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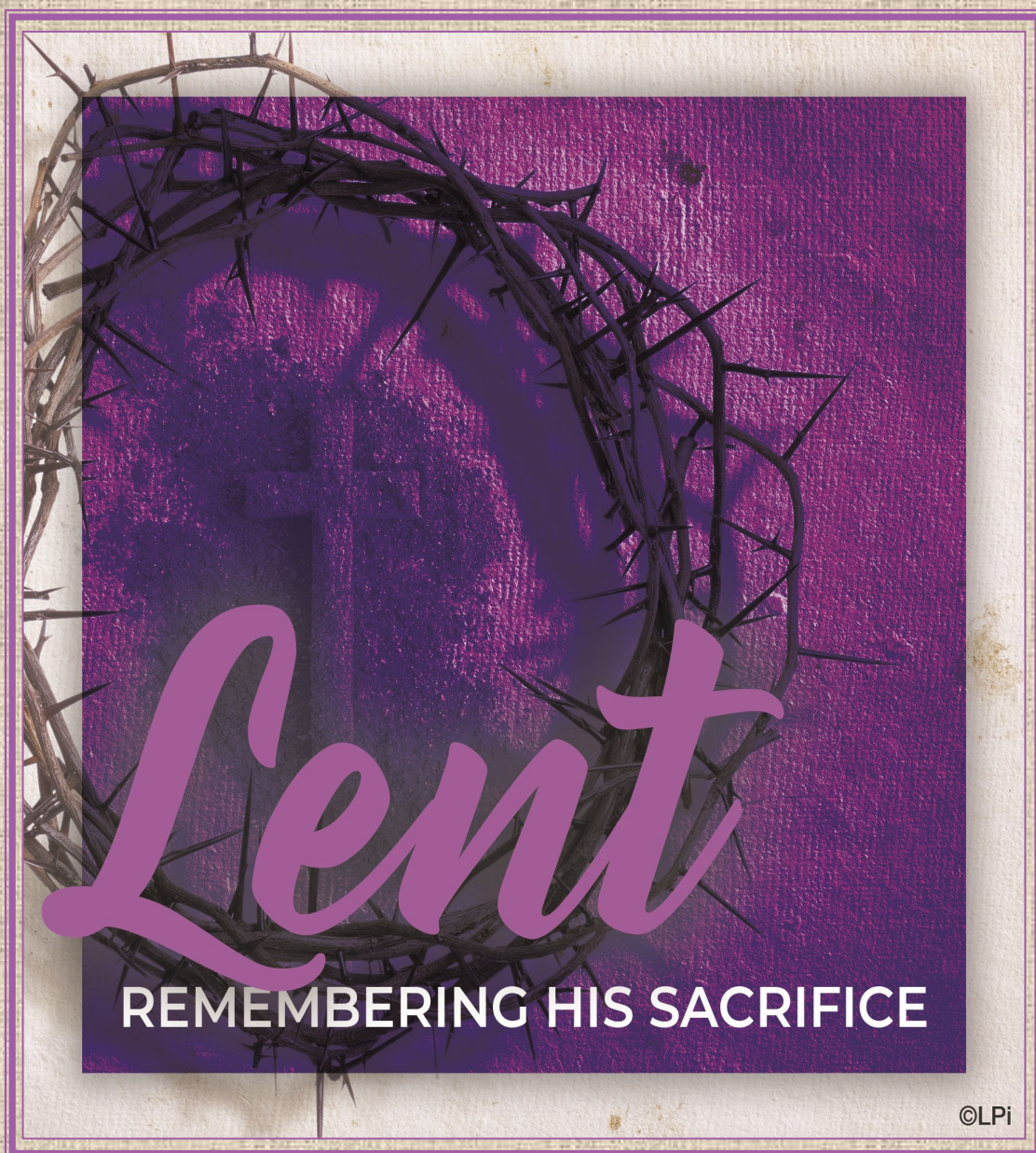
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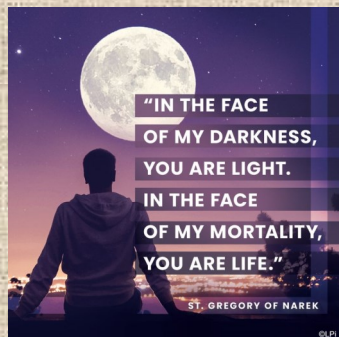
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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 26, 2023

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

March DVD: "Risen", March 16: Parish Life Center



On Thursday, March 16 at 1:30pm in the Parish Life Center, we will see the Biblical story of the Resurrection as seen through the eyes of a non-believer. Clavius, a powerful Roman military tribune is tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to Jesus in the weeks following the crucifixion.

As believers, we are familiar with the events that transpired in the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. All during Lent, we will trace the stories leading up to Jesus' crucifixion and His ultimate triumph over death. What was it like for one who did not believe?? All are welcome.

Contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org for more information.

Scripture Sharing: Max Lucado, John 3:16, the Numbers of Hope ~ Heaven's "Whoever" Policy; (John 3:16) *"Whoever believes in Him shall not perish."* Whoever?? Really?? It seems too good to be true!! We can't earn it. God takes us as we are; not when we're better or more holy. Right here, right now. If we put our faith in Christ, if we *believe*, we can experience God's abundant life in our everyday lives and for all eternity. 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

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.

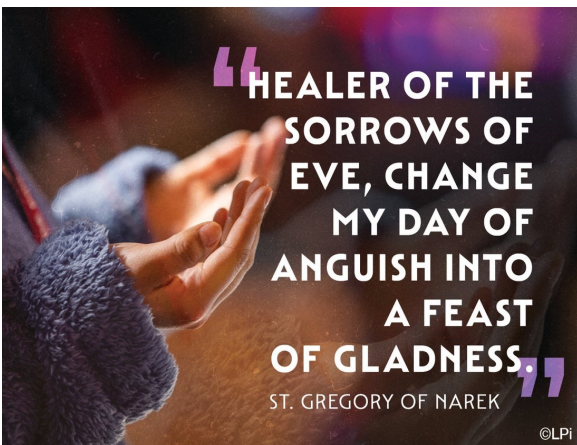
Faith Formation For All Ages ~ Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry-

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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.



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS -
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Formed and Fallen

There is a version of myself that walks into church on Ash Wednesday and a version of myself that walks into church on Good Friday. Aside from having the same face, these women bear very little resemblance to one another.

Ash Wednesday Me is fired up. She's ready to go. She's got a stomach full of paczaki, a forehead full of ashes, an oven full of fasting bread and a whole list of Lenten resolutions. She's got a plan for the next 40 days and she's ready to be transformed.

Good Friday Me is tired. She's lumbering into church dragging six weeks of failure and unfulfilled expectations behind her. Nothing went the way it was supposed to (again). She didn't accomplish what she wanted (again) and she doesn't want to dwell on it (again).

If Satan offered both versions of myself the same deal he offered Christ — *submit to me, and you will have the whole world* — I have to wonder: which one of these creatures, formed and fallen, would be strong enough to defy him? Would either?

I can't say that the chipper, optimistic woman on Ash Wednesday has more strength than the tired woman on Good Friday. To each of these women Satan offers an easy way out. But to each, too, Christ offers an abundance of grace and the gift of justification.

This Lent, I know that I will be tested. I know that I will fail in many ways. I know that my intentions and my best efforts will not be enough.

But I bring them to the altar anyway, and I leave them there as an offering. And I know that Easter morning will dawn, and the tomb will be empty.

"The gift is not like the transgression." — Romans 5:15

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February and March Calendar of Events

February 26: Polar Bear and Penguin Picnic, after the 11am Mass in the PLC

March 16 DVD: "Risen"

Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 6pm

March 3, TBA

March 10, *Bearing the Cross Today*

March 17, *Everyone's Way of the Cross*

March 24, *Through the Eyes of Mary*


March 31, *Stations of the Cross for today's Disciples*

Please contact Sharon: 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*).

Polar Bear and Penguin Picnic and Bake Sale: February 26

Don't forget!! Food, fun, games and a Bake Sale after the 11am Mass in the Parish Life Center.

All are invited!!

<div>  <h2>In Memoriam ~ 2023</h2> </div>		
In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>2/18/24</small>	In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson <small>2/4/24</small>	In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family <small>10/29/23</small>
In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>8/20/23</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>

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: ALL 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.

JOIN THE LENT #PRAY40 CHALLENGE ~ *Deepen your prayer life this Lent with Hallow, a Catholic prayer and meditation app that helps us all find peace in God.* HALLOW.COM/PRAY

(See flyer insert in this week's bulletin) - Pick up a "Hallow" card from back table in Church!



LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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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

MASS INTENTIONS

- 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
- Tues., Feb 28**
 9:00am—Lorraine Garceau, req by Margaret Gonsowski
- Wed., Mar 1**
 9:00am—Julia Dankulich (4th Anniv), req by Margaret & Fred Gonsowski
- Thurs., Mar 2**
 9:00am—Nora Gardner, req by Marilyn Barron
- Sat., Mar 4**
 4:00pm—William Fahr (B'day), req by family
 Joseph/Dorothy Slupski, req by their son
 Rebecca Glogowski, req by the family
- Sun., Mar 5**
 7:30am—George Perry, req by Bob & Carol Carlson
 11:00am—Sean O'Brien, req by Marilyn LaParl & Tony Cassidy
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