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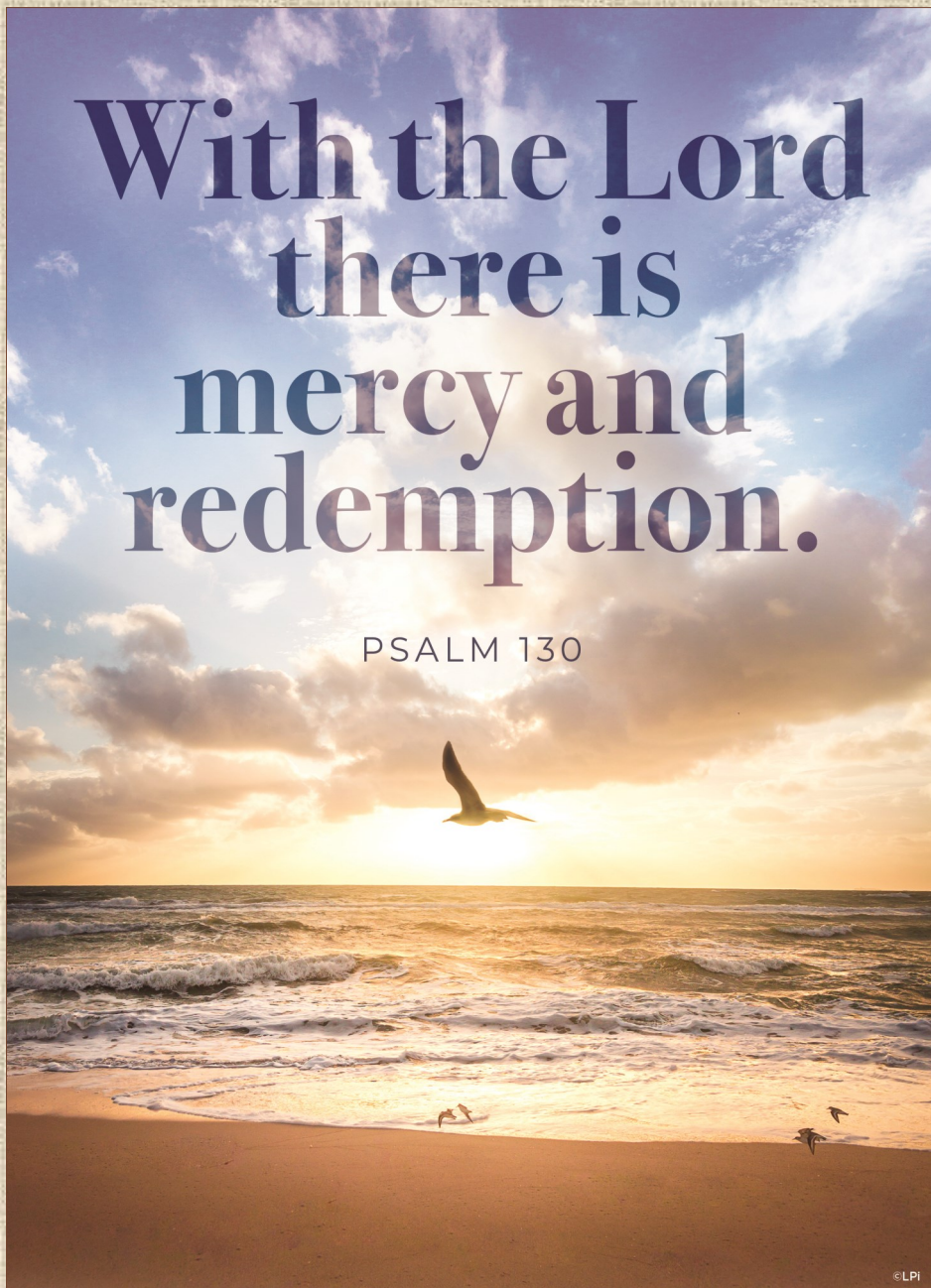
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With the Lord there is mercy and redemption.

PSALM 130



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 26, 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



Gospel Meditation - A Deeper Understanding of Scripture

5th Sunday of Lent

Of all Jesus' miracles, the most unsettling might be when he made a dead person alive. We know of three times when he did so: a girl, a young man, and Lazarus. The miracle teaches us he has the power of life and death. He anticipates his resurrection. Sin hurts us. Some sin kills us, spiritually. The three miracles reveal to us that no matter our circumstances, Jesus can give life to us.

The three miracles are instructive of the three ways we feel dead. The little dead girl symbolizes sin before it has time to mature. She's in bed and, once alive, gets right back to her life. The young man is lying in his casket in a funeral procession. This is sin allowed to fester, to grow and become somewhat normalized. Once raised, he has a short walk back home. Lazarus, a full-grown dead man, lies wrapped in burial bands in the tomb. Once he is raised, much needs to be done. He'll need to remove those bands, find new clothes, and travel all the way back home. That is sin allowed to go all the way, unchecked for months or years. It's the most spectacular of the three and reveals Jesus' glory more than the others.

What hope that should give us, for us and those whom we love! Jesus knows our sin hurts us and can even kill us spiritually. No matter the extent of the damage, he is always ready for the miracle of making the dead fully alive.

— Father John Muir



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Faith Formation For All Ages

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Faith Formation: 2022-2023:

Our March and April Faith Formation schedule will be March 26, April 2, 16 and 23. All sessions are 9:45 to 10:50am.

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.

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

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

Rosary Society Meeting ~ The Rosarians will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 6:00pm in the Parish Life Center. Please try to attend.

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. There are sign-up sheets are on the table in the back of the church. Simply drop your membership request in the collection basket.

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 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.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - Stations of the Cross

Question:

Who invented the Stations of the Cross?

Answer:

The first Stations of the Cross were walked by Jesus himself on the way to Calvary. Known as the "Via Dolorosa" ("The Way of Suffering") or the "Via Crucis" ("The Way of the Cross"), it was marked out from the earliest times and was a traditional walk for pilgrims who came to Jerusalem. The early Christians in Jerusalem would walk the same pathway that Jesus walked, pausing for reflection and prayer. Later, when Christians could not travel to the Holy Land, artistic depictions of "The Way of the Cross" were set up in churches, or outside and Christians would walk from station to station, reading the Gospel account of the Passion, or simply praying and reflecting on each event. While the content or place of each station had changed, the intention was to make a mini-pilgrimage and follow--literally--in the footsteps of Jesus.

This devotion became better known in the Middle Ages, and the Franciscans are credited with its spread. Lent is a time when many people make the Stations and some churches present Passion plays or Living Stations. But anyone can pray the Stations at any time. It is a simple and personal reflection on the passion of Jesus and what it means to us.

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March 31 at 6:00 PM, Stations of the Cross ~
Presented by our Faith Formation classes



In Memoriam ~ 2023

<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan</p> <p>2/18/24</p>	<p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson</p> <p>2/4/24</p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p>10/29/23</p>
<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski</p> <p>9/17/23</p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p>8/20/23</p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p>7/16/23</p>
<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>7/16/23</p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p>6/11/23</p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p>6/11/23</p>
<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p>4/23/23</p>		

April DVD: April 20, "Heaven is for Real"

On Thursday, April 20 at 1:30pm in the Parish Life Center, we will see a film based on the real life story of Colton Burpo, a young boy who claims to have visited Heaven during a near death experience. It also recounts the struggles of his father to find the courage and conviction to share his son's extraordinary and life changing experience with others.

Did it really happen?? That we don't know for sure but, in this Easter season we do know and can proclaim that Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, conquered death, rose from the dead and resides in Heaven for all eternity.

Come join us. All are welcome. Contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org for more information.



"With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption." (Ps 130)



Readings for the week of March 26, 2023

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45

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: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

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

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

Question for the week to Reflect and Respond

In today's second reading Paul insists that for believers, the Spirit dwelling within us gives life to our mortal bodies, raising us from the dead as Christ was raised from the dead. How does this impact your thoughts about death itself?

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Mar 25

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

Sun., Mar 26

7:30am—Living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Nancy Comley, req by the Food Pantry

Mary Rose MacLasco, req by Judy Pope Catherine Blair (B'day)

Tues., Mar 28

9:00am—Farrell & Synan Families, Estate

Wed., Mar 29

9:00am—Lorraine Garceau, req by Margaret Gonsowski

Thurs., Mar 30

9:00am—DiNuzzo, LoParco, Burnham Families, Estate

Sat., Apr 1

4:00pm—Jane Carabis, req by Albany Salon 121-8 & 40

Robert Carlson, req by Bob & Sandy Beston Postulka & Fonda Family, req by the family

Sun., Apr 2—PALM SUNDAY/PASSION OF LORD

7:30am—Living & dec'd members of IHM

11:00am—Carole Maloney, req by Don Nancy Comley, req by Soup Kitchen



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Mar 11-12, '23.....\$6888.00