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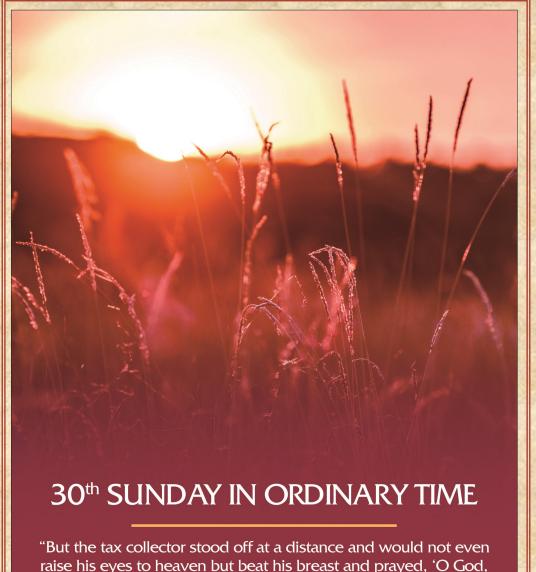
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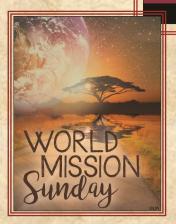
be merciful to me a sinner." - Lk 18:13

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Celebration of the Eucharist
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm - Sunday: 7:30 am and 11:00 am
Weekday Schedule
9:00am Mass - Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

Adoration - Tuesdays: 9:30 am to 11:00 am



### October DVD: The Song of Bernadette, October 27 $\sim$



Do you recall the Oscar winning movie, The Song of Bernadette, starring Jennifer Jones?? Come join us for a look at films when Hollywood embraced a different outlook on life. We will be presenting the movie on Thursday, October 27 in the Parish Life Center, beginning at 1:30pm. All are welcome!!

## **Faith Formation For All Ages** $\sim$ Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry skowalski@ihm.rcpw.ora



### Faith Formation: 2022-2023 ... WE'RE BACK!!

Faith Formation sessions for 2022-2023 are on Sundays at 9:30am in the Faith Formation Center. Sessions are open to children from 3 years through Confirmation. Sacramental programs require a two year preparation in the Faith Formation sessions. Please contact Sharon at <a href="mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org">skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org</a> or 518-328-0427 for more information or questions about Faith Formation and/or receiving sacraments at IHM.

"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."

## Cold Hands Hurt: Collection for Joseph's House Through October 30

We are collecting winter gear for residents at Joseph's House, through October 30. NEW hats, gloves, scarves, winter coats or men's white socks may be dropped off at church on the weekends or the parish or Faith Formation office during the week. These items are needed more than ever this year and we so appreciate your generosity. Contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or <a href="mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org">skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org</a> for more information.

**No Scripture October 27** ~ *Please note:* we will not have a Scripture session on Thursday, October 27. We will instead present a DVD, on "The Sona of Bernadette".

For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: ALL 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!! All are welcome; parishioners, neighbors and friends!!

Questions?? Please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

## Pasta Dinner and Basket Raffles: Results Next Week

Thanks to all who bought tickets and attended the Pasta Dinner on the 21st. Next week, we'll publish the results and winners of the NINE basket raffles. Many, many thanks for your support.

### RCIA & Sacramental Preparation for Adults & 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.

#### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments ~ More Than a Buzzword

If you roll your eyes at the mention of the term stewardship, it's probably because, in the modern Church, stewardship has become something of a corporate buzzword. It's often used interchangeably with the concepts of financial endowment and volunteerism.

What's wrong with supporting your parish monetarily? What's the issue with giving of your time in service and ministry? Nothing at all, in fact — we should all be doing more of these things.

But as we do them, we should be constantly asking ourselves the all-important questions: Why am I doing this? How am I doing this? For whom am I doing this?

A donation to the parish school is a great thing. But ideally, the donor would have made the gift regardless of the ability to name the school gym. A tireless volunteer who always finds time for her parish certainly glorifies God with her commitment. But hopefully, her commitment would be just as enthusiastic if she knew there was no prospect of being written up in the bulletin as Volunteer of the Month.

God knows no favorites. The prayer of the Pharisee in the temple did not justify him because the

Pharisee didn't really mean it as a prayer. His intent wasn't to thank God, his intent was to draw attention to his gifts. God did not reject the Pharisee's fasting and his tithes, he rejected the spirit in which they were offered.

God desires to transform us - our hearts, our souls, our communities. When we give of ourselves — either through money or through time - he is honored by the act of giving, not the gift itself. We should never make the mistake of thinking that stewardship is "time, talent, and treasure." Stewardship is the spirit of offering these gifts freely.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Those who are called to the table of the Lord must glow with the brightness that comes from the good example of a praiseworthy and blameless life. ST. JOHN OF CAPISTRANO

In Memoriam ~ 2022 ~ 23		
In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family	In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski 3/19/23	In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family
In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan	In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson	In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope
In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family	In memory of Justin Berthiaume and Veronica Gardner requested by The Vertone Family	In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family



# WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Propagation of the Faith ~ Be the Lord's 'Witnesses' in Prayer and Support World Mission Sunday!

Today, we join Catholics around the world for the celebration of World Mission Sunday. We are called to offer our prayers and financial help for the Church's missionary work in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and parts of Latin America and Europe. Please be generous in this collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the Missions. Thank You!

## Readings for the week of October 23rd

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/2 Tm 4:6-8,

16-18/Lk 18:9-14

Monday: Eph 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14/2 Thes

1:11-2:2/Lk 19:1-10



## Sacramental Seal Ouestion:

What is a sacramental seal and where did it come from?

#### Answer

Leaving more than just a memory, there are some events in our life that are truly transforming, making us different people. The same thing can be said of spiritual things, especially sacraments. A sacramental seal or character is a theological concept to describe the life-changing and permanent effect of three sacraments on the person: baptism, confirmation, and holy orders. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that these sacraments confer a seal "by which the Christian shares in Christ's priesthood and is made a member of the Church according to different states and functions. This configuration to Christ and the Church, brought about by the Spirit, is indelible" (#1121).

Once we receive these sacraments, we are forever changed. It's a spiritual "point of no return" whereby we take a step forward in our faith journey. We are marked as people of faith, as those who have received the Spirit and as those called to serve in ordained ministry. That is why these sacraments are received only once. The direction is set, the choice is made, and we are called by God to be his people. Nothing can change that, not even our own sinfulness. ©LPi



#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat., Oct 22

4:00pm—Thomas Hudy, req by Frederick Hudy, Sr & Frederick Hudy, Jr

Beverly Ann Phillips, req by Ann/Brian Callahan Donna Darmetko, req by Sophie, Kerrie/David

Sun., Oct 23

7:30am—Joan & Nicholas Capitula, req by the family

11:00am—Audrey O'Hare, req by Ginny/Susan Fllis

Stephen Haner (5th Anniv), req by Mom/Dad & Brother

Tues., Oct 25

9:00am—Robert A Fahr (B'day), req by the family

Wed., Oct 26

9:00am—DiNuzzo, LoParco, Burnham Families, Estate

Thurs., Oct 27

9:00am—Julia/Michael Dankulich, Sr & son Michael, req by Fred & Margaret Gonsowski

Sat., Oct 29

4:00pm—Philip A Lacivita, req by wife Kay Hughes, req by Ginny & Sue Ellis

Sun., Oct 30

7:30am—Living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—the Werner Family (lv'g/dec'd), req by family member

**PRAYER MINISTRY** ~ If you would like prayers for a family member, relative or friend, call Brenda at **518 961-0169**. (1023)

**LEGNARD-CURTIN AUXILLIARY 927** ~ Save your Price Chopper cash register tapes for "Tools of Schools". Please leave them in the box in the main lobby of the Church. Any questions call Brenda at (cell) **518 961-0169**. (1023)

Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.) Oct 8-9, '22......\$5415.00