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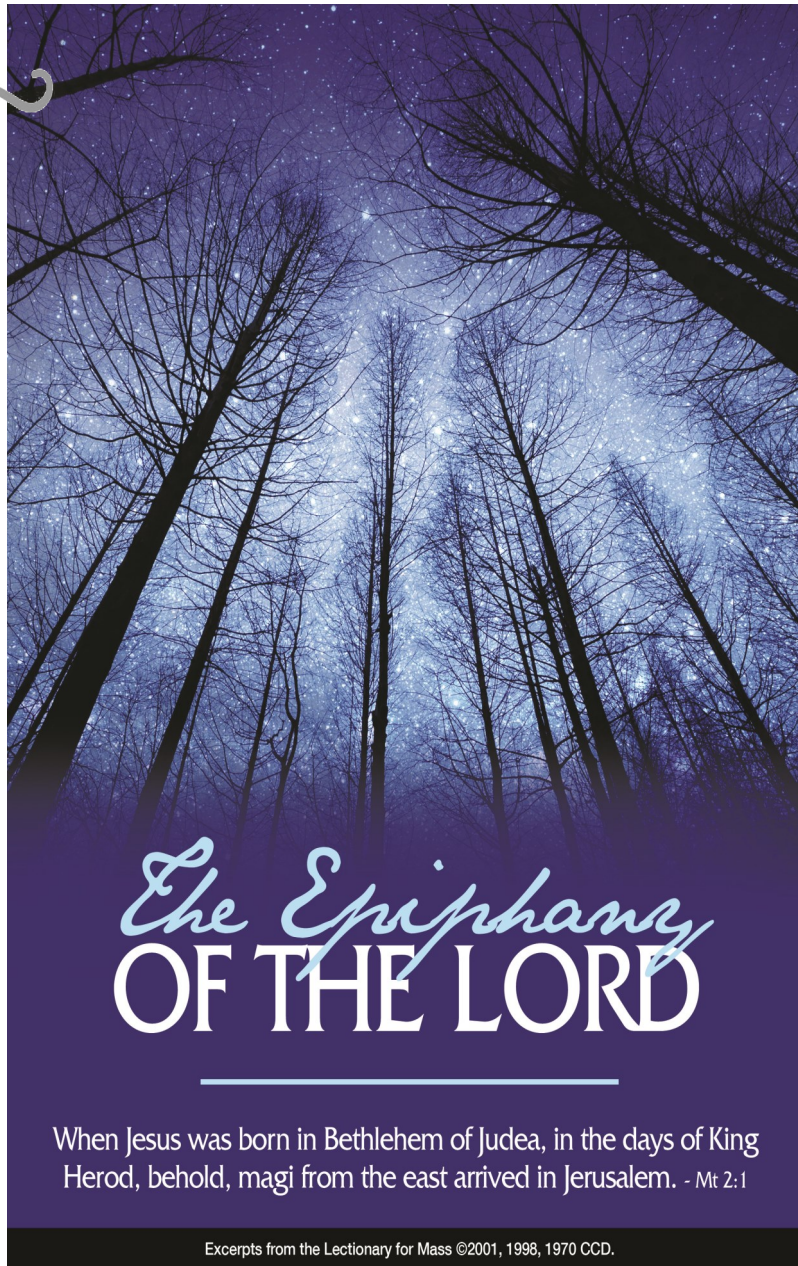
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Church and Parish Center - Handicapped Accessible

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

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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Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

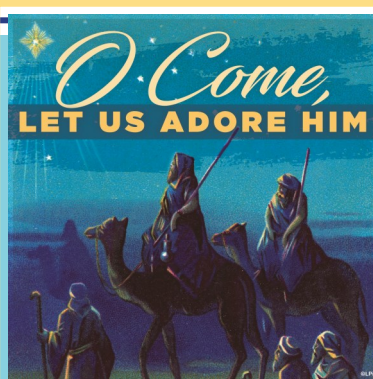
There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity,

great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration. —Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



FAITH
HUMILITY
GENEROSITY
WISDOM

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration of the Week

Even the slightest flicker of a light helps to properly orient us when we find ourselves in total darkness. Being in darkness can be unsettling and even a bit unnerving. We lose our focus and struggle to find our bearings and achieve balance. On life's journey we may think we are walking in the light but are really lingering in darkness. We do not see the full picture, either because we are distracted, disinterested, or even apprehensive. Sometimes, we even choose to close our eyes when the light is readily available to illuminate our path. Do we really desire to know the truth of who we are? In Jesus Christ, a light has been given to those who dwell in darkness. God's revelation gives us the light to see where we come from, who we are and where we are going. It also tells us that this Good News is not meant for just a privileged few but is intended to go out to all the world. Is this something we want to see? ©LPi

Faith Formation - For All Ages Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Faith Formation: 2020-2021

Wishing all our Faith Formation Families many blessings, joy, and happiness during the Christmas season. January 10 will be our next in person session and will also be the date of the next pick up of materials for our young people who are doing the sessions online. See you at the Faith Formation Center at 9:45am!!

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

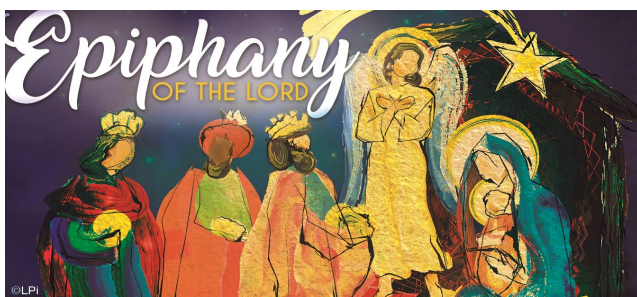
Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm..we're back Mary's Kitchen is serving meals again!! For the present time, we can do TAKE OUT meals only. All are welcome. Why cook when we've done it for you?? Stop by between 3 to 5pm on Monday and pick up a meal all ready for you to take home: Soup, salad, sandwich, entrée and dessert!!

If anyone would like to prepare a dessert for the soup kitchen, it would be most appreciated.

Email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or call 518-328-0427 for more information.




IHM Prayer Ministry We believe as faith-filled people, prayer matters and offers hope. The Prayer Tree Ministry is made up of a group of people who pray for others. If you would like prayers said for a family member, relative, or friend contact Brenda Persons at 518-271-6184.



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. After the first of the year, we will be meeting on Tuesday evenings.

In Memoriam ~ 2021		
 <p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family <small>10/24/21</small></p>	<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski <small>3/21/21</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family <small>3/7/21</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>2/21/21</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family <small>2/21/21</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson <small>2/7/21</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family <small>1/17/21</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>1/17/21</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>1/10/21</small></p>
		<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family <small>1/10/21</small></p>

Readings for the week of January 3, 2021

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11



REFLECTIONS

First Reading:

In late 6th century BC, the prophet Isaiah proclaimed an unimaginable future of glory for Israel in the wake of their return from seventy years of captivity in Babylon. What message of hope does our nation need today?

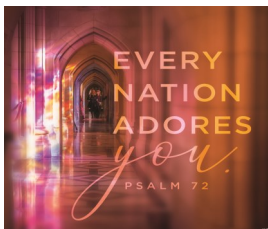
Second Reading:

Paul speaks of God's "revelation" to include Gentiles as "coheirs" and "copartners" with Jews in the divine promise fulfilled in Christ Jesus. How welcoming are you to those you consider outsiders?

Gospel:

The magi's visit to discover the "newborn king of the Jews" caused great anxiety for the religious leaders of Jerusalem, including King Herod. Why do you think some people are not open to the good news of Jesus Christ?

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"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.

Christmas Flower Listing ~ Anyone wishing to have the Christmas Flower Memorial listing, please contact Judy at 518 273-6020, leave a message and we will be happy to send one out to you.

Have a Blessed and Joyous Christmas Season!



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Jan 2

4:00pm—Helen Kuentzel, req by Frederick Hudy

Sun., Jan 3

8:30am—Father Peter Young, req by Fred & Margaret Gonsowski

11:00am—Helen Cody & Genevive Neary (B'days), req by Maureen McMahon

Tues., Jan., 5

Thomasina DeFabio, req by Mike & Leslie Brady

Wed., Jan., 6

Marlene Valetta Brennan, req by Mike & Leslie Brady

Thurs., Jan 7

Rose Spiak (22nd Anniv), req by her son Ann Proctor, req by her brother Raymond Werner, req by his daughter

Sat., Jan 9

4:00pm—Nancy Lord, req by Gene/Cindy Cocco
Margaret Rose Gonsowski, req by son/daughter
Chris Crudo, Bob Lewis, Joan Duffey, req by Mike/Diane Smith

Sun., Jan 10

8:30am—Helen Kuentzel, req by Mary Crowley
Anne McCallen Swinton, req by Bob & Carol Carlson

11:00am—Anna Maloney & Bess Quinan (B'day), req by Maureen McMahon

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
Weekly Collection (incl Mail-in/E.G.)
Dec 19-20, 2020—\$5856.00

To all our parishioners, thank you for your continued commitment and generous support to Immaculate Heart of Mary.

May God Bless you for your faithfulness.