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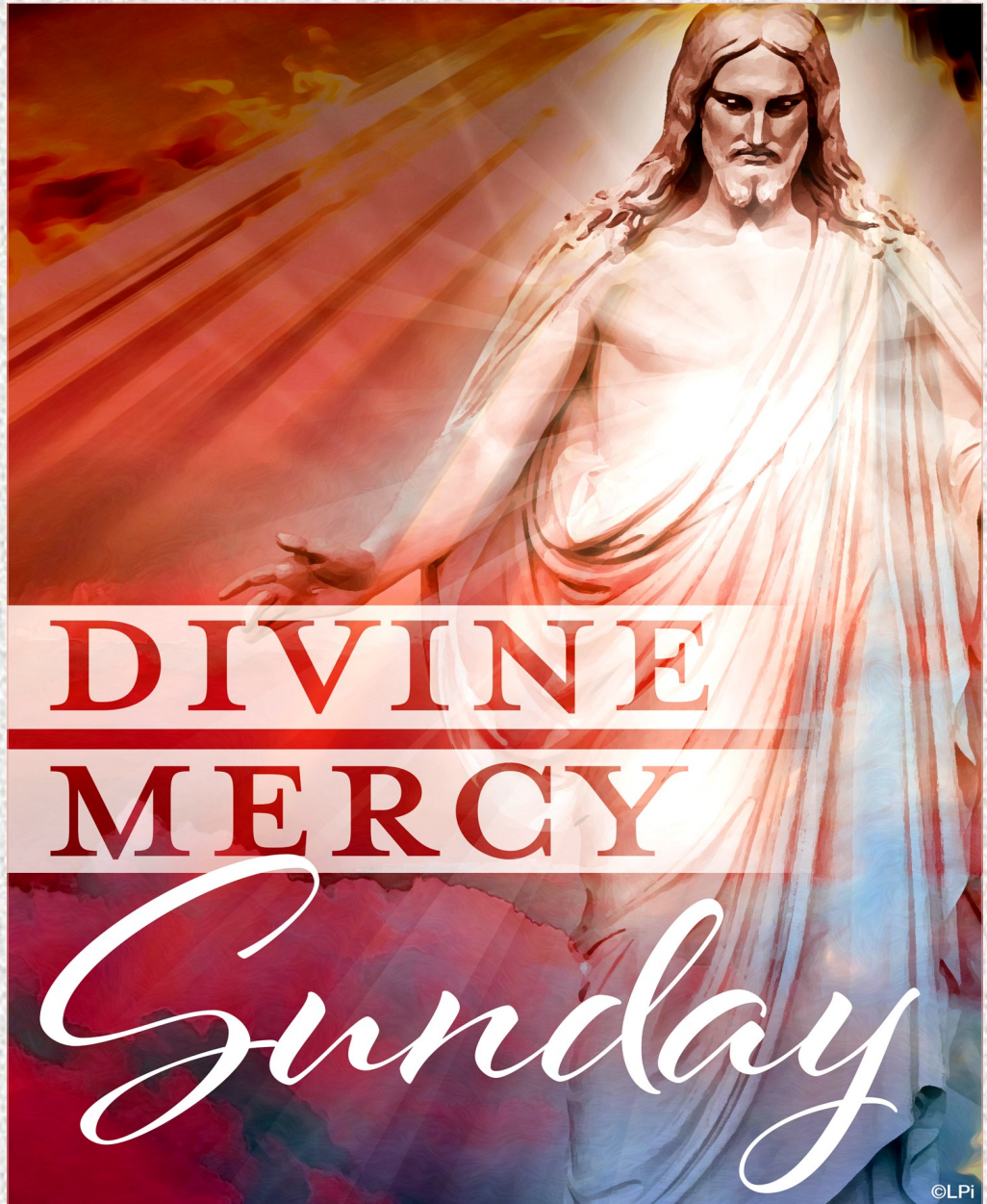
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2nd Sunday of Easter - APRIL 16, 2023

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

Gospel Meditation—A Deeper Understanding of Scripture (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

A young, engaged couple sat on the couch in front of me as we chatted about their upcoming marriage. The young lady was struggling to trust her future husband. She told me her father had been unfaithful to her mother. She said of her fiancé, “I want him to prove to me that he won’t cheat on me.” The young man looked at me helplessly, raised his eyebrows and shrugged his shoulders. What evidence could he possibly give to validate such a proof? Nothing. All he could do was invite her to trust him.

We all are wounded by experiences of imperfect love. We also are tempted to demand from God proof of His fidelity and goodness. We are like St. Thomas the Apostle who, on that second Sunday of Easter, demands proof of the Lord’s resurrection. **“Unless I see the mark of the nail ... I will not believe.”** Our science, technology and mathematics can indeed prove a great deal. But there are some things that require trusting another person. We prove promises of love only by trusting.

St. Thomas indeed saw the wounds of Jesus and believed. But there is an even greater blessing for us who simply trust Him — and all the truths the Church proclaims — because of the trustworthiness of the Risen One who speaks. This week let’s trust Jesus without seeing him. — *Father John Muir*

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April DVD: April 20, “Heaven is for Real”

On Thursday, April 20 at 1:30pm in the Parish Life Center, we will see a film based on the real life story of Colton Burpo, a young boy who claims to have visited Heaven during a near death experience. It also recounts the struggles of his father to find the courage and conviction to share his son’s extraordinary and life changing experience with others.

Did it really happen?? That we don’t know for sure but, in this Easter season we do know and can proclaim that Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, conquered death, rose from the dead and resides in Heaven for all eternity.

Come join us. All are welcome. Contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org for more information.

Mary’s Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: ALL 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!!

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

*Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good, his love is everlasting.*
(Ps 118)

Flea Market: April 29: Re-scheduled to September

We are not *cancelling* the Flea Market, but have to *re-schedule* it to September. Please continue to collect your items and we will post the date of the Flea Market as soon as we have it.

Questions?? Please contact Linda Dunbar at 518-209-6446 or Sharon Kowalski at 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.

Scripture Sharing: New Series, “Metanoia”, Fr. Dave Pivonka

Come join us. All are invited. We meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm. 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 & Youth Ministry - skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Faith Formation: 2022-2023:

Our April Faith Formation schedule will be April 16 and 23. 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.

Prayer Ministry - If you would like prayers said for a family member, relative, or friend contact *Brenda* at 518-961-0169.

Readings for the week of April 16, 2023

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

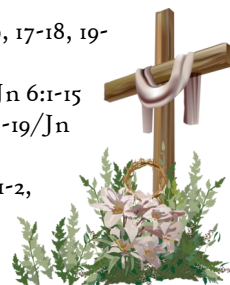
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21


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 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a)/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35



In Memoriam ~ 2023		
 <p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>2/18/24</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson <small>2/4/24</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family <small>10/29/23</small></p>
<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski <small>9/17/23</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>8/20/23</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family <small>7/16/23</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>7/16/23</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family <small>6/11/23</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family <small>6/11/23</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family <small>4/23/23</small></p>		

"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!!**

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Doors We Lock

As a child, and even for a while as a teenager, I experienced an enormous amount of anxiety whenever I went to confession. For so many years I feared it. For so many years I waited in the confession line trembling, feeling sick to my stomach.

In the upper room after Christ's Passion and death, the anxiety of the disciples was so strong that they locked themselves away. But still Christ found a way into their midst. He would not be prevented from bringing mercy and hope to a place shrouded in despair. No door barred in a moment of fear could keep him out.

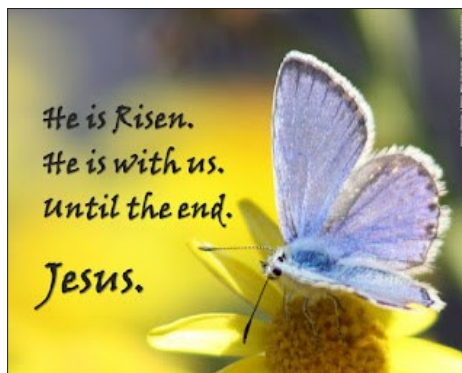
This is the genius of the sacrament of Reconciliation — and of all sacraments, really. Here we are, restricted in so many ways by an existence that is woefully physical. We feel fear, and our body reacts, just as we feel anger and our body reacts.

How can God deliver mercy to us in this flesh-bound state? Through that very flesh which can feel so confining. Through confession, which requires a physical action, and the physical participation not just of the penitent but of the priest.

I don't know how or why my anxiety around the sacrament has lessened over the years. Sometimes, I still feel it come roaring back unexpectedly, and maybe one day it will come back to stay. It doesn't surprise me: after all, I am in the flesh, and I will, as Peter says today, "suffer through various trials." But in all of them Christ will find me. He will not be kept away.

Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever." — Psalm 118:3

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Apr 15

4:00pm—Christine Crudo, (B'day), req by the family
Janet Razzano, req by Robert & Sandra Beston
Peter Barron, req by Barbara Voland

Sun., Apr 16

7:30am—Nancy Comley, req by Allen & Dorothy Styno
Sheila Wasula, req by Carol Carlson & family
11:00am—Nancy Comley, req by Faith Formation
Henry Del Brocco, req by dgtrs, Jo-Ann & Natalie
Frank Hermance, req by Marilyn LaParl & Tony Cassidy

Tues., Apr 18

9:00am—Pete Barron, req by Bob & Sandy Beston

Wed., Apr 19

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

Thurs., Apr 20

9:00am—The Bulger Family, Estate

Sat., Apr 22

4:00pm—Lois Conlen, req by Becky Ciraulo
Nancy Comley, req by Isabel
Anthony & Teofila Chmielewski, req by Karl & Joan

Sun., Apr 23

7:30am—Iv'g & dec'd members of IHM

11:00am—Nancy Comley, req by Bob/Kathy Falzo

Tammy Morgan, req by mom, dad, brothers

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.)
Palm Sunday - Apr 1-2, '23....\$7045.00
Thank you for your continued support and commitment to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. God bless you.