



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 20, 2017

Celebration of the Eucharist
Saturday Vigil—4:00PM Sunday—8:30 AM and 11:00 AM
Weekday Schedule
Communion Service: Monday and Friday at 9:00 AM
Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9:00 AM

All Are Welcome

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

PASTORAL STAFF

Fr Don Rutherford, Sacramental Minister
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Call for appointment

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday prior to the 4:00pm Mass

Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements. Baptisms are generally on the 2nd weekend of the month.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples should make arrangements as soon as the engagement is announced.

Anointing of the Sick

The Anointing of the Sick will be administered the first full weekend of each month, immediately after each Mass.

Deacon Al's Corner

Pastoral Care – Last weekend Linda Dunbar spoke about Pastoral Care and the need for more volunteers at all the Masses. We are very grateful to her for her leadership; and to the twelve people who signed up for this important ministry.

Unfortunately, from time to time, we hear that one of our Parishioners has been sick and no one has contacted them. We are always sorry to hear that we missed someone. Our goal is to reach out to all our Parishioners who are homebound or in the hospital. This is another area where we need your help. If you, or someone you know, is hospitalized, or becomes homebound PLEASE call the office (518) 273-6020, and let us know. Thank you

Faith Formation – School will be starting up soon, and so will Faith Formation! We are looking forward to seeing all of our youth and their parents again. The formation of our children, and ourselves, in our faith is a joy and a challenge. The challenge is that there is a lot to learn about our faith. We are formed in our faith by learning what it means to say “I believe in God, the Father almighty.” What does it mean to call God father? What are the parts of the Mass and what takes place? But learning about our faith has a very practical and joyful application. Religion, our faith, isn’t something we do on Saturday or Sunday at Mass. Our faith is a way of life. Our formation in faith teaches us how to bring about and enjoy the Kingdom of God here and now. Our faith teaches us how to live lives of hope, joy, peace and love.



Vocation Ministry—On Monday of this week we celebrate the feast of St Pius X, Pope. One of

 the things that Pope Pius X is most remembered for is making it possible for children to receive Christ in the Eucharist. In the entrance antiphon to the liturgy we read from Sirach: “The Lord chose him for himself as high priest, and opening his treasure house, made him rich in all things.” This “rich in all things” can remind us of what the gospel writers told us

Jesus said: ***Everyone who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life.*** Surely we trust we will receive eternal life. If you are thinking about priesthood or the religious life—ask a priest or sister how they experience the hundredfold. You may be surprised. Join all in the parish for praying for vocations. PS: **If you wish to join the Vocations Committee join us in the Parish Hall for a meeting after the 11AM Mass next Sunday.**

2017 Catholic Home Missions Appeal-Aug 26/27: Strengthening the Church

at Home. Many dioceses right here in the United States do not have enough priests and trained lay ministers to serve their parishes. These dioceses are known as home missions. They struggle to fund basic and essential pastoral works such as parish faith formation, priestly and religious formation, lay ministry training, and evangelization; and are unable to attend to the needs that are unique to the communities they serve. With your support, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps ease the struggle and form vibrant faith communities.

IHM Prayer Ministry—if you would like the prayer team to pray for you or a loved one, call Brenda Persons at 518 271-6184 .

It's Here! ... Sunday, August 20th

The Ice Cream Extravaganza!!!

Immediately after the 11AM Mass, we will gather as a community in the Parish Life Center for the Ice Cream Extravaganza....to celebrate all that is sweet, cool and delicious. There will be music, lots of ice cream and great community!!

Make your own sundae, have your ice cream in a cone or dish...just make sure you are there to celebrate one of the true joys of summer!! **All are welcome!!**



NCYC: Team IHM, Backpack Raffle

Drawing August 20—Thanks for your generous

donations and support. We will post the results next week, as well as the winners of the Backpack raffle. Last chance to purchase tickets for the raffle will be at the Ice

Cream Extravaganza Sunday, August 20. Thank you so much for supporting our team from IHM!!

A special thanks to "Kids Count" for their very generous donation to our team. The hotel is not providing meals this year, so this will really help with the expenses for their trip. God bless you all for your caring, generosity and support!!

Mary's Kitchen: Don't Eat Alone!! Join us, Mondays, 3 to 5pm

Welcome to the new group of guests who have joined us for an early dinner on Mondays!! Many have said they hate to eat alone and decided to try Mary's Kitchen. We are so happy to have them as our guests.



Every Monday, all members of the community are invited – both parishioners and non-parishioners alike - to enjoy an eat in meal, pick up one to take out or to chat and relax with friends. Don't feel like cooking? Come join us!!

Questions?? Contact Sharon at 328-0427 for more information.

Next week...bring a friend or neighbor to church with you!

"Immaculate Cleaners" Ministry

We're looking to expand our ministry. If you would like to help with monthly projects like dusting, chasing away cobwebs and other small projects, please contact Judy Pope through the parish office, 273-6020.



Prayer Blanket Ministry: Tie-ers Wanted: August 24

We will be having one more "tie-in" session on August 24 – beginning at 6pm - to make Prayer Blankets. Many thanks to Kay, Karen, Barb and Mary. Together we completed 7 adult blankets and 6 Baptismal blankets. Thanks also to Deacon Al who tied a very manly red and black plaid prayer blanket!!



The Prayer Blanket ministry is a ministry of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish made up entirely of volunteers. Blankets may be sewn, quilted, crocheted, knitted or tied, (as in the case of fleece blankets).

The belief in the power of prayer is evident in our witness to one another. Prayers for the health and well-being of the person receiving the blanket begin with the purchase of the fabric or yarn and continue through the making and gifting of the Prayer Blanket.

Please contact Sharon at 328-0427 in the Faith Formation office if you have a family member or friend who is ill, in the hospital, or in a nursing home who may appreciate the gift. Prayer blankets are also given to children baptized at Immaculate Heart of Mary. In addition, a special card explaining the ministry is given to each recipient, along with the blanket.

Food Pantry Needs: Remember our neighbors in need: Food Stamps do not cover laundry detergent, face soap, toilet tissue, paper towel or toothpaste. Just drop the item off in the Food Pantry box in the church lobby.



Faith Formation—For All Ages

Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

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Faith Formation Registration: Sunday, August 27 and September 10

We will have registration for the 2017-2018 Faith Formation program after the 11am Masses in the Parish Life Center on August 27 and September 10. A mailing has gone out to families who were registered last year. If you did not receive a mailing, please contact Sharon in the Faith Formation office **at 328-0427 or at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org** for information or questions about our Faith Formation Program.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) —Please note: CLOW will be on hiatus until September.



Here's What's Coming Up in August

August 20: Ice Cream Extravaganza, immediately after the 11am Mass, PLC

August 21: Gathering Disciples, 6:30pm, Parish Life Center

August 27: Faith Formation registration, after 11am Mass, Parish Life Center

August 28: Adoration, 9:30am to noon, following the Communion Service

In Memoriam - 2017

 <p>In loving memory of William T, Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p>1/21/18</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>12/31/17</p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p>12/31/17</p>
<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan</p> <p>12/17/17</p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p>11/12/17</p>	<p>In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family</p> <p>10/22/17</p>
<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p>10/15/17</p>	<p>In loving memory of J. Vince Cocca requested by his wife and Children</p> <p>10/8/17</p>	<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p>9/10/17</p>

Social Justice: Care for the Environment

Laudato Si, Pope Francis: "We do not understand our superiority as a reason for personal glory or irresponsible dominion, but rather as a different capacity which, in its turn, entails a serious responsibility stemming from our faith."

Matthew 15: "Then Jesus said to her in reply, 'O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.'

Scripture Sharing: The Psalms: Why Are They Said at Every Mass??

We will take a brief hiatus for the month of August. Beginning September 7, we are looking forward to our next series – Psalms, the School of Prayer.

We pray the Psalms at every Mass. Who wrote them?? Why were they written?? When were they written?? Wouldn't you like to know more about them?? Join us in September for our new Scripture Sharing program, published by Ascension Press, presented by Jeff Cavins. For more information, please contact Sharon at 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults—Need to receive sacraments –Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation; for yourself, an older teen or young adult? **Something to consider - Do you know that in order to be a godparent for Baptism or a sponsor for Confirmation, you must have received all three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation)???**

We have two adults that will be participating in the RCIA process this year. Please keep Ann Marie and Princess in your prayers.

Whatever your needs may be, we are here to help you make it happen. We are able to work around your schedule and your individual area of need. Want more information?? Contact Sharon at 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

DID YOU KNOW?? Bringing up the Eucharistic Gifts at Mass.... Any parishioner having a special Mass intention at a particular Mass, is welcome to carry up one of the Eucharistic Gifts at the Offertory. Upon arrival at Church, speak with one of the ushers and they will be happy to assist you.



Polish Day: National Shrine of North American Martyrs at Auriesville—Sunday, August 20th, Bishop Edward Scharfenberger will celebrate Mass in the Coliseum at 4PM. Confessions in Polish & English, 2PM to 3:30PM.



Mass Intentions for Week

Sat., Aug 19	4:00pm—Living & deceased members of IHM
Sun., Aug 20	8:30am—John J Brennan, req by wife/family Rob Campbell, req by Tim Hughes Richard A Crist, req by Tom & Jane Hanley
11:00am—Rob Campbell, req by Bettianne & Ed Smulsky Michael/Mary Glogowski & family, req by Rose Madlin & family	
Mon., Aug 21	9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE
Tues., Aug 22	9:00am—John Centanni, req by wife, Marge
Wed., Aug 23	9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE
Thurs., Aug 24	9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE
Fri., Aug 25	9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE
Sat., Aug 26	4:00pm—Michael Cusack, req by Suspanic family Mr & Mrs Arthur Connery, req by the children Norman Persons, req by Brenda Persons
Sun., Aug 27	8:30am—Living & Deceased mem of IHM 11:00am—John Somich, req by Helen Somich Rob Campbell, req by Bob & Carol Carlson Dorothy Devine, req by Suzanne/Ernie Busta

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Weekly Collections (incl. mail-in/E.G.)
Aug 13-14, 2016.....\$5372.00
Aug 12-13, 2017.....\$6461.00