

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

of Watervliet and Green Island, NY



3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."
- Mt 4:19

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JANUARY 22, 2023

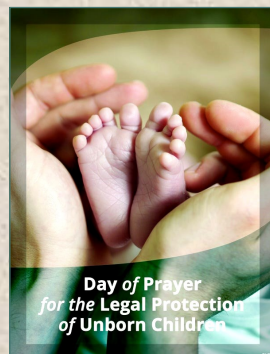
Celebration of the Eucharist

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



**Day of Prayer
for the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children**

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.



Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments ...

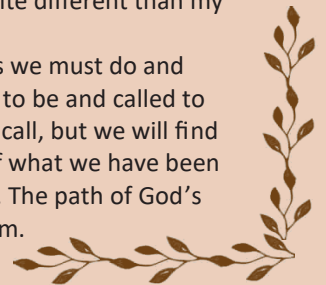
Drop Your Nets and Be Free

There are times I wish I had no obligations. It would be great to take my wife's hand, hop in the car, and drive into the sunset. Where we were going would not matter as much as the fact that we would have nowhere we had to be. There would be nothing we had to do. No bills. No commitments. No problems. Freedom!

Life doesn't work like that, however. When Jesus came along and asked some fishermen to drop their nets and follow him, they did just that. Wow! In some ways, they experienced true freedom. That is what Jesus offers all of us. Yet, true freedom looks quite different than my dream scenario.

In living in the true freedom that Jesus offers, there are things we must do and places we must go. That is because freedom only exists in following God's will, not our own. We are called to be and called to give ourselves completely to God without reservations. We always have the free will to not respond to His call, but we will find that a negative answer may complicate our lives even further. God's path for us calls on us to give freely of what we have been given. Saying no to that call means we carry the weight of those gifts. We were never meant to keep them. The path of God's will may seem long and winding, but it is the one that leads us into that sunset. It is the way to true freedom.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Parish Winter Brunch: January 22 ~ We will celebrate the new year with a Parish brunch in the Parish Life Center this Sunday, January 22 after the 11am Mass. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.** Hope to see you there!! Questions?? Contact Linda at 518-209-6446 or Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

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

Faith Formation: 2022-2023: Our January Faith Formation schedule will be January 22 and 29. All sessions are 9:45 to 10:50am. 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.

Question of the Week... Reflect and Respond

In the First Reading, the prophet Isaiah foresaw a future reversal of fortune for the people living in the land of Zebulun and Naphtali. **When have you received an unexpected blessing or gift in your life?** ©LPi

Readings for the week of January 22, 2023

Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23
 Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30
 Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 70-8a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
 Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/12/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
 Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41
 Next Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/
 1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm:

ALL 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!!

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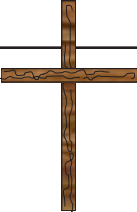
Scripture Sharing: Ascension Press ~ All are invited. We meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

★ Calendar of Events ★ January and February

We are starting off 2023 with a bang!!
 - Just to give you a heads up as to what is happening.

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| January 22 | Parish Winter Brunch - after The 11am Mass in PLC |
| February 12 | Bake Sale for Smile Train & Polar Bear & Penguin Picnic, after 11am Mass in PLC |
| February 22 | Ash Wednesday |

Look for more details on each event in the bulletin

In Memoriam ~ 2023		
 <p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family <small>10/29/23</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family <small>7/16/23</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>7/16/23</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family <small>6/11/23</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family <small>6/11/23</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family <small>4/23/23</small></p>
<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski <small>3/19/23</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>2/19/23</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>2/19/23</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson <small>2/5/23</small></p>		

Family Dinner Nite ~ Friday, February 3rd: - 6 to 8pm

Please join us for our monthly Family Dinner at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Center in Watervliet **Friday, February 3rd** 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.



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Art of Retreat

Social media has made it far too easy for me to share my opinion.

These virtual spaces tend to strip our words of all empathy. Someone will post something that I think is nonsense, and I just have to tell them why — and quickly! Hurry! Before they delete it! — Nine times out of ten, when the dust is settled, I find that I've said too much and listened too little.

As I've gotten older, the motto I try (not always successfully) to live by is this: You do not have to be on the attack all of the time, even if it's for what you think is the truth.

I can't help but notice that the first thing Jesus does when he hears of the arrest of John the Baptist is to retreat. He doesn't punch a hole in a wall or take to the streets in protest. He withdraws.

And what does he do after withdrawing? A lot of praying, I would imagine. A lot of thinking, a lot of reflecting. A lot of listening to the voice of his Father.

Sometimes we mistake stillness with vulnerability. But Christ shows us that to withdraw, to contemplate, can actually be a tremendous show of strength. Even the fiercest dogs wait for the command of their master before they act.

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence. — 1 Corinthians 1:17

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Jan 21

4:00am—Audrey O'Hare, req by Rita Clemente
Michael Aussicker, req by Jack/Janice Faith
Jack & Jane Geary, req by their children

Sun., Jan 22

7:30am—Living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Living & deceased members of IHM

Tues., Jan 24

9:00am— Madeline Theresa Whaley (B'day), req by Dolores Shaw

Wed., Jan 25

9:00am—Helen Werner (Anniv), req by the family

Thurs., Jan 26

9:00am— Matty Crudo, req by the family

Sat., Jan 28

4:00pm—Suzanne Murray, req by the family
Living & deceased members of IHM
Joseph Crowley, Sr, req by his wife and family

Sun., Jan 29

7:30am—John Brennan, req by his children

11:00am—Margaret Alund, req by Lorraine Alund
Judith M Culkin, req by Martha/Ron Soucy
William & Margaret Knapp, req by the family

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

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