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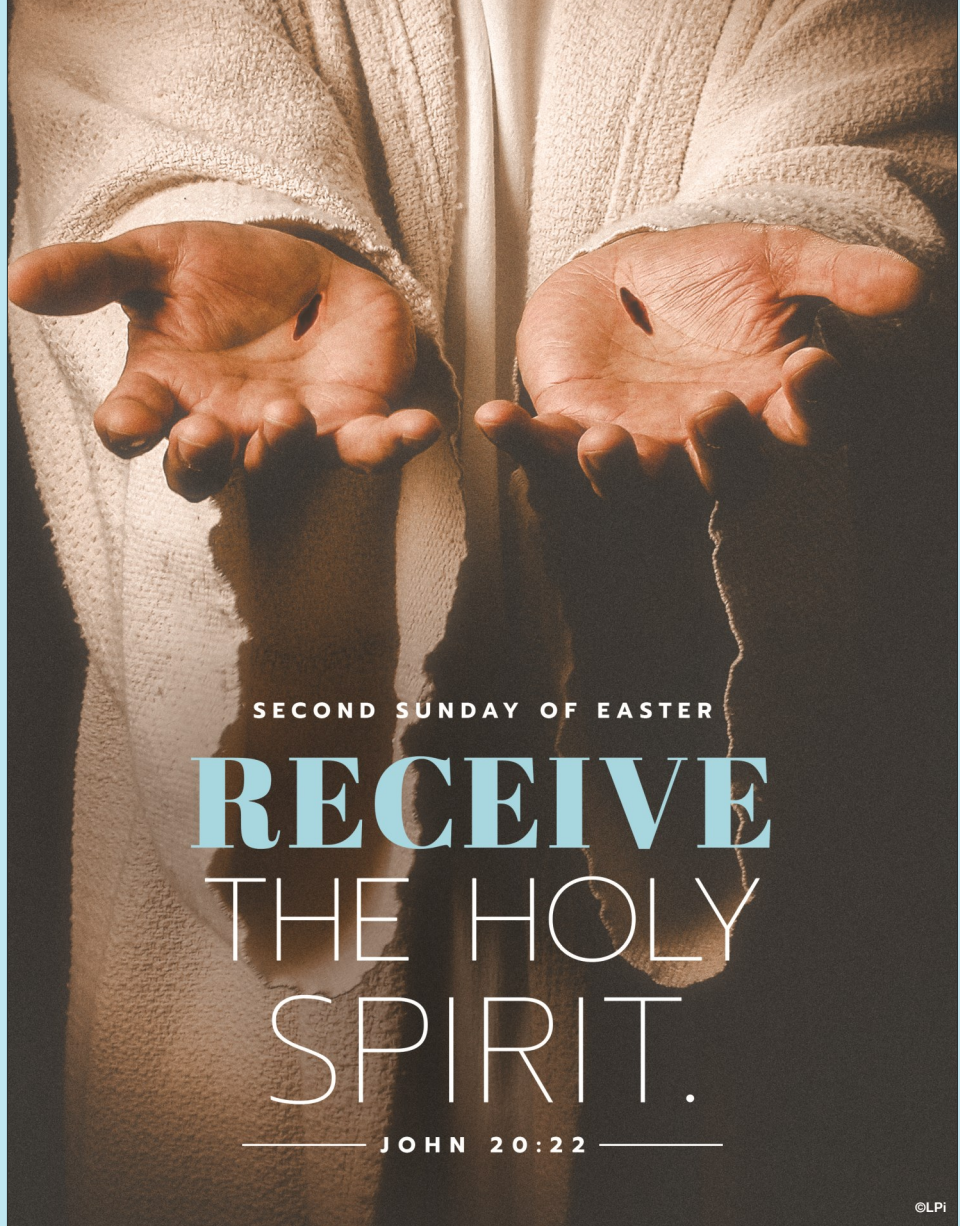
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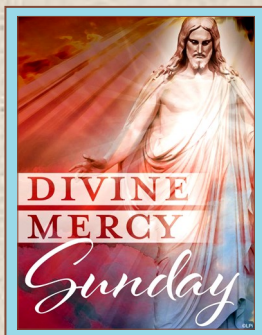


SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT.

— JOHN 20:22 —

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APRIL 7, 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

PRAYER FOR THE 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear Jesus,
As you greeted your disciples after you rose,
fill us, too, with your peace.
As you breathed your spirit on them,
breathe on us, too.
As your presence was known to Thomas,
make it known to us, too.
Help us to live in your peace, power, and
presence. Amen.

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 *"Blessed are those who have not seen and still believe."* —ps John 20:29

Readings for the week of April 7, 2024

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

SCRIPTURE SHARING: *The Prophets:*

Messengers of God's Mercy

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

FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL AGES -

Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry - skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Faith Formation: 2023-2024

Please note: April schedule for classes: 4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28.

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.

UPCOMING MEETING FOR ROSARIANS

The Rosary Society will be having a meeting on April 10th in the Parish Life Center at 6 PM. Hope to see you there.



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.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Written in the Wounds

For all the condemnation Thomas the Doubter has received in 2000 years of homilies, I think there's something to admire in him.

Thomas is not unique. We all waver at some point, overcome by hesitation, distracted by the clamor of the world which seeks at every turn to shout above the whisper of the divine.

Thomas knows what he saw on Good Friday: his friend nailed to a cross, a sword driven through his body. He saw the blood and the water. He saw these things with his own eyes, eyes given to him by God, eyes which have never failed him before. And God doesn't ask us to suspend reality to believe in Him. He only asks us to be discerning about how that reality is interpreted in our hearts.

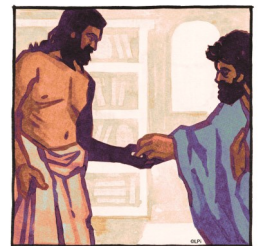
Thomas knows the man before him is either a fraud, preying on the hopes and anxieties of the traumatized disciples, or he is the Christ, the Savior of the world, accomplisher of impossible things. But where to look, to tell the difference?

Satan once appeared to the great mystic saint, Teresa of Avila, disguised as Jesus. She knew instantly that he was a fraud. Enraged, he demanded to know where his deception had failed. "You have no wounds," she told him simply.

Could we have accepted a savior who did not bleed? I don't think we could, because sooner or later, we would all stand before him and say, "Here is where the world hurt me. Here, and here, and here. What about you?" Christ can point to his hands, his feet, his side. "Here, and here, and here," he can say. "And I overcame them all."

It's the wounds, you see. The truth is in the wounds.

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" — John 20:28
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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 Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family <small>9/29/24</small></p>	<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski <small>9/15/24</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 loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>7/14/24</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family <small>6/2/24</small></p>	

~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

Sat., Apr 6

4pm—Mary Eagan, req by friend
Henry Del Brocco, req by Jo-Ann & Natalie
Kyle La Fountain, req by Brenda Persons

Sun., Apr 7-DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

7:30am—Walter Muir (5th Anniv), req by
the family
Mary Eagan, req by Carol Carlson & family

11am—Carole Maloney, req by her husband
Helen Connery, req by Joan Sherlock and
daughters
Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM

Tues., Apr 9

9am—Casey Frankoski, req by Pat and Don
Hogan

Wed., Apr 10

9am—Toni Delduce, req by a friend

Thurs., Apr 11

9am—Helen Shufon, req by a friend

Sat., Apr 13

4pm—Kevin G Duffey, req by Bob/Sandy
Boston
Eleanor Carbone, req by Sophie Germano
Grace Campbell, req by Sandy & Gary
Domalewicz

Sun., Apr 14

7:30am—Mary Ellen Legnard (1st Anniv),
req by the family
Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM

11am—Christine Crudo (B'day), req by the
family

MARY'S KITCHEN: Mondays, 3pm 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!! Welcome to all our new guests who have joined us on Mondays!!

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

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



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK TO REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

We hear how the early Christians lived in unity and holiness, bearing witness to Jesus, and living in community as friends. Which of these traits do you see at work in your faith community?

Second Reading:

John teaches his community that our faith in Jesus helps us “conquer the world.” What struggles are you facing that you need to confront and defeat?

Gospel:

The risen Jesus meets Thomas in the midst of his doubt and encourages him to believe. Who could you encourage this week to have faith in the resurrection of Jesus?

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“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!!

***Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, immediately following 9:00am Mass on Tuesdays, 9:30 to 10:30am**



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PRAYER TEAM MINISTRY

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

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
Weekend Collection, Mail-in, E.G.
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Due to inclement weather 7:30am Mass was cancelled. (snow/sleet storm)