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and Parish Life Center
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February 4, 2024



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34

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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.

THE LORD
HEALS THE
brokenhearted.

PSALM 147





POLAR BEAR/PENGUIN PICNIC -AND- BAKE SALE FOR SMILE TRAIN



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!



FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL AGES -

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

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 or 518-328-0427 for more information or questions about Faith Formation and/or receiving sacraments at IHM.

SCRIPTURE SHARING: *The Prophets:*

Messengers of God's Mercy

New year, new Scripture Study. We have started 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.

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.

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.

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 skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

Readings for the week of February 4, 2024

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

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10


Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45



LIVE THE LITURGY *Inspiration for the week*

Jesus went from town to town, synagogue to synagogue, following the need. He follows it still, to this very day. Your life is the town he is visiting, your heart the synagogue where he preaches. Remember that for this purpose he has come.

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<div>  <div>In Memoriam ~ 2024</div> </div>		
In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson <small>2/2/25</small>	MEMORIAL BLOCK AVAILABLE	In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family <small>12/15/24</small>
In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>7/14/24</small>	In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family <small>6/2/24</small>	In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski <small>2/18/24</small>
In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>2/18/24</small>	In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>2/18/24</small>	



Prayer for God's presence

Dear Jesus,
 Reveal yourself to me!
 When I am alone and in
 darkness, fill me with your light.
 I want to know you, I want to
 experience your healing.
 Be with me, Lord.
 Amen. ©LPi



NEW Items for Food Pantry for the month of February

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



Questions of the Week ~ Reflect & Respond

First Reading:

Job was overwhelmed with feelings of sadness and despair. **How does your faith help you get through difficult times?**

Second Reading:

Paul sees his "gospel" (the good news of Jesus Christ) as the center of his life. **What do you think is the focus of your life?** ©LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION - DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Maybe I'm weird, but I like spending time in doctor's offices, confession lines in churches, auto repair shops, prison cells, and support groups of various kinds. It's refreshing to be with people who humbly admit something is wrong and forthrightly set out on a path toward a solution. When we ignore what is off kilter, we become alone and fragile. In places where people are honest and hopeful about brokenness, sturdy if subtle fellowship usually ensues.

Consider the image we see of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. "...they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by a demon. The whole town was gathered at the door." The entire human community is afflicted in various ways, and so it gradually



forms a strange new community around Jesus. The healer from Nazareth is like a sun of health around which orbits a throng of humanity absorbing his healing rays. These blessed souls can't fix themselves and become healthy, and they know it. But they have found in him the living source of all imaginable healing.

It's the Church, isn't it? A sin-sick community gathered and healed is what happens at the beginning of every Mass. We shuffle in through the door from everywhere and announce that we are not okay, and we can't fix it. In doing so, we are drawn into the orbit of the healing power of Christ — and into a renewed community with the whole human family. It's nothing to fear or rush. Maybe we can even learn to enjoy more how good it is to be in such a happy place. — Father John Muir ©LPi

~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

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

Tues., Feb 6

9:00am—Wm Johnson/Malasky Families, Estate

Wed., Feb 7

9:00am—B Timothy Roberts (Anniv), req by his mother

Thurs., Feb 8

9:00am—Thomas/Helen Sullivan, Estate

Sat., Feb 10

4:00pm—Lv'g/dec'd members of IHM

Sun., Feb 11

7:30am—Lv'g/dec'd members of IHM

11:00am—Peter Barron, req by his children Ginny Fogarty, req by Ann & Phil DiNuzzo

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