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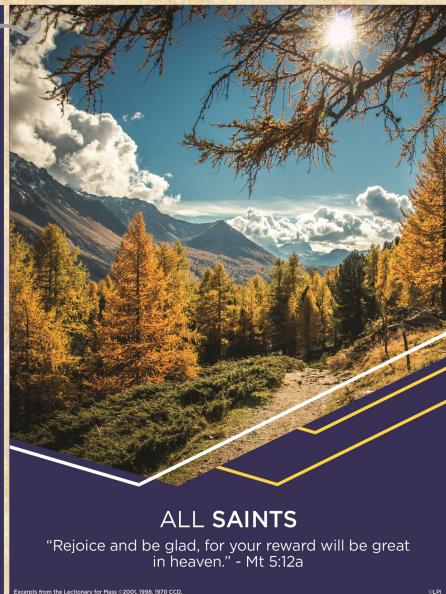
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Church and Parish Center - Handicapped Accessible

NOVEMBER 1, 2020

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



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.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK -

First Reading:

In a vision, John sees in heaven those who survived

being tested in their faith. What would you say is the biggest test of threat to your faith?

Second Reading:

John speaks of the importance of "hope" in the life of a Christian. What do you hope for as a believer in Jesus Christ?

Gospel:

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5-7) begins with a listing of beatitudes. How do you think you measure up to these beatitudes?

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Faith Formation: 2020-2021

Our opening date for Faith Formation this year will be November 8. Many thanks to all our families who have registered for either in person or digital sessions. We will have our annual collection of winter gear for Joseph's House through mid-November.

Just a reminder - we cannot order hard copy and/or digital materials until we have the registration form and family fee. If we place a bulk order, the parish receives a discounted price. If we order copies for INDIVIDUAL students who register late, the cost is \$20 more PER student. We appreciate you registering your children as soon as possible.

If you have difficulty paying the family fee, please contact Sharon at <u>skow-alski@ihm.rcpw.org</u> or 518-328-0427 and we will make arrangements for you to pay in installments.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW): Currently on hiatus.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Especially with regard to living the Gospel, we are not alone. A great cloud of witnesses journey with us offering us inspiration, wisdom, intercession,

and support. We look to them for the example of perseverance we desperately need in order to be faithful, and for what it means to "walk the talk!" The Beatitudes are indeed a blessed vision that people hunger to hear and embrace. But, they also clearly remind us that following Jesus is difficult. Poverty of spirit, meekness, mercy, and peace making are not virtues readily accepted by the world. Pursuing a purity of heart and acknowledging the hunger of our souls require not only a courageous stance, but a single-minded devotion to God. And, after going against the grain of the world and meeting resistance along the way, the true disciple may find themselves persecuted and paying a high price. Look to all the saints for the secret to happiness and the example of fidelity. Their lives speak volumes of how God can use even the weakest and most humble among us in tremendous ways. Saints are not even

close to being perfect. They are just ordinary folks like us trying to give honor to God with their lives. ©LPi

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 Desert*. 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

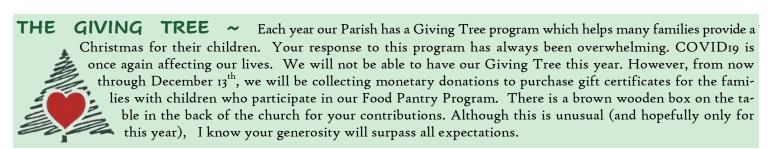
Through Nov.15: Collection of New Winter Gear for Joseph's House

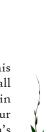
Faith Formation will again be collecting **new** jackets, gloves, hats and scarves for *children* and **new** white socks for *adult* clients of Joseph's House. We will continue collecting items through November 15.

Many thanks to Kathy Matthews and her sister who gave us 2 bags of absolutely beautiful handmade hats and scarves. Many thanks also to two anonymous donors who made cash donations which we will use to purchase winter jackets for the children.

Items may be left at the Faith Formation Center, in the parish office or in the box in the CLOW room. 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.





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In Memoriam ~ 2021

In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski

In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family

In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson

In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan

> In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family

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In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family

Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope



VETERANS DAY MASS

There will be a special Mass on Veterans Day November 11th, 5:30pm in Immaculate **Heart of Mary Church to** honor our veterans.

IHM PRAYER MINISTRY ~ If you would like prayers said for a family member, relative or friend, contact Brenda Persons at: 518-271-6184.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS -**Everyday Saints**

Growing up I thought saints were larger than life people with extraordinary stories. The thought

that I could one day be revered as a saint by anyone seemed crazy. I wrote my essays on different saints every year in Catholic school right around All Saints Day. These were stories about people I had never met, and I assumed I would never meet anyone like them going forward.

Now that I am older, I realize that I was wrong back then and my immaturity of both mind and heart did not allow me to see that there are saints among us all the time. I have met many people in my life that I would call living saints. They are holy people who give of themselves to God and

others in profound ways. Their relationship with Jesus is evident and they live their lives in ways that people witness the transformative power of love.

As a child I was wrong about saints, but even more importantly, I didn't fully realize that all of us are called to be saints! Me, a saint? Holiness is not something simply studied in books. It is the way of life we are all called to live. The call comes from Jesus Christ and each of us must respond. If we are

still thinking like children, we may choose to stay silent and live accordingly. If we are more mature in our faith then we might not only respond, we might one day have a school child write a report about us.

Jesus is happy to come with us, as truth is happy to be spoken, as life to be lived, as light to be lit, as love is to be loved, as joy to be given, as peace to be spread.

—St. Francis of Assisi

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Oct., 31 4:00pm—Thomas Raleigh, req by Raleigh

family Michael Cusack, req by Raleigh family

Alden Powers Thorpe, req by Germano family

8:30am—Rosemary LaMarre, req by Mary Crowlev

Norma Brennan, req by Tom/Jane Hanley Jack Bateman, req by Bob/Carol Carlson

11:00am-Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM Joan Duffey, req by Judy, MaryBeth, Matt Betty Burns McHale, req by Bob & Carol Carlson

Mon., Nov 2-All Souls Day Memorial Mass at 7:00pm

9:00am—Timothy Carabis, req by Sharon & Mike Kowalski

Wed., Nov 4

9:00am—The Farrell & Synan family, Estate

Thurs., Nov 5

9:00am-Lv'g/dec'd members of IHM

4:00pm—Fred Ross (4th Anniv), reg by Gene/ **Cindy Cocca**

Norma Brennan, req by Eleanor Hack Bill Jakubics(8th Anniv), req by wife & dgtr

8:30am—Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM Joyce Belokopitsky, req by Maryann Zampier Rosemary LaMarre, req by Barb Crowley & family

11:00am—Joan Duffey, req by O'Hare family Timothy Carabis, req by Isabel Denise J Mazzariello, req by Ruth Wright &

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— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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