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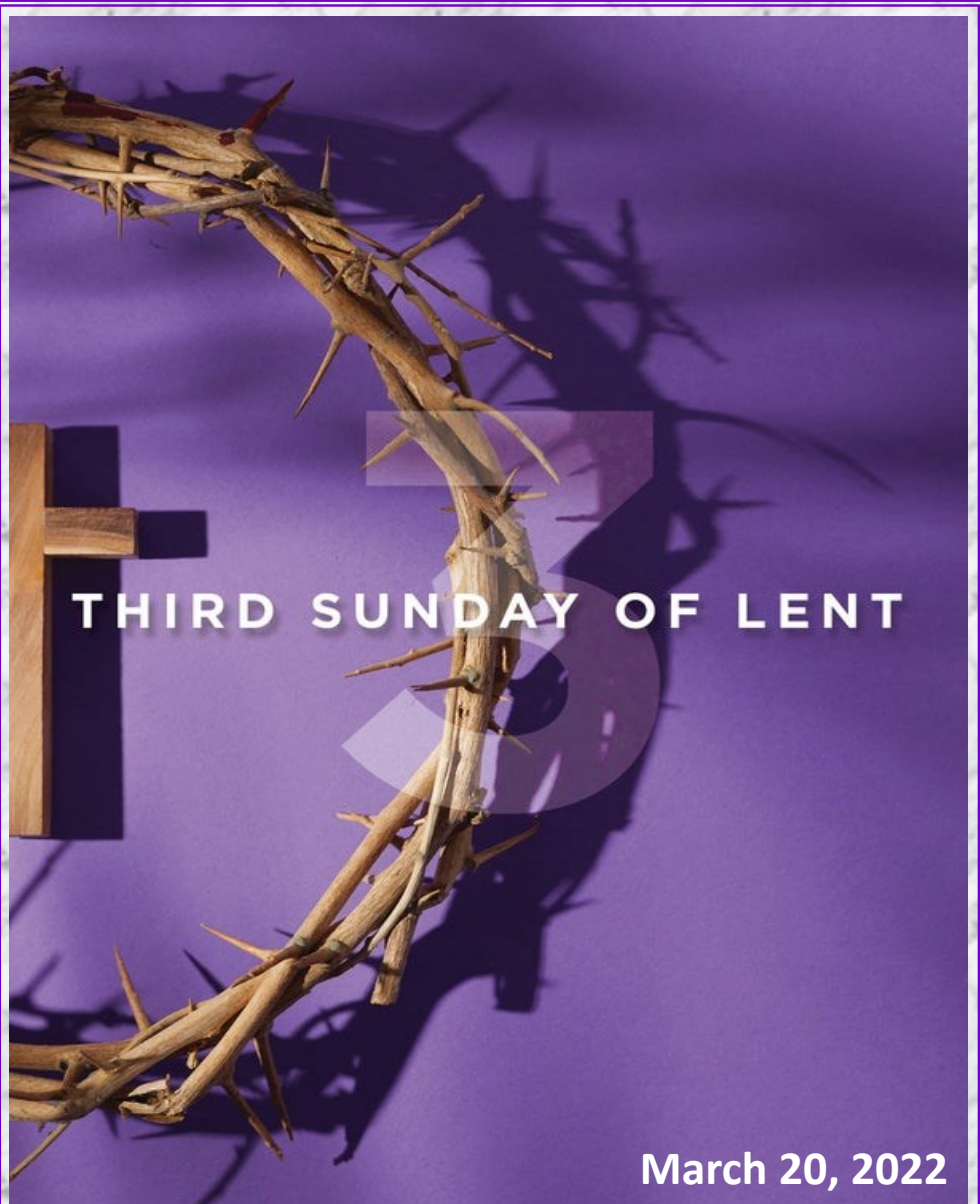
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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 20, 2022

*Take Up  
the  
Cross  
and  
Follow  
Me*



## Celebration of the Eucharist

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

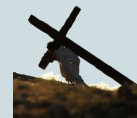
### Weekday Schedule

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

## *Journeying Through Lent...* Stations of the Cross: March 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 25: Everyone's Way of Cross ... April 1: Through the Eyes of Mary ... April 8: Living Stations



**Scripture Sharing: Ascension Press—No Greater Love** The series "No Greater Love" is a biblical walk through Christ's Passion. Consider joining us as part of your Lenten journey.

This week's session is entitled, "The Trial Before Pilate." (Matthew 27:1-31; Mark 15:1-20; Luke 23:1-25; John 18:28-19:16). Jesus is arrested, beaten and brought before the Sanhedrin. Yet, he remains the one in control. Only when the high priest Caiaphas puts him under oath does Jesus speak, saying he is "the Son of man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven". At this, the Sanhedrin charge him with blasphemy and condemn him to death.

Come join us. 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)

**Smile Train: Results** ~ Many thanks to all who donated to Smile Train. We again had 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.

**Faith Formation For All Ages:** Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)  
**Faith Formation: 2021-2022**

Faith Formation sessions for March and April will be March 20 and April 3, 10 and 24. All sessions are 9:45 to 10:50am.

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

Please contact Sharon at [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto: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.

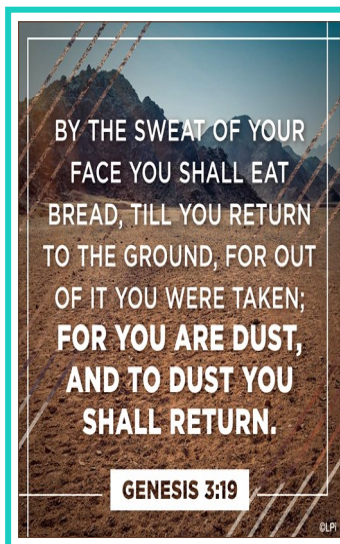
### **Saints P & J Breakfast Is This Sunday, March 20!!**

Just a reminder – The breakfast honoring Saints Patrick and Joseph will be held **this morning, March 20** immediately following the 11am Mass. Hopefully you purchased your tickets and will join us in the Parish Life Center for a delicious breakfast prepared by the Black Bear Inn (Joe Skumurski of our parish).

**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](mailto: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 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).



### **LIVE THE LITURGY - Inspiration of the week**

God clearly reveals his identity as "I am who am." God, who is really beyond all names, is the One who simply "is" as the ground of all being. This ever-existing, uncreated, and all-encompassing presence of unconditional God, who is Love, is very patient as he waits for us to grow and change. God is so near to us that it is easy to miss his presence. As true love requires, God seeks a devoted, intimate, free, and exclusive relationship with each of us. As we walk through the parched, desert experiences of our lives it is easily in our thirst for water and a respite from the heat that we reach for and construct idols that will bring us immediate relief and satisfaction. These false gods, made out of our comforts and earthly desires can quickly take the place of the One who really has first dibs on our hearts. Humans have often wandered far away from God as St. Paul reminds us. In helping each other cultivate and fertilize the ground upon which we walk, God gives us yet another chance to bear fruit and return. ©LPI



<div>  <h2>In Memoriam ~ 2022</h2> </div>		
In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>2/19/23</small>	In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson <small>2/5/23</small>	In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family <small>10/23/22</small>
In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family <small>9/4/22</small>	In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>8/21/22</small>	In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family <small>7/17/22</small>
In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>7/17/22</small>	In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family <small>4/10/22</small>	In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski <small>3/20/22</small>

### MASS INTENTIONS

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 his wife Linda

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

Tues., Mar 22

9:00am—Elizabeth Rushia/Marie Pasquini, req by Mary Anne Forslin

Wed., Mar 23

9:00am—for all the people in harms way in Ukraina

Thurs., Mar 24

9:00am—Farrell & Synan families, Estate

Fri., Mar 25—**STATIONS OF CROSS: 6:00PM**

Sat., Mar 26

4:00pm—Raymond Skiba, req by Bob/Carol Carlson  
 Joann MacKey, req by Frederick Hudy

Sun., Mar 27

8:30am—Living & dec'd members of IHM  
 11:00am—John V Roberts, req by family  
 Frank Blair, Jr (B'day), req by sister/nephew  
 Catherine Blair (B'day), req by dgtr/grandson

### FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

*Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.)*

Mar 5-6, 2022.....\$6061.00

### LEGNARD CURTIN AUXILIARY 927

We need your cash register tapes. Go to the Customer Service area in Price Chopper and register your Advantage card and pick out a school of your choice. You can drop them off at the parish office or in the white striped box located in the Church Lobby next to the Food Pantry wicker basket. Questions? Please call Brenda at 518-271-6184.

### Question for the Week: "Reflect - Respond"

#### First Reading:

In his initial encounter with the Lord, Moses learns the name of God, "I AM."

*What insight does this give us into the nature of the divine?*

#### Second Reading:

Paul believed that the past mistakes of the ancient Israelites in the desert served as an example of the dangers of too much self-confidence. *How can one best avoid arrogance in faith?*

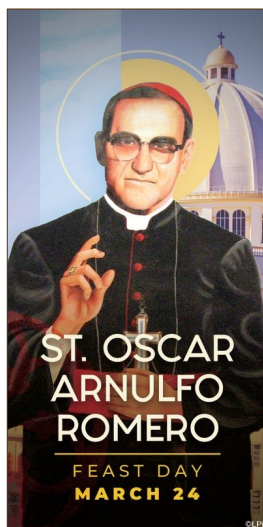
#### Gospel:

In the parable of the barren fig tree, Jesus taught the crowds of the need to repent in order to bear good fruit. *For what do you need to repent in this season of Lent?*

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**PRAYER TREE MINISTRY** - Almost everyone believes in the power of prayer. At some point in our lives, we all need prayers. It simply means taking a few minutes out of your day to pray for others. Please consider becoming a member of our Prayer Tree Ministry. Interested? Contact Linda at 518-209-6446.

*"Prayer is the key that unlocks all doors."*



### Readings for the week of March 20, 2022

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

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

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

Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32