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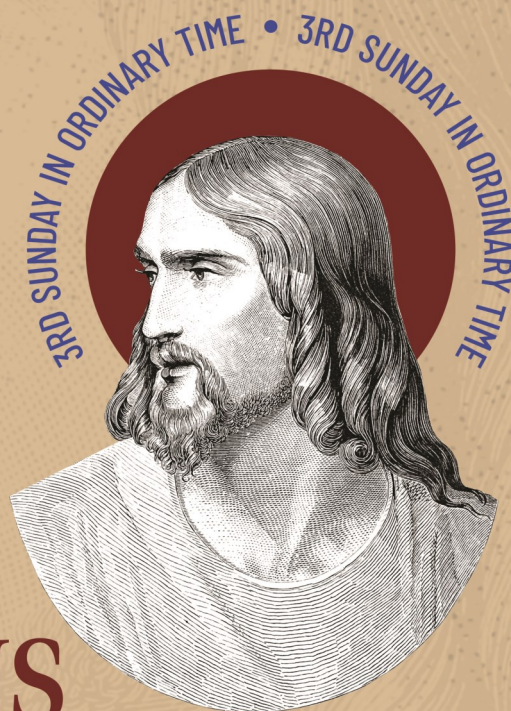
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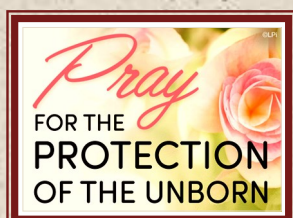
JANUARY 21, 2024



THIS IS THE TIME OF FULFILLMENT.

MK 1:15

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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

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

SCRIPTURE SHARING: *The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy*

Please note: Because of the January DVD, our next session will be February 1.

New year, new Scripture Study. We are starting a new study from Ascension Press entitled *The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy*. God sent prophets at critical times to call the people back to their covenant relationship. Prophets proclaimed the consequences of continued sin, called people to repentance, and declared God's faithful love. They also spoke of the future to shed light on current events and to reveal God's plans and purposes.

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

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.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS ~ By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

A Good Time for Fulfillment

There are some things that always come at the worst time. I've never gotten a telemarketing call and thought, "This is a really convenient moment for me to listen to a sales pitch." I've never seen the compulsory software update notice flash on my computer screen when I *didn't* have a deadline I was struggling to meet. My kids never come down with the flu unless it's the weekend and the line at Urgent Care is stretching out the door.

And I never, ever feel the calm, persistent shoulder-tap of the Holy Spirit without thinking, "Now? Now is not a good time. Can you try again when I'm..."

But then I stop and think: when I am what? When I am stronger? When I am happier? When I am smarter? When I am a different person?

When God calls us, He calls the person He sees in front of Him. "Come on," He says, and He doesn't mean "When you're finished" or "When it's convenient" or "Think about it." He means now. This moment.

This is what Paul is saying when he writes that "the world in its present form is passing away." He is saying that your plans mean nothing, the kingdom of God is at hand. Abandon your nets, let your catch escape into the sea. You're not who you thought you were, and you don't need what you thought you needed.

Your sins do not define you. Your fears are not fate. Your inclinations do not govern you. Your life can be changed. We live in the time of fulfillment, and fulfillment is coming for you — ready or not.

"Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: 'This is the time of fulfillment.'" — Mark 1:14

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FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL AGES -

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

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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.

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.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

The disciples were fishing when Christ found them, hard at work to support their families, casting their nets into the sea. Sometimes when God calls us, we are in the middle of something else. Don't be afraid to change your plans to follow Him.



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Prayer of Discipleship

Dear Jesus,

When you call to me, help me to listen. Give me the courage to respond bravely and boldly to your invitation for my life. Amen.

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 <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 Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>7/14/24</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>2/4/24</p>	

MARY'S KITCHEN: Mondays, 3:00pm to 5:00pm ALL ARE WELCOME!!

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

Readings for the week of January 21, 2024

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1

Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/
Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-
30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps
117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7
-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15,
16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9
(8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

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

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

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - Reflect & Respond

First Reading:

The people of Nineveh (the capital city of the Assyrian Empire and historic enemy of Israel) repented of their sins when they heard Jonah's warning of God's impending destruction of their city. *What motivates you to repent?*

Second Reading:

Paul encouraged the believers in Corinth to live with a sense of urgency and in a radically different way than before coming to faith in Jesus. *In what way are you living counter-culturally as a person of faith?*

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CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

January 25th

~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

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

Tues., Jan 23

9:00am—Mary Rutherford, req by her son

Wed., Jan 24

9:00am—Madeline Theresa Whaley, req by Dolores Shaw

Thurs., Jan 25

9:00am—Helen Werner (Anniv), req by her daughter

Matty Crudo (5th Anniv), req by the family

Sat., Jan 27

4:00pm—Michael Coughlin, req by Siple family

Judith Culkin, req by Martha & Ron Soucy
Kevin G Duffey, req by Ginny & Diane Jakubics

Sun., Jan 28

7:30am—John Brennan, req by children Living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Christina Ragosta, req by uncle Manny & Janet

Stephanie Zeller, req by Janet Bill Avery, req by the family

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