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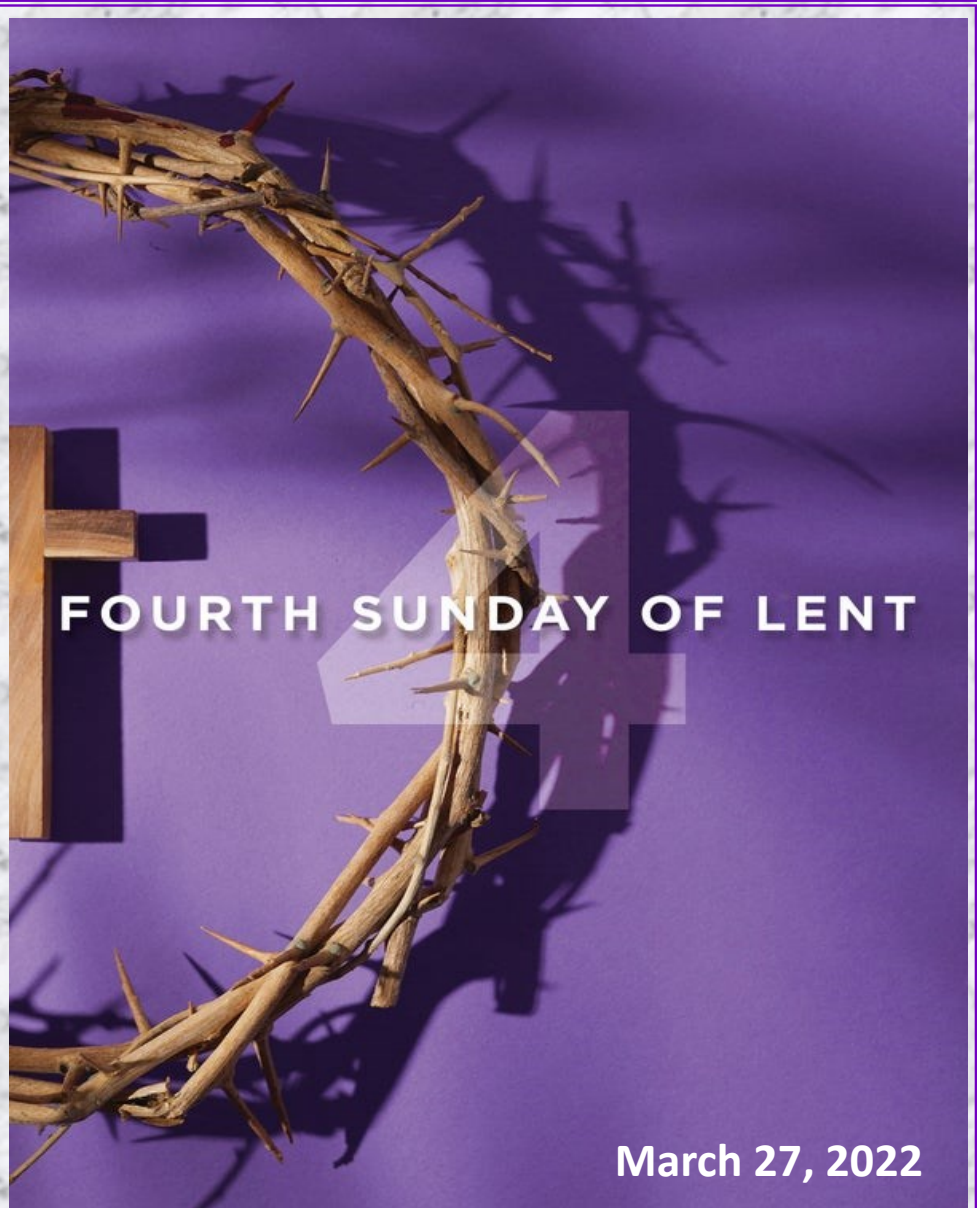
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March 27, 2022

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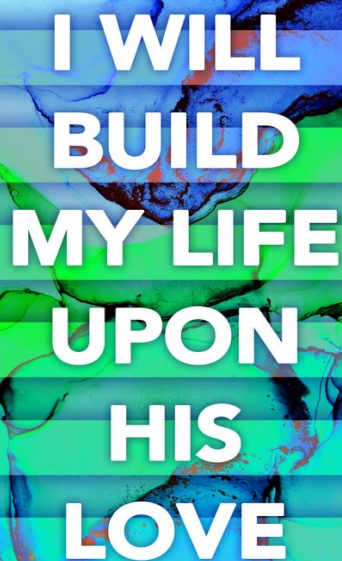


## Celebration of the Eucharist

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



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**RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS . . .**

### *The Face on God's Brochure*

When a church is raising funds for a new building or a diocese is launching a stewardship appeal, there is usually someone — or several someone's — who serves as the face of the campaign. Maybe it's a married couple, or a family, or a group of folks who have been particularly active in the community and can speak to the worthiness of whatever endeavor is being undertaken.

Oftentimes, for better or worse, we fill that role for God. We are the face on the front of His promotional brochure. If we call ourselves Christians, that means that people will meet Christ through us. That's what being an Everyday Steward is — a steward, everyday; someone who conducts his Master's business when the Master is not seen.

It can be intimidating because we have so much baggage and no capabilities of our own. But then we remember that we are offered reconciliation through Christ — that "the old things have passed away, (and) new things have come" (2 Corinthians 5:17). We remember that we are the prodigal sons, and the fattened calf has been slaughtered on our behalf.

But it's a role that requires commitment. The story of the prodigal son is only compelling and only means something because the son, presumably, embraced his reconciliation to his father. He didn't go on to abandon him again.

So let us think to ourselves each day, "Whoever I encounter will meet Christ's ambassador. I was dead and have come to life again. How can I speak to the worthiness of that reconciliation? How can I make others desire it?"

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

### **Faith Formation For All Ages:**

**Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry**

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### **Faith Formation: 2021-2022**

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

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.

**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).

### *Journeying Through Lent...* Stations of the Cross: 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.

**April 1: Through the Eyes of Mary - April 8: Living Stations**

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

### **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!! Recently, Fr. Sam has joined us to help out at the soup kitchen. It is a pleasure, not only for our volunteers but also for our guests, to have him be part of things!!

Questions?? Please contact Sharon at [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) or call 518-328-0427 for more information.


### **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 Death of the Messiah: Jesus carries His Cross, is crucified, and dies." (Matthew 27:32-66; Mark 15:21-47; Luke 23:26-56; John 19:17-42). Besides looking at the events that lead up to Jesus' Crucifixion and Death, we will also examine the extraordinary events that occur when Jesus dies: the Roman centurion's statement, "Truly, this is the Son of God"; the tearing of the temple veil; the unbroken bones of Jesus; the blood and water flowing from His side and the unusual circumstances of His burial.

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).



<div>  <h2>In Memoriam ~ 2022</h2> </div>		
In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>2/19/22</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 memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski <small>9/18/22</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>

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Mar 26

4:00pm—Raymond Skiba, req by Bob/Carol Carlson  
 Joann (Razzano) 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

Tues., Mar 29

9:00am—Madeline T Whaley, req by Dolores A Shaw

Wed., Mar 30

9:00am—Michael H Thibodeau, req by Eleanor Hack

Thurs., Mar 31

9:00am—Thomas/Helen Sullivan, Estate

Fri., Apr 1—**STATIONS OF CROSS: 6:00PM**

Sat., Apr 2

4:00pm—Frances Pazzo, req by EMcKeon  
 Donald J Lattimore, Sr, req by Burniche, Brammer & Koniszewski families

Sun., Apr 3

8:30am—Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM  
 11:00am—Carole Maloney & son Jeff, req by husband Don

### FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

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

Mar 12-13, 2022.....\$3410.00

**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.

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

#### First Reading:

After the Israelites settled into the land of Canaan (the Promised Land), no longer was there any need for the "manna" from heaven. As the season of Lent continues, what have you been able to let go of?

#### Second Reading:

Paul emphasized to the Corinthians the importance of reconciliation with God. Why do you think reconciliation is so key to our relationship with God?

#### Gospel:

In Jesus' parable of the lost (prodigal) son, which character do you most resonate with, and why? ©LPi

### Readings for the week of March 27, 2022

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

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

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

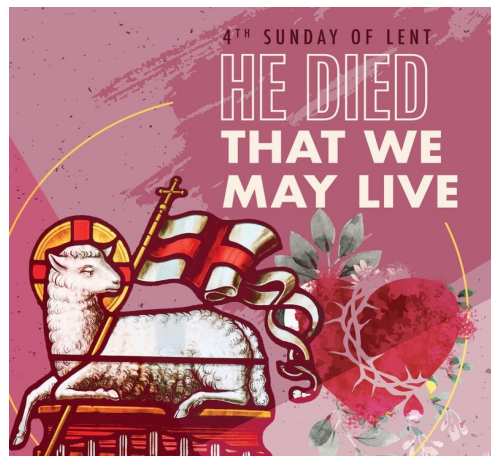
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

### A Note from Brenda

Persons Thank you all for your cards and prayers while I have been recuperating from a broken hip. See you soon.

*Thank You!*



### LEGNARD CURTIN AUXILLIARY 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.