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MANY WHO HEARD HIM WERE ASTONISHED.
- MK 6:2

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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JULY 7, 2024

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm - Sunday: 7:30 am and 11:00 am

Weekday Schedule

9:00 am Mass - Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

Adoration on Tuesdays - 9:30 to 10:30 am

CHURCH AND PARISH LIFE CENTER HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

**WHY DO WE DO THAT ?? -
CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

Gospel of Mark

Question:

In Year B, we hear primarily from the Gospel of Mark. Since each Evangelist has a unique perspective, what are the key issues that Mark addresses in his Gospel?

Answer:

Gospels are a particular faith community's reflection on Jesus. Each Gospel's author reflected that community's faith in Jesus. Jesus' message is made relevant to the community's situation and context. Mark was the first Gospel to be written. When Matthew and Luke wrote theirs, they imitated and adapted Mark for their communities.

Mark's Gospel seems to be addressed to a faith community undergoing turmoil, rejection, and persecution—forces that threaten to overwhelm them. This provides the context around which Mark fashions the story of Jesus. He presents Jesus as the One sent by God to confront the forces of evil. That is the good news of Jesus.

Jesus' struggle with the demonic forces leads to confrontation, rejection, outright opposition, and a conspiracy to do away with him. Realizing this, Jesus is not deterred. Rather Jesus calls for total faith in God who helps us to overcome the forces of evil. Suffering and even death seem to be the consequences of this struggle. Yet, that is not the end. The one who suffers for the sake of others, the suffering servant, will be the one through whom redemption and salvation will come to all. For Mark, this is what discipleship demands and what true faith in God can and will accomplish. See if you can detect these themes as you read Mark's Gospel.

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SCRIPTURE SHARING: *The Chosen, Series 4*

We've received notification that our DVD for Series 4 of *The Chosen* is on its way. We will begin with Episode 1 on Thursday, July 11 at 2pm in the Parish Life Center.

Come join us. All are invited. We meet Thursday from 2 to 3pm in the Parish Life Center. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED FOR MONTH OF JULY

Canned items:

Spam Beef Stew Potatoes
Soups Tuna Fish



*Thank you for your generosity to our Food Pantry
in caring for those who are in need!*

PRAYER BLANKETS: During Covid, our Prayer Blanket Ministry was put on hold. Now, however, we would like to make these blankets available again.

The Prayer Blanket Ministry at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish is based on the firm belief in the power of prayer. This belief is evident in our witness to one another. Blankets are sewn, quilted, crocheted, knitted or tied (as in fleece blankets). 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.

Contacts may be made to the parish office to obtain a blanket for a family member or friend who is ill, in the hospital, nursing home. Please contact Sharon at 518-327-0428 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org for further information.

FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL AGES: Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator

of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry: - skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Faith Formation

Although we won't see you in Faith Formation classes this summer, we look forward to seeing you at Mass every Sunday. Mass is where we celebrate and live out all we learn about our faith in Faith Formation. It is where we meet Jesus every week in the Liturgy of the Word and in the Eucharist.

Please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or 518-328-0427 for more information or questions about Faith Formation and/or receiving sacraments at IHM.

IHM MEMORIAL BRICK WALKWAY: The 2024 Brick Campaign is underway! The campaign will run from **June 15 through August 15,**

2024. The requested bricks will be engraved sometime in late August/early September and placed in walkway in the Fall. The **Brick Campaign application sheets** give full detailed instructions and can be found on the table at the back of the church **or** at the parish office during business hours. The 4X8 (rectangular) size brick is available for engraving.

Cost: \$100 for engraving and placement in walkway. If you need additional information please contact **Linda Dunbar** at **(518) 209-6446** or the parish office at (518) 273-6020.

PRAYER TEAM MINISTRY


If you would like prayers said for someone, contact Brenda at: (838) 267-5801.



MARY'S KITCHEN: MONDAYS, 3PM TO 5PM: Stop by between 3 to 5pm on most 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 skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or call 518-328-0427 for more information. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

In Memoriam ~ 2024~ '25

 <p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">6/8/25</p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Fatti Hogan</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">3/9/25</p>	<p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">2/2/25</p>
<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">12/15/24</p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">9/29/24</p>	<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">9/15/24</p>
<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">8/18/24</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">7/14/24</p>	<p>LIVE THE LITURGY</p> <p>When Jesus taught in the synagogue of his native place, he didn't fit the image of the Messiah the people expected. They dismissed him. Let's learn from their example and remember that God often comes to us in forms that are surprising—even challenging.</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">©LPi</p>

RCCIA 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.



*“Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,
pleading for his mercy.” - ps 123*

GOSPEL MEDITATION ~ DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Recently I watched a bunch of YouTube videos on how to optimize willpower in the face of weakness. The message was: do not accept your weakness. Crush it. Dominate it. In one video, however, at the end of a rant by a willpower coach, the muscular stoic admitted, “You’ll never actually get what you want, no matter how hard you try.” Amazingly, he admitted that willpower alone is not sufficient for us weak-willed humans.

What does God want us to do with our weaknesses, if crushing them with willpower won't work? For example, what should I do with my tendency to arrogance and self-isolation? Or my procrastination? Or my intellectual and physical limitations? Or my selfishness?

The counter-intuitive answer is clear in this week's words from St Paul, “I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses in order that the power of Christ may dwell in me (2 Cor. 12:9).” Boast of our weaknesses? Paul isn't promoting weak-mindedness or laziness. Rather, he perceives that Jesus loves us not despite our weaknesses but because of them. Boasting of our weakness means claiming human will is not all we have. It means turning to God whenever we feel weak, which—let's face it—is almost all the time. When we do, we learn to love our weaknesses, because it's there that we meet the strength of Christ. This week, I challenge us to find ways to boast not in willpower but in weakness. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

Readings for the week of July 7, 2024

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd)/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
 Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26
 Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38
 Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7
 Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23
 Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33
 Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13



FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
Weekend Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.)
 June 22-23, '24\$3439.00

- MASS INTENTIONS**
- Sat., July 6
 4pm—Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM
 Bea Henderson, req by Barbara Crowley
 Ted Testo, Jr, req by the family
- Sun., July 7
 7:30am—Rose Murphy (6th Anniv), req by the family
 Daniel Connors, req by Carol Carlson & family
 11am—Carole Maloney, req by Don
- Tues., July 9
 9am—Margaret Rose/Fred Gonsowski, Sr
 req by son and daughter
- Wed., July 10
 9am—DiNuzzo, LoParco, Burnham Families,
 Estate
- Thurs., July 11
 9am—Wm Johnson/Malasky Family, Estate
- Sat., July 13
 4pm—Charles Adams, req by the family
 Mary Eagan, req by friend
 Thomas Fisk, req by the family
- Sun., July 14
 7:30am—Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM
 Deb Bariteau (B'day), req by Larry
 11am—Elizabeth Lamb, req by the family
 The Alund Family, req by Lorraine Alund
 Elizabeth Cramer, req by Georgianne
 Marchione