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HOW
ARE YOU
CHOOSING TO
WALK IN HIS
SANDALS
THIS LENT?



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

INTO THE DESERT.

MARK 1:13



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FEBRUARY 18, 2024

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 10:30am

***INCLEMENT WEATHER ALERT - PLEASE CHECK TV CHANNELS 1 and/or 9
FOR CLOSURES IN WATERVLIT.**

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.***

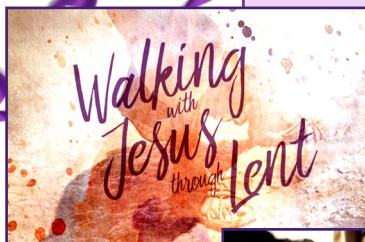
Faith Formation sessions for 2024 are 9:30 to 10:45, followed by 11am Mass. Sessions are open to children from 3 years through Confirmation. Sacramental programs require a two year preparation at Faith Formation sessions. Please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or 518-328-0427 for more information or questions about Faith Formation and/or receiving sacraments at IHM.

**FEBRUARY DVD: '5000 Blankets' -
Thursday, February 29**

Inspired by a true story, a mother and son are overcome by the disappearance of her husband after a mental health crisis. As they search for him in the town's homeless population, they realize there are many who could use some help.

Determined to make a difference, they devise a plan that inspires an entire community and launches a movement.

All are welcome. Join us in the Parish Life Center on Thursday, February 29 at 1:30pm to watch this story of the transformative power of faith, courage and caring. For questions or more information, contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FOR LENTEN DEVOTIONS:
FRIDAYS AT 6 PM**

We will have Stations of the Cross in the church every Friday at 6pm: February 23; March 1, 8, 15, 22. On each Friday, a different format for Stations will be presented.

The first Friday of Lent, February 16, will be the Traditional Stations. Rosary will read the Stations on February 23 and March 15. If you are interested in reading one of the fourteen Stations on March 1 and/or March 8, please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or Linda at 518-209-6446.

All members of the parish are invited to join us as we journey with Jesus in this prayer on each Friday of Lent.

*"Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant" – psalm 25*

SCRIPTURE SHARING: The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy

****Please note: we will not have Scripture on Thursday, February 29 because of the February DVD.***

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 most 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

**Items Needed for Food Pantry
in February:**

Cereals, Cookies, Facial Tissues

*Thank you for supporting
IHM Food Pantry! — Mary Beth*

MARY'S KITCHEN: Mondays, 3pm to 5pm

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

****Please note: we will not have Mary's Kitchen on Monday, February 19 because of President's Day.***

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.

BAKE SALE for SMILE TRAIN and POLAR BEAR/PENGUIN PICNIC: FEBRUARY 25




In addition to the Polar Bear and Penguin winter picnic on February 25, we will be having our annual Bake Sale to raise funds for Smile Train. Smile Train is an organization that trains doctors in many poorer countries so that cleft palate/lip surgery may be done for many more children, in their own country, on a regular basis. They are able to do this life changing surgery in about 45 minutes at a cost of \$250 per child.

Truly amazing!!

***Kids - in honor of penguins and polar bears, if possible please wear black & white or white and come prepared to have fun!!**

FOOD - GAMES - PRIZES



In Memoriam ~ 2024		
 <p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson <small>2/2/25</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family <small>12/15/24</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>7/14/24</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family <small>6/2/24</small></p>	<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski <small>2/18/24</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>2/18/24</small></p>
<p>Memorial Block Available for 26 Consecutive Weeks *Info call Parish office at 518 273-6020</p>	<p>Memorial Block Available for 26 Consecutive Weeks *Info call Parish office at 518 273-6020</p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>2/18/24</small></p>

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Lent and the Flood

I would bet money that somewhere in your church this Lent, there's a bare tree branch draped in purple fabric and an empty bowl filled with rocks.

I'm not poking fun, the desert imagery that surrounds the season of Lent isn't a cliché — or if it is, it's only because clichés are essentially true. Lent is the dessert. Lent is the wilderness. Lent is the time of less. But what if Lent was also the flood?

It seems counterintuitive, floods are excessive, and we don't think of Lent as a time for superabundance. Lent is when we limit experiences outside of ourselves in order to limit proclivities within ourselves. Lent is not a time for anything to be washing over us, consuming us, carrying us away on a tide. Unless...it is.

Consider the flood of the Old Testament. An act of destruction, yes, but also an act of purification. An endurance test for the soul, an epic trust fall exercise between God and Noah in which Noah had to ride the literal waves, clinging to life as God wiped away everything familiar. Everything sinful.

In Lent, we relinquish our weaknesses and our infirmities to the flood. It's frightening, certainly. But it's also exciting. Because just as the flood destroys everything, it also makes everything possible. It is a baptism.

Lent, like the flood, makes the world new.

"Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit." — 1 Peter 3:18

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FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION Weekend Collection Mail-in, E.G.

Feb. 3-4 '24 - \$4296.00

~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

Sat., Feb 17
4:00pm—Joseph Germano (9th Anniv) req
By the family
Joan Lewis, req by Linda Dunbar

Sun., Feb 18
7:30am—Lv'g & Dec'd members of IHM
11:00am—Margaret Foley (7th Anniv), req
by Ann & Phil

Tues., Feb 20
9:00am—The Bulger family, Estate

Wed., Feb 21
9:00am—Charles Rutherford, req by his
brother

Thurs., Feb 22
9:00am—Beatrice/Philip Zarlengo, Estate

Sat., Feb 24
4:00pm—Joan Lewis, req by Rosary Society
Mary T Apholz, req by Gloria/Bill Martin &
family

Sun., Feb 25
7:30am—Marilyn/Pete Barron, req by a
friend

11:00am—Lauren M Fulop, req by MaryJo
Schneider

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

In the desert, Jesus endured forty days of hardship and temptation. But he did not endure it alone: "the angels ministered to him," the Gospel tells us. Remember that you do not face Lent alone. God is beside you in your journey to the desert.

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Readings for week of February 18, 2024

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1
Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk
11:29-32

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10,
15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10



**COMBINED PARISHES
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
MARCH 6TH
5:00PM TO 6:30PM**