered a "mission country" because we need more priests and sisters in the United States than we produce? Yes,

we are now a mission country.

Let us ask God's blessing on those men and women from other countries who are in our midst as priests, brothers, and sisters. And when we pray, let us also ask God to change our hearts so that we will again produce a society that brings forth more vocations.

Readings for the week of October 22, 2023

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21


Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

In Memoriam ~ 2023 ~ '24		
 <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>2/4/24</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>



The Weight of Our Actions

Many years ago, during faith formation in my parish, one of the children wrote something that wasn't very nice on a textbook that belonged to someone else. Being the pastoral associate that oversaw the program, I began the investigation immediately.

Slowly I began eliminating suspects until it became obvious who the perpetrator was. He denied he was the one, but after much pressure he broke down and confessed. Of course, I derived no satisfaction from finding out the culprit. Of course, it was my own son.

My son didn't want to come clean because he naturally feared what I would say and do when I found out. He also knew that our pastor would find out as well. He felt accountable for his actions and that made it very difficult for him. He realized he let himself, others that loved him, and God down. It was a lesson learned that wasn't much fun to go through. What I was grateful for was the fact that he felt the weight of what he had done. If he hadn't, things would have been very different.

That was a long time ago and when I reflect on it, I think about how often we all do things we regret and then have to face the consequences. But that's what being accountable is all about. We are accountable to those we love, to our neighbor, and to our God. When we begin to slide into a worldview that focuses too much on ourselves, we can easily make decisions that hurt others. We must always seek to do what is good in the eyes of God and that respects others. When we are children this is easier said than done. Alright, let's be honest--it isn't always so easy as adults either.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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



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.

~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

Sat., Oct 21

4:00pm—Santa & Henry Del Brocco, req by their 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

Tues., Oct 24

9:00am—John B Ebenhoch, Jr, parish

Wed., Oct 25

9:00am—Joanne O'Neill, parish

Thurs., Oct 26

9:00am—Carole Mary Crall, parish

Sat., Oct 28

4:00pm—Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM
Julia/Michael Dankulich, Sr & son Michael, req by Margaret/Fred Gonsowski
Arthur Connery, req by Rosary Society

Sun., Oct 29

7:30am—Cathy Favata, req by Carol Carlson & family

11:00am—Karen Hoefer, req by Faith Formation

DiNuzzo, LoParco & Burnham families, Estate

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



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