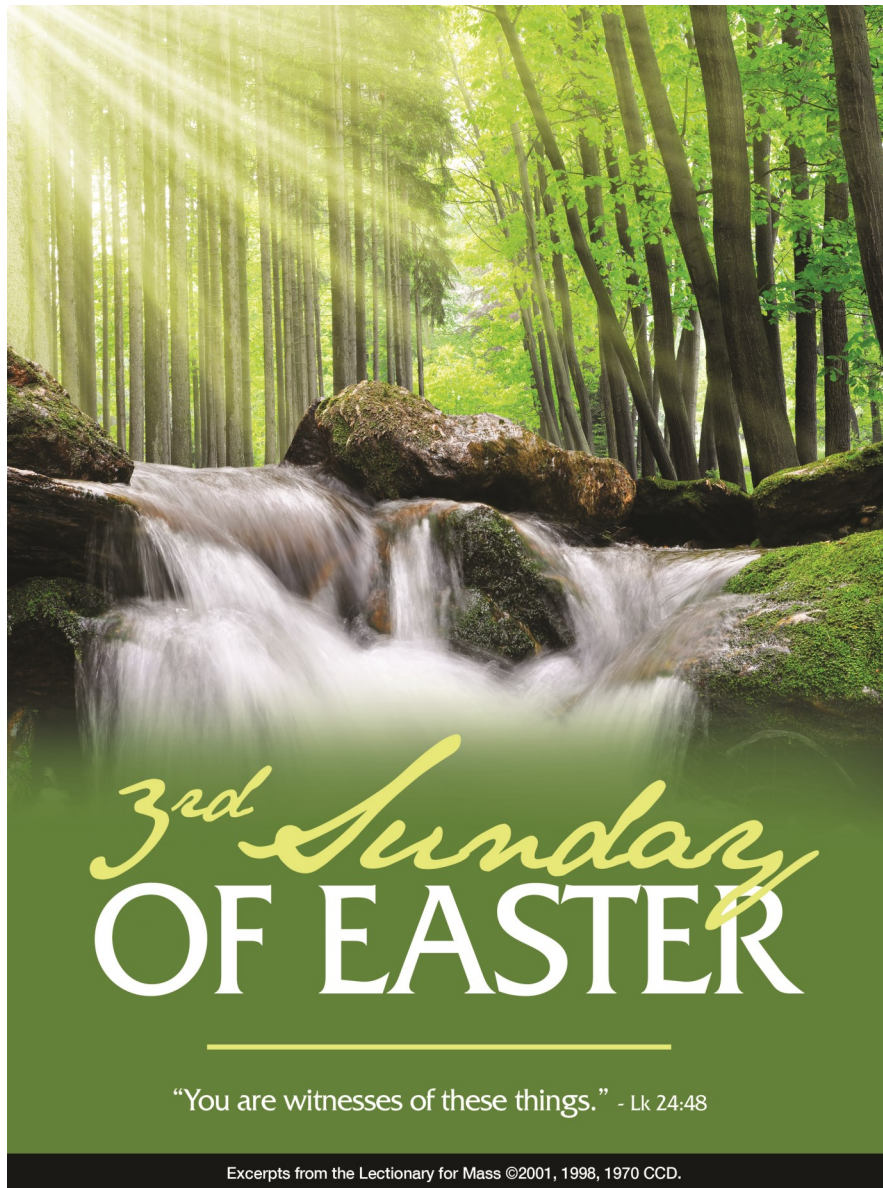


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APRIL 18, 2021

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

Scripture Sharing: Jesus: the Way, the Truth and the Life ~ Our new series is produced by Ascension Press and presented by Jeff Cavins, Marcellino D'Ambrosio, and Edward Sri. This week's session, entitled "In the Beginning", discusses the Incarnation and Jesus' early life. God and humanity, so long alienated by sin, are perfectly joined in the very person of Jesus, who is fully human and at the same time fully divine.

For all those interested, we meet on 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: 2020-2021; Mr. Passonno's class will meet in the Parish Life Center on **April 18 and May 23rd**. Miss Marge's and Mr. Gleason's classes will meet in the Faith Formation Center on **April 25**. Mrs. Carabis' and Mrs. Kowalski's class will meet in the Parish Life Center – with their parent(s) - on **April 25**. See you at 9:45am on those Sundays!!

Please note: those preparing to receive First Eucharist in June, will meet on May 16 in the Parish Life Center at 9:45am.

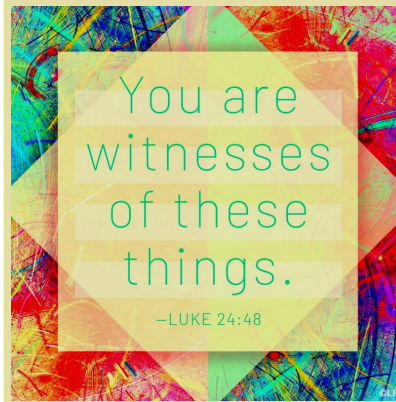
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Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW):

Currently on hiatus.

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When the greeting "Peace be with you" is sincerely offered to a person, it can resonate very deep within, bringing comfort and reassurance.



When someone possesses the power to bring peace, it brings us to a place of safety and fills us with joy. The resurrected Christ has this power. God can open our minds so that we can more fully understand the meaning of Sacred Scripture and God's compassionate, loving, tender, and untiring embrace constantly present and offered to people throughout history. Without the anchor of truth that only God can provide, we can

easily become startled and terrified at the sight of what life brings us. Being open to God's offer of peace, we can turn away from old habits and short-sighted vision and experience the gladness and joy of God's gift. Only then can what is wounded and broken be mended and reconciliation achieved. We are the resurrection witnesses called to proclaim the Good News. ©LPi

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. We will be meeting on Tuesday evenings at 6pm through the end of April. Brock will complete his sacraments on the last weekend of April. Please keep him in your prayers.

NOTICE!! Registration for Covid Vaccine Immaculate Heart of Mary Clinic. We will have a Covid Vaccine Clinic at Immaculate Heart of Mary on Wednesday, April 21 at 9:00 am in the Parish Life Center.

The Link for registration is: <https://form.jotform.com/210995151288159>



Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: WE'RE BACK!! - 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!! Email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

Reflective Questions for the Week

First Reading:

In publicly bearing witness to Jesus' resurrection, Peter urged the people to repent of their sin of ignorance and their denial of Jesus. How does Jesus' resurrection from the dead inspire you to repentance?

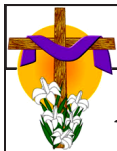
Second Reading:

John teaches his community that the key to avoiding sin is to follow Jesus' commandments. What do you find challenging in this seemingly simple and clear instruction?

Gospel Question:

Luke tells us that the resurrected Jesus opened the minds of the disciples "to understand the Scriptures" and see how his suffering, death, and resurrection was connected to repentance and forgiveness of sins. What tools do you use to better understand our faith?

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In Memoriam ~ 2021

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

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

How to Fail Your Way to Heaven

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little "Easter eggs" of Jesus' humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, "So, have you got anything to eat?"

It's right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn't he? And he wasn't shy about calling Peter "a Satan" when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It's the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God's call to be better. Being perfect isn't the domain of the Christian — that's the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That's the domain of the Christian. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Cross Catholic OUTREACH ~ This weekend we are blessed to be hosting a priest representing Cross Catholic Outreach. This official Catholic ministry was founded to link parishes in the U.S. with priests, religious brothers and sisters, and laypeople working in church missions overseas. Its programs span the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, and Central & South America. Please be generous in your response to his appeal. Please be sure to say "hi" after Mass. Brochures with a donation envelope will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry. For more information on Cross Catholic Outreach, go to CrossCatholic.org/outreach, text BLESSINGS to 474747.

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

News from Pastoral Center ~ We are Hiring! The Pastoral Center located at 40 North Main Ave., Albany is hiring for the following positions: Temporary Database Specialist, Senior Chancery Administrative Assistant, General Maintenance Worker and Payroll Benefits Administrator. for a complete list of job openings send resumes to diocesan.hr@rcda.org or visit www.rcda.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Apr 17

4:00pm—Karen Carmel, req by Vickie Yonkers
Charles Rutherford, req by Lewis/Stark & D' Attilio families
Mary E Raila, req by Margaret & Fred Gonsowski

Sun., Apr 18

8:30am—Kevin Keegan, req by IHM Staff
Charles Rutherford, req by Food Pantry
Frank Iannone, req by M/M Buddy Vincent

11:00am—Patricia Connors, req by Kay Connors

Marge Riedy/Eileen Eckel, req by Maureen McMahon
Charles Rutherford, req by Faith Formation

Tues., Apr 20

9:00am—Charles Rutherford, req by Faith formation

Wed., Apr 21

9:00am—Dec'd mem of Pickett, Adams & Harrison families, req by Adams family

Thurs., Apr 22

9am—Robert W Connery (1st Anniv), req by Connie, Richie & Art

Sat., Apr 24

4:00pm—Marge Testo, req by family
Thomas Halpin, Sr, req by family
Charles Rutherford, req by Martha & Chuck Fandl

Sun., Apr 25

8:30am—Patricia Connors, req by Bob & Carol Carlson
Charles Rutherford, req by Rosary Society
Living & dec'd members of IHM

11:00am—Ann Boudreau, req by Nancy & Robert Woodard

Charles Rutherford, req by Scripture Study
Serena & Armand Fredette, req by family

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
Weekly Collection (incl Mail-in/E.G.)
Easter, Apr 3-4, 21—\$8673.00