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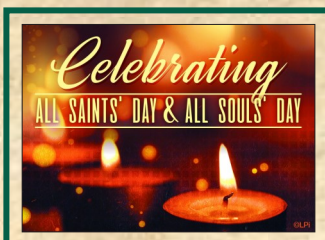
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## 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,  
with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:37

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**OCTOBER 29, 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



## Veteran's Breakfast - November 12th

The Rosary Society will host a  
Veteran's Breakfast

on Sunday, November 12th

immediately after the 11:00 am Mass.

Tickets are \$10.00 each payable at the door.

**Veterans Eat Free!**

**Reservations are necessary by November 8th.**

**Sign up sheets are on the table in the back of the Church  
or call (518) 209-6446. ALL ARE INVITED!!**



**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](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' -

*Please note: Our next session will be November 9.*

We have 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 )

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)

*"I love you, Lord, my strength."*

- Ps 18



### Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: ALL ARE WELCOME!!

*Please note: We will not have Mary's Kitchen on Monday, October 30. Instead, we will have it on Thursday of this week, November 2.*

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

### 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).

### Gospel Meditation ~ a Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In our secularized culture, we all struggle with belief in God, at least to some degree. An atheist man named Robert Bridges once wrote to his friend, the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, asking how he could possibly learn to believe in God. Hopkins pithily responded: "Give alms." Would that help someone tempted by atheism today, like you and me?

I think so, and here's why. This week Jesus speaks of love for God and neighbor. These dual commands were nothing new when Jesus used them to sum up the Jewish law. What is new is the way he links them together in mutual dependency. In Jesus, God and man have become one. Human-love and God-love are now inseparably married forever.

The newness of the God-man means that there is now a permanently counter-intuitive way into the knowledge and love of God: love of our neighbor. To experience charity is to know God. That's what Hopkins was getting at for his friend. How we treat our fellow human beings is inseparable from faith in God. Do you want to have a stronger sense of God's loving presence and goodness? Commit to serving someone today and this week. Love him or her. Don't wait for love for God to appear in your heart before loving others. Jesus has united divine and human love. If you want to believe more in God, give alms. — Father John Muir

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### QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK ~ Reflect and Respond

#### First Reading:

We hear today some of the laws that Moses received from God on Mount Sinai. Namely, God's expectation that we show compassion for those most vulnerable in society. How could you show care for those in need this week?

#### Second Reading:


Paul praised the Thessalonians for being role models of the faith for the surrounding regions of Achaia and Macedonia. How do you model your faith to family and friends?

#### Gospel:

For Jesus, love of God and love of neighbor and self are the most important commandments. Which of these commandments do you do best?

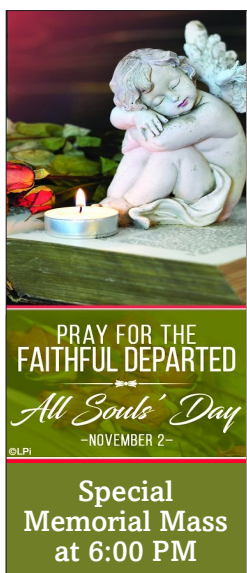
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In Memoriam ~ 2023 ~ '24		
 <p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p>12/15/24</p>	<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p>6/2/24</p>	<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski 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 &amp; Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don &amp; Patti Hogan</p> <p>2/18/24</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>2/4/24</p>
<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>1/14/24</p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam &amp; Katherine Novak John &amp; Rosalie Novak &amp; Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p>12/31/23</p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p>10/29/23</p>

### Readings for the week of October 29, 2023

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40  
Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17  
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 13:18-21  
Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a  
Thursday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30  
Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6  
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18/Lk 14:1, 7-11  
Next Sunday: Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12



### ~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

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  
Tues., Oct 31  
9:00am—(regular) Lv'g & dec'd mem of IHM  
Tues., All Saints Vigil—5:30pm  
Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM  
Wed., Nov 1—9:00am  
Carole/Don Maloney (71st Anniv), req by the family

### Coming Back to Church

#### Question:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

#### Answer:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

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### The Food Pantry Cupboard Items Needed in the month of November:

Coffee, Juice, Macaroni & Cheese, Cereal

Thank you for your continuing support of our food pantry! - Mary Beth

Thurs., Nov 2 - All Soul'd Day  
9:00am—Mary Kay Proctor, parish  
6:00pm - Special Memorial Mass

Sat., Nov 4  
4:00pm—Arthur Connery, req by Peggy Fisk  
Ted Testo, Jr, req by family  
Maureen Geracitano, req by Joseph/Kathleen Di Fabio

Sun., Nov 5  
7:30am—living & deceased members of IHM  
Carol Sutherland, req by Carol Carlson & family  
11:00am—Carole Maloney, req by husband Marilyn Cavanaugh (90th B'day), req by the family

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



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**Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.)**  
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