

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

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FEBRUARY 19, 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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY & MARCH

FEBRUARY 22 - Ash Wednesday

Mass: 9am & 5:30pm

(ashes distributed during Mass)



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.

Please contact Sharon at 518 328 0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org if you would like to read one of the Stations on March 10 (Bearing the Cross Today) or 17 (Everyone's Way of the Cross).

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: ALL WELCOME!! - Please note: Mary's Kitchen will be CLOSED on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20 for President's Day. We will reopen at the usual time on February 27.

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.

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

Faith Formation: 2022-2023: Faith Formation: 2022-2023

Our February and March Faith Formation schedule will be February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 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.



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.

Polar Bear and Penguin Picnic & Bake Sale: February 26

Something new for 2023!! We will be having a Polar Bear and Penguin winter picnic: hot dogs, chips and ice cream. There will be crafts, activities, musical chairs, and a guessing game. We will also have a Bake Sale, the profits of which will go to Smile Train.

All are invited. Join us immediately following the 11am Mass on the 26th and enjoy a needed break from the doldrums of winter!!



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 skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or direct line, 518-328-0427.

Scripture Sharing: Max Lucado, John 3:16, the Numbers of Hope ~ Please note: we will not have Scripture on Thursday, February 23. We will instead have our February DVD, "For One More Day". Regular Scripture sessions will resume on March 2 at 2pm.

The Bible tells us that Jesus is God's *only* begotten Son, the *only* way to the Father, and the *only* truth (John 14:6-7). The one and only. Crucial words that reveal a crucial truth. A few words that seem insignificant to the ones around it, but they change everything. Jesus was not only a good guy, but he is *the* guy; the Son, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Come join us. 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.

Gospel Meditation - A Deeper Understanding of Scripture

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2023

Of all the things Jesus says which seem totally bat-crazy, this one might take the cake: **"But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you."** An enemy is someone who desires the destruction of you, your projects, or those you care about. To love and pray for them is to want their health, strength, and flourishing. But if they thrive, they are more likely to hurt you and others. So, aren't you indirectly willing your own destruction, or that of your friends? If you doubt that this problem is embedded in this teaching, when was the last time you actually prayed honestly for the people you really hate?

How can we solve this riddle so we might actually live this command? Recall that enemy-love is the surest sign that you love someone with God's love, and not with indirect egotism. After all, if my love for my enemy ends up hurting me or my loved ones, it can't be for me. Enemy-love costs more because there are no tit-for-tats. No reciprocity — just love poured out, and often pain in return. That's why it is so precious and rare. "What is unusual about that?" asks the Lord about love for our friends. Jesus wants us to experience the unusual love which only comes from him.

When Jesus was being killed on the cross, he was loving his executioners. In fact, he was holding them in being as they nailed him to the cross. He loved those who were spiritually piercing his Mother's heart, *while they were doing it*. And when he rose from the dead, he showed us that this kind of love is always worth it. It's stronger than death. Real love is unusual. — Father John Muir ©LPi



**Love
with
God's
Love**



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>

Readings for the week of February 19, 2023

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

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

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

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

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

Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6,
12-13, 17 /Mt 4:1-11

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.)
Feb 4-5, '23.....\$6069.00

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Tues., Feb 21

9:00am—Pete Barron, req by Jean Jojo

ASH WEDNESDAY; FEB 22

9:00am—Pete Barron, req by
Judy/Phil Pope

5:30pm—Lv'g & dec'd members of
Immaculate Heart of Mary

Thurs., Feb 23

9:00am—Charles Rutherford, req by the family

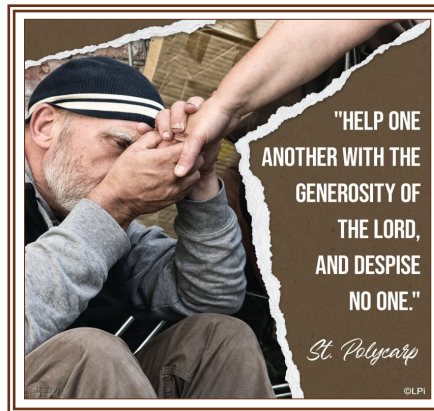
Sat., Feb 25

4:00pm—The Beston Family, req by the family
Peter Barron, req by Lori & Bob Fowler

Sun., Feb 26

7:30am—Living & deceased members of IHM
11:00am—Living & deceased members of IHM

*The Lord is kind
and merciful*
- (Ps 103)



Family Dinner with Father Sam - Friday, March 3rd: - 6 to 8pm ~ Please join us for our monthly Family Dinner at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Life Center **Friday, March 3rd from 6 - 8pm. (Stations of the Cross at 6pm-dinner to follow)** Parents and their children, young couples too, are invited join Father Sam for food, fellowship and faith sharing. Pizza and beverage will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. **If planning to attend, please register by using the QR code**



The **Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign** starts on Ash Wednesday (February 22) and goes through Palm Sunday (April 2nd). We are committed to being a peaceful, prayerful presence in front of Schenectady's Planned Parenthood at 1040 State Street from 7 am to 7 pm throughout the campaign. We seek to bring help and hope to those facing unplanned pregnancies or those seeking healing from past abortions. Please email Sarah at sch40days@gmail.com and/or check our website <https://www.40daysforlife.com/schenectady> for information on how you can be involved. We will update the website throughout the campaign with prayer gatherings and events. Thank you!

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