

# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

of Watervliet and Green Island, NY

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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. - Mt 2:10-11a

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Gold, as to a king;  
Myrrh, as to one who was mortal  
Incense, as to a God.

**JANUARY 8, 2023**

**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 11:00 am**

**Join us this Sunday: January 8th-1:00pm**

**“Epiphanies ~ Songs of Seeking Light”  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**

There will be a wide variety of Music  
with a Christmas Carol Sing-Along

Featuring :

Fr. Sam Bellafiore, tenor (“the singing priest”),  
Phil Castanares, piano and guitar and  
Rich Albagli, on marimba and percussion

\*There will be a freewill offering to benefit Mary’s Kitchen  
**ALL WELCOME!**

**Faith Formation For All Ages ~**

**Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth  
Ministry - [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)**

**Faith Formation: 2022-2023: Best Wishes for a Healthy and Happy New Year!!**

Hope your Christmas was the best one ever and we look forward with you to a new year of exciting possibilities!!

Many thanks to all our young people in Faith Formation and their families who participated in the Nativity play on Christmas Eve. As always, it was a delightful experience!!

Our January Faith Formation schedule will be January 8, 15, 22 and 29. All sessions are 9:45 to 10:50am.

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

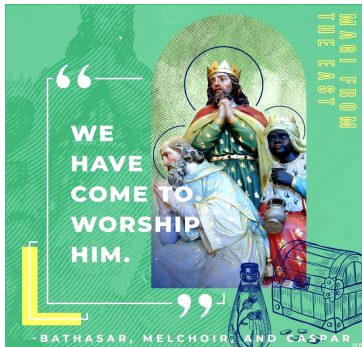
*Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)*



**Gospel Meditation—A Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

A friend of mine is a young priest who teaches high school physics at a Catholic boys’ prep school. Like many today, the boys often think science and religion are enemies. So, he delights in their raised eyebrows when he reminds them his first full-time job as a priest was to be an astrophysicist. He cataloged the size, shape, and matter of distant stars. He tells them, “Science gave me more love for God, not less.”



The Magi were something like scientist-astronomers. Like today’s scientists, they employed disciplined methods of discovering dependable patterns in the world. Their rigorous commitment to the truth led them to the joy of discovering Jesus. Their love for knowledge leads them to worship the Source of all knowledge. Luke says of them, **“They were overjoyed at seeing the star.”**

We may see the universe as cold and empty and feel sad. But why should we do that? The Magi, like my priest-friend, show us there is another way to experience the world. We use our intelligence to discover the beautiful patterns in the world — in mathematics, physics, astronomy, biology, neuroscience, and so on — and allow this to lead us to greater love for God. So, my fellow Magi: the world needs us to be overjoyed at finding God in science and, finally and fully, in Jesus.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

**Mary’s Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: ALL WELCOME!!**

***We will re-open at the regular time on  
January 9.***

Stop by between 3 to 5pm on Mondays and sit down to enjoy a meal with friends or pick up a meal to take home: Soup, salad, sandwich, entrée and dessert!!

As we start the new year, we want to thank Freihofer’s and all our volunteers for continuing their part in providing for our Mary’s Kitchen guests. We couldn’t do it without you!!

Questions?? Please contact Sharon at [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

**Parish Winter Brunch: January 22 ~** We will celebrate the new year with a Parish brunch in the Parish Life Center on Sunday, January 22 after the 11am Mass. Tickets are \$10 each and will be sold after the Masses on January 7/8 and 14/15. Hope to see you there!! Questions?? Contact Linda at 518-209-6446 or Sharon at [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

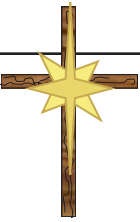
**Prayer Ministry -** If you would like prayers said for a family member, relative, or friend contact **Brenda at 518-961-0169.**

**Scripture Sharing: Ascension Press ~**All are invited. We meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

**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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).



In Memoriam ~ 2023		
 <p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family 10/29/23</p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam &amp; Katherine Novak John &amp; Rosalie Novak &amp; Florence Szpot requested by the Family 6/11/23</p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family 6/11/23</p>
<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family 4/23/23</p>	<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski 3/19/23</p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family 2/19/23</p>
<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald &amp; Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don &amp; Patti Hogan 2/19/23</p>	<p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys &amp; The Butlers requested by Bob &amp; Carol Carlson 2/5/23</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope 1/15/23</p>
		<p>In loving memory of The Barron &amp; Rys Families requested by the Family 1/15/23</p>

### Family Dinner Nite ~ Friday, January 13 - 6 to 8pm

Please join us for our monthly Family Dinner at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Center in Watervliet **Friday, January 13th** from **6 - 8pm**. Parents and children are invited for a pizza dinner, to meet local families and spend time together. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

Register with this QR code  
by Wednesday that week.



### Readings for the week of January 8, 2023

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b)/Mt 3:13-17  
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28  
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9//Mk 1:29-39  
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45  
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12  
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17  
Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34



### Live The Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

The offerings of gold, frankincense and myrrh were carried by the magi over many miles of hard travel to be laid at the feet of Jesus.

What gifts do we bear through the journey of life to lay at the feet of the King? Do we protect them as we should?

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Jan 7

4:00pm—Marie Delisle, req by Peg Fisk  
Sally Kearsing, req by Brenda Persons  
Marge Centanni, req by Bob & Kathy Falzo

Sun., Jan 8

7:30am—Henry Mangene, req by the family  
Rick Shevy, req by the family  
Kathy Macpherson, req by the family

11:00am—Raymond Werner (Anniv), req by his daughter  
Joanne Peterson, req by Gail, Heather & Makyla  
Living & dec'd members of IHM

Tues., Jan 10

9:00am—The Gonsowski Family, req by son & daughter

Wed., Jan 11

9:00am—Nicholas Crudo, req by the family  
Denyce Duncan Lacy, req by Margaret Gonsowski

Thurs., Jan 12

9:00am—Margaret Oaksford, req by daughter

Sat., Jan 14

4:00pm—Margaret Oaksford, req by the family  
Jerry Valenti, req by Yolanda & family  
Maureen McBain, req by Bob & Kathy Falzo

Sun., Jan 15

7:30am—Living /deceased members of IHM  
Rebecca Whorf, req by Philip/Eleanor Sirigiano  
Mary Pyskadlo, req by the Brennan family

11:00am—John Bouchard, req by Joyce Novak  
Jerry McNamee, req by Kathleen Raleigh  
James Veshia, req by Makayla Veshia

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in next issue of Sunday bulletin*

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