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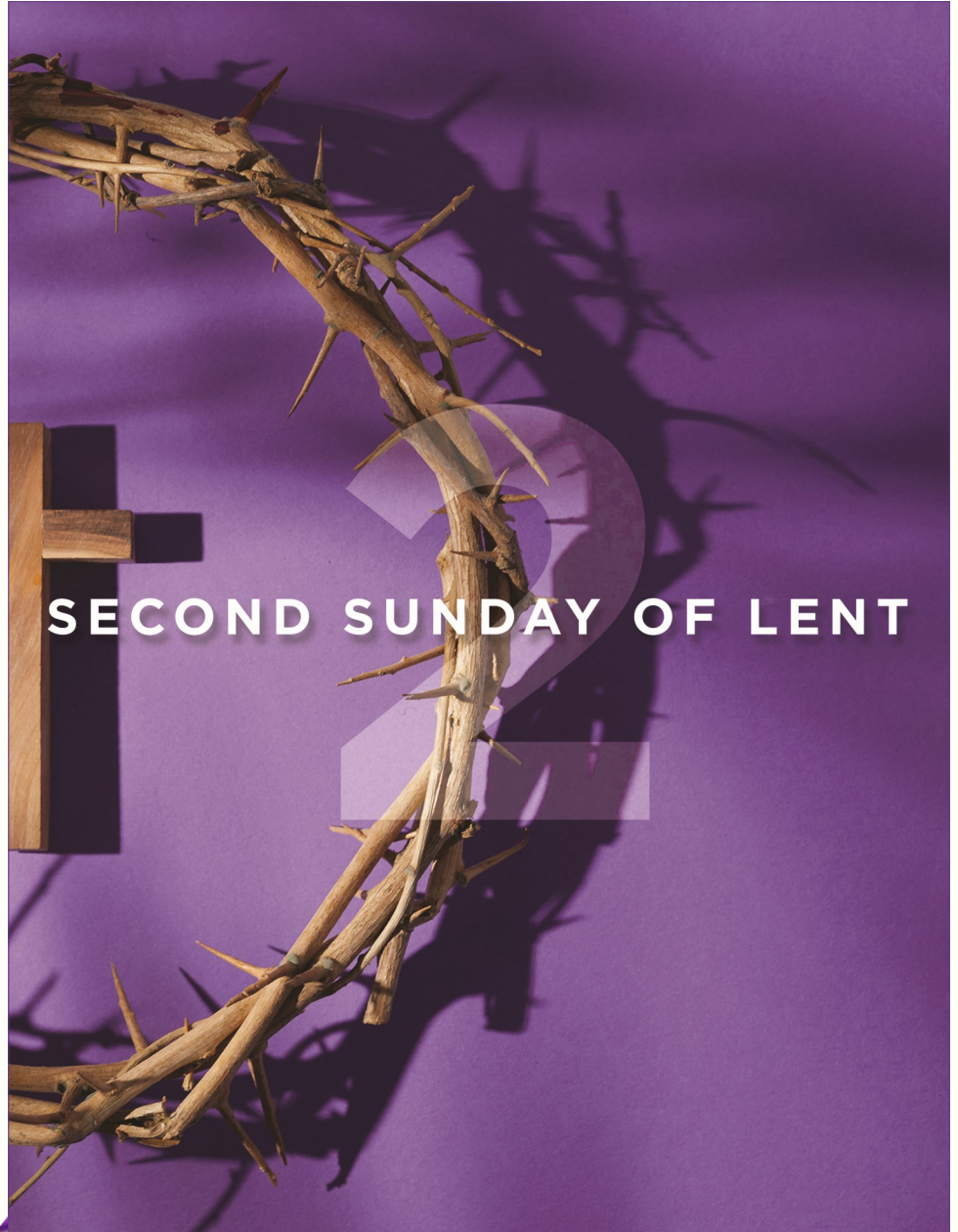
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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 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.**

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



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

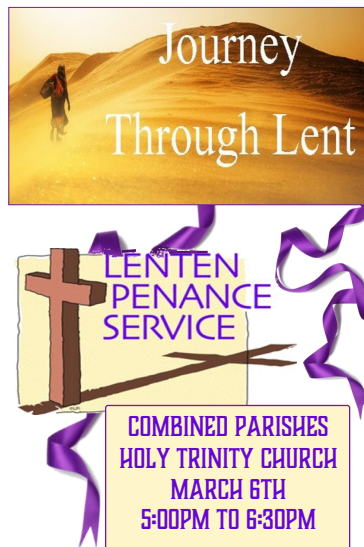
Stations of the Cross will be in
the church every Friday at
6pm: March 1, 8, 15, 22.

On each Friday, a different format for
Stations will be presented.

Rosary will read the Stations on 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.



**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.

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

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

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

**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.

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.

MARY'S KITCHEN: Mondays, 3pm to 5pm ALL ARE 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.

LIVE THE LITURGY ~ Inspiration for the week

The Transfiguration left the disciples with more questions than answers. What had they just seen? What had they just heard? They were confused, but they trusted Jesus. Let's follow in their example, trusting in God's care as we journey deeper into Lent.

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Question of the Week ~ Reflect & Respond

In today's Gospel:

After witnessing Jesus' transfiguration, hearing God's voice, and commanded to silence, Peter, James, and John must have been spiritually and emotionally drained.

What helps energize you spiritually?

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**BAKE SALE for SMILE TRAIN & POLAR BEAR/
PENGUIN PICNIC: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25**



Immediately following the 11am Mass, we will head across the parking lot for our Polar Bear and Penguin winter picnic. In addition, we will have 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!! Don't miss it!! All are invited.



<div>  <h2>In Memoriam ~ 2024</h2> </div>		
In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson <small>2/2/25</small>	In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family <small>12/15/24</small>	In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>8/18/24</small>
In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski <small>8/18/24</small>	In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>7/14/24</small>	In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family <small>6/2/24</small>
Memorial Block Available for 26 Consecutive Weeks *Info call Parish office at 518 273-6020	Memorial Block Available for 26 Consecutive Weeks *Info call Parish office at 518 273-6020	<div>  <p>Prayer of Trust Dear Lord, Your ways confuse me sometimes. Often, I don't fully understand what You are doing. But I believe that You are working in a way that will one day make sense. Until then, keep me close to You, trusting blindly in the ways You lead me. Amen. ©LPi</p> </div>

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

On the Mountain

Why climb a mountain? "Because it's there," George Mallory famously said, before perishing in an attempt to scale Mount Everest.

God is an event planner; every detail matters, and the location is most crucial of all. On the mountain, God demanded the sacrifice of Isaac. On the mountain, he restored Isaac to his father. On the mountain, Jesus was transfigured, revealed in all his mystifying glory as the beloved Son of God, the sacrifice which would finally balance the scale.

These things happened on a mountain because they could only happen on a mountain. The mountain is where the reckoning happens. It is where God takes, where He gives back, where He hands down.

In Lent, we encounter the mountain. We are removed from the distractions of ordinary life and placed outside the confines of our everyday habits. We find silence and mystery, pain and truth. We struggle and we become tired, and there is always a moment when we wonder if, perhaps, it would have been easier not to climb. There is always a moment when others look at us and think: "Why climb a mountain?"

I confess, I am not much of an outdoorswoman. Hiking, in my family, is any walking you do on a trail that is not paved, so I am far from qualified to comment on whether or not the view from the summit was worth George Mallory's life. But I do know a thing or two about struggling through a difficult experience. I know the strange peace that exists in the moment after it's all over and you catch your breath and realize you are a better, stronger, wiser person for the pain.

The mountain is there. Let's climb it.

"God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, 'Abraham!' 'Here I am!' he replied."

—Genesis 22:1

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Items Needed for Food Pantry in February:

Cereals,
Cookies,
Facial Tissues

Thank you for supporting
IHM Food Pantry!

— Mary Beth

Blessed Carlo Acutis

Short Biography —1991-2006

Carlo Acutis was born in 1991 and is the



first millennial to be beatified. Despite dying of leukemia at age 15, he developed a website that showcases Eucharistic Miracles around the world, demonstrating

that holiness knows no age.

~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

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—Laureen M Fulop, req by MaryJo Schneider

Tues., Feb 27

9:00am—Sgt David M Fisher, parish

Wed., Feb 28

9:00am—Alice Maloney, parish

Thurs., Feb 29

9:00am—Betty Hayes, parish

Sat., Mar 2

4:00pm—Joan Lewis, req by Brenda Persons

In Mem of Joseph/Dorothy Slupski, req by their son
Linda/Walter Gleason, req by Ginny/Diane Jakubics

Sun., Mar 3

7:30am—Ginny Fogarty, req by Carol Carlson and family
Living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Nancy Comley, req by Michael & Sharon
Sean O'Brien, req by Marilyn LaParl & Tony Cassidy
Carol Maloney, req by husband Don

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