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APRIL 21, 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 10:30 am

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Good Shepherd and the Wolf

I remember very clearly the first movie I watched during my pregnancy with my eldest child. In this film, there is a scene where a young boy is kidnapped and shoved into the back of a van guarded by vicious dogs. His mother persists in trying to free him, even as the dogs snap at her. Their bared teeth and full-throated snarls don't slow her efforts in the slightest.

It wasn't a great movie or even a particularly great scene, but I'll never forget this scene. I'll never forget those dogs.

I had just learned that I was a mother a few days ago. The life growing deep within seemed to me as frail as a whispered secret, but I loved it powerfully. I worried constantly if the baby was safe and healthy. I agonized over signs — real or imagined — that could tell me if the poppyseed-sized child was thriving or failing.

I understood, for the first time in my life, why a woman would charge a pack of attack dogs without hesitation — not because she should, but because she has to.

She could choose not to fight, certainly. She could walk away. But why would she? A future without her son is so much more painful than any physical wound. She may fear for her life, but she fears a life without her child so much more.

The Good Shepherd discourse reveals to us the motivation behind God's actions throughout all of salvation history. From Adam to Noah to Abraham, all the way down to the time of the Messiah and beyond, He keeps trying to get us back. He keeps braving the attack dogs, time after time. He never stops. He never grows weary. And it baffles us: *what's in it for Him?* we wonder, because we are quicker to give up on ourselves than He is. *Why does He keep trying?*

He could choose not to fight, sure. But why would He? He doesn't want a future without us.

"I will lay down my life for the sheep." — John 10:11

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APRIL DVD: APRIL 25, I CAN ONLY IMAGINE

Join us in the Parish Life Center on Thursday, April 25 at 1:30pm for the April DVD, *I Can Only Imagine*. You may know the song, but probably not the true story behind it. Running from a troubled home life and a broken relationship, Bart Millard finds escape in music. He and his band, *MercyMe*, set out on a journey none of them could ever have thought possible. This beautiful, uplifting, music filled story showcases the power of forgiveness and God's unfailing love.

All are welcome. For more information or questions, contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

SCRIPTURE SHARING: *The Prophets:*

Messengers of God's Mercy

We are continuing our 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

Prayer of the Good Shepherd

Dear Lord,

You are my Shepherd, a Good Shepherd, who leads in ways beyond my understanding. Guide me in the paths You would have me go. Amen. ©LPi

GERANIUMS -



The Rosary Society will once again be taking orders for geraniums during the month of May for pick-up on the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, June 8th. Details to follow in future bulletins.

FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL AGES

Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry
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Faith Formation: 2024

Please note: April schedule for classes: 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.

RCIA AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR ADULTS AND OLDER CHILDREN


Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? - or Completing your Sacraments of Initiation? (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) or are curious about the process?

Contact Sharon for further information at **518-328-0427** or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

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!! We'd like to offer a sincere welcome to our new guests and the return of some of our regulars. Questions?? Please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

In Memoriam ~ 2024		
 In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>3/9/25</small>	In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson <small>2/2/25</small>	In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family <small>12/15/24</small>
In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family <small>9/29/24</small>	In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski <small>9/15/24</small>	In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>8/18/24</small>
In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>7/14/24</small>	In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family <small>6/2/24</small>	LEGNARD-CURTIN AUXILLIARY 927 ~ Save your Price Chopper cash register tapes for "Tools for Schools". Please leave them in the box in the main lobby of the Church. Any questions call Brenda at (cell) (838) 267-5801.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

READING THE BIBLE

Question:

What is unique or different about the way Catholics read and are exposed to the Bible?

Answer:

Catholics are exposed to Scripture primarily through the Sunday readings from a book known as the *Lectiionary*. The *Lectiionary* is a book of selected passages from the Bible set in the context of a liturgical season, such as Advent, Lent, or ordinary time. There are four readings assigned to any Sunday: the first reading (usually from the Old Testament), the responsorial psalm, the second reading (usually from a New Testament letter), and the Gospel reading.

These readings together give them a new context. The selected readings relate to one another in a unique manner that is not present in the Bible text itself. In close proximity to each other, these readings now have the opportunity to converse with each other in a way that would have not been possible before. A homilist pays attention to all four readings, preparing a reflection that speaks of this conversation among the readings, enabling us to zero in on what this unique combination of God's word has to say to us this particular Sunday.

Next time you attend Sunday liturgy, try reading the Scripture ahead of time and see how this new relationship among the readings addresses and challenges you to be a better Christian here and now.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 21, 2024



Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/
 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
 Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn
 12:44-50
 Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
 Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

(26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

LIVE THE LITURGY - Jesus the Good Shepherd knows that real love is an action, not an idea. His sacrifice is the proof of his love for his flock. Let us remember to love one another as the Good Shepherd loves us: not just in words but in actions, in choices, in deeds.

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~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

Sat., Apr 20

4pm—Ellen Kinder, req by Rosary Society
 Jarlath O'Neil-Dunne, req by Sharon/Glen Daly
 Mary B Eagan, req by Ginny/Diane Jakubics

Sun., Apr 21

7:30am—Lv'g & Dec'd members of IHM
 11am—Marilyn Barron, req by the children
 Nicholas Crudo (B'day), req by family

Tues., Apr 23

9am—Kathy Macpherson, req by a friend

Wed., Apr 24

9am—Bridget/Dominick Cucchi, req by
 Fred/Margaret Gonsowski

Thurs., Apr 25

9am—Beatrice/Philip Zarlengo, Estate

Sat., Apr 27

4pm—Carol Lansing, req by the family
 Mary Eagan, req by the Rosary Society
 Vincent & Elizabeth Lamb, req by the family

Sun., Apr 28

7:30am—lv'g & dec'd members of IHM
 11am—Rosalie Novak, req by sister-in-law

ITEMS NEEDED FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY

Chicken/Beef broth
 Salad Dressings (small size)
 Pudding/Jello
 Drinks, juices (individual size)
 Thank you for supporting the Food
 Pantry! - Mary Beth



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 Weekend Collection, incl mail-in, E.G.
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