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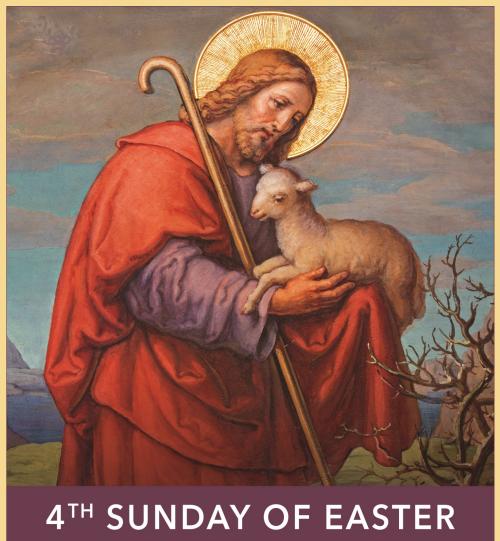
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Church And Parish Life Center Handicapped accessible



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"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 30, 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

Faith Formation For All Ages - Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation & Youth Ministry - skowlski@ihm.rcpw.org Faith Formation: 2022-2023:

First Eucharist and May Crowning will take place at the 11am Mass at IHM on May 7th. Confirmation will be at St. Ambrose this year. 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.



Scripture Sharing: It's Finally Here!! ~ We have finally received our DVD of Season Three of *The Chosen*. This week's episode is entitled "Physician, Heal Yourself.". As Jesus returns to his childhood home for the Jewish new year celebration, his friends and family are all excited about what they've heard is happening with Jesus....until He tells them the truth of who He is. "Who do YOU say that I am??"

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

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.



"I am the gate.
Whoever enters through me
will be saved" - (John 10:9)

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm - ALL WELCOME!!

Many, many thanks to two anonymous donors who made very generous donations to Mary's Kitchen!! It has become more difficult to provide a varied menu with the rising costs of food. This is truly a "Godsend".

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 skow-alski@ihm.rcpw.org or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

Flea Market: Re-scheduled to September ~ We are not *cancelling* the Flea Market, but have to *re-schedule* it to September 23. Please continue to collect your items and we will post the dates and times for drop off of items for the Flea Market as soon as we have them. Questions?? Please contact Linda Dunbar at 518-209-6446 or Sharon Kowalski at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

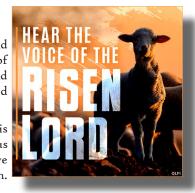
Question of the Week-To Reflect and Respond

In todays Gospel, Jesus speaks of himself as the gatekeeper for the "sheep" (his followers) who are kept safe from strangers. When have you turned to Jesus in your life in times of trouble? ©LPi

Gospel Meditation—A Deeper Understanding of Scripture 4th Sunday of Easter

I recently rescued a dog. She's a terrier and rather adorable. And she's crazy about me. She could spend all day with me. But I'm a pastor at a parish and sometimes I leave her at the front desk of the church office. She constantly amazes me by her ability to distinguish between my voice and that of everyone else. If I say one word, even if I'm hidden around a corner, she'll sprint toward me and jump up into my arms.

This week the readings focus our attention to the *voice* of the risen Jesus Christ. Comparing his disciples to sheep and himself to a shepherd, he says, "They recognize his voice." He speaks to us and wants us to respond. When we hear his voice, we follow. Throughout this coming week, we will experience many interior promptings to receive God's love, and to love Him in return. That's his voice. Follow it into the safe and tender arms of Christ.



By contrast, some voices we will hear do not convey God's concern and love for us, but rather produce fear, despair, and other harmful mischief. Jesus calls these voices those of robbers. Does an idea or thought make it harder for you to love God? If so, run away. Let it go. It is most likely not the voice of the Risen Lord. Keep waiting for him to speak. You will recognize his voice. Then run to him as fast as you can. — Father John Muir ©LPi

In Memoriam ~ 2023		
In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan	In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson	In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family
In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski	In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family	In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family
In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope	In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family	In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family

Baby Shower ~ For the Month of May

The Rosary Society will hold its annual baby shower from May 1 through May 31. Items most needed: - Receiving blankets, baby socks, onesies, newborn to size 24 month clothing, crib sheets, teething rings, grooming kits, burping cloths, swaddlers, baby towels and formula.

Monetary donation checks should be made payable to IHM Rosary for equal distribution between Community Maternity Services and BirthRight. Please place donations in the box on the table at the back of the church.

Family Dinner with Father Sam - Friday, May 5th: - 6 to 8pm

Please join us for our monthly Family Dinner at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Life Center Friday, May 5 from 6 - 8pm. Parents and their children, young couples too, are invited join Father Sam for food, fellowship and faith sharing. Pizza and beverage will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

If planning to attend, please register by using the QR code









Rosary Society Geranium Sale Pre-order and Pre-pay Quailable to pick up on Saturday, May 20 from 10 - 12 noon in Parish Life Center

ONE RED PLANT IN 4 INCH POT - \$6.00

Order forms are on the back table of the church. Place form and money in an envelope marked **ROSARY SOCIETY** and put in collection basket. Envelopes will be available.

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

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.) April 15-16, '23......\$5326.00

LEGNARD CURTIN AUXILLIARY 927 would like your Price Chopper cash register tapes. There is a drop box in the entry lobby to the church. Any questions contact Brenda at 518 961-0169. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Apr 29

4:00pm-Lois Conlen, req by Elizabeth & Clvde Heffner

Thomas Halpin, Sr, req by the family Marge Halpin Testo, req by family

Sun., Apr 30

7:30am—Janice Tully, reg by Allen & Dorothy Styno

11:00am—Nancy Comley, reg by Judy & Phil

Rosalie Novak (B'day), req by Joyce Novak Living /deceased members of IHM

Tues., May 2

9:00am—Frank & Vincenza DiNuzzo, Estate

9:00am-William Lofink, req by mother

Thurs., May 4

9:00am-Wm Johnson & Malasky Families, Estate

Sat., May 6

4:00pm—Living & dec'd members of IHM Lois Conlen, reg by Isabel Glogowski Matthew & Frances Milos, req by Karl/Joan

Sun., May 7

7:30am-Walter/Mary Muir (74 yrs Anniv), reg by the family

Leonard Dabkowski, req by Allen/Dorothy Styno

11:00am—Carole Maloney, req by husband Nancy Comley, req by Lorraine Alund



