

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

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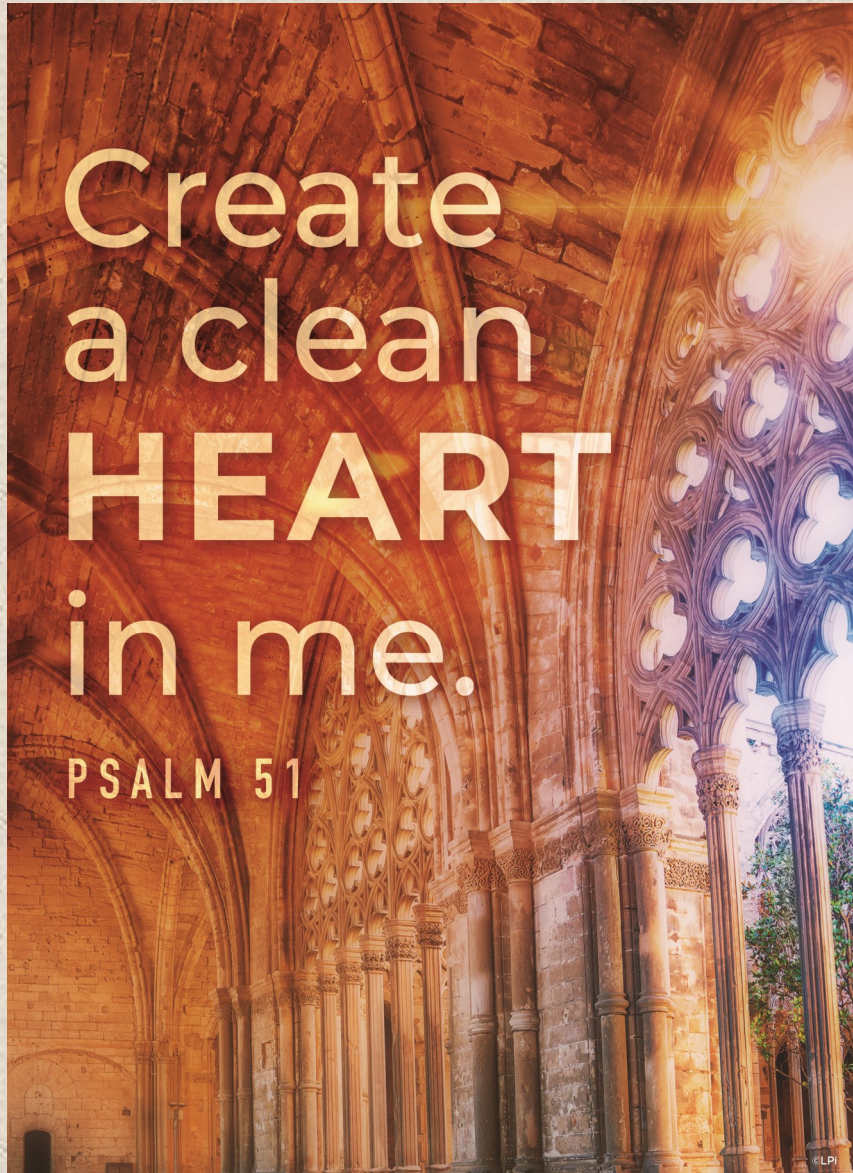
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MARCH 21, 2021

Celebration of the Eucharist

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

Weekday Schedule

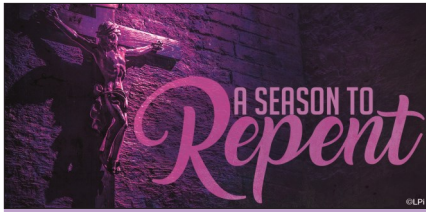
Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday at 9:00am

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

Stations of the Cross (during Lent) - Every Friday at 6:00pm

Church and Parish Center - Handicapped Accessible

WELCOME



LENT 2021 at Immaculate Heart of Mary

Lent and Easter are the holiest seasons of our church year, and a time to reflect on the love that Jesus has for all of us. We have many activities planned to help us all grow closer to Our Lord and to each other during these forty days. We hope this schedule will help you plan and prepare for the season of Lent.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 6:00 PM in the Church

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 **6 PM on Fridays**. Sometimes to really understand the journey, you have to walk in the footsteps of Jesus on His way to the Cross.

March 26: Biblical Way of the Cross



April 2, God Friday

Little Black Books – Books containing daily meditations for Lent are available in the back of the Church.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl —This year our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that will help you experience Lenten spirituality by living in solidarity with people in need around the world. Visit “crsricebowl.org” to watch videos of people and communities whose lives your Lenten gifts are changing through CRS Rice Bowl. Please save what you can. We will be collecting your CRS Rice Bowls at the end of Lent.

Scripture Sharing: Metanoia ~ * Please note: Next Thursday, April 1 is Holy Thursday. We will not meet on Holy Thursday or April 8. We will begin a new series from Ascension Press on April 15.)

Our series from Franciscan Media is called *Metanoia* (change, conversion, repent). We will end this series this week on March 25. The last episode is entitled, *Do You Love Me?*. (“The Gospel lives in conversation with the culture, and if the Church holds back from the culture, the Gospel itself falls silent.” St. John Paul II)

For all those interested, we meet on 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: 2020-2021; MARCH SESSIONS: PLEASE NOTE CHANGES

Mr. Passonno’s class will meet in the Parish Life Center on **March 21**. Mr. Gleason’s class will meet in the Faith Formation Center on **March 28**. Mrs. Carabis’ and Mrs. Kowalski’s class will meet in the Parish Life Center – with their parent(s) - on **March 28**. See you at 9:45am on those Sundays!!

Please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or 518-328-0427 for more information or questions.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW):

Currently on hiatus.

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.

After the first of the year, we will be meeting on Tuesday evenings at 6pm. We would like to welcome Brock Palmatier to the RCIA process and ask that you keep him in your prayers.



Mary’s Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: **TAKE OUT!!**

Mary’s Kitchen is serving meals again!! For the present time, we can do TAKE OUT meals only. All are welcome. Why cook when we’ve done it for you?? Stop by between 3 to 5pm on Monday and pick up a meal all ready for you to take home: Soup, salad, sandwich, entrée and dessert!!

Thanks to the Matthew’s who have provided desserts for Mary’s Kitchen. Freihofer’s is good, but home baked is better!!


Email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration of the week

How do we convince people that God’s law is written upon their hearts? God is wedded to God’s people. This is a simple and fundamental fact of life. Yet, many ignore this truth and carry on as if they, or humanity as a whole, are the center of the universe. As a grain of wheat has to fall to the ground and die in order to become what it really is, we too must die to our secular images and ideas of ourselves so that we can become who God really made us to be. If all of us kept our focus on God’s deep bonded love with human beings, indeed with our very self, then there would be no need to teach others this fundamental life lesson. They would simply know this truth, as Jeremiah tells us. Somehow, perhaps through original lost our way and our axis. It is time to find our way back, God is saying and become aware of the Then, even in our darkest hour when all the model of obedience, “Father, glorify can come to know the Lord and what

and personal sin, we have lost sight of this reality. We have to learn the virtue of obedience, to pay attention to what Divine Love that is the reason for all creation. may seem to be lost, we can say as did Jesus, your name,” By this perseverance, people God has done. ©LPI



In Memoriam ~ 2021		
 <p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson 2/6/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan 1/23/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family 10/24/21</p>
<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family 9/5/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family 8/22/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family 7/18/21</p>
<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope 7/18/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family 7/11/21</p>	<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski 3/21/21</p>

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

When Our Own Hour Comes

We parents know that it's tricky, tackling the topic of fear with our kids. We want them to know that it's okay to be scared, that it's something we all feel from time to time. We want them to understand that bravery isn't the absence of fear, but the choices we make in persevering despite that feeling.

Most of all, we want to model the right kind of behavior for our kids. Whatever our scary situation is — illness, a job loss, life changes — we want them to see us make a choice to face that fear head-on. Jesus seems to be the parent who is gently broaching the topic of fear with his children. A great sense of foreboding hangs over these readings.

Jesus knew what was coming. He knew it was going to be hard, both for him and for his followers, who did not have his courage. Even he admits to being "troubled" and he speaks of "the time of judgment." There is the dramatic raising of Lazarus, the talk of how a grain of wheat must die in order to bear fruit, the depiction of Christ as an obedient student of his own suffering.

"Yet what should I say?" he asks them. "'Father, save me from this hour?' But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour." This week, Christ gives us a very parental gift: He shows us his fear, and he shows us how to conquer it. He challenges us to embrace the purpose for which we came to this hour — whatever that hour may hold. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Reflections for the Week

First Reading:

Around 600 BC, Jeremiah prophesied that God would establish a new, unbreakable covenant with his people, one written "upon their hearts." In what ways is your faith heart-felt?

Second Reading:

The author of Hebrews teaches us that Jesus learned "obedience" from his suffering. What have been some fruits from the suffering in your life?

Gospel:

We hear today of Jesus' own struggle with his impending death. During this Lenten season, what has been a struggle for you? ©LPi



IHM Prayer Ministry ~ We be-

lieve 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 Brenda Persons at 518-271-6184.

M A S S I N T E N T I O N S	Sat., Mar 20
	4:00pm—Margaret VanBuskirk, req by Peg Fisk
	George Fallati, req by Michael/Kathy Carroll
	Deputy Sheriff Joseph Iachetta, req by Donna Barbaro & family
	Sun., Mar 21
	8:30am—Elizabeth Rushia/Marie Pasquini req by the family
	Charles Rutherford, req by Gail Mantello
	Living /deceased members of IHM
	11:00am—Pat Connors, req by the Counters
	Michael Kowalski, req by Nancy Comley
	Deputy Sheriff Joseph Iachetta, req by Donna Barbaro & family
	Tues., Mar 23
	9:00am—Charles Rutherford, req by Judith & Philip Pope
	Wed., Mar 24
	9:00am—Charles Rutherford, req by Marilyn & Pete Barron
	Thurs., Mar 25
	9:00am—DiNuzzo, LoParco, Burnham families, Estate
	Sat., Mar 27
	4:00pm—Catherine Blair (B'day, req by daughter/grandson
	Pat Connors, req by Lorna McCarten
	Charles Rutherford, req by Ann Callahan
	Sun., Mar 28
	8:30am—Pat Connors, req by Judith Pope
	Claudia Amrod, req by Jeannie Brennan
	Richard Mullaney, req by Bob & Carol Carlson
	11:00am—living & dec'd members of IHM
	Barbaro & Cutulle families, req by Donna Barbaro
	Charles Rutherford, req by Michael & Sharon Kowalski

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Weekly Collection (incl Mail-in/E.G.)
Mar 6-7, 2021—\$7123.00