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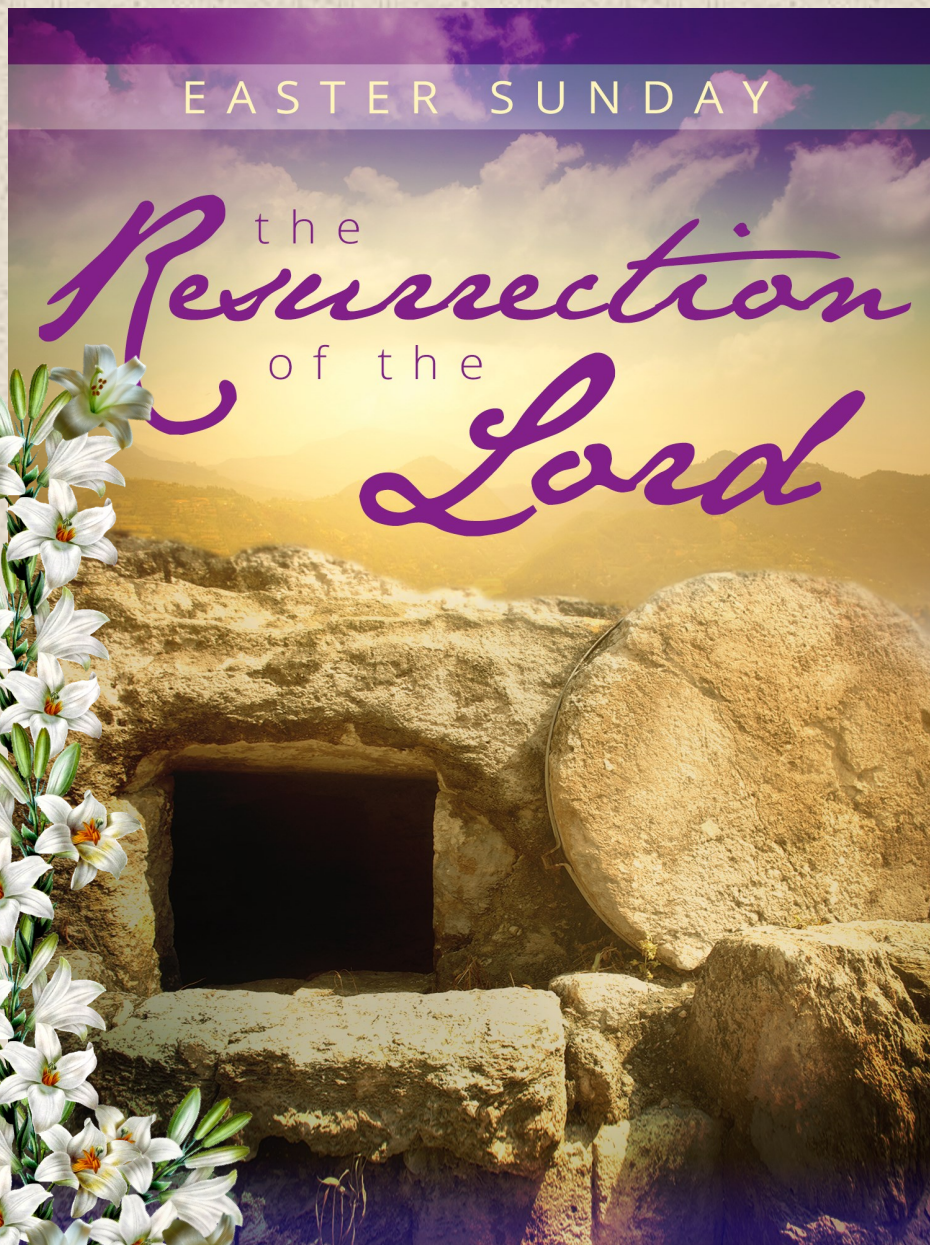
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MARCH 31, 2024

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

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

- By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

What Would Mary Do?

This Easter morning, I am thinking of Mary Magdalene. I want to know her state of mind as she approached the tomb in the darkness. Was she afraid? Was she thinking clearly? Was she tired? Had grief and trauma robbed her of her sleep the last two nights? What did she intend to do? Anoint Christ's body, yes — but what else? Kiss his hands, trace the markings where the lash had fallen upon his skin? Say goodbye? Weep? Despair?

What were the words she planned to whisper into the cold, empty darkness that morning, as she wept over God's body?

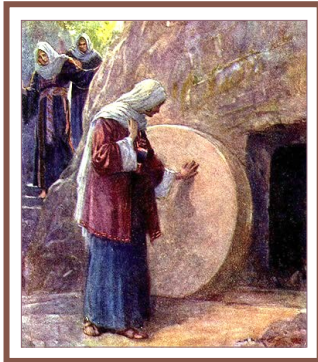
I don't know anything about her state of mind that Easter morning, except that I know she wanted to be with Christ. Perhaps that was all she knew, too. Perhaps she had no other thought, no other desire, than nearness to him. She didn't need to understand everything, and she didn't expect answers — she didn't dare hope for that.

But everything and everyone had fallen apart around her, and in Jesus' presence she knew her heart would be able to rest.

If you have ever been in the midst of a crisis in your life and found yourself pacing the floors of your house when no one else is awake, muttering the words to a prayer you know by heart, you know what Mary Magdalene felt. In those moments, we do not always feel God's presence. Sometimes, when we look for Him, we only see an empty tomb.

When these dark moments come, I pray you will remember the faithfulness of this great saint. Be like Mary Magdalene. Look for Jesus, always. You may not always find him, but he will always find you.

"She ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, 'They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him.'" — John 20:2 ©LPi



Prayer of Blessing

Dear Lord,
Pour your blessings upon us today, we who trust in your name and call upon you. Send us your Spirit, enlighten our hearts, fill our lives with your abundance. Amen. ©LPi

SCRIPTURE SHARING: *The Prophets:*

Messengers of God's Mercy

Note: We will meet for Scripture this Thursday, April 4.

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.

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.

FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL AGES - Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

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Faith Formation: 2023-2024

Please note: We will not have Faith Formation sessions on Easter Sunday, March 31. Classes will resume on Sunday, April 7.

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 or 518-328-0427 for more information or questions about Faith Formation and/or receiving sacraments at IHM.



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Even as the disciples saw the empty tomb and the discarded burial cloths, they did not understand what had happened. But they kept faith, trusting that the Lord was at work. Let us keep that same faith when we do not find God where we expect Him to be. ©LPi

MARY'S KITCHEN: Mondays, 3pm to 5pm ALL ARE WELCOME!!

NOTE: Mary's Kitchen will be closed on Easter Monday, April 1.

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.



In Memoriam ~ 2024

<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>3/9/25</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & 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 & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>7/14/24</small></p>
<p>RESULTS FOR SMILE TRAIN AND POLAR BEAR AND 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!!</p>		<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family <small>8/2/24</small></p>

ITEMS NEEDED FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY:

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

*Thank you for your continuing support of IHM Food Pantry!
— Mary Beth*

~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

- 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

- Tues., Apr 2
9am—Harold Joyce, parish
- Wed., Apr 3
9am—Thomas W McNally, parish
- Thurs., Apr 4
9am—James Dolan, parish
- Sat., Apr 6
4pm—Mary Eagan, req by friend
Henry DelBrocco, req by Jo-Ann & Natalie
Kyle LaFountain, req by Brenda Persons
- Sun., Apr 7
7:30am—Walter Muir (5th Anniv), req by the family
Mary Eagan, req by Carol Carlson & family
Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM
11am—Carole Maloney, req by her husband
Helen Conery, req by Joan Sherlock and daughters

QUESTION OF THE WEEK TO REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

Gospel:

Mary Magdala, Peter, and the Beloved Disciple were the first to experience the joy and mystery of the empty tomb.
Do you recall when you first started believing in the resurrection of Jesus?
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Readings for the week of March 31, 2024

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
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

*We are an
Easter people
and
Alleluia
is our song*

PRAYER TEAM MINISTRY

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

Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

Happy
EASTER



FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
Weekend Collection, Mail-in, E.G.
Mar. 16-17 '24 - \$4225.00

“The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church’s life.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1407). The weekly celebration of the Eucharist on Saturday evening or Sunday morning defines who we are as Catholics – in our parishes, in our households of faith, in our neighborhoods, and in our world.

We have **3 Mass options every weekend:** Saturday, 4pm; Sunday, 7:30am and 11am.

See you in church!!