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JANUARY 28, 2024



## 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole  
region of Galilee. - Mk 1:28

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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

\*INCLEMENT WEATHER ALERT - PLEASE CHECK TV CHANNELS 1 and/or 9 FOR CLOSURES  
IN WATERVLIET.

## FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL AGES -

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

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### Faith Formation: 2023-2024

**Please note:** in the event of inclement weather, please check the trailers on Channel 1 and/or 9 to see if classes have been cancelled.

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

### ATTENTION: ROSARY MEMBERS



A meeting of the Rosary Society will be held in the Parish Life Center on Wednesday, **February 7th at 2:00 pm**. If possible, please attend.

**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*

With one swift command, Jesus freed a man from the possession of evil spirits. He has that same power to banish the shadow of sin from our own lives. Let's invite him into our hearts, asking him to cleanse the darkness he finds there.

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### Readings for the week of January 28, 2024

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

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

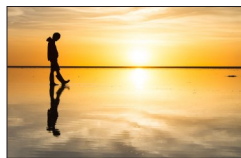
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39



### Questions of the Week ~ Reflect & Respond

#### First Reading:

Moses taught the Israelites that God would raise up a prophet like him to teach them the Lord's commands.

But he also forewarned about false prophets.

**How can we avoid listening to false prophetic voices?**

#### Second Reading:

Paul expresses his desire for the Corinthian believers to be free of anxiety so they can focus their attention and energies on Jesus.

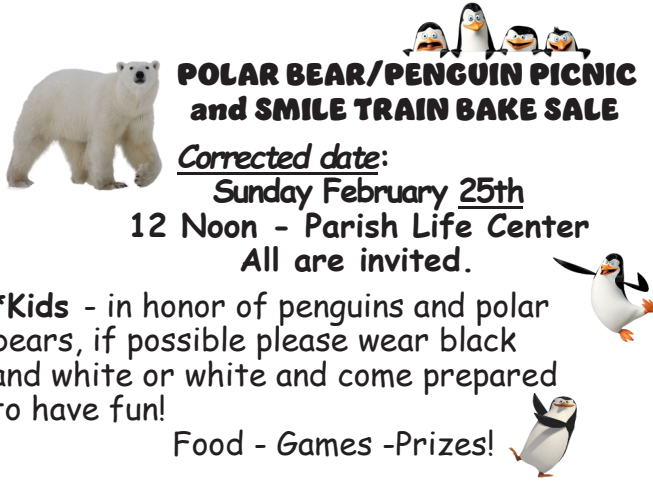
**What distracts you from the Lord?**

#### Gospel:

Mark informs us that early in Jesus's public ministry his "fame spread" quickly throughout Galilee because of his powerful deeds, such as the healing of the demon-possessed man in today's reading.

**Is there something or someone in your life that you pray Jesus would heal?**

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**POLAR BEAR/PENGUIN PICNIC  
and SMILE TRAIN BAKE SALE**

**Corrected date:**  
**Sunday February 25th**  
**12 Noon - Parish Life Center**  
**All are invited.**

**\*Kids** - in honor of penguins and polar bears, if possible please wear black and white or white and come prepared to have fun!

**Food - Games -Prizes!**

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

*"If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts." - ps 95*

 <p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p>12/15/24</p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">In Memoriam ~ 2024</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">MEMORIAL BLOCK AVAILABLE</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond &amp; 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 &amp; Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don &amp; Patti Hogan</p> <p>2/18/24</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>2/14/24</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">~ MASS INTENTIONS ~</h3>

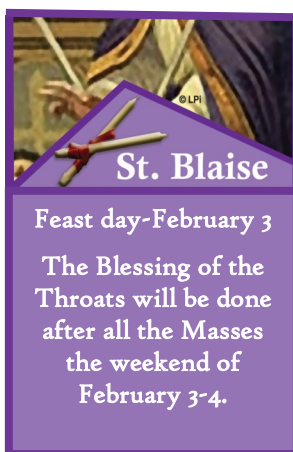
### MARY'S KITCHEN: Mondays, 3:00pm to 5:00pm ALL ARE WELCOME!!

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 518-328-0427 or email [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) for more information.

### NEW Items for Food Pantry for the month of February



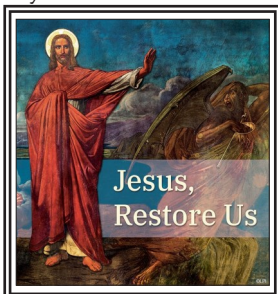
Cereals, Cookies, Facial Tissues  
Thank you for supporting IHM  
Food Pantry! — Mary Beth



### Everyday Stewardship

When I reflect on the many years of my life, there are many people who were influential on my development as a person, a student, and a Christian. Through their graciousness and generosity, I was able to work through challenges and difficulties, becoming stronger in the end. They pushed me to become better than I was at the time and helped me to see what I could eventually become. Without them giving of themselves to me I am unsure where I would be today.

Because others were good stewards of the gifts and talents God gave them, I now strive to use wisely what I have been given as well. Yes, I spend much of my time on the road speaking in churches about stewardship and I write books and articles about this way of life, but my real desire is to impact the most those around me. I want my children to see how I am growing in this life and be an example to them. I want



me and my wife to grow in generosity together. My hope is that my friends see a light in me and inquire about how and why it is there. Above all, I want to live with a graciousness and hospitality that others find welcoming.

I believe that through our kindness and grace-filled existence God can touch others, heal others, and embrace others. We are the hands and feet of Christ. May we, today and every day we hear his voice, harden not our hearts.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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

Tues., Jan 30  
9:00am—The Bulger Family, Estate

Wed., Jan 31  
9:00am—Beatrice/Philip Zarlengo, Estate

Thurs., Feb 1  
9:00am—Farrell/Synan Families, Estate

Sat., Feb 3  
4:00pm—Eleanor Legnard, req by Peggy Fisk  
Daniel Mulcahy, req by Fred/Margaret Gonsowski  
Kevin Duffey, req by Martha/Chuck Fandl

Sun., Feb 4  
7:30am—Lv'g/dec'd members of IHM  
11:00am—Carole Maloney, req by Don  
Vince DiNuzzo, req by Mr /Mrs William Sage  
Antoinette Boudreau, req by cousin Chris Adkins and Brian Haner



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

**Legnard Curtin Aux 927** - would like your Price Chopper cash register tapes. There is a drop box in the entry lobby to the church. Any questions contact Brenda at 518 961-0169.

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**  
**Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.)**  
Jan 13/14 '24.....\$4488.00