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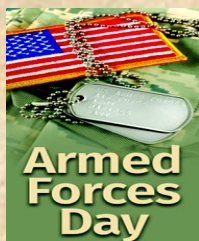
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*"I give you a new commandment:  
love one another." - Jn 13:34a*

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*May 15, 2022*

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

## Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments: *Loving as new creations*

“There’s something different about you.”

Think about the times in your life when this has been said to you. Maybe it was after someone complimented you on a job well done, and you realized that you were walking through life with a little more confidence. Maybe it was after meeting someone special, as you carried the glow of that relationship wherever you went. Chances are, if someone has noticed something different about you, it’s because, inwardly, you’ve been changed by the loving or respectful actions of another person.

Love, you see, can make us into new creations. From the love of God flows the grace to tackle any challenge, including the biggest challenge of all: loving each other well. Christ knows what a big request this is. He was human, too. He came and lived among us. He knew intimately what it was to love people in the chaos of their own flaws. He knew what he was asking of us when he said, “As I have loved you, so you should also love one another.”

In essence, this is the call to stewardship: loving as Christ loves, amidst the messiness of everyday reality. Loving with accountability, challenging ourselves and our brothers and sisters to be faithful even when it is hard. Loving with an unflinching sense of hospitality that welcomes even those we do not agree with or understand. Loving with gratitude, giving thanks for the great variety of ways that Christ can make himself known to us through others.

It isn’t easy — we all know that. But if we ask God for the grace to remain steadfast in this greatest commandment, we will be given what we need to live as new creations. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS - ©LPi



**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!!

We would like to welcome Bill Martin to our group of Mary’s Kitchen volunteers. He is helping to pick up bread at Freihofer’s on Mondays. Many thanks to Bill for sharing his time to help with this effort!!

Questions?? Please contact Sharon at [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

**PLEASE SHARE YOUR TALENTS** - We are in need of Greeters, Ushers, Lectors and Eucharist Ministers for all our Masses. If you feel you can be of assistance, please leave your name, email and telephone number on the sign-up sheets on the table in the back of the Church or call Linda at (518) 209-6446. Any help you can render will be greatly appreciated.



### MEMORIAL DAY PARADE ~ WATERVLIIET:

We will be marching in the Memorial Day Parade to show solidarity as a parish. If you would be interested in walking with us, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the back of the church. Thank you for supporting our parish community and we’ll see you on Memorial Day!

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

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### Faith Formation: 2021-2022: Confirmation Reconciliation Retreat, May 21

All those making their Confirmation on June 5 must attend a Confirmation Reconciliation Retreat on Saturday, May 21. We will begin in the Faith Formation Center at 1pm and receive Reconciliation in the Church beginning at 3pm.

Please contact Sharon at [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) or 518-328-0427 for more information or questions about Faith Formation and/or receiving sacraments at IHM.

**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 “The Wedding Gift”. This episode is especially interesting as it gives a glimpse into the ceremonies as celebrated during this moment in history.

Come join us. We will meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm. All are invited to see what this amazing series is all about. No homework, no materials to buy. Just spend an hour watching a truly interesting depiction of Our Lord and His disciples and the world and times around them.

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**Watervliet Historical Society Fundraiser  
at Watervliet Elks Lodge  
sponsored by Bob Beston**


**FRIDAY, MAY 20TH - 3:30 to 7:00 PM  
ZITI, Sausage & Meatballs**

**Includes Salad, Bread & Butter, Dessert,  
Beverage**

**EAT IN or TAKE OUT!  
Donation: \$12.50/person**

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In Memoriam ~ 2022		
 <p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald &amp; Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don &amp; Patti Hogan <small>2/19/23</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys &amp; The Butlers requested by Bob &amp; Carol Carlson <small>2/5/23</small></p>	<p>In memory of Justin Berthiaume and Veronica Gardner requested by The Vertone Family <small>11/13/22</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 &amp; Katherine Novak John &amp; Rosalie Novak &amp; 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 &amp; Rys Families requested by the Family <small>7/17/22</small></p>
		<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>7/17/22</small></p>

**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: [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org), or 518-328-0427.

**May Baby Shower** ~ The Rosary Society is once again hosting a May Baby Shower, which runs **from May 1st through the end of the month**. A Playpen is 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!

## Questions of the Week~ Reflect and Respond

### First Reading:

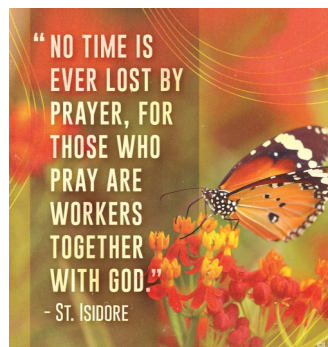
We hear in Acts how Paul and Barnabas formed Gentile-believing churches in cities of the eastern Roman Empire. What do you think is needed today to build a strong faith community?

### Second Reading:

In John's final visions, he sees "a new Jerusalem" coming down from heaven. God is fully present with humanity and there is no more suffering and death. How often do you think about the end-times?

### Gospel:

As Jesus discussed his impending death with the disciples, he presents them with "a new commandment: love one another." In what ways are you challenged by this commandment? ©LPi



### Readings for the week of May 15, 2022

Sundays: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35  
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26  
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a  
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8  
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11  
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17  
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21  
Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., May 14

4:00pm—Jerry Valenti, req by wife & family  
The Beston Family, req by the family  
Santa DelBrocco (2nd Anniv), req by dgtrs, Jo-Ann & Natalie

Sun., May 15

8:30am—Theresa Cocca, req by Gene & Cindy Cocca  
Mary & Walter Muir, req by the family

11:00am—Jean D'Attilio, req by Stark/Lewis family

Tues., May 17

9:00am—The Bulger family, Estate

Wed., May 18

9:00am—Farrell/Synan Families, Estate

Thurs., May 19

9:00am—John Roberts, req by family

Sat., May 21

4:00pm—Kevin P Munn, req by Judy/Phil Pope  
The Beston Family, req by the family  
Drake A Forman, req by Pamela J Forman

Sun., May 22

8:30am—Nora Spiak, req by the family  
Mary Romano, req by Dorothy & Allen Styno  
11:00am—Anna Maloney/Elizabeth Quinan  
& Ed Maloney, req by Maureen McMahon  
Mary Vogel, req by the Pope family



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**Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.)**  
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