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Christ Is Risen!

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rejoice
AND BE
glad.
PSALM 118

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EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 4, 2021

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm & Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00am

Weekday Schedule

Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday, Mass at 9:00am

Adoration on Tuesdays - 9:30 to 11:00am

Church and Parish Center - Handicapped Accessible



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.

Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are.

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Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Collections Turn In ~ If you have not already turned in monies collected during Lent, please do so as soon as possible. Money may be turned in at the parish office or put in a white envelope marked "RICE BOWL" and placed in the collection baskets in church. God bless you for your generosity in sharing what you have with others.

Scripture Sharing: Metanoia * Please note: We will not meet on April 8. We will resume on April 15.

For all those interested, we meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm in the Parish Life Center. For more information, please contact Sharon by email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or 518-328-0427.

Faith Formation For All Ages ~

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Faith Formation: 2020-2021; APRIL SESSIONS: PLEASE NOTE CHANGES

Mr. Passonno's class will meet in the Parish Life Center on **April 18**. Mr. Gleason's class and Miss Marge's class will meet in the Faith Formation Center on **April 11 and 25**. Mrs. Carabis' and Mrs. Kowalski's class will meet in the Parish Life Center – with their parent(s) on **April 11 and April 25**.

See you at 9:45am on those Sundays!!

Please note: All young people in 2nd grade from Mrs. Carabis' class and those in Mr. Gleason's class who are preparing to receive First Reconciliation this year will meet in the FAITH FORMATION Center at 2pm on SATURDAY, April 10 to receive the sacrament. This change is necessary because of covid protocols.

Please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or 518-328-0427 for more information or questions.


Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW): Currently on hiatus.

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. After the first of the year, we will be meeting on Tuesday evenings at 6pm. We would like to welcome Brock Palmatier to the RCIA process and ask that you keep him in your prayers.



~ Live the Liturgy ~

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! About today's feast, St. Augustine writes: "And he departed from our sight that we might return to our hearts and find him there. For he left us, and behold, he is here." Christ's resurrected presence lives not only in the highest heaven but in the fragile human heart. Christ's life inspires us and moves us to see a future for every human being and discover our true purpose and meaning. Every human being has a desire to live, and this cry can be heard within. There is a longing for a connection with Someone greater than ourselves that gives an import to our existence that we cannot supply. Today, our deepest questions find answers.

In Memoriam ~ 2021		
 <p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson 2/6/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan 1/23/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family 10/24/21</p>
<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family 9/26/21</p>	<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski 9/19/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family 9/5/21</p>
<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family 8/22/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope 7/18/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family 7/18/21</p>
<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family 7/11/21</p>		

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: **TAKE OUT!!**

Mary's Kitchen is serving meals again!! For the present time, we can do TAKE OUT meals only. All are welcome. Why cook when we've done it for you?? Stop by between 3 to 5pm on Monday and pick up a meal all ready for you to take home: Soup, salad, sandwich, entrée and dessert!!

Thanks again to the Matthew's who have provided desserts for Mary's Kitchen. Special thanks also to Trudy Ellis for her delicious baked goods. We are very grateful but I'm sure our guests appreciate it even more!!

Email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

Stations of the Cross ~ Many thanks to all who attended and participated in the Stations of the Cross. It was such a blessing this year to be able to gather and follow in Our Lord's footsteps as he journeyed to the Cross.

Easter Prayer of Thanksgiving

Good and gracious heavenly Father,
we come before you on this Easter Sunday
with full and grateful hearts for the gift of
the Paschal Mystery that you showed us
in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son,
our brother by adoption, Jesus Christ.

Bless us and all those who profess
belief in your saving love.
Bless also those who have yet
to profess belief in you.
You are God for all.
We ask all this in Christ's name. Amen.

PRAYER TEAM MINISTRY- If you would
like prayers said for a family member,
relative or friend, contact
Brenda at (518)271-6184.



Reflective Questions for the Week

First Reading: We hear today part of the speech that Peter delivered in the household of Cornelius, a centurion and Gentile-believer in Christ. Peter bore witness to his experiences with Jesus, including Jesus' resurrection. To whom do you bear witness to your faith in the resurrected Jesus?

Second Reading: Paul urges the Colossians to remain focused on Jesus' resurrection, ascension, and final return — to "seek what is above." What do you find appealing in this spiritual exercise?

Gospel: Mark's account of Jesus' resurrection focuses on the women's discovery of the empty tomb. In fact, Jesus risen from the tomb is the original ending of the Gospel of Mark. Why do you think Mark would end his Gospel with the empty tomb?

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Apr 3 - HOLY SATURDAY-EASTER VIGIL
7:30pm—Charles W Rutherford, req by Jim Connors

Sun., Apr 4 - EASTER SUNDAY
10:00am—Andear Colarusso, req by wife Gloria
Catherine Blair, req by daughter & grandson
Pat Connors, req by Emma & Susan Wilson
Patricia Colbert (3rd Anniv), req by the family

Tues., Apr 6
9:00am—Charles W Rutherford, req by Marge Centanni

Wed., Apr 7
9:00am—Jim Tracey, req by Pete/Marilyn Barron
Mr/Mrs Ralph Della Rocca, req by the Adams family

Thurs., Apr 8
9am—Charles Rutherford, req by Mary's Kitchen
Isabelle Amato, req by her children

Sat., Apr 10
4:00pm—Catherine Blair (Anniv), req by daughter & grandson
Ann Boudreau (1st Anniv), req by cousins;
Chris Adkins & Brian Haner
Robert Glogowski (11th Anniv), req by his brothers & sisters

Sun., Apr 11
8:30am—Charles Rutherford, req by Nancy Comley
Ann Kerin, req by Bob & Carol Carlson
Living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Nancy Lord, req by Cindy/Gene Cocca
Henry Del Brocco, req by dgtrs; JoAnn & Natalie
Pat Connors, req by the Rosary Society

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