

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

of Watervliet and Green Island, NY



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother
will be liable to judgment.” - Mt 5:22a

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FEBRUARY 12, 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

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Gospel Meditation - A Deeper Understanding of Scripture

February 12, 2023

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It's often said that the Catholic Church lays heavy rules on her members, rules that can almost seem impossible. Mass *every* Sunday? No lying *ever*? Sexual purity *all the time*? I recently said to some non-Catholic friends that more than fifty adults were baptized at my parish at the Easter Vigil. One responded spontaneously with shock, "Why would anyone do *that*?" In other words, why would someone willingly place themselves in a system with such demanding and rigorous rules?

Of course, no one in the history of religions is more demanding and rigorous than Jesus himself. In the Sermon on the Mount, he says you have to be holier than pharisees or you're out. He says if you call someone a fool, you go to fiery Gehenna. He says you can't even look at a woman with lust or you're guilty of adultery (which was punishable by death). To top it all off, he says you can't even get divorced and re-married. Doesn't he know these are basically impossible demands? What world is he living in?

The new one, actually. He is the new world. Jesus' words aren't meant to condemn. They are meant to signal something new, a restored humanity. Jesus doesn't just give external laws; he gives us his Holy Spirit to internalize the law through love. He wants to fill us with his love. That's what the Church exists to do. Love demands extraordinary things. The "demands" of the Church only make sense because she is filled with Jesus' love. That wildly demanding love is why we are Catholic.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



February DVD: "For One More Day", February 23, 1:30pm, Parish Life Center

~ Did you ever wish you could go back – have a "do-over"-with a person or situation?? This film, based on the book by Mitch Albom, is about a story of redemption. Mistakes made years earlier have haunted the main character throughout his adult life; he's given a chance to make up for that with the person who loved him most. Join us Thursday, February 23 at 1:30 in the Parish Life Center.



All are invited.



Rosary Meeting ~ The Rosary Meeting originally scheduled for February 8th has been postponed until **Wednesday, February 15th at 6:00 pm** in the Parish Life Center. Please try to attend.

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

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 February 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.

Polar Bear and Penguin Picnic: DATE CHANGE February 26

Please note the date change for the Winter Picnic.

New Date: February 26: Something new for 2023!! We will be having a Polar Bear and Penguin winter picnic: hot dogs, chips and ice cream. All are invited, immediately following the 11am Mass. **And – it's free!!**



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.

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.



In Memoriam ~ 2023

In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson <small>2/5/23</small>	In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family <small>10/29/23</small>	In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family <small>7/16/23</small>
In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>7/16/23</small>	In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family <small>6/11/23</small>	In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family <small>6/11/23</small>
In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family <small>4/23/23</small>	In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski <small>3/19/23</small>	In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>2/19/23</small>

In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>2/19/23</small>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY & MARCH at a Glance!



FEBRUARY 15 - Rosary Society meets at
6pm in PLC

FEBRUARY 22 - Ash Wednesday,
begins the Lenten season

FEBRUARY 23 - DVD, "For One More Day",
showing at 1:30pm in PLC

FEBRUARY 26 - Polar Bear & Penguin
Picnic, after the 11am Mass in the PLC

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

Look for more details on
each event in the bulletin!

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK ~

The heart with which we offer
our good deeds matters as much
as the deeds themselves. For
Christ, the law is more than a
code of conduct. It's a mindset.
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Church. Any questions call
Brenda at (cell) 518 961-0169.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Feb 11

4:00pm—Thomas Hebert, req by Brenda
Persons
Patrick Dembroski, req by the family

Sun., Feb 12

7:30am—Living & deceased members of IHM
11:00am—Margaret Foley (6th Anniv) req by
Ann & Phil DiNuzzo

Tues., Feb 14

9:00am—Pete Barron, req by Mary's Kitchen
Micheileen Treadwell, req by Fred Gonsowski

Wed., Feb 15

9:00am—Kevin Connolly, req by Margaret
Gonsowski

Thurs., Feb 16

9:00am—Joseph Germano, req by wife

Sat., Feb 18

4:00pm—The Beston Family, req by the family
Marilyn McLaughlin, req by Brenda Persons
Eleanor Legnard, req by Peg Fisk

Sun., Feb 19

7:30am—Living & deceased members of IHM
11:00am—Margaret Stebbins, req by the family

Readings for the week:

February 12, 2023

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-
18, 33-34 (1b)/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37
or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8,
16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a
and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12
-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-
21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-
15/Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145: 2-3, 4-5,
10-11/Mk 9:2-13

Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/

Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48



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FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.)
Jan 28-29, '23.....\$3490.00

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