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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light
and does not come toward the light, so that his works
might not be exposed. - Jn 3:20

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March 10, 2024

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Weekend Masses - Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm - Sunday: 7:30 am and 11:00 am

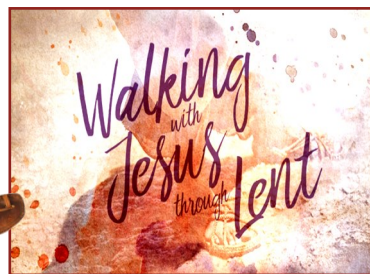
Weekday Masses - 9:00 am; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Adoration, Tuesdays - 9:30 to 10:30am

*INCLEMENT WEATHER ALERT - PLEASE CHECK TV CHANNELS 1 and/or 9
FOR CLOSURES IN WATERVLiet.

RESULTS FOR SMILE TRAIN AND POLAR BEAR/ PENGUIN PICNIC

Many, many thanks to all who donated baked goods, helped serve and those that attended the picnic. It was a huge success!! We will have results of the total sent to Smile Train shortly. Keep an eye on the bulletin for details.



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 15, 22.

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

Rosary will read the Stations on March 15 and our young people and catechists will read them on March 22.

All members of the parish are invited to join us as we journey with Jesus in this prayer on each Friday of Lent.



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.

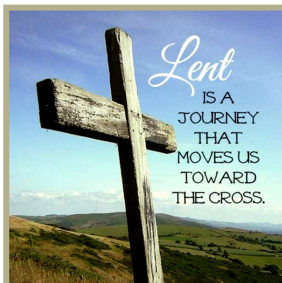
Come join us and we will all listen and learn a little more. All are invited. We meet most Thursdays from 2 to 3pm in the Parish Life Center. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

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.



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.

GOD'S PROFOUND LOVE

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." - John 3:16

When I first saw each of my three children, I loved them with a love that I did not realize existed in me. These were flesh of my flesh, bone of my bone, and were the result of the love between their mother and me. This made them mine.

My love for them continues to be so strong as they grow older and I cannot fathom ever losing them. Then I look around and see friends of mine who have lost a child. It makes me want to hold them tighter and not let go.

But as I have continued to grow in this stewardship way of life, I realize that these three wonderful human beings are not really mine. They belong to God. They are entrusted to me in this world, but they belong truly to the One who loves them even more than I do. Yet, it is not easy to offer them back to God, especially due to tragedy. If that day ever were to come, how could I handle it?


Not only did God offer his Son to the world, the offering was done with full knowledge that the Son would die a brutal death. God loves us so deeply he placed Himself in the very position that any parent dreads the most. So this Lent I will look at my children and I reflect on the depth of love a parent has for a child and the even more profound love God has for us. --Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Prayer for Laetare Sunday

Dear Jesus,

We've been in this season of Lent for a few weeks now. I want to re-commit myself in this time — renew and strengthen my resolve. Help me to use these last few weeks to grow closer to you. Amen. ©LPi

Parishioners needing the 2023 End of Year Donation letter for tax purposes—please contact the parish office at 518 273-6020. State your name, envelope number, and phone number. We will send it to you within the week.

<div>  <h2>In Memoriam ~ 2024</h2> </div>		
<p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson</p> <p>2/2/25</p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p>12/15/24</p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p>8/18/24</p>
<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski</p> <p>8/18/24</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>7/14/24</p>	<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p>6/2/24</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.

Items Needed for Food Pantry in March:

Pasta
Spaghetti Sauce
Salad Dressing



*Thank you for supporting
IHM Food Pantry!*

— Mary Beth

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - REFLECT AND RESPOND

First Reading:

We hear how God reacted strongly against Israel's disobedience and infidelity, ultimately sending them to exile in Babylon. But God also showed mercy to Israel in sending king Cyrus of Persia to rescue them.

As we enter the fourth Sunday of Lent, for what do you need God's mercy in your life?

Second Reading:

Paul taught the Ephesians that by God's mercy and grace, we have been saved through Christ for the good works that God has prepared for us.

Where in your life do you feel like you are doing God's work?

Gospel:

Jesus taught Nicodemus that God loves the world and desires to save it.

In what ways do you show love and respect for our world?

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LIVE THE LITURGY ~ Inspiration for the week

Out of love for us, God sent His son into the world, to illuminate the truth that brings salvation. But light can be blinding to eyes that have only seen darkness. Pray that God will teach us to walk bravely in the light.

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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.

Readings for the week of March 10, 2024

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

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33



~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

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

Sun., Mar 10

7:30am—Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM
11:00am—Mary Eagan, req by Sherlock & Dydych families
Michael D Kowalski, req by Mike & Sharon

Tues., Mar 12

9:00am—Theresa L Fahr (8th Anniv) req by the family

Wed., Mar 13

9:00am—Margaret Rose Gonsowski (7th Anniv), req by son & daughter

Thurs., Mar 14

9:00am—Regina M Canon, parish
Judith A Pearson, req by Patrick DeLucia

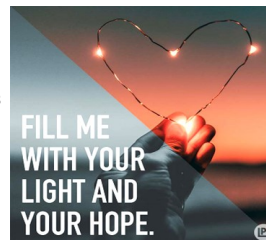
Sat., Mar 16

4:00pm—Laureen Fulop, req by Mary Ellen O'Connor
Marian R Corbett, req by Margaret/Fred Gonsowski
Joan Lewis, req by Ginny/Diane Jakubics

Sun., Mar 17

7:30am—Patrick Dunbar (B'day), req by the family

11:00am—Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM
In Honor of Lorraine Bulson on her 92nd B'day, req by her family



PRAYER TEAM MINISTRY

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

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Weekend Collection, Mail-in, E.G.
Feb. 24-25 '24 - \$3850.00