

# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

of Watervliet & Green Island, NY

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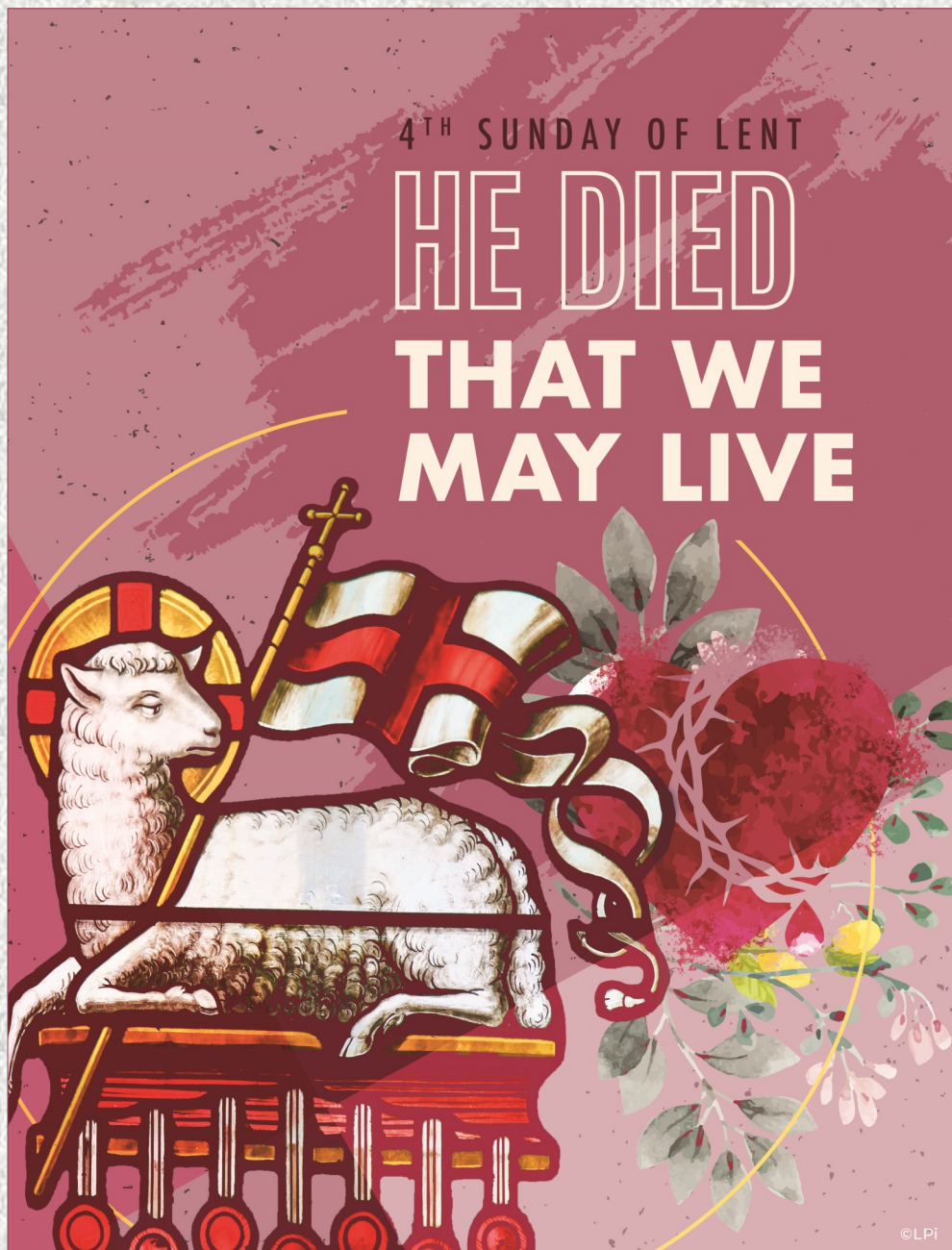
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## MARCH 19, 2023

Celebration of the Eucharist

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

Weekday Schedule

9:00 am Mass - Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

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



## Spaghetti Dinner for St. Joseph's Feast Day March 19 at 4:00 PM ~

***If you bought tickets, don't forget.*** We're celebrating St. Joseph's Feast Day with a Spaghetti Dinner this Sunday, March 19 at 4pm in the Parish Life Center. The dinner includes spaghetti, meatballs, sausage, bread, salad and dessert.

**Tickets will not be available at the door.** Questions?? Contact Linda Dunbar at 518-209-6446 or Sharon Kowalski at [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

**Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: ALL 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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

## Scripture Sharing: New Series, Max Lucado, "Help Is Here"

Come join us. All are invited. We meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

## Rosary Society: News Update

The Rosary Society recently changed its bylaws to include men as members. Please consider becoming a part of this organization devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. ***Sign-up sheets are on the table in the back of the church.*** Simply drop your membership request in the collection basket.

## Next Meeting for Rosary Society ...

On April 12th, the Rosary Society will meet in the Parish Life Center at 6:00pm.

## Faith Formation For All Ages ~ Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation & Youth Ministry- [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

### Faith Formation: 2022-2023:

Our March Faith Formation schedule will be March 19, 26. All sessions are 9:45 to 10:50am.

Please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) for more information or questions about Faith Formation and/or receiving sacraments at IHM.

***Please note: For cancellations of Faith Formation due to inclement weather, please check the local Spectrum TV stations.***

## *"The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life"*

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1407).



*The weekly celebration of the Eucharist on Saturday evening or Sunday morning defines who we are as Catholics – in our parishes, in our households of faith, in our neighborhoods, and in our world.*

We have **3 Mass options every weekend:** Saturday, 4pm; Sunday, 7:30am and 11am. ***See you in church!!***

## Readings for the week of March 19, 2023

Sunday: Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: 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

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: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



## 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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).


## March Calendar of Events

**Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 6pm**

**March 24, *Through the Eyes of Mary***

**March 31, *Stations of the Cross* presented by our Faith Formation classes.**

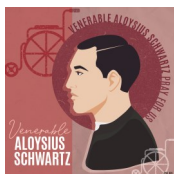
**Prayer Ministry** - If you would like prayers said for a family member, relative, or friend contact **Brenda** at 518-961-0169.

<div>  <h2>In Memoriam ~ 2023</h2> </div>		
In loving memory of <b>Albert F Morelli,</b> Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>2/18/24</small>	In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson <small>2/4/24</small>	In loving memory of <b>John A O'Brien</b> requested by the Family <small>10/29/23</small>
In loving memory of <b>William T Sr, Julia F</b> and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>8/20/23</small>	In loving memory of <b>The Barron &amp; Rys Families</b> requested by the Family <small>7/16/23</small>	In loving memory of <b>Bryan T Roberts (son)</b> Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>7/16/23</small>
In loving memory of <b>Adam &amp; Katherine Novak</b> <b>John &amp; Rosalie Novak &amp; Florence Szpot</b> requested by the Family <small>6/11/23</small>	In loving memory of <b>Joseph V Germano</b> requested by the Family <small>6/11/23</small>	In loving memory of <b>John T Sherlock</b> requested by his wife and Family <small>4/23/23</small>

### SAINT OF THE WEEK - EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

#### Ven. Aloysius Schwartz

Venerable Aloysius Schwartz (Father Al) spent his life embracing poverty, building hospitals, and supporting orphans in war-torn Korea, the Philippines, and the Americas. His legacy lives on through the religious orders he founded — the Sisters of Mary and the Brothers of Christ.



### (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS -

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

#### Not As Man Sees

I don't know Fr. Stu personally, but I've heard a fair number of his homilies. I think it is safe to assume that if he and I were to get into a discussion on any number of things, from church history to liturgical music to stand-up comedy, each of us would cringe at the opinions of the other.

But Fr. Stu happens to offer just about the only confession time within 20 miles of me that consistently works with my schedule. That means that, quite by accident, Fr. Stu is my regular confessor. For years now, he's sat patiently on the other side of the grille, listening to me pour out the details of my transgressions, from the pathetic to the embarrassing, and he absolves me of my sins.

In the Gospel, Christ links vision with humility and pride with blindness. We see again and again in Scripture how God delights in surprising us, in revealing himself through people, places, and experiences we not only didn't expect but perhaps had totally written off.

We are right to be proud of the truth, but we are wrong if the truth causes us to be proud of ourselves. The truth no more belongs to the one who believes it than sight belongs to the blind man in the Gospel. A gift does not reflect on the recipient. It reflects on the giver.

After a great deal of thought, I've decided to be grateful that God contrived to give me a confessor whom I strongly disagree with on so many things. It's a powerful reminder of how much I must receive from other people, even those I may think are wrong. In that confessional, Fr. Stu is only a priest, and I am only a sinner.

*"Not as man sees does God see."* — 1 Samuel 16:7

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Mar 18

4:00pm—Ted Testo, Sr, req by the family  
 Margaret Van Buskirk, req by the family  
 Peter Barron, req by Martha/Chuck Fandl

Sun., Mar 19

7:30am—Patrick Dunbar (B'day), req by Linda  
 Living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Bob Carlson, req by Judy Pope  
 Frank Blair, Sr (Anniv), req by daughter/grandson  
 Frank Blair, Jr (B'day), req by sister/nephew

Tues., Mar 21

9:00am—Nancy Comley, req by Judy/Phil Pope

Wed., Mar 22

9:00am—Nancy Comley, req by Marilyn Barron

Thurs., Mar 23

9:00am—Lucille/Thomas Trzcinski, req by Margaret Gonsowski  
 Mary Vogel, req by the family

Sat., Mar 25

4:00pm—the Deck Family, req by Karl/Joan  
 Mary Vogel, req by the family

Sun., Mar 26

7:30am—living & dec'd members of IHM  
 11:00am—Nancy Comley, req by the food pantry  
 Catherine Blair (B'day), req by daughter & grandson  
 Mary Rose MacLasco, req by Judy Pope

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**  
**Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.)**  
**Mar 4-5, '23.....\$12,331.00**