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Watervliet, NY

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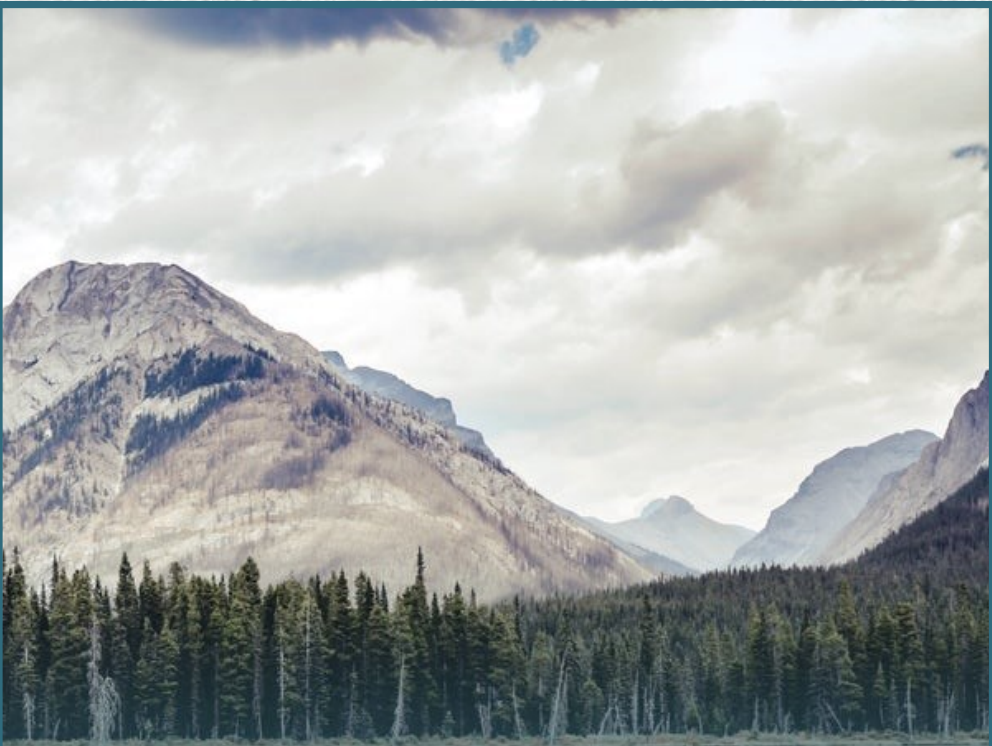
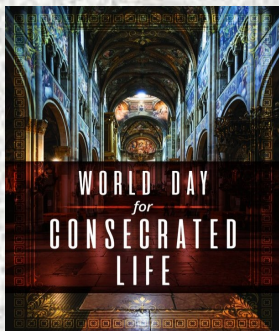
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4th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28, 30

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

January 30, 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



Smile Train, Valentine's Day Breakfast: February 13

Smile Train trains doctors in countries throughout the world so that cleft lip/palate surgery may be done for children, living in those countries, whenever needed. Faith Formation has previously done an annual Bake Sale to help raise funds for Smile Train. Because of covid we are still not able to do that BUT this year, we will have a Valentine's Day breakfast for the benefit of Smile Train. Breakfast will take place immediately after the 11am Mass on February 13. Tickets are \$10 and will be sold after all the Masses on January 29/30 and February 5/6.



Ascension Press; A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

~ Edward Sri, through Ascension Press, is taking 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, we encounter Mary in two scenes: "The Presentation and Finding of Jesus in the Temple".

Two Jewish customs are illustrated in the first scene. Jewish families were required to present their first born sons at the Temple (Pidyon Ha'ben ceremony) and mothers (forty days after giving birth) were required to offer a sacrifice at the Temple for their ritual purification.

The Finding of Jesus in the Temple is the only scene of Jesus' childhood reported in any of the Gospels. The 12 year old Jesus is lost and found three days later in the Temple. In response to his parents distress, Jesus answers "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Luke 2:49)

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.

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, Jason and Michael Kowalski.



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!!

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

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 and February Faith Formation schedules will be January 30, February 6, 13 and 20. 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.

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.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

First Corinthians and the Stewardship of Social Media

"Love is patient, love is kind ..." As familiar as these words are, they never seem to stray into the territory of becoming trite or silly. At their core they communicate a truth about us and about our Creator that never fails to inspire.

But despite the fact that you've probably heard it at many weddings over time, First Corinthians isn't just for newlyweds. It wasn't written for married folks. It's for every single one of us, in every state of life and every social situation, in every country and culture and language across the globe.

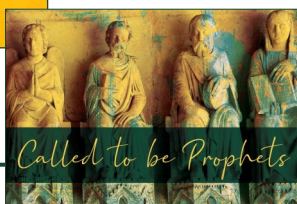
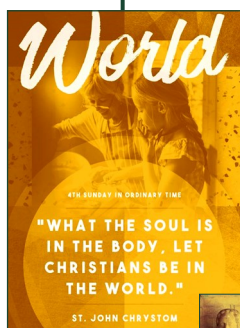
Which means that First Corinthians is even for the online world. It's for Facebook and Twitter and Instagram and all the other platforms I'm forgetting (there seems to be a new one every day, doesn't there?).


A sense of division — whether rooted in politics, culture or anything else — is growing in our world, and it's never more obvious than when we observe interactions online. It is far easier, after all, to remember what love is when a human being of flesh and blood stands before us. When all we see is an avatar or a profile picture on a screen — especially accompanied by an opinion with which we vehemently disagree — even the most loving Christians can throw First Corinthians out the window.

As everyday stewards we know that we are charged to be not only gracious but grateful. We receive others but we also give thanks for what they bring to us — even if that's an opportunity to "strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts."

So before the next time you post anything online, I suggest giving First Corinthians a read — and remember, love never fails.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



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 & Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p>7/17/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & 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 & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p>3/6/22</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 & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson</p> <p>2/6/22</p>	<p>MASS INTENTIONS</p> <p>Sat., Jan 29 4:00pm—Fred Sajler, req by Ginny/Diane Jakubics Judith M Culkin, req by Martha & Ron Soucy Suzanne Murray (4th Anniv), req by Bob/Kathy Falzo</p> <p>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</p> <p>11:00am—William & Margaret Knapp, req by the family Fred Ross/Nancy Lord, req by Cindy & Gene Cocco Bill Avery, req by the family</p> <p>Tues., Feb 1 9:00am—Sally Colbert (2nd Anniv), req by Sheila & family</p> <p>Wed., Feb 2 9:00am—Louise Kelly (7th Anniv), req by Mick & Ann Dembrosky</p> <p>Thurs., Feb 3 9:00am—Frank Carlino, req by Fr Rutherford</p> <p>Sat., Feb 5 4:00pm—Fred Sajler, req by Charmaine/Danny Frye Katherine Conroy, req by Carol/Bill Dedrick Susan Kenneally, req by Barbara Crowley</p> <p>Sun., Feb 6 8:30am—Charles Adams, req by Judy Grady Walter Wrobel, req by Fred/Margaret Gonsowski Charles Rutherford, req by Tom & Jane Hanley</p> <p>11:00am—Bryan T Roberts, req by his mother Carole Maloney & son Jeff, req by husband, Don Katherine Conroy, req by Anthony Cassidy/ Marilyn LaParl</p>

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.



ST. BLAISE/FEBRUARY 3

You may be familiar with the annual "blessing of throats" that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. ©LPi

Blessing of Throats ~ The Blessing will take place after all the Masses on January 29 and 30, and on the Feast day of St Blaise, Thursday February 3rd following the 9:00am Mass.

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.



FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.)
Jan 15-16, 2022.....\$6095.00

Parish Registration: (If you are not presently registered with the parish, we invite you to fill out this tear-off to start the process.)

In an effort to keep our records updated, kindly fill out this form below and place it in a regular white envelope and drop in collection basket at church or 7th Ave. door slot of parish office. Thank you for your assistance.

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Email: _____