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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

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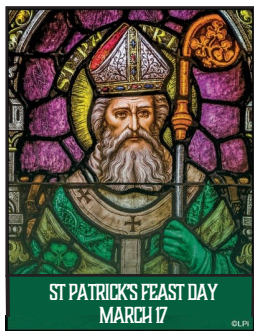
CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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.**



MARCH DVD: ST. PATRICK, THE IRISH LEGEND, MOVIE SHOWING ON MARCH 21 IN PARISH LIFE CENTER, 1:30 PM

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.

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

FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL AGES - Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry –

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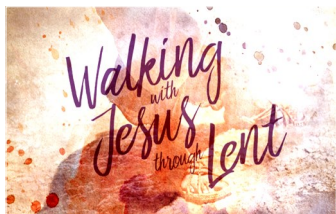
Faith Formation: 2023-2024

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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LENTEN DEVOTIONS: FRIDAYS AT 6 PM

We will have Stations of the Cross in the church on Friday at 6pm. Our young people and catechists will read the Stations 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.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Lost in the Crowd

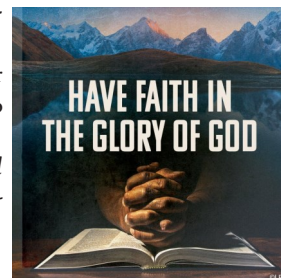
I write my phone number on my kids' arms when we go into large crowds at summer festivals, in case we get separated. If you think this makes me sound like a neurotic person with an overactive imagination who watches too many true crime documentaries, you would be correct. I am all of those things.

However, I am also practical, and I've endured moments of panic after looking up and briefly not being able to locate a child who has wandered off or lagged behind. The phone number, scrawled across their sunscreen-streaked skin, is a safeguard, however insignificant. It's something they can hold up to show an adult, something they can point to and say, "This is where I need to be. Help me get here."

When I reflect on my own life, it occurs to me that I was born lost. We all were. It was only in Eden that a human being ever knew what it was to be at home. In Eden, I would imagine, the feeling of safety was so natural that it was only noticed after it was gone. But original sin came like a noisy crowd to bear us away from the place we needed to be, and since that time, our human lives have played out against a backdrop of insecurity and unfamiliarity. We are cold and alone and confused. And God, our heartbroken parent, never stops seeking us, never stops calling our names.

Baptism, the etching of God's law onto our heart and soul, is not a phone number written on our arms. It's something far better — it's a homing signal, planted deep within. And it will lead us back to where we need to be.


"But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people." — Jeremiah 31:33 ©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.



In Memoriam ~ 2024

In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>3/9/25</small>	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>
ITEMS NEEDED FOR FOOD PANTRY IN MARCH:  Pasta Spaghetti Sauce Salad Dressing/Relish <i>Thank you for supporting IHM Food Pantry!</i> <i>— Mary Beth</i>		In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family <small>8/2/24</small>

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.

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

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.

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.

LIVE THE LITURGY - Inspiration for the week

Jesus reminds us that the grain of wheat can never realize its potential without sacrifice. God has a plan for each one of us. May He give you strength to become who you were born to be.
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Readings for the week of March 17, 2024

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

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: 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

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39



Your accumulated
offenses do not surpass
the multitude of God's
mercies...

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

QUESTION OF THE WEEK - REFLECT AND RESPOND

In Today's Second Reading: ~ Hebrews teaches us that Jesus struggled with his own impending suffering and death.
During this Lenten season, what has been a struggle for you?
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PRAYER OF BOLD ASK

God in heaven, Hear me as I call to you! Pour new life into me! Renew my heart in Your word! Help me to know You! Help me to glorify You, worship You, and trust You. Amen.
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~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

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

Tues., Mar 19

9:00am—Fr Mark Cunningham, parish

Wed., Mar 20

9:00am—Rita Donovan, parish

Thurs., Mar 21

9:00am—Rose Ann Murphy, parish

Sat., Mar 23

4:00pm—Margaret VanBuskirk, req by family

Joan Lewis, req by Charmaine/Daniel Frye The Deck Family, req by Karl & Joan

Sun., Mar 24 - Palm Sunday

7:30am—Marion Corbett, req by Carol Carlson & family

Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM

11:00am—Mary Eagan, req by Lorraine Alund



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