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May 1, 2022

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus] said to him, "Follow me." - Jn 21:19b

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Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm

Sunday - 8:30 and 11:00am

Weekday Schedule

9:00am Mass - Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

Adoration on Tuesdays - 9:30 to 11:00am



Rosary Society Meeting ~ There will be a Rosary Society Meeting on Wednesday, May 11th at 6:00 pm in the Parish Life Center.

All woman ages 18 and over are invited to attend.

MARY'S KITCHEN:- 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!! All are welcome; parishioners, neighbors and friends!!

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



May Baby Shower

The Rosary Society will once again host a May Baby Shower beginning **May 1st**. A Playpen will be set up in the back of the Church for donations. Needs include: diapers, pajamas, onesies, nightgowns, bottles, powdered formula, receiving blankets, burping clothes, baby wipes, clothing. Monetary donations may also be made. Checks should be made payable to:

Community Maternity Services.

Any assistance you can render will be greatly appreciated!

FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL AGES ~ Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

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Faith Formation: 2021-2022: First Eucharist and May Crowning, May 1

First Eucharist and May Crowning will be at the 11am Mass on May 1. We welcome to the Table of Our Lord: Elena Cesare, Liliene Cesare, Nickolas Erby, Eleanor LaChut and Keilani Maloney.

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.



Gospel Meditation

Could it be that God's image has become so soiled and distorted that it is hard for us to see it? Our self-serving agendas have done a great job twisting God's image into what profits us. We want our agenda to be God's agenda and use prayer as the convincing leverage we need. Worse still, our success and egocentric agenda often erases God's image completely, replacing it with our own. St. Oscar Romero instructs us that the Son of Man "dies on the cross to cleanse God's image, which is soiled in today's humanity, a humanity so enslaved, so selfish, so sinful." Striving to preserve control of our destinies at all costs, we fail to see the risen suffering servant, the Christ, standing right beside us.

Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross and was raised from the dead, corrects our soiled image of God. He shows us God as God is, not who we want

to make God to be. God is the God of the poor, the weak, and the marginalized. He is the God who tenderly caresses us when we are suffering and hurting, assuring us that all will be safe and well. He is the God of equity, peace, justice, and compassion who wants happiness for each of His children, desiring their wellbeing and success. God goes where men and women are afraid to go, sitting with the lost, the broken, and the sorrowing. St. Oscar Romero challenges us to illuminate with "Christ's light ... even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness. The oppressed must be saved." The resurrection calls us to be God's microphone, a messenger, and a prophet (St. Oscar Romero).

Using eyes that see beyond the limited constructs and desires of our world, we can see the true and real Jesus standing before us, calling us to transformation and change. Asking us more than once, "do you love me?" We are beckoned to give an answer. Answering in the affirmative, it is now our task to feed the sheep and the lambs who belong to God. In short, equipped with the power of the resurrection and a corrected image of God our task is to make things better, brighter, holier, more life-giving, and just for all of God's children. Considering our choices, our interactions, our philosophies, and aspirations, how can we do this?

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RCIA & 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: *The Chosen, Season 1 All Are Invited to attend-*

While we wait for Season Three of "The Chosen" to be released, we will have a repeat showing of Season 1. If you missed some episodes or all of the first season, now is the time to catch up and/or see what you missed. This week's episode is "Shabbat".

Come join us. We will meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm. All are invited to see what this amazing series is all about.

For more information, please contact Sharon - skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or 518-328-0427.

In Memoriam ~ 2022		
 <p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>2/19/23</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson <small>2/5/23</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family <small>10/23/22</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family <small>10/9/22</small></p>	<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski <small>9/18/22</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family <small>9/4/22</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>8/21/22</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family <small>7/17/22</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>7/17/22</small></p>

Questions for the Week: "Reflect - Respond"

First Reading:

The apostles faced trial and even persecution from the religious leaders of Jerusalem (the Sanhedrin) for bearing witness to Jesus' resurrection. Why do you think some people are threatened by the good news of Jesus risen from the dead?

Second Reading:

John sees a vision of heaven in which all of the created order is worshipping Jesus as the slain and risen "Lamb." What images of heaven bring you comfort?

Gospel:

The resurrected Jesus appeared to seven of his disciples while they were fishing on the Sea of Tiberias. In doing so, Jesus comes to strengthen Peter for his upcoming leadership role. What gives you strength in your faith journey? ©LPi

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Apr 30

4:00pm—Mary Romano, req by Bob Warren & Patty Minkler
Ted Testo, Sr, req by the family
Living & dec'd members of IHM

Sun., May 1

8:30am—Mary Romano, req by Raymond Gabriel

11:00am—Carole Maloney & son Jeff, req by husband Don

Tues., May 3

9:00am—Wm J Lofink, Jr, req by his mother

Wed., May 4

9:00am—Thomas/Helen Sullivan, Estate

Thurs., May 5

9:00am—Sr Damien Cushing, CSJ, req by Shufon family

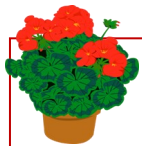
Sat., May 7

4:00pm—Mary Romano, req by Testo Family
Carrie Delduce, req by the family
Jerry Beston, req by the family

Sun., May 8

8:30
&
11:00am

} All Mothers
living
and
deceased



MOTHER'S DAY GERANIUM SALE

Available for pick up on Saturday, May 7th from 10am til 12 noon
Pre Order and Pre-Pay. One plant in 4 inch pot - \$5.00

NAME: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Plants: _____

Please place form and money in an envelope marked 'Rosary Society' and put in the collection basket. Checks should be made payable to IHMP Rosary Society. Envelopes are available in the back of the church.

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We need your cash register tapes. Go to the Customer Service area in Price Chopper and register your Advantage card and pick out a school of your choice. You can drop them off at the parish office or in the white striped box located in the Church Lobby next to the Food Pantry wicker basket. Questions? Please call Brenda at 518-271-6184.

Readings for the week of May 1, 2022

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13
[2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

PRAYER MINISTRY - Almost everyone believes in the power of prayer. At some point in our lives, we all need prayers. It simply means taking a few minutes out of your day to pray for others. Please consider becoming a member of our Prayer Tree Ministry. Interested?
Contact Linda at 518-209-6446.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.)
Apr 15, 16, 17, 2022.....\$7666.00

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