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6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said,
"If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he
stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him,
"I do will it. Be made clean." - Mk 1:40-41

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FEBRUARY 14, 2021

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm & Sunday - 8:30 & 11:00am
Weekday Schedule

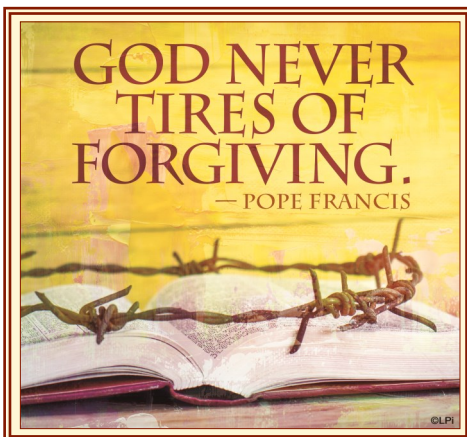
Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday at 9:00am

Adoration on Tuesday - 9:30 to 11:00am

Church and Parish Center - Handicapped Accessible

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. After the first of the year, we will be meeting on Tuesday evenings at 6pm. We would like to welcome Brock Palmatier to the RCIA process and ask that you keep him in your prayers.

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RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Unfailing Goodness of God

I have always wondered why Jesus told the cleansed leper not to publicize how he had been healed by the Son of God. It's not that I can't understand why Jesus would want to keep the matter quiet — after all, he knew that as soon as people heard, he would be mobbed with requests for healings, and his movements restricted.

What gets me is the fact that Jesus simply must have realized the leper would not listen to him. Why give someone a command you know they will ignore? It's a complicated question, and when I reflect on it, I can't help but connect it to another equally complicated question: why does God, all-good and all-knowing, allow bad things to happen?

Yes, God is all-good and all-knowing. So when He gives us free will, He knows what we will do with it. However, He is also all-powerful. He can and will bring good from any situation, any tragedy, or even any instance where someone ignores Him.

Was it a sin for this leper to do other than what Jesus had said? That's a heavy question for a Sunday morning! But it's plain to see that, even though this man ignored Jesus' command, God still used his actions. How many were brought to Christ because of the news spread by this leper!

As someone trying to live out a stewardship way of life, what is God requesting of you right now? —Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Scripture Sharing: Metanoia ~ Our new series from Franciscan Media is called *Metanoia* (change, conversion, repent). Since this series will continue through Lent, it seems a good path to follow. The next episode is entitled, *Jesus Prays*. ("Prayer is not the prerogative of monks; it is a Christian undertaking of men and women of the world who know themselves to be children of God." St. Josemaria Escriva.)

For all those interested, we meet on 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

Faith Formation - For All Ages ~

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Faith Formation: 2020-2021: FEBRUARY SESSIONS

FEBRUARY 21 will be our next **in person** session and if you have not picked up **OR RETURNED** materials for your young people who are doing the sessions online, you may do so at that time. See you at the Faith Formation Center at 9:45am!!

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW): Currently on hiatus.



Ask Wednesday, February 17
(A DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE)

Mass Schedule: 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM

"You are merciful to all, O Lord, and despise nothing that you have made. You overlook people's sins, to bring them to repentance, and you spare them, for you are the Lord our God."

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: TAKE OUT!! ~ Mary's Kitchen is serving meals again!! For the present time, we can do TAKE OUT meals only. All are welcome. Why cook when we've done it for you?? Stop by between 3 to 5pm on Monday and pick up a meal all ready for you to take home: Soup, salad, sandwich, entrée and dessert!!

If anyone would like to prepare a dessert for the soup kitchen, it would be most appreciated.

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



Live the Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

Everybody has a place at the table, and nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, or marginalized. It is not part of God's vision. Jesus came to heal, make things whole, set things right, and restore relationships. No one is to feel unwelcome or alienated from the community. Whether we like it or not, this message is at the core of the Gospel. It makes a lot of sense when you think about it. Perhaps this is why people kept coming from everywhere to listen to Jesus speak and to be in his presence. He made perfect sense. Most of us have no issue buying into this vision. We run into trouble, however, when we fall into the trap of privilege and power. We diverge from God's vision when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement have no place in the kingdom of God, and even the most needy and hurting among us are worthy of the compassion Jesus desires to offer. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But one thing is for certain, no one can be singled out, excluded or mistreated. Everyone matters.

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In Memoriam ~ 2021		
 <p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson <small>2/6/22</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>1/23/22</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family <small>10/24/21</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family <small>7/18/21</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>7/18/21</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family <small>7/11/21</small></p>
<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski <small>3/21/21</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family <small>3/7/21</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>2/21/21</small></p>
 <p>IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS DAY, THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY AND RE-OPEN ON TUESDAY AT 8:30 AM.</p>		<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family <small>2/21/21</small></p>

Reflections ~ and Questions for the Week

First Reading:

Ancient Israel isolated those with leprosy fearing the disease would spread to others.

In what way can this be seen as a form of compassion?

Second Reading:

Paul places a high value on avoiding unnecessary conflict.

Why do you think this is an important virtue for a Christian?

Gospel:

The man healed of leprosy disobeyed Jesus' command not to share with others what had happened.

Why do you think the man did so?

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Readings for the Week of February 14th

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21

Ash Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/
2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

IHM Prayer Ministry ~ We believe as faith-filled people, prayer matters and offers hope. The Prayer Tree Ministry is made up of a group of people who pray for others. If you would like prayers said for a family member, relative, or friend contact Brenda Persons at 518-271-6184.

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Call

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Feb 13

4:00pm—living & dec'd members of IHM
Robert Legnard, req by the family

Sun., Feb 14

8:30am—Jim Mantello, req by Gail
Victoria (Crucetti) Carmello, req by John &
Marie Scully

11:00am—Eugene Kaufman, req by Joyce
Novak

Tues., Feb 16

9:00am—Living & dec'd members of IHM

Wed., Feb 17—ASH WEDNESDAY
9:00am and 6:00pm Masses

Thurs., Feb 18

9:00am—Margaret Stebbins, req by the
family

Sat., Feb 20

4:00pm—Helen Kuentzel, req by MaryJo
Carroll
Frank Blair, Sr (Anniv), req by daughter &
Grandson

Sun., Feb 21

8:30am—Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM
Frances Tonko, req by Bob & Carol Carlson

11:00am—Eugene Kaufman, req by Donna
Hoinski

Kate O'Hearn, req by the family
Wm Maloney, Art & Helen Cody (B'days &
Anniv), req by Maureen McMahon

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Every Saturday at 4 PM, Mass will
be live streamed with the following
link:

<https://vimeo.com/event/572225>

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Weekly Collection (incl Mail-in/E.G.)
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