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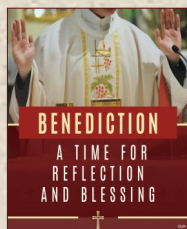
## 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

- Lk 6:38

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**February 20, 2022**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

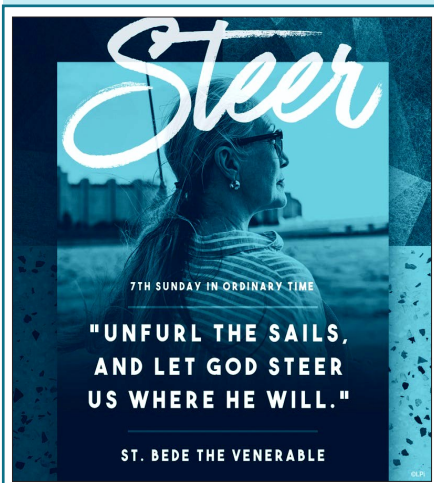
Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm - Sunday - 8:30 and 11:00am

**Weekday Schedule**

9:00am Mass - Tuesday . Wednesday . Thursday

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





### **7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sometimes, Jesus' teachings don't seem to make practical sense. When we hear things like love your enemies and do good to them, turn the other cheek when struck, give to anyone who asks, do to others as you would have them do to you, be merciful, stop judging, forgive, and give to others, we get a bit unsettled. After all, it's okay for God to do all of these things, but does He really want us to do them, too? Many good-hearted Christians really draw the line with some of these ideals and say, "No way!" They even remark that if someone did something hurtful to someone they loved, they would have no reservations seeking severe retribution. There is still this persistent thinking, even among those who consider themselves Christian, that a violent action deserves a violent response. Somehow, we continue to justify this.

Yet, it is most clearly against the very grain of the Gospel. Part of our difficulty has more to do with understanding God's love. We wrongly think that sinful or hurtful actions and evil people somehow are seen as lesser in God's eyes. They are not. God loves the sinner as much as He does the saint. And, both of these inclinations exist in every human being, even those who consider themselves holy. Both the capacity for good and the disposition toward

evil exist in every one of us. Viktor Frankl has this to say when reflecting on the Holocaust: "Our generation is a realistic generation because we have learned what a human being really is. When all is said and done, man is that same creature who invented the gas-chambers of Auschwitz; but he is also that being who walked upright into those chambers with the prayer 'Shema Yisrael' on his lips."

If we believe in God, we have to act like God. Whether we like that idea is another issue. If we don't then perhaps, we need to reconsider our faith and whether we really believe in Jesus Christ. We are made in the image of God, not the image of ourselves. The Christian must, at all costs, leave resentment and the need for retaliation behind, lose defensiveness and bring into the mind and heart the realization of who we represent in this world.

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**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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

### **SCRIPTURE SHARING: Ascension Press; A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother**

*Please note: we will not have Scripture on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the first Thursday in Lent. On March 10, we will begin a new series, entitled "No Greater Love". This five week series from Ascension Press is a biblical walk through Christ's Passion. Consider joining us as part of your Lenten journey.*

Edward Sri, through Ascension Press, has taken 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's session is entitled, "Mary, Crowned with Glory". (Revelation 12). The woman in Revelation 12, as in most apocalyptic literature, is both a person and a symbol. The royal woman of Revelation 12 sheds light on Mary as the "new Eve", portrays Mary as the spiritual mother of all Christians, and reminds us of the great vocation to which we are all called; one that awaits all faithful followers of Christ who persevere as Mary did throughout her life.

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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

**Mary's Kitchen: Mondays 3 to 5pm: ALL ARE WELCOME!!** Please note: Mary's Kitchen will be closed on Monday, February 21 for President's Day. We will re-open on Monday, February 28 at the regular time.

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](mailto: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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

### **Faith Formation: 2021-2022**


Our last February Faith Formation session is February 20. March sessions will be March 6, 13, and 20. All sessions are 9:45 to 10:50am. The last parent/child session for First Reconciliation will be on February 20 at 9:45 in the Parish Life Center. This session is for young people who are in 2<sup>nd</sup> year of preparation who will make their First Reconciliation in 2022 AND for those in their 1<sup>st</sup> year of preparation who will make their First Reconciliation in 2023.

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### **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.



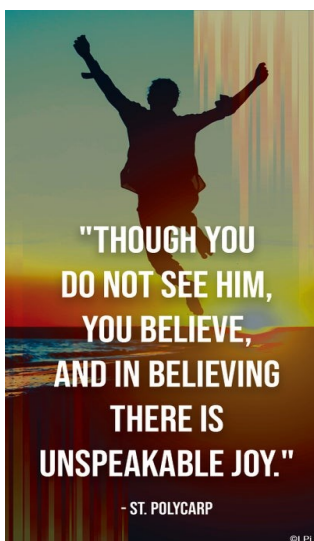
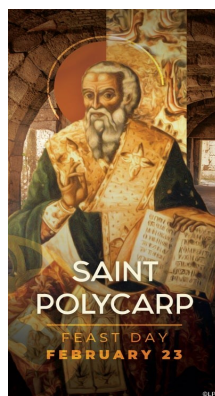
In Memoriam ~ 2022		
 <p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys &amp; The Butlers requested by Bob &amp; Carol Carlson <small>2/5/23</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family <small>10/23/22</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron &amp; Rys Families requested by the Family <small>7/17/22</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>7/17/22</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family <small>4/10/22</small></p>	<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski <small>3/20/22</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of Adam &amp; Katherine Novak John &amp; Rosalie Novak &amp; Florence Szpot requested by the Family <small>3/6/22</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>2/20/22</small></p>	<p><b>MASS INTENTIONS</b></p>

### St. Polycarp of Smyrna | February 23

As a disciple of St. John, the Evangelist, St. Polycarp was able to hear about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection directly from those who witnessed it. Because Polycarp was ordained as Bishop of Smyrna by St. John, he is one of three chief Apostolic Fathers, along with Clement of Rome and Ignatius of Antioch.

During his life Polycarp defended the Church against heresies. His important writing, the *Letter to the Philippians*, quoted the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles, stressing Paul's authority in the Church and setting out clear arguments against the gnostic heresy that denied Christ's divinity.

The early period of the Church was a dangerous time to be a Christian and like many, St. Polycarp was martyred. He was captured by Romans and sentenced to burn at the stake. However, the fire did not touch him, instead rising up like sails around him. Seeing that the flames would not injure Polycarp, the Romans stabbed him instead. The Martyrdom of Polycarp is perhaps the earliest fully preserved account of a Christian martyr. ©LPI



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20TH

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38  
Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 9:14-29  
Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19  
Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40  
Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50  
Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12  
Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16  
Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Sat., Feb 19

4:00pm—Margaret Stebbins, req by the family  
Fred Sajler, req by Marie Panganiban  
Eleanor Legnard, req by Peg Fisk

Sun., Feb 20

8:30am—Katherine Conroy, req by Terry Brennan & family  
Gail Caswell, req by the Brennan family  
Living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Carole Maloney, req by husband Don & daughter Robbyn  
Wm Maloney & Art W Cody, Wm Riedy, req by Maureen McMahon

Tues., Feb 22

9:00am—Ann Marie Large, req by the family

Wed., Feb 23

9:00am—Charles Rutherford (1st Anniv), req by family

Thurs., Feb 24

9:00am—for homebound, the sick and the elderly

Sat., Feb 26

4:00pm—Marie Delisle, req by Pat Fisk  
Raymond Skiba, Sr, req by Barbara, Kelly & Ken Volland

Sun., Feb 27

8:30am—Gonsowski Family, req by their daughter and son  
Katherine Conroy, req by Bob & Carol Carlson  
11:00am—Katherine Novak, req by the family

### PRAYER TREE MINISTRY

Almost everyone believes in the power of prayer. At some point in our lives, we all need prayers. It simply means taking a few minutes out of your day to pray for others. Please consider becoming a member of our Prayer Tree Ministry. Interested? Contact Linda at 518-209-6446.



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Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.)  
Feb 5-6, 2022.....\$6822.00