

# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

of Watervliet and Green Island, NY

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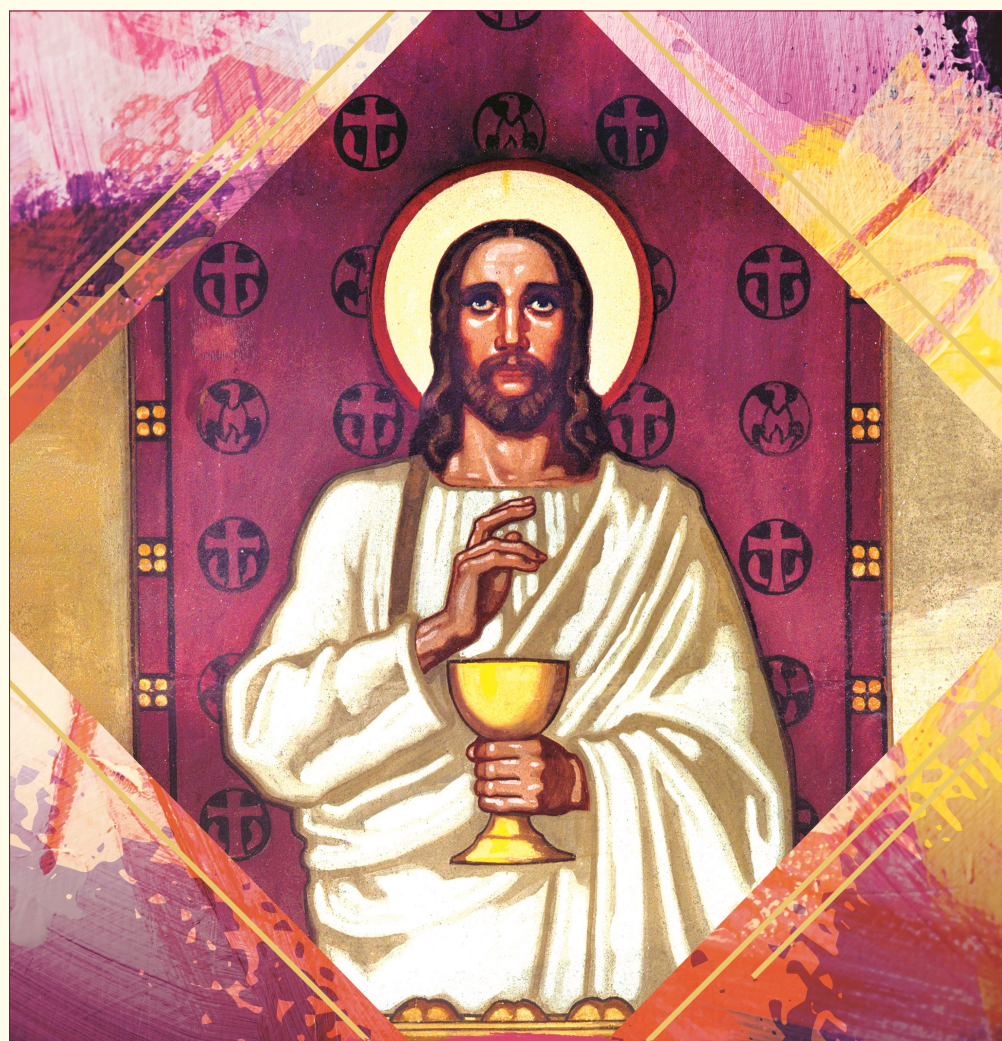


### Church

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Parish Life Center

Handicapped accessible



## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

"This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever." - Jn 6:57-58

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**JUNE 11, 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





**June DVD: June 22, "Have a Little Faith"** - On Thursday, June 22 at 1:30pm in the Parish Life Center, we will see another film based on a book by Mitch Albom. *Have a Little Faith* is a story about a life's purpose; about losing belief and finding it again; about the divine spark inside us all. It is one man's journey, but it is everyone's story. Come join us. All are welcome. Contact Sharon at [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) for more information.

### **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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

### **Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm All 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!!

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

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

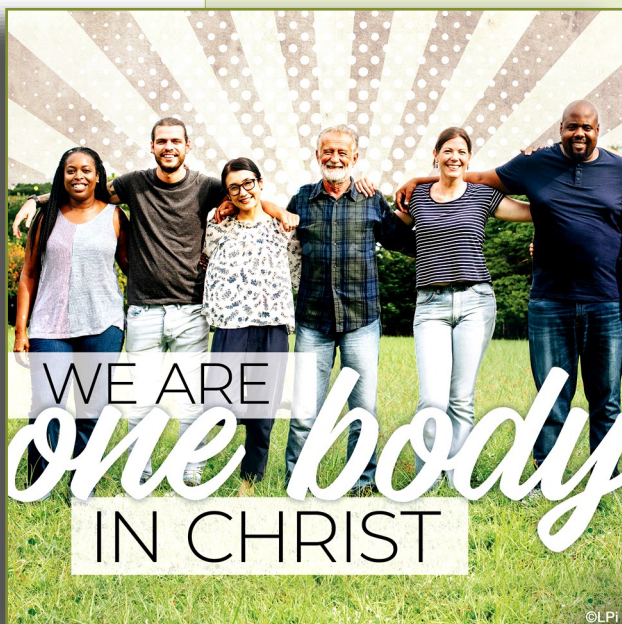
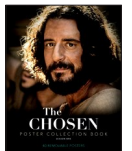
**Faith Formation For All Ages** - Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation & Youth Ministry - [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

### **Faith Formation: 2022-2023:**

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 Three** ~ This week's episode is entitled "Ears to Hear." Andrew and Philip return from their trip with desperate news; they need Jesus' help to solve a huge crisis in the Decapolis. Jesus leads them to the dangerous region where they face opposition from all sides. Meanwhile, John is assigned to bring an angry Simon to Jesus.

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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).



### **Gospel Meditation—A Deeper Understanding of Scripture The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

Years ago, a woman at daily Mass approached me in the communion procession. She had her arms crossed, indicating she wanted a blessing instead of the Sacred Host. She had tears in her eyes. I gave her a little blessing. She returned the next day. And the next. The same thing repeated. After a few weeks, I asked her why she didn't receive Holy Communion. She said she wasn't Catholic yet and was preparing to become so. I asked her why she wanted to be Catholic. She said, "Because I long to be in a real communion with Christ and with everyone I love." That, I submit, is a darn good reason. A few months later, she became Catholic and received the Body and Blood of Christ with unspeakably great joy and still does to this day.

Saint Paul says of the Eucharistic bread, "Is it not a participation in the body of Christ?" For Paul, the answer is obvious. Yes, it is exactly that. Which is why he can say, "we, though many, are one body." Jesus is truly, really, and substantially present in the Holy Eucharist. This is no magic trick, but a mystery of our salvation. He feeds us with the Sacrament of his body so that our communion with him — and with the other members of his body — is built up and becomes mature. That's why the Eucharist

quenches our deep thirst for love and communion. The Body and Blood of Christ is the best reason to be Catholic. It's our participation of love in the one we love. — *Father John Muir* - ©LPI

### **IHM Memorial Brick Walkway ~ 2023**



The **2023** Brick Campaign is underway and will run from **June 15 through July 15, 2023**. The requested bricks will be engraved sometime in August and placed in the "Walkway" in the Fall.

The Brick Campaign application sheets give full detail and can be found on the table at the back of the church or at the office during business hours.

**The 4X8 size brick is available for engraving.**

If you need additional information please contact Linda Dunbar at (518) 209-6446 or the parish office at (518) 273-6020.



## In Memoriam ~ 2023

<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p>6/2/24</p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald &amp; Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don &amp; Patti Hogan</p> <p>2/18/24</p>	<p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys &amp; The Butlers requested by Bob &amp; Carol Carlson</p> <p>2/4/24</p>
<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p>12/17/23</p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p>10/29/23</p>	<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski</p> <p>9/17/23</p>
<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p>8/20/23</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>7/16/23</p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron &amp; Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p>7/16/23</p>

### RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS ~

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

#### The Priesthood and the Eucharist

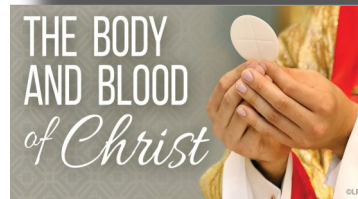
"These two Sacraments were born together," wrote St. John Paul II of the priesthood and the Eucharist, "and their destiny is indissolubly linked until the end of the world."

The Eucharist is such a beautiful example of how God, conscious of our limitations, bends to meet us. He once came to us cloaked in the flesh, that we might recognize Him. Now He comes as the very means by which we nourish ourselves: food and drink, the most familiar and comforting thing in the world to us. How easy He makes it to fulfill his command that we become one with Him. How generous He is to make such a sacred thing also accessible.

We can say the same of the priesthood, and of the men He calls to its number. How generous of Him to make such an accessible thing — our sons, our brothers, our uncles, our cousins — sacred. How generous of Him to allow these human creations — who share in our own faults — to be the means through which He comes to us in the Eucharist.

Without the Eucharist, we would have no eternal life. Without priests, we would have no Eucharist. On this, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, let's give thanks for our priests, and redouble our prayers that God will send us good and holy ones — manna from Heaven in our wandering exile.

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day." — John 6:54



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*"Praise the Lord, Jerusalem"* - (Ps 147)

#### LIVE THE LITURGY -Inspiration for the week

The Eucharist is the most sacred thing in the world, and yet in his mercy, God has made it accessible. In the Eucharist, God bends to meet us. Appearing under the appearance of our daily nourishment, he makes it not just possible but simple — blessedly simple — to fulfill his commandment.

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*"The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life"* - (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1407).

The weekly celebration of the Eucharist on Saturday evening or Sunday morning defines who we are as Catholics — in our parishes, in our households of faith, in our neighborhoods, and in our world. We have **3 Mass options every weekend**: Saturday, 4pm; Sunday, 7:30am and 11am. *See you in church!!*

In loving memory of  
Adam & Katherine Novak  
John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot  
requested by the Family

6/11/23

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., June 10

4:00pm - Carol Lansing, req by the family  
Marilyn/Pete Barron, req by Sophie G/Henry M  
Living & dec'd members of IHM

Sun., June 11

7:30am - Patricia P Snyder } req by Carol  
Marilyn Barron } Carlson & family

11:00am - Kathleen Raleigh,

req by Mary Dolan

Katherine Novak, req by Joyce Novak

Wm & Margaret Knapp, req by the family

Tues., June 13

9:00am - Lila Such, req by parish

Wed., June 14

9:00am - Rosa MacPherson, req by Adrianna  
Guifra (daughter)

Thurs., June 15

9:00am - Janice Jones, req by parish

Sat., June 17

4:00pm—Kathleen Raleigh } req by Fred  
Marilyn/Peter Barron } & Margaret  
Joanne Rootes } Gonsowski

Sun., June 18

7:30am—All Fathers Living & Deceased  
Living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Joan Ross, req by Gene/Cindy Cocca

Michael Anthony Lazzaro } req by Marla  
Mary Ellen Legnard } Martini

#### FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

**Weekly Collection (incl E.G.)**

**May 27-28 '23.....\$3537.00**