

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

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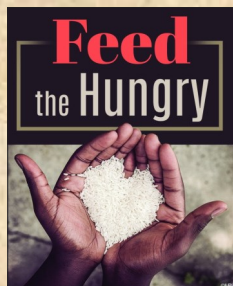
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**January 23, 2022**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm - Sunday - 8:30 and 11:00am

**Weekday Schedule**

9:00am Mass - Tuesday . Wednesday . Thursday

Adoration on Tuesdays - 9:30 to 11:00am



**Something New in the Parish Life Center** ~ For several years, we have struggled with the folding screens in the Parish Life Center in an effort to hide the accumulation of "stuff". Many thanks to Bill Keefer and his sons Andrew and William who have done the framing and sheetrock, as well as installing doors in the center of the wall. This will help to provide us with much needed storage space. The second phase of the project – taping and painting – will be done by another team.



**Faith Formation For All Ages** ~ Sharon C. Kowalski,  
Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry  
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#### **Faith Formation: 2021-2022**

Our January Faith Formation schedule will be January 23, and 30. 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.

#### **Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)**

As much as we would like, we can't return to a full schedule yet. We are working on a monthly schedule and will post the dates as soon as they are determined.

#### **Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: 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!!

As many times as we have thanked George and Joe for picking up the bread at Freihofer's, and Sophie for picking up the rolls at Schuyler bakery, there's much more to it. Not only are we able to use it for Mary's Kitchen **and** the Food Pantry, but it saves the parish well over \$1000 a year!! So, many thanks again to George, Joe, Sophie and to our generous vendors at Freihofer's and Schuyler Bakery!!

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*"The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life"*

#### **Scripture Sharing: Ascension Press; A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother**

Edward Sri, through Ascension Press, will take us on an extraordinary pilgrimage to the Holy Land that reveals Mary's unique role in God's kingdom and in our lives. This week, in "The Nativity", we will journey with Mary to Bethlehem.

"Mary experiences childbirth in a condition of extreme poverty; she cannot give the Son of God even what mothers usually offer a newborn baby; instead, she has to lay him in a manger, an improvised cradle which contrasts with the dignity of the Son of God." (St. John Paul II)

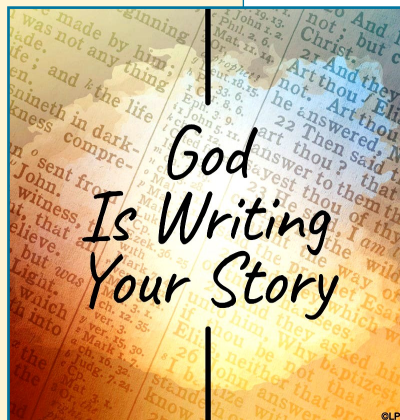
Come join us. We meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

#### **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).

#### **LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God. ©LPI




**PRAYER TREE MINISTRY** - Jesus said: "I tell the truth, If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to the mountain 'move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you" (Matthew 17:20)

We offer prayers to God for those who are ill, those who are missing, those in need, those who have died and the people of our community. If you know of someone in need of prayer, please contact Linda at (518) 209-6446.

#### **Hearing Assistance Available** ~

Hearing assist earphones are available for use during Mass time. Hearing aid links to same frequency as sound system and works only within the Church building. Please feel free to use one during Mass; they are located on stand or table at rear of the church. Return earphone where you picked it up.



In Memoriam ~ 2022		
 <p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p>10/23/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron &amp; Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p>7/17/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>7/17/22</p>
<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p>4/10/22</p>	<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski</p> <p>3/20/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam &amp; Katherine Novak John &amp; Rosalie Novak &amp; Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p>3/8/22</p>
<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p>2/20/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys &amp; The Butlers requested by Bob &amp; Carol Carlson</p> <p>2/6/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald &amp; Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don &amp; Patti Hogan</p> <p>1/23/22</p>

### RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS ~ "Plant Your Works in the Word"

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

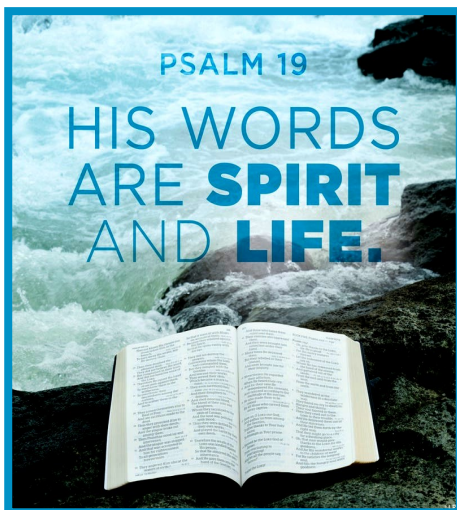
But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



### Readings for the week of January 23rd

**Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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

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

**Wednesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 11, 12, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

**Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

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

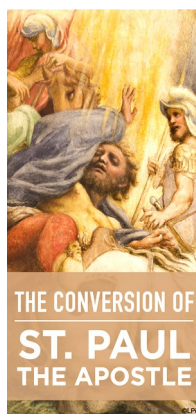
**Next Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

## "Beloved of God"

### Question of the Week

In today's Second Reading, Paul used the human body as an analogy for the "many parts" of the Christian community in Corinth that should unite as the "one body" of Christ.

**In what ways do you find this a challenging vision for community?**



**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**  
Due to early deadline, the collection tally will be in next issue of bulletin.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat., Jan 22**

4:00pm—Donald J Shellard, req by Martha & Ron Soucy  
Hubert T McGowan, req by Ginny, Diane, Charmaine & Danny

**Sun., Jan 23**

8:30am—Virginia Stanton, req by Sue Szymczak  
Charles O Adams, req by Gail Mantello  
Ruth Egan, req by Bob & Carol Carlson

11:00am—Madeline T Whaley, req by Dolores Shaw

**Tues., Jan 25**

9:00am—Helen L Werner (Anniv), req by her daughter  
Joseph Bagnardi, Sr, req by his son Joseph

**Wed., Jan 26**

9:00am—Matty Crudo (3rd Anniv), req by the family

**Thurs., Jan 27**

9:00am—(5th Anniv) Charles Bulson, req by family

**Sat., Jan 29**

4:00pm—Fred Sajler, req by Giny/Diane Jakubics  
Judith M Cuklin, req by Martha & Ron Soucy  
Suzanne Murray(4th Anniv), req by Bob/Kathy Falzo

**Sun., Jan 30**

8:30am—John J Brennan(B'day), req by his children  
Charles O Adams, req by Linda Dunbar  
Joseph Crowley, Sr, req by wife & family

11:00am—William & Margret Knapp, req by family  
Fred Ross/Nancy Lord, req by Cindy & Gene Cocca  
Bill Avery, req by the family