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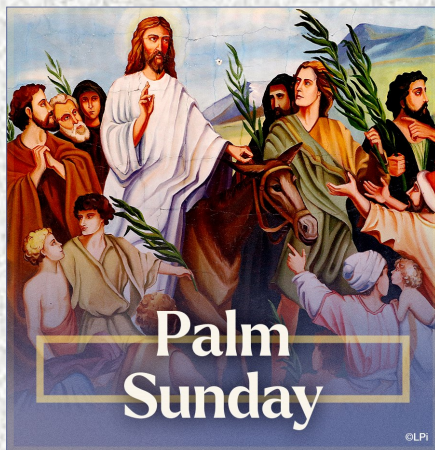
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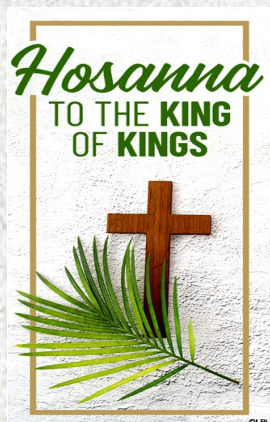
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MARCH 24, 2024



Holy Week



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

\*Holy Week Schedule on inside page



## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS ~ *Walk Every Step with Christ*

Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.

It's okay for us to be excited for Easter. We've waited so long, after all. In my opinion it's one of the best feelings there is: the yearning we have in our hearts for the Resurrection as we embark on Palm Sunday. And in a purely logical sense, many of us have Easter celebrations for which we are preparing, and practical considerations to contend with. It's going to be a busy week, one likely full of happy distractions.

But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let's not "skip" Holy Week. Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book, to fast-forward to the final scene of the movie. Don't rob yourself of the journey. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.

It may sound strange, to advise someone to savor the moments of Holy Week. There are so many violent and heartrending moments, after all. But this is the valley of tears, remember — we are not in Heaven yet. And here, in our fallen, sin-filled world, it is the heartrending moments that seem to matter the most.

These are the moments that define us as Catholics. Live them. Cherish them. Be present for each one.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



### SCRIPTURE SHARING: *The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy*

**Please note: because of Holy Week, we will not have Scripture on Thursday, March 28.**

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

### 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).



**Holy Week Schedule of Services & Masses**  
**March 28 - Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 PM**  
**March 29 - Good Friday, Stations of the Cross at 12 Noon**  
**Passion Service of the Lord at 5:30 PM**  
**March 30 - Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass at 7:30 PM**  
**March 31 - Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord Mass at 10 AM**

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

#### 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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

#### 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!! The results are in. **Through donations and the Bake Sale, we raised \$2222 for Smile Train AND are eligible for a 5x matching grant.** God bless you for your caring and generosity!!



# In Memoriam ~ 2024

<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald &amp; Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don &amp; Patti Hogan <small>3/9/25</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys &amp; The Butlers requested by Bob &amp; Carol Carlson <small>2/2/25</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family <small>12/15/24</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>8/18/24</small></p>	<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski <small>8/18/24</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>7/14/24</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family <small>8/2/24</small></p>		



## Prayer for Palm Sunday

Blessed be your name, oh Lord my God! As we enter this week of your Passion and Death, keep me in lockstep with you. Help me to be attentive to every word you would have me hear, every lesson you would have me learn. I want to journey with you. Amen.

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## Readings for the week of of March 24, 2024

**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

**Monday:** Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday:** *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:* Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

**Friday:** Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

**Saturday: Easter Vigil:** Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

**Easter Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

## Question of the Week ~

### In Today's First Reading,

Despite Isaiah's suffering, we hear how the prophet Isaiah found strength in his faith and fidelity to God. *How does your faith help you through professional or family challenges?*

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

## ITEMS NEEDED FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY THIS MONTH:

- Chicken/Beef broth
- Salad Dressings (small size)
- Pudding/Jello
- Drinks, juices (individual size)

Thank you for supporting IHM Food Pantry!

— Mary Beth

## ~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

Sat., Mar 23

4pm—Margaret Van Buskirk, 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

11am—Mary Eagan, req by Lorraine Alund

Tues., Mar 26

9am—Catherine Dooley, parish  
William T Fahr, req by family

Wed., Mar 27

9am—Evelyn Puleo, parish



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Thurs., Mar 28 -**HOLY THURSDAY/LAST SUPPER**  
7:30pm—Mass of the Lord's Supper

Fri., Mar 29 -**GOOD FRIDAY**

12 noon—Stations of the Cross  
5:30pm—Passion of the Lord

Sat., Mar 30 -**HOLY SATURDAY**

7:30pm - Easter Vigil  
The Bulger Family, Estate

Sun., Mar 31 -**EASTER SUNDAY/RESURRECTION**  
10am—Donald, Mary, & Charles Rutherford  
Genevieve & Anthony Proucop, req by family

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**  
*Weekend Collection, Mail-in, E.G.*  
Mar. 9-10 '24 - \$5465.00