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5th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets."
- Lk 5:5

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

February 6, 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 many poorer countries so that the cleft palate/lip surgery may be done for more children, in their own country, on a regular basis.

Faith Formation has previously done a Bake Sale every year 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 February 5/6.**

We are not able to sell tickets at the door.



SCRIPTURE SHARING: 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 at the "Wedding at Cana", the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. (John 2: 1-12) Mary is never named in the Gospel of John (she is referred to as "the mother of Jesus"). She is the perfect disciple. She approaches Jesus with the situation ("They have no wine.") and then turns to the servers and tells them "Do whatever he tells you." She acts as intercessor, confident that her son will act with love and compassion.

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.

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.

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.

Faith Formation For All Ages ~ Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Faith Formation: 2021-2022

Our February Faith Formation schedule will be 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 or 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.

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.

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.

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

Readings for the week of February 6, 2022

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

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: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

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>2/8/22</p>	<p>MASS INTENTIONS</p>

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

In today's first Reading, Isaiah eagerly volunteered himself to serve the Lord after seeing God's holy presence.

How open are you to responding to God's call in your life?

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SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA ~ February 8

The story of St. Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947) is a story that many people taken into slavery have experienced. Born in the Darfur region of Sudan, she was kidnapped at the age of 8 and sold into slavery many times. As she passed from owner to owner, she experienced the moral and physical humiliations associated with slavery. It was only at the age of 13 that her suffering was alleviated

after she was bought for the Italian Consul in Sudan. It was here that she was fortunate to receive kindness, respect, and peace from her new master.

She was later handed over to the Canossian Sisters when she made the case that slavery had been outlawed in Italy for years. She was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church in 1890, where she took the name Josephine. She later entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later.

St. Josephine Bakhita's next 50 years were spent serving people through cooking, sewing, embroidery, and housekeeping. She was a source of encouragement and her constant smile won people's hearts, as did her humility and simplicity. Today she is known as the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking.

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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

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

11:00am—B. Timothy Roberts (Anniv), req by his mother

Carole Maloney & son Jeff, req by husband, Don
Katherine Conroy, req by Anthony Cassidy/
Marilyn LaParl

Tues., Feb 8

9:00am—Anna & Peter Antonelli (Living), req by the family

Wed., Feb 9

9:00am—peace in the world, for the Church, for the poor, for people to know Jesus in the Eucharist, req by Tom Van Schaich

Thurs., Feb 10

9:00am—Thomas & Helen Sullivan, Estate

Sat., Feb 12

4:00pm—Mary Gavitt, req by her brothers/sisters

Charles Adams, req by Ann Callahan
Thomas J Falzo (3rd Anniv), req by Bob & Kathy Falzo

Sun., Feb 13

8:30am—Jim Mantello, req by his wife
Charles Adams, req by Tom & Jane Hanley
Marc Carroll, req by Bob & Carol Carlson

11:00am—Margaret Foley (5th Anniv), req by Ann & Phil DiNuzzo

Kaye Conroy, req by members of St Patrick's Craft Guild.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.)

Jan 22-23, 2022.....\$5265.00

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When we encounter or even ponder God's magnificence, power, and awesomeness, we easily begin to feel our own smallness and perceived insignificance. After all, who can compete with eternal greatness, seraphim, or the ability to catch great numbers of fish? We unfortunately think that God's presence somehow overrides us, reduces our importance, and only seeks to judge our inadequacies and doubts. Things begin to change a bit when we realize that what we may have seen as overwhelming and frightening is really only unconditional, unmerited love. Love has tremendous majesty and power. When we listen to this power and stop seeing it as threatening or dooming, our fear dissipates and Divine friendship takes root. Remaining close to what we once preferred at a distance, we can journey to places we never thought possible and do things we never thought we could do. Strengthened by Divine friendship and encouraged by its life-giving power, we can say "here I am, send me!" when God asks, "whom shall I send?" Sin and fear no longer are of concern to the one who remains close to God in a bond of trust.

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