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FEBRUARY 28, 2021

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm & Sunday - 8:30 & 11:00am
Weekday Schedule

Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday at 9:00am

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

Stations of the Cross (during Lent) - Every Friday at 6:00pm

Church and Parish Center - Handicapped Accessible



“Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” – Mk 9:7



LENT 2021 at Immaculate Heart of Mary

Lent and Easter are the holiest seasons of our church year, and a time to reflect on the love that Jesus has for all of us. We have many activities planned to help us all grow closer to Our Lord and to each other during these forty days. We hope this schedule will help you plan and prepare for the season of Lent.

Stations of the Cross — Each Friday at 6:00 PM

Share a special gift with your families this Lent; take some time out of your busy lives to attend the Stations as a family at **6PM on Fridays**. Sometimes to really understand the journey, you

have to walk in the footsteps of Jesus on His way to the Cross.

Little Black Books — daily meditations available in back of Church

Rice Bowl — Once again this year our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that will help you experience Lenten spirituality by living in solidarity with people in need around the world. Visit “crsricebowl.org” to watch videos of people and communities whose lives your Lenten gifts are changing through CRS Rice Bowl. Please save what you can. CRS Rice Bowls will be collected at the end of Lent.

Scripture Sharing: Metanoia ~ Our new series from Franciscan Media is called *Metanoia* (change, conversion, repent). Since this series will continue through Lent, it seems a good path to follow. The next episode is entitled, *Jesus Calls and Empowers*. (Jesus stopped and said, “Call him”. So they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take courage; get up, he is calling you.” He threw aside his cloak, sprang up and came to Jesus.) {Mark 10: 49-50.}

For all those interested, we meet on 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

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. After the first of the year, we will be meeting on Tuesday evenings at 6pm. We would like to welcome Brock Palmatier to the RCIA process and ask that you keep him in your prayers.

Faith Formation - For All Ages ~

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Faith Formation: 2020-2021; MARCH SESSIONS: PLEASE NOTE CHANGES

March sessions will look a little different. Mr. Passonno's class will meet in the Parish Life Center on **March 7 and 21**. Mr. Gleason's class will meet in the Faith Formation Center on **March 14 and 28**. Mrs. Carabis' and Mrs. Kowalski's class will meet in the Parish Life Center – with their parent(s) - on **March 14 and 28**. See you at 9:45am on those Sundays!!

Please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or 518-328-0427 for more information or questions.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW):

Currently on hiatus.

Live the Liturgy ~ How is your Lent going so far?

In changing the circumstances and order of our lives a bit, perhaps we can hear God's voice more clearly and drink more deeply of graced moments we experience. Having God as a friend always involves several things. First, there is God's call. We become attuned to the echo of God's voice in the depth of our souls calling and beckoning us to listen. Second, there is a request. We begin to see that God asks us to do certain things, to order our lives a particular way, and become more intentional in the choices we make. Third, there is trust. Do we trust this call and request? Trust commits us to the relationship and makes a claim on who we are. Finally, we are asked to act. We find ourselves acting, not in the way we used to, but in a transformed, more enlightened way. Things seem clearer and all that is around us shines with the brilliance of God's presence. God's call came through a cloud, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him,” This is the call and the request. Can we give God our trust and do as God asks?

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Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: **TAKE OUT!!**

Mary's Kitchen is serving meals again!! For the present time, we can do TAKE OUT meals only. All are welcome. Why cook when we've done it for you?? Stop by between 3 to 5pm on Monday and pick up a meal all ready for you to take home: Soup, salad, sandwich, entrée and dessert!!

Thanks to those who have provided desserts for Mary's Kitchen. Freihofer's is good, but home baked is better!!

Email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

In Memoriam ~ 2021		
 <p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson <small>2/6/22</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>1/23/22</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family <small>10/24/21</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>8/22/21</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family <small>7/18/21</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>7/18/21</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family <small>7/11/21</small></p>	<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski <small>3/21/21</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family <small>3/7/21</small></p>

When Sacrifice Becomes Mundane

It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. "We're ready, God!" our hearts cry out. "Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!"

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they've joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It's not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It's the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there's that nagging voice in our minds saying: *go ahead, God doesn't really mind.*

It's a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn't you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried "Ready!" when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, "Ready!" when we hear the call of God? — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi



IHM Prayer Ministry ~ We believe as faith-filled people, prayer matters and offers hope. The Prayer Tree Ministry is made up of a group of people who pray for others. If you would like prayers said for a family member, relative, or friend contact Brenda Persons at 518-271-6184.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Feb 27

4:00pm—Bertha Stone, req by Barbara Voland
Victoria (Crucetti) Carmello, req by Susan Collette
Frank Blair, Jr (B'day), req by sister/nephew

Sun., Feb 28

8:30am—Nora Spiak (B'day), req by family
Jack Tallman, req by Bob & Carol Carlson
11:00am—Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM
Bridget Domey, req by Bill Mysliwiec family

Tues., Mar 2

9:00am—Wm Johnson/Malasky family, Estate

Wed., Mar 3

9:00am—Farrell & Synan Families, Estate

Thurs., Mar 4

9:00am—Charles Centanni, req by family
Mary E Hayes, req by daughter Ellen

Sat., Mar 6

4:00pm—Rebecca Glogowski (54yr Anniv), req by children
Dorothy & Joseph Slupski, req by Keith Slupski
Ann Kerin, req by Michael & Kathy Carroll

Sun., Mar 7

8:30am—Dolores Edwards, req by Bob & Carol Carlson
Living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Sean O'Brien, req by Marilyn LaParl & Tony Cassidy
Michael D. Kowalski, req by the family

Reflection for the Week

In today's second reading, Paul tries to reassure the Christians in Rome of God's divine providence in our lives.

As we continue the Lenten journey, can you recall when you have felt God's protection and comfort?

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