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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Well done, my good and faithful servant." – Mt 25:21

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NOVEMBER 15, 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



*"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.*

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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 Convicts*. 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



LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God has entrusted his possessions to us. God's possessions are not earthly, physical things like ours: a home, bank account, personal items, and so forth. God's possessions are far greater and deeper. God's greatest possession is His very Self and it is precisely this pearl of great price that He bestows freely upon us. What are we going to do with it? Nourishing the fruits of wisdom is of the first order in determining how we are going to use what God has given. Understanding that His gift has not been given purely for our self-benefit is another. Wisdom asks us to broaden our horizons to embrace all avenues of human life, including the needs of the poor, the marginalized, and the needy. Manifested primarily in the virtues of faith, hope, and love, what God has entrusted to us can multiply exponentially if we invest His gift wisely and reap the greatest benefits. While it requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work, we will experience tremendous joy when we realize just how much confidence God has in us. Not acting on something out of fear or lack of trust serves no purpose and is of no use to either God or

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 all those who have donated winter gear for Joseph's House. God bless you for your caring and generosity.

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.

THE GIVING TREE ~ Each year our Parish has a Giving Tree program which helps many families provide a Christmas for their children. Your response to this program has always been overwhelming. COVID19 is once again affecting our lives. We will not be able



to have our Giving Tree this year. However, from now through December 13th, we will be collecting monetary donations to purchase gift certificates for the families with children who participate in our Food Pantry Program. There is a brown wooden box on the table in the back of the church for your contributions. Although this is unusual (and hopefully only for this year), I know your generosity will surpass all expectations.

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm ~

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.

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.

Faith Formation - For All Ages

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Faith Formation: 2020-2021 WE'VE BEGUN

Our schedule is a little different this year. All children who have registered will receive 4 weeks of hard copy lessons at a time. As soon as we work out the kinks, they will have weekly digital access as well. Our in person sessions for November and December are as follows: November 22, December 6 and 13. After the first of the year, we will reassess and determine any changes in the program.

We are wrapping up our annual collection of NEW winter gear for Joseph's House this weekend. Because of an anticipated need this winter, however, they are for the first time requesting GENTLY USED (like new) children's and adult's winter coats as well as GENTLY USED adult sweatshirts and jeans.

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

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

 In Memoriam ~ 2021		
In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family <small>10/24/21</small>	In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski <small>3/21/21</small>	In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family <small>3/7/21</small>
In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>2/21/21</small>	In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family <small>2/21/21</small>	In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson <small>2/7/21</small>
In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family <small>1/17/21</small>	In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>1/17/21</small>	In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>1/10/21</small>
GOSPEL MEDITATION - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time God gives us the gift of His very self and asks us to invest it. Investing God's greatest gift of Himself wisely, allows God's kingdom to grow and flourish. God trusts us with this pearl of great price in hopes that it will produce abundant fruit. While God's gift of self is realized in the gifts of faith, hope, and love, they are not meant to be solely for personal benefit. They are intended to be shared and are at the heart of Jesus' blueprint for happiness, the Beatitudes. When we properly invest God's greatest gift, His most treasured possession, we invest in the wellbeing of all of our brothers and sisters and the world in which we live. We take up most seriously our call to be stewards and properly manage, not only our own affairs, but the affairs of those around and before us. God has put tremendous confidence in us. Do we have that same confidence in God? We often go the extra mile and put in the additional effort when it comes to those concerns closest to us: our families, friends, careers, home and securities. But when it comes to things that are not as close to us, we can become lax and less conscientious. Tending to God's treasure requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work. It demands that I see the bigger picture, God's picture, in which self-sacrifice is a given as we labor for the establishment of God's kingdom, God's vision. Fear and a lack of trust can loom large, however. We are afraid of letting go of what is "mine" and apprehensive of jeopardizing what we have in order to venture into something bigger and more promising. Fear and a lack of trust serve no purpose in God's kingdom. They benefit neither the person nor God. What is required is a courageous resolve that produces the fortitude necessary to stay the course and do what God is asking. Doing all in our power to cultivate the seeds of faith, hope, and love in our world, working diligently to put all of our relationships in proper order, becoming attentive to systems and ideologies that hurt and oppress people, being mindful of injustice, and laboring on behalf of the poor and the needy are at the core of what each of us is asked to do. It is how we invest God's most precious gift wisely. If persistent, alert and attentive, then life will gradually improve around us, there will be greater peace and we will experience joy. ©LPI		In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family <small>1/10/21</small>



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Nov 14
 4:00pm—Paul Deguire, req by Carolyn Hyatt
 Joyce Belokopitsky, req by Bob/Kathy Falzo
 Living & deceased members of IHM

Sun., Nov 15
 8:30am—Dennis Tracey, req by the children
 Denise J Mazzariello, req by Christine Adkins
 Fred J Gonsowski, Sr (25th Anniv), req by son
 & daughter

11:00am—Stephen Haner, req by Garrity fam.
Joan Duffey, req by Bob & Carol Carlson
Timothy Carabis, req by Food Pantry

Tues., Nov 17
 9:00am—DiNuzzo, LoParco, Burnham
 families, Estate

Wed., Nov 18
 9:00am—Wm Johnson & Malasky families,
 Estate

Thurs., Nov 19
 9:00am—Timothy Carabis, req by Judy & Phil
 William T Fahr (10th Anniv), req by family

Sat., Nov 21
 4:00pm—Donald Fisk, req by the family
 Margaret McGowan-Murphy (24th Anniv), req
 by Ginny & Diane
 Marge Murphy (Anniv), req by Lewis, Stark &
 D'Attilio family

Sun., Nov 22
 8:30am—Timothy Carabis, req by Tom/Jane
 Hanley
 Jim Mantello (1st Anniv), req by Gail, Heather
 & Makayla
 Living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Adam Novak (B'day), req by family
Timothy Carabis, req by MaryBeth & Joe
Raymond Werner (B'day), req by daughters

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

Our mission at Immaculate Heart of Mary is to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and to praise His name, by being a Christ-centered, welcoming, unified community. Called to holiness, we celebrate the love of God through prayer and worship, the Eucharist and other sacraments, catechesis, evangelization and service to all. Always His people, we strive to be good stewards of our time, talent and treasure.

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