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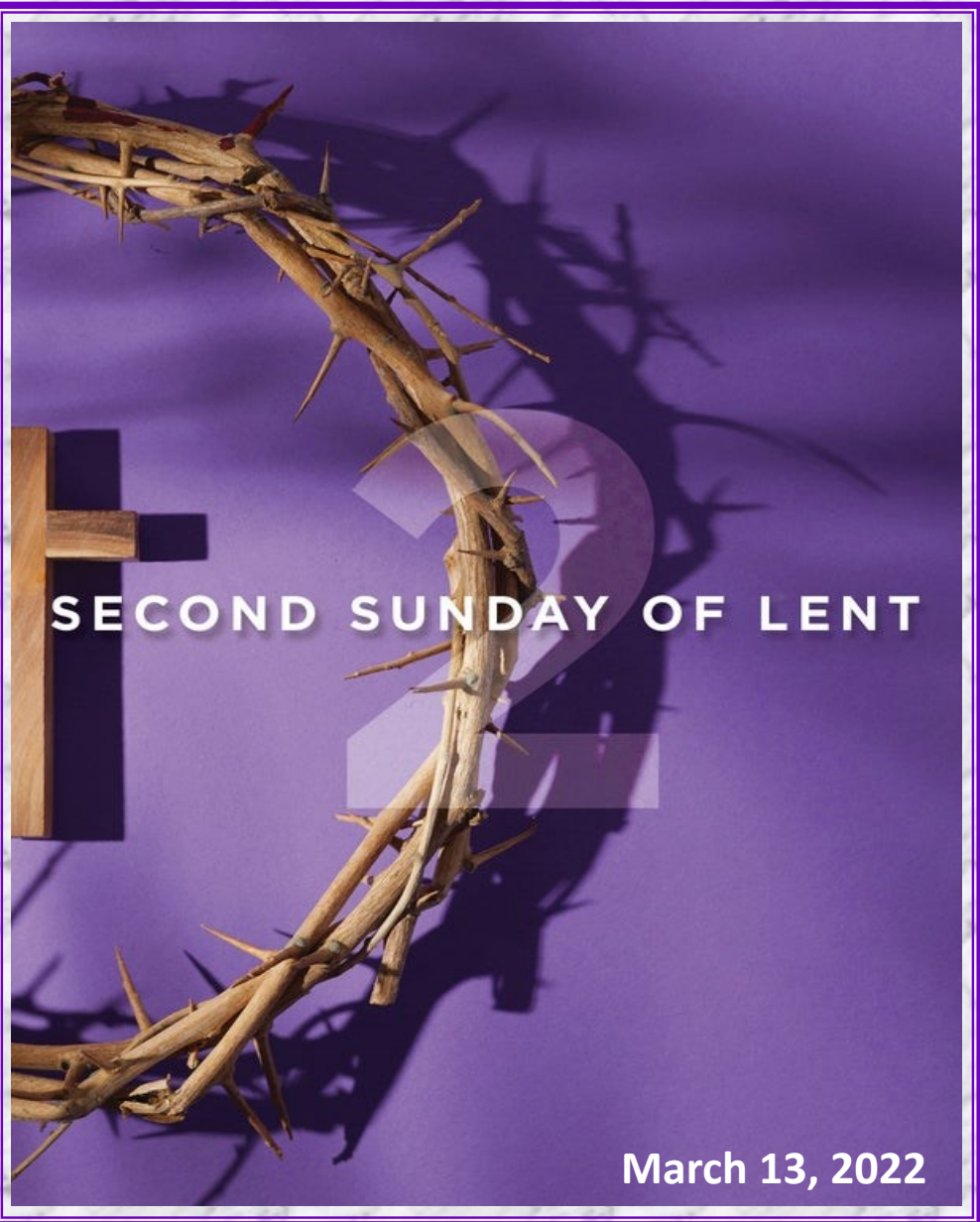
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*Take Up
the
Cross
and
Follow
Me*



Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm
Sunday - 8:30 and 11:00am

Weekday Schedule

9:00am Mass - Tuesday Wednesday Thursday
Adoration on Tuesdays - 9:30 to 11:00am

Journeying Through Lent ...

Stations of the Cross: March 18, 25, April 1, 8
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.

March 18: Bearing the Cross Today

March 25: Everyone's Way of Cross

April 1: Through the Eyes of Mary

April 8: Living Stations



Wednesday, March 16, 2022
9:30am & 7:00pm

Faith Formation For All Ages ~ Sharon C. Kowalski,
Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry
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Faith Formation: 2021-2022

March Faith Formation sessions will be March 13 and 20. All sessions are 9:45 to 10:50am.

First Reconciliation will be on March 26 at 1:30 in the Church. This is for young people who are in their 2nd year of preparation. Parents and children must attend.

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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

As much as we would like, we can't return to a full schedule yet. We are working on a monthly schedule and will post the dates as soon as they are determined.

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays 3 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.

A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE ~ 2nd Sunday of Lent

There is so much wisdom in the first commandment. The daily demands of life, current political ideologies and dynamics, social expectations, corporate philosophies, and even technology can easily become lesser gods. We can find ourselves beholden to and held captive by these secular constructs and systems. Even for those who profess a faith in the one true God, these lesser, attractive but false gods are a temptation. Being overly preoccupied and even obsessed with the state of our present lives, we lose sight of our real destiny and purpose.

Jesus showed his disciples a glimpse of this destiny when he was transfigured before their eyes. In fact, Peter was so caught up in the brilliance, awe, and sacredness of these fleeting moments that he wanted to extend them as long as possible. Wonderful things happen when we leave our illusions and discover something that is true. This is why creating some sacred space in our lives for reflection, prayer, renewal, refreshment, centering ourselves, and disconnecting from the noise is so important. It shows us how false and shallow our lives can be and what is really of importance. Do you create some kind of sacred space in your life? Lent is a perfect time to do so.

St. Irenaeus, one of the early fathers and martyrs of the Catholic Church, said that, "he who was the Son of God became the Son of Man that man ... might become the son of God." We mistakenly believe that life is all about us. It's not. Ours is a journey of transformation in which we become more and more one with the mind of Christ and Christ himself. St. Augustine saw this same transformation occurring when the Eucharist is received. In receiving the Eucharist, we become what we eat, the Body of Christ. Honestly acknowledging false gods that we cling to can open the door for God to show us the wholeness and holiness to which we are called. Take time to discover the sacred. When we do, we will want to stay there for a while. Then, when we return to our personal affairs, we will see more clearly. ©LPi

Scripture Sharing: Ascension Press; No Greater Love, A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion

On March 10, we began a new series, entitled "No Greater Love". This five week series from Ascension Press is a biblical walk through Christ's Passion. Consider joining us as part of your Lenten journey.

This week's session is entitled, "Are You the Christ?" (Mark 14:61): Jesus' Arrest and Trial Before the Sanhedrin. Jesus is taken away from Gethsemane, arrested and put on trial. False testimonies are given, the high priest enjoins Jesus to speak. Jesus remains silent until put under oath. His answer propels him on his journey to the cross.

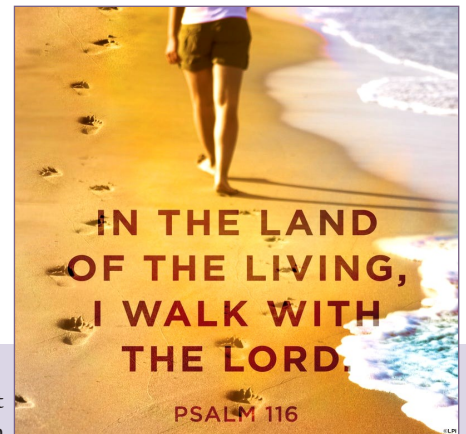
Come join us. We meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427


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Smile Train: Results ~ Many thanks to all who donated to Smile Train. We again have the opportunity for 5x matching funds. The totals for all money raised is \$2513. With the 5x matching funds grant, that comes to \$12,565, which is enough to provide surgeries for approximately **46 children**.

Special thanks to the Green Island Professional Firefighters Association L-3418 and to an anonymous donor who each donated \$275, the cost of surgery for each child.



 <h1>In Memoriam ~ 2022</h1>		
<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan</p> <p>2/19/23</p>	<p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson</p> <p>2/5/23</p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p>10/23/22</p>
<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p>9/4/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p>8/21/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p>7/17/22</p>
<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>7/17/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p>4/10/22</p>	<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski</p> <p>3/20/22</p>

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Mar 12

4:00pm—Bob Lewis, Sr/Evelyn Prescott,
req by Lewis, Stark, D'Attilio families
Winifred M McDonald, req by Marla
Martini

Sun., Mar 13

8:30am—Margaret Rose Gonsowski (5th
Anniv), req by son & daughter
Gail M Caswell, req by Marla Martini
Living & Dec'd members of IHM

11:00am—Kaye Conroy, req by Toni
Delduce

Lila Such, req by Mary Ellen & Bill Sage
Raymond Skiba, req by Joyce Novak

Tues., Mar 15

9:00am—Dona Centanni, req by Marge
Centanni

Wed., Mar 16

9:00am—Johnson & Malasky families

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE
9:30 AM and 7:00 PM

Thurs., Mar 17

9:00am—Lorraine Bulson, on occasion of
her 90th birthday, req by the family

Fri., Mar 18—**STATIONS OF CROSS: 6:00PM**

Sat., Mar 19

4:00pm—Margaret Van Buskirk, req by
the family
Jo Ann MacKay, req by Mary & Barbara
Crowley

Sun., Mar 20

8:30am—Living & dec'd members of IHM
Patrick Dunbar, req by Linda

11:00am—For our Ukrainian Friends, req by
Toni Delduce

Question for the Week: " "

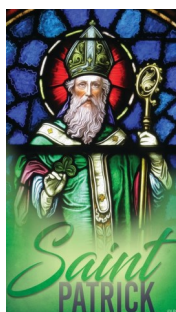
Reflect - Respond

In today's second reading, Paul urges
the believers in Philippi to stay focused
on Jesus and on our "citizenship" in
heaven.

*How do you think Christians today
can succeed in living out this task?*

RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older Children:

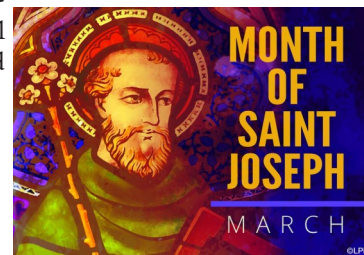
If you are interested in
becoming a Catholic or completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirma-
tion) or are curious about the process, contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.



St. Patrick | March 17 - Whether you know him as the man who brought
Christianity to Ireland or simply as a reason you eat corned beef and cab-
bage in March, St. Patrick (415 - 493) is a well-known saint around the
world.

St. Patrick was born in Britain of a Romanized family. At the age of 16, he
was kidnapped by Irish raiders from the villa of his father, a deacon and
local official, and brought into slavery in Ireland. He spent six long years
there as a herdsman, during which he turned to his faith for strength. He
later escaped back to Britain on a ship, where he was eventually reunited
with his family.

His years of captivity changed him and brought out a zeal for God and a yearning to
spread the message of Jesus Christ. Despite the con-
stant danger of martyrdom, he continued to travel
throughout Ireland where he baptized and confirmed
in the name of Christ. ©LPi



FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.)
Feb 26-27, 2022.....\$4027.00



Readings for the week of March 13, 2022

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or
3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt
21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom
4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21,

24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor
10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

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 **Linda at 518-209-6446**.