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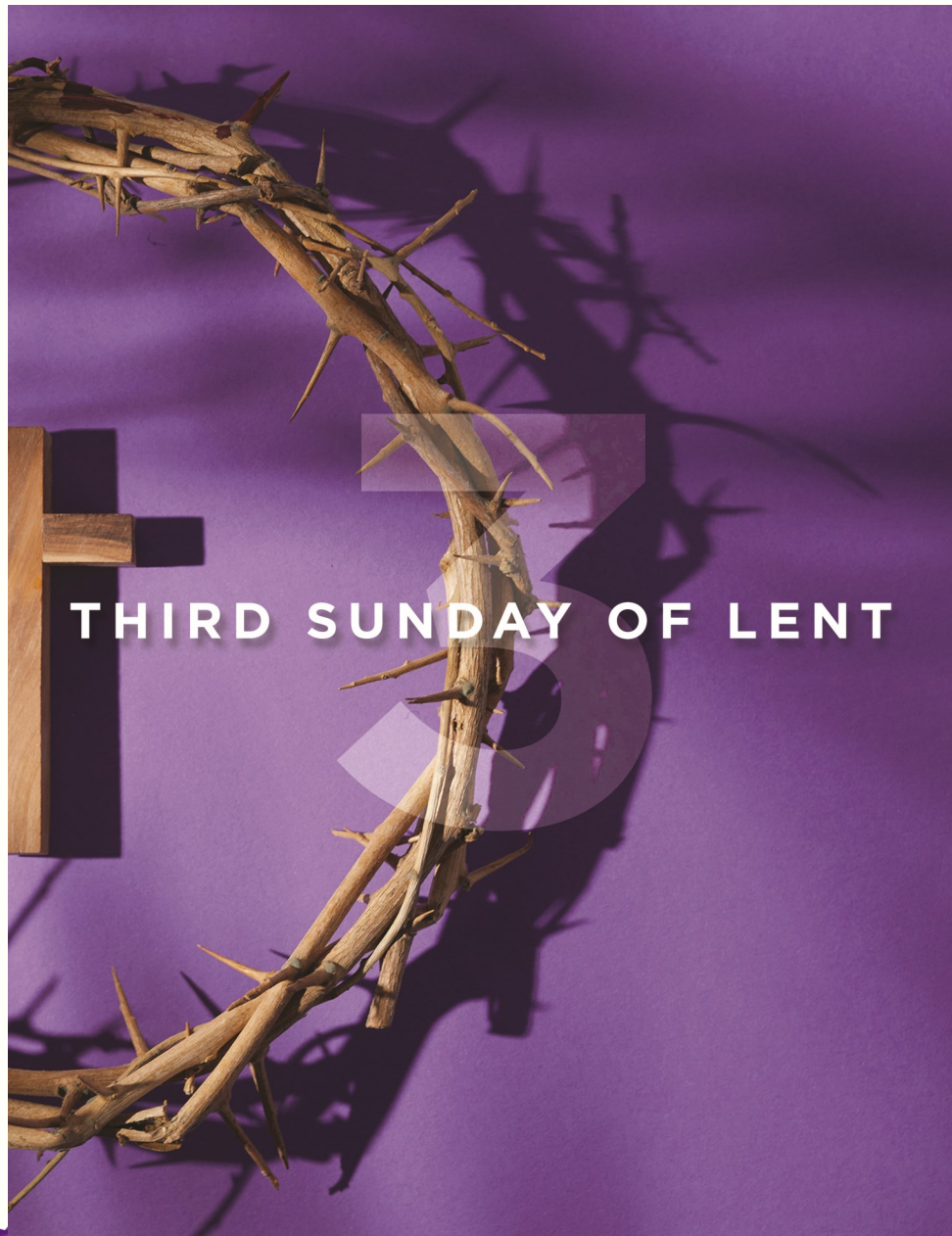
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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 3, 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?



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.

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

Please note: because of the March DVD, we will not have Scripture on Thursday, March 21.

We are thoroughly enjoying 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.

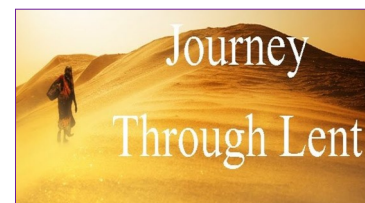
Come join us and we will all listen and learn a little more. All are invited. We meet most Thursdays from 2 to 3pm in the Parish Life Center. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

MARCH DVD: ST. PATRICK,

 **THE IRISH LEGEND, MARCH 21**

Patrick was born in Britain, the privileged son of nobility. At the age of 16, he is kidnapped and enslaved by a druid chieftain. Six years later, he escapes and returns home to England where he could have had a calm and sheltered life. Troubled by visions of the Irish people pleading to be freed from enslavement and hardship, he decides to return. His unwavering courage in the face of adversity ultimately changes the course of history.

All are welcome. Join us in the Parish Life Center on Thursday, March 21 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.



**COMBINED PARISHES
HOLY TRINITY
CHURCH
MARCH 6TH
5:00PM TO 6:30PM**

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 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 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.



PRAYER TEAM MINISTRY

If you would like prayers said for someone, contact Brenda at (cell) (838) 267-5801.

Readings for the week of March 3, 2024

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP


Can you recite the Ten Commandments by heart? Several years ago a national US survey found more people could identify the ingredients in a Big Mac and name the children in the Brady Bunch television show than recite the Ten Commandments. Of course, being able to recite them is not nearly as important as living a life in harmony with them. However, if we simply live to not break them then we are only living out half of our discipleship. Every commandment calls us to action beyond the simplicity of its words. We are not to kill, but we are also called to support life. We are not to steal, but we are also to share what we have freely. We are to have no other Gods before our God, but we also need to actively praise and glorify Him.

To live a moral life is to do more than follow rules and laws.

It is to actively live in a way that gives witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. This way of living is stewardship. As we focus more on the penitential message of Lent, we need to not just reflect on what we have done wrong, but equally what we have failed to do. To be given so much by a loving God and not share those things with God and His people is wrong as well. Perhaps as we reflect on these things we might find ourselves adding something to our lives that will last for many Lenten seasons to come.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



<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	<h3>~ MASS INTENTIONS ~</h3> <p>Sat., Mar 2 4:00pm—Joan Lewis, req by Brenda Persons In Mem'l of Joseph/Dorothy Slupski, req by their son Linda/Walter Gleason, req by Ginny/Diane Jakubics</p> <p>Sun., Mar 3 7:30am—Ginny Fogarty, req by Carol Carlson and family Living & deceased members of IHM</p> <p>11:00am—Nancy Comley, req by Michael & Sharon Sean O'Brien, req by Marilyn LaParl & Tony Cassidy Carol Maloney, req by husband Don</p> <p>Tues., Mar 5 9:00am—William T Fahr (B'day), req by the family</p> <p>Wed., Mar 6 9:00am—Rev Patrick Shanahan, req by a friend</p> <p>Thurs., Mar 7 9:00am—Mary Louise DeCotis, parish</p> <p>Sat., Mar 9 4:00pm—Frances Passo & family, req by family Bob Lewis, Sr (4th Anniv), req by wife/family Joan Lewis, req by Chuck & Carol Stark</p> <p>Sun., Mar 10 7:30am—Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM</p> <p>11:00am—Mary Eagan, req by Sherlock & Dydych families Michael D Kowalski, req by Mike & Sharon</p>

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.



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

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

End of Mass

Question: Is it ever Ok to leave Mass before it ends?

Answer:

This is an interesting question because beneath the surface there seems to be an assumption that if it's okay, then why do we have to stay after we receive communion? The short answer is "no," but we definitely want to go a bit deeper as we consider why.

First, when we think about questions like this, we must consider this in adult terms. If there is something gravely important that we need to do, then we must attend to that. However, if it is a matter of convenience or preference, then we really have to stop and think again. First, while we always want to recognize the importance of sacramental communion in the Mass, we also need to understand how important the time of thanksgiving and prayer after communion is. This is summarized in the Prayer After Communion offered by the celebrant and then we are also commissioned to "Go forth" during the Dismissal of the Mass, reminding us that we have been entrusted with a gift — the Word of God and the Presence of Christ in the sacrament — and that we are to share that gift with others.

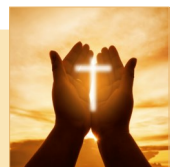
If we simply leave after we receive communion, we risk two things. First, there is the possibility that we will turn our reception of communion into a purely personal, individual experience that is separated from our common experience of worship — and communion in the fullest sense — and, second, we lose an opportunity for gratitude and serious reflection if we simply leave after communion. This time of thanksgiving, reflection, and, ultimately, missioning, are important and, in the end, an essential part of the celebration of the Mass.

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Prayer of Surrender

Dear Lord,

Help me to place
 You in the center
 of my plans for the future,
 my dreams for my life, my
 goals for the time ahead.
 Be my God and my guide.
 Amen. ©LPi



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