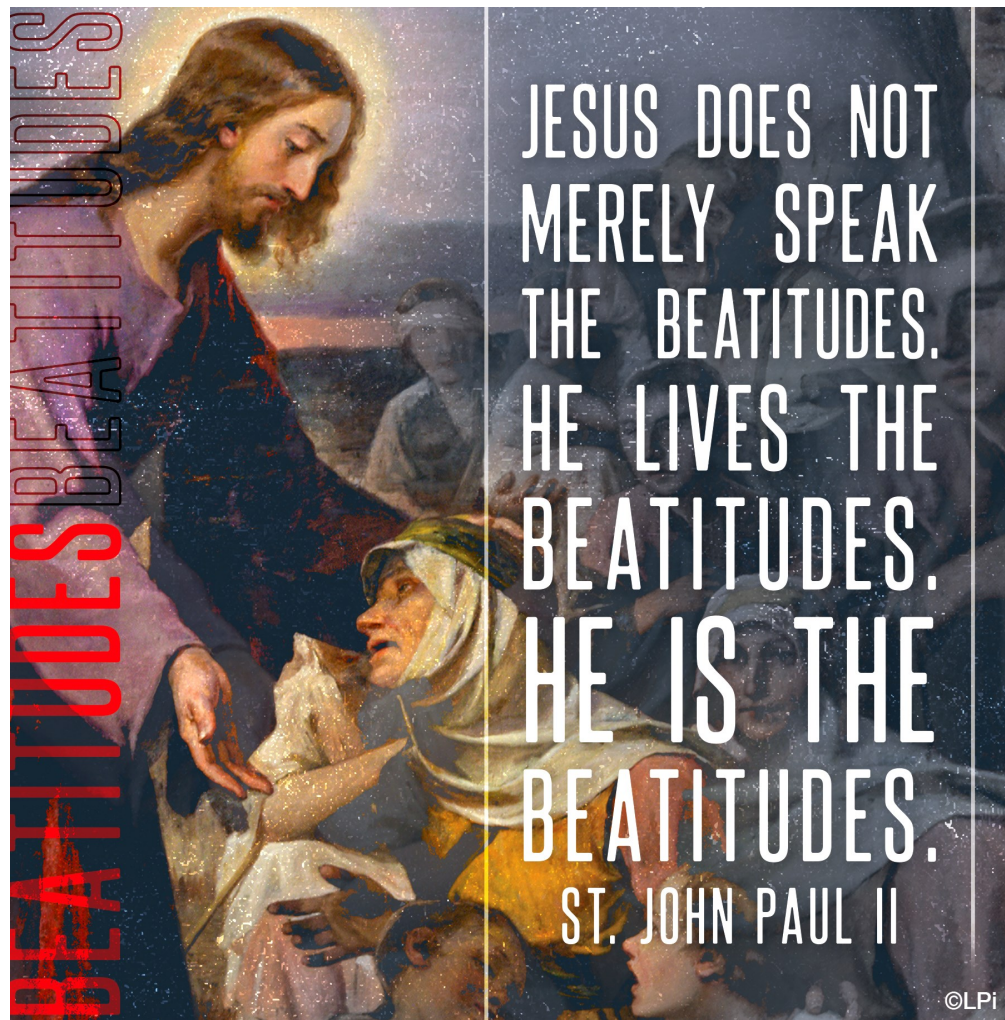


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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 29, 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



RCIA & Sacramental Preparation for Adults & 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.

The Humble of the Earth

When I think of the Beatitudes, I think of collectible coffee mugs emblazoned with the words *Blessed are the peacemakers*, with little pastel flowers stenciled in the white spaces of the lettering. I think of greeting cards and decorative wall hangings.

Why? These are the Beatitudes, for heaven's sake — revolutionary and radical. An uncompromising impeachment of worldly values. They are the opposite of banal.

But I cringed from my head to my toes when I read my first draft of this reflection, a retelling of a time in my life when I decided to embrace humility and meekness. I realized that the Beatitudes aren't something I can tell you about. Poverty of spirit, the hunger for righteousness, the gladness God gives to the downtrodden — these are concepts that must be animated within us. They must be lived. So instead of telling you my story, I want you to tell yours.

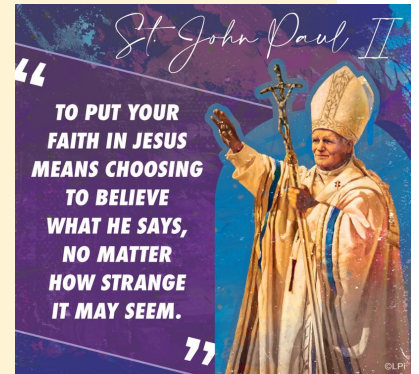
I invite you to think of a time when you were vulnerable. When you were discouraged or humbled or felt like a failure. A time when you were cut low. The loss of a job, perhaps, or the rejection of a loved one. The abrupt end of some road that you felt sure would be long and prosperous.

Resentment, envy, and vengefulness flourish in moments like this. Did you experience those feelings? Did you embrace them? Did you want to?

What did the world tell you this moment should mean?

What does Christ tell you it should mean? Have you figured it out, or are you still working on it?

God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong. — 1 Corinthians 1:27
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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 and February Faith Formation schedules will be January 29, February 5, 12 and 26. 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.

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

Scripture Sharing: Max Lucado, John 3:16, the Numbers of Hope

We have started a new series from the nationally known author, Max Lucado based on John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

A twenty-six-word parade of hope: beginning with God, ending with life, and urging us to do the same. A verse brief enough to write on a napkin or memorize in a moment, yet solid enough to weather 2,000 years of storms and questions. As this study will reveal, the heart of the human problem is the heart of the human. And God's treatment for the human heart is prescribed in John 3:16: "He loves. He gave. We believe. We live."

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 for February & March ★

We've started off 2023 with a bang!! - Just to give you a heads up as to what is happening.

February 3 - Family Dinner Nite from 6-8 PM in PLC

February 12 - Bake Sale for Smile Train & Polar Bear & Penguin Picnic after 11 AM Mass in Parish Life Center

February 22 - Ash Wednesday, begins Lenten season

February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 6 PM

Look for more details on each event in the bulletin!

Readings for the week of January 29, 2023

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

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

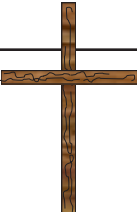
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

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

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

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



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK—TO REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

The prophet Zephaniah speaks of a "remnant of Israel" who will survive God's judgement and live as a humble and truthful people. What other qualities (besides humility and integrity) make for a good community?

Second Reading:

Paul offers us an interesting sketch of the members of the Corinthian community: foolish, weak, lowly, and despised. How would you describe your community of faith?

Gospel:

Jesus begins his Sermon on the Mount with a list of eight "beatitudes" (blessings).



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FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.)
Jan 14-15, '23.....\$4128.00

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Tues., Jan 31

9:00am—In memory of Robert Carr, req by Donna Tallman

Wed., Feb 1

9:00am—Living & deceased members of IHM

Thurs., Feb 2

9:00am—In memory of Anna Csaki, req by Donna Tallman

Sat., Feb 4

4:00pm—John Bouchard, req by Donna Hoinski
Thomas James Falzo, req by Bob & Kathy Falzo
Living & dec'd members of IHM

Sun., Feb 5

7:30am—Barbara Bouchard, req by Mary/Barb Crowley & Deb Donato

11:00am—Paul Esposito, req by the family
Barbara Bouchard, req by Pat Fitzgerald & family

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

