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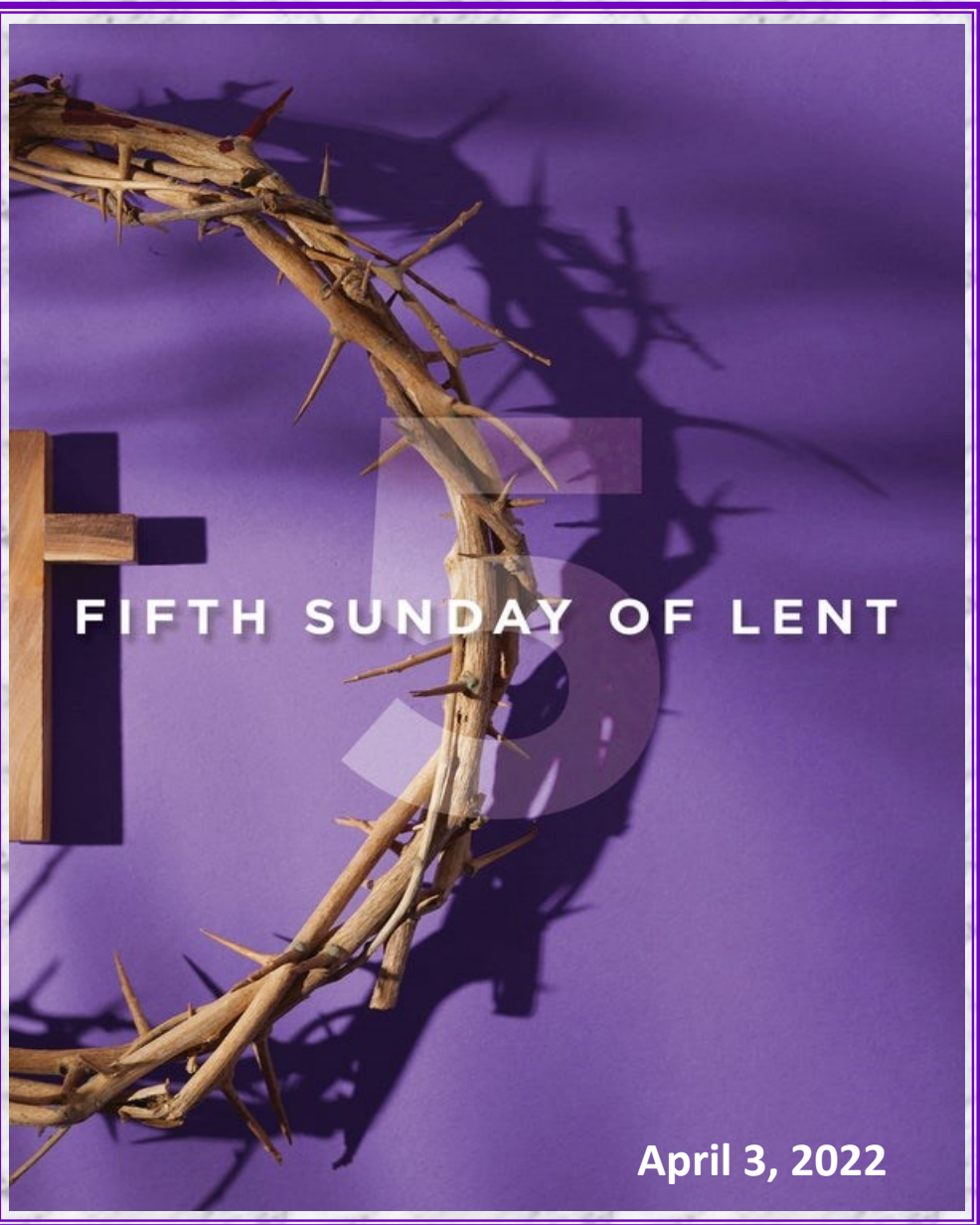
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*Take Up
the
Cross
and
Follow
Me*



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

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Make a Way . . .

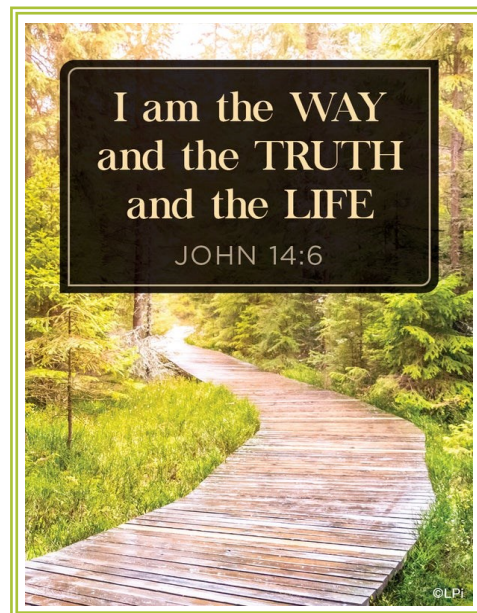
What's your comfort zone: emotionally, professionally, personally? We all have one. But did you realize that you can have one spiritually? Think about what you like and what you don't particularly enjoy when it comes to church, prayer, and liturgy. We all have "those songs" we crinkle our noses at, either because they're too modern or too old-fashioned. We all have "those people" in our parish whose ideas we aren't so sure about, whether that's because they're trying to change too much or because they seem always to be looking toward the past. Also, when was the last time you sat on the OTHER side of the church during Mass?

As much as we may not want to admit it, even (and especially) as people of God, we get deeply attached to our own personal comfort zones — and we tend to view those outside with distrust.

But what if God had a comfort zone? What if He viewed us, in our sin and our misery, as too "far away" from Himself to reach? Thankfully, our God is a God who "opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters." Our God is a God who does "something new."

The call to stewardship demands that we look outside of ourselves. Our thoughts, our opinions, our preferences — these things are not important to the steward. Even if there is a vast, dry desert of discord, or a seemingly endless wasteland of opposing views between us and our neighbor, God challenges us to "make a way" out of our comfort zone, that together we may announce His praise.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI



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 Seven Last Words: Jesus the Teacher at Calvary" (Luke 23:24; Luke 23:43; John 19:26-27; Matthew 27:46; John 19:28; John 19:30; Luke 23:46). What is the deeper significance of small details found in the Gospel accounts of Jesus' crucifixion? The inscription on the Cross from Matthew 27:37 (This is Jesus, King of the Jews), meant to mock Jesus but actually reveals the truth that He is King of all nations. His clothes being divided symbolizes the division within the human family while the seamless tunic woven from top to bottom symbolizes Church unity. Jesus' unbroken bones point to Him as the Passover Lamb while the blood and water from His side point to Baptism and the Eucharist. How are the Seven Last Words spoken directly to you?

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

Journeying Through Lent... Stations of the Cross: April 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 8: Living Stations**

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 or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

Faith Formation For All Ages: Sharon C. Kowalski,
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Faith Formation: 2021-2022

Faith Formation sessions for April are April 3, 10 and 24. 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.

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 & 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.

<div>  <h2>In Memoriam ~ 2022</h2> </div>		
In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>2/19/23</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., 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

Tues., Apr 5

9:00am—The Bulger Family, Estate

Wed., Apr 6

9:00am—Lucille & Thomas Trzcinski, req by
 the Gonsowski family

Thurs., Apr 7

9:00am—Donald W Rutherford, req by son

Fri., Apr 8—**STATIONS OF CROSS: 6:00PM**

Sat., Apr 9

4:00pm—Robert Glogowski, req by his
 brothers and sisters
 Henry DelBrocco (25th Anniv), req by Jo Ann
 And Natalie, daughters

Sun., Apr 10 - Palm Sunday

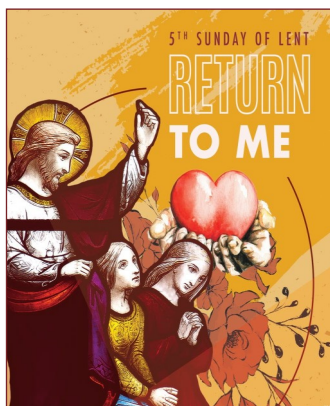
8:30am—Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM

11:00am—Jim & Pat Connors, req by Norma
 & Mary

Ann Boudreau, req by Chris Adkins & Brian
 Haner
 Catherine Blair (Anniv), req by daughter &
 grandson

LIVE THE LITURGY - *Inspiration of the week*

Mercy makes us attentive to the voice of truth. We do not know what ever happened to the woman caught in adultery, after her encounter with Jesus. It is hoped that she found what she needed to feel true sorrow. What we do know is that



through his gentle and wise persuasiveness, Jesus puts the Pharisees in their place and opens the door to grace for this child of God. Being exploited and used to test and discredit Jesus, she who is publicly known to be a sinner is now the victim. Jesus never tolerates people being used and immediately rushes to her defense. As the author of mercy, Jesus became her advocate and opened the door for her to God's love. Jesus also stands between us and the harsh, judgmental, and often hurtful stance of our world. He invites us to grace, to leave the sin that binds us, and for which we are often criticized, and pursue a life of virtue and freedom. ©LPi

Readings for the week of April 3, 2022

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

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6/Jn 8:12-20

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: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/
 Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

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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.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Due to early transmission to printer,
 Collection tally will be in next issue.

Question for the Week: "Reflect - Respond"

First Reading:

Active during Israel's captivity in Babylon around 550BC, the prophet Isaiah reminds the Israelites of God's saving acts in their history and offers hope for a new future beyond exile. **How does your faith in the Lord offer you hope in times of distress?**

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.