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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD.

— JOHN 1:36 —



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JANUARY 14, 2024

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Weekend Masses - Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am and 11:00 am

Weekday Masses - 9:00 am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL AGES - Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry – skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Faith Formation: 2023-2024

Faith Formation sessions for 2023-2024 are 9:30 to 10:45, followed by 11am Mass.

Sessions are open to children from 3 years through Confirmation. Sacramental programs require a two year preparation at Faith Formation sessions.

If you would like to register your children and have not yet done so, 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.

MARY'S KITCHEN: MONDAYS, 3:00pm-5:00pm ALL ARE WELCOME!!

We will be open at the regular time on January 8, 2024.

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!! Questions?? Please call Sharon at 518-328-0427 or email: skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org for more information.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Those Who Seek the Truth

In my work as a freelance writer, I have a regular column in the archdiocesan paper writing profiles of ordinary people in the local church. Laity, religious, and clergy alike – I hound them all to give me an interview, and when I do, the answer is almost always this: “You don’t want to talk to me. There’s nothing special about me.”

I always try to convince them that there is something remarkable about everyone who is searching for the truth. It is easy to think we are not made for holiness because we are ordinary people with ordinary habits, ordinary abilities, and ordinary sins. It is easy (and very convenient) to designate holiness as something belonging to Better People. People like the saints. People like the Disciples.

The Bible gives us next to no personal information about the disciples. There is no archdiocesan newspaper profile on Andrew and Simon that can give us insight into who they were before they became St. Andrew, Inaugural Disciple and Announcer of the Messiah, and St. Peter, First Pope and the Rock-Upon-Which-Christ-Built-His-Church.

Yet I find myself insatiably curious about it. What was their childhood like? What games did they play with each other as the sun set, before their mother called them into bed? What did they think of as they fell asleep at night? What secret jokes did they share to make each other laugh? What were they afraid of? What did they hope for? Who did they want to be?

Before they were towering figures of salvation history, Simon and Andrew were just two men searching for the truth. When they looked at Christ, there was something that made it click. Perhaps they themselves could not identify what it was, but their hearts whispered it nonetheless: *There it is. We finally found it.*

Isn’t that the best we can all hope for?

“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” – John 1:38

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LIVE THE LITURGY - Inspiration for the week

“Come and see,” Jesus said to the disciples who were curious to know about him.

Today, he whispers this invitation into the deepest place of our heart. Have courage — go, and see what Christ has to show you.

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January DVD: Sound of Freedom: January 25, 2024



God's Children Are Not for Sale. Sound of Freedom is based on the true story of a federal agent who rescues a young boy from child traffickers only to discover his sister is still captive. He makes a difficult and dangerous decision to quit his job and travel to Columbia to save her.

All are welcome. Join us in the Parish Life Center on January 25 at 1:30pm to watch this story of tremendous faith and courage.

SCRIPTURE SHARING: Max Lucado, ‘Help Is Here’

Our current series is entitled “*Help Is Here*”. The theme of this series is finding fresh strength and purpose in the power of the Holy Spirit.

As believers, we know a lot about God the Father and Our Lord Jesus Christ. Sometimes, our greatest gift – the Holy Spirit, is acknowledged but lesser known.

Come join us and we will all listen and learn a little more. All are invited. We meet 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.

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.

FOOD PANTRY~NEW ITEMS NEEDED IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY



~ Toilet tissue ~ Bar Soaps ~ Toothpaste ~



Thank you! for helping us help others in our community through your continued support of

IHM Food Pantry!

— Mary Beth

 <p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p>12/15/24</p>	<p>In Memoriam ~ 2024</p> <p>MEMORIAL BLOCK AVAILABLE</p>	<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p>6/2/24</p>
<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski</p> <p>2/18/24</p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p>2/18/24</p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan</p> <p>2/18/24</p>
<p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson</p> <p>2/14/24</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>1/14/24</p>	

Readings for the week of January 14, 2024

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Prayer of Discernment

Dear Lord

Here I am! Help me to know the path You would
have me walk, to speak the words You would have
me speak, to love and serve those You put in my path.

Amen.

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St. Clare of Assisi, (1194-1253), was born into a wealthy, politically influential, Catholic family in Assisi, Italy. When she was 12, her family decided she should marry. She begged them to allow her to wait until she was 18 and they eventually agreed.

St. Clare, a devoted follower and friend of St. Francis, centered her life around poverty, prayer, and the Eucharist. As the founder of the Poor Clares, she promoted a ministry of simplicity, adoration, and service to the poor.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK -

First Reading:

In the Lord's call to Samuel, Eli teaches Samuel the importance of "listening" to God's voice. Can you name something you have heard from the Lord?

Second Reading:

Paul saw our physical bodies as a temple of the Holy Spirit, destined to be raised after death just as Jesus was raised from the dead. What are some ways to treat your body with reverence and respect?

Gospel:

In John's account of the call of the first disciples, we hear the first words Jesus speaks in the Gospel of John: "What are you looking for?" How can you convince family or friends that Jesus is what we all should be looking for?

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~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

Sat., Jan 13
4:00pm—Henry Mangene, Rick Shevy, req by the family
Jerry Valenti, req by wife & family

Sun., Jan 14
7:30am—Jean and Joe Hogan, req by KNT Wendt
11:00am—Sandra Novak, req by Joyce Novak
Margaret Oaksford (17th Anniv), req by family
Vince DiNuzzo, req by IHM Prayer Group

Tues., Jan 16
9:00am—Thomas & Helen Sullivan

Wed., Jan 17
9:00am—DiNuzzo, LoParco, Burnham Families, Estate

Thurs., Jan 18
9:00am—Wm Johnson/Malasky Families, Estate

Sat., Jan 20
Mary & Edward Ashline, req by daughter Jan
Michael Walukas, req by Ginny/Diane Jakubics
Joan & Paul Duffey, req by the family

Sun., Jan 21
7:30am—Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM
11:00am—Thomas McCabe, req by Elaine McCabe
Gerald DiSalvo & family, req by friend
Bernadette Crucillo, req by a friend

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Dec. 23/24, '23.....\$2662.00

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Dec. 30/31, '23.....\$6023.00

Prayer Team Ministry - If you would like prayers said for someone, contact Brenda at (cell) (838) 267-5801.