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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

And he was transfigured before them;
his face shone like the sun and his clothes
became white as light. - Mt 17:2

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AUGUST 6, 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



Church and Parish Life Center Handicapped accessible

Scripture Sharing: The Chosen ~ Season Three

We are revisiting *The Chosen*, Season 3. So much happens in each episode, to keep track of characters and events, can be difficult to absorb it all in one viewing. This week's episode is entitled "Clean, Part 1.". Two by two, the disciples, carry out Jesus' mission to heal, cast out demons, and preach His word. But upon returning, they struggle with understanding what really happened. Come join us. 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.

RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older Children

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

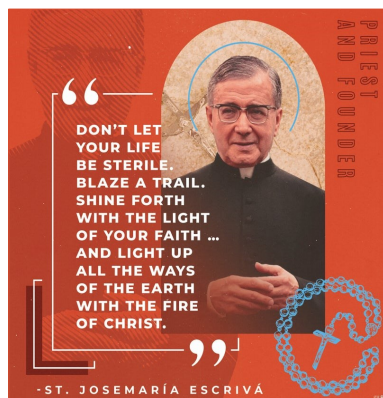
"Prayer is the key that unlocks all doors."

If you would like prayers said for someone, contact Brenda at 518-961-0169.



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

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Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments -

There are times in our lives that we get the chance to see a glimpse of heaven. It may be through the love of another, loved one or stranger. Sometimes it may even be an event that seems unexplainable, perhaps even supernatural. These occurrences may be the answer to prayer or they may surprise us by coming out of nowhere. But no matter their nature or origin, they give us hope and strength to carry on through life.

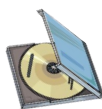
When we journey on a pathway of stewardship, we are bound to experience moments of grace where we see even the smallest seeds we planted grow into something amazing. At these moments, we are reminded that God is real and that our stewardship is not in vain. The giving of our gifts and talents is not just a response to God's calling. The giving is one way that God breaks through into the lives of others. As we use what God

has given us for his glory, he uses us as instruments of grace to be truly present to others.

The greatest example of this occurs at the Mass. Through the hands of an ordained priest taking the gifts of bread and wine, God is really present with us. When we then take Christ into our bodies, we accept the offer to take him into the world to others. The world cannot see Jesus in us with human eyes, but through our works of stewardship, they can see Jesus in us. One could say they even have a chance to see a glimpse of heaven. —Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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August DVD: The Ultimate Gift, Thursday, August 24 1:30pm, Parish Life Center



"*The Ultimate Gift*" follows a young man of privilege on an improbable journey. When his wealthy grandfather dies, he receives a most unusual inheritance: twelve tasks (or gifts) to challenge him to grow as a man. If he succeeds, the experience will not only change him forever, but he will discover what is truly valuable in this life. Come join us August 24, at 1:30pm in the Parish Life Center. What is most valuable to you in this life?? What is God calling each of us to do, to share, and to be?? All are welcome. Contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org for more information.

Live the Liturgy ~ Inspiration for the Week

"Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead," Jesus told his disciples. Why keep such an amazing thing as the Transfiguration a secret? Because the world wasn't ready for the end of the story yet. Sometimes, the glory only makes sense after the trials. ©LPI

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE:

The **51st Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration** will be held **Saturday, September 23rd, 2023 at 4:00 PM** at **The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany**. Couples celebrating their **25th, 40th, 50th or other special wedding anniversaries** are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will celebrate the Mass at 4:00 PM and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area at the Cathedral immediately following Mass. Please register through your parish office or by email to Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org.




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Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm All Welcome – 'air conditioned'

Is the heat getting to you?? Don't heat up YOUR kitchen. 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 skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

In Memoriam ~ 2023 ~ '24		
 <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 & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan</p> <p>2/18/24</p>	<p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson</p> <p>2/4/24</p>
<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>1/14/24</p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p>12/31/23</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>

REGISTER NOW FOR THE NYS EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS ~

Catholics from across New York State are planning to come together at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville on **October 20-22, 2023** to celebrate the real presence of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The Congress will feature inspiring talks, Mass, Eucharistic adoration, opportunities for confessions, inspiring music and more. For details and to register (**EVERYONE ATTENDING MUST REGISTER**), log onto <https://nyseucharisticcongress.org>



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WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Kissing the Altar at Mass

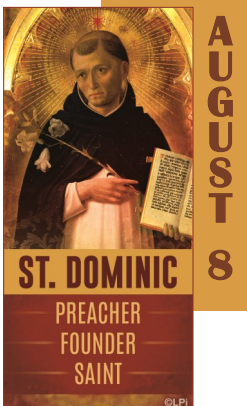
Question: Why do priests kiss the altar at the start of Mass?

Answer:

Our churches and chapels are filled with symbols. We might think of the more common symbols (like the crucifix, statues, stained-glass windows, vestment color and altar cloths) as well as major symbols (such as the paschal candle and the baptismal font). But there are some things that we can take for granted in our sacred spaces, because unfortunately, they seem to just be part of the building, including three of the main symbols of our liturgy: the ambo (lectern), the chair for the priest celebrant, and the altar.

These three objects are placed in a specially designated area called the sanctuary. They are the places where the Word of God is proclaimed, where the priest prays and presides at the celebration, and where the bread and wine are offered by the priest during the Eucharistic Prayer. Although each of these objects is sacred because of the role they play in our worship, the altar holds a special place. In a document containing the rules and instructions for the Mass — the “General Instruction of the Roman Missal” — we read: “The altar on which the Sacrifice of the Cross is made present under sacramental signs is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God is called together to participate in the Mass, as well as the center of the thanksgiving that is accomplished throughout the Eucharist” (no. 296).

One of the ways that we recognize the importance of the altar is when the priest and deacon kiss the altar at the beginning of Mass. Kissing is an ancient act of devotion. Remember, we also kiss the cross on Good Friday, and the deacon or priest kisses the “Book of the Gospels” after the Gospel is proclaimed. This act of devotion reminds us that the altar is a symbol of Jesus, the “living stone” (see 1 Peter 2:4), the foundation stone of our faith. It is a symbol gesture, but it is a powerful reminder of the One on whom our faith is built and in whose name we gather as the “household of faith” (see Galatians 6:10). To learn more, see the “Catechism of the Catholic Church” (no. 1382-1383).
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~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

Sat., Aug 5

4:00pm—Dale Alix, req by Frederick Hudyt
Theodore Testo, Jr, req by Margaret/Fred
Gonsowski
Maureen McMahon, req by Penny Warchack

Sun., Aug 6

7:30am—Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM
Teresa Ashline, req by Carol Carlson & family

11:00am—Carole Maloney, req by husband Don
Kathleen Raleigh, req by Pat Fitzgerald
Margaret Stebbins, req by the family

Tues., Aug 8

9:00am - Sr Mary Damien, parish

Wed., Aug 9

9:00am - John Kennedy, parish
Beth Stephens, (L), req by Lynn Leonardo

Thurs., Aug 10

9:00am—Edward C Seeloff, parish
Brent Gawron, req by Donna Tallman
Pamela A DiNuzzo, req by husband, Vince

Sat., Aug 12

4:00pm—Carole Lansing, req by the family
Theodore Testo, Sr, req by the food pantry
Dale Alix, req by Brenda Persons

Sun., Aug 13

7:30am—Living & dec'd members of IHM
11:00am—The Alund Family, req by Lorraine
Alund
Pam DiNuzzo (2nd Anniv), req by Ann/Phil
DiNuzzo

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