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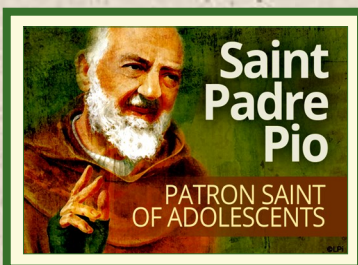
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SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

Celebration of the Eucharist

Weekend Masses - Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am and 11:00 am

Weekday Scheduled Masses - 9:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
Adoration on Tuesdays - 9:30 to 11:00 am



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

Faith Formation: 2023-2024

Faith Formation sessions for 2023-2024 **will begin on October 8, 2022**. Registration will take place on October 1 and October 8 in the Faith Formation Center after the 11am Mass. Registration forms will be mailed to families who have previously attended sessions or have been baptized at IHM. Sessions are open to children from 3 years through Confirmation. Sacramental programs require a two year preparation in the Faith Formation sessions.

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.

September DVD: Molokai, the Story of Fr. Damien, 1:30pm Parish Life Center, September 28

The State of Hawaii is one of the most beautiful places in the USA. Some have even used the word "paradise" to describe it. But just like in recent days with the wildfires, not all of its history is picture perfect. In 1872, the island of Molokai is where those were sent who were suffering from leprosy in the Hawaiian Islands. This is the inspiring story of a young priest, Father Damien who went to Molokai to minister to those afflicted with the disease who felt abandoned by the rest of the world. He worked relentlessly to obtain the help and supplies that were so desperately needed.

Come join us **September 28 (please note date change)**, at 1:30pm in the Parish Life Center. What is God calling each of us to do, to share, and to be??

All welcome. For more info contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

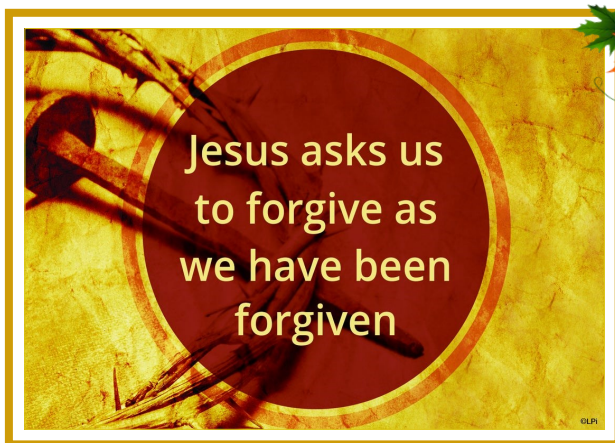


SCRIPTURE SHARING:

"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 "Sustenance." Thousands arrive to first argue with and then listen to Jesus as He preaches. Shmuel and Atticus become aware of what has happened and journey towards the Decapolis* to possibly catch Jesus in the act of fomenting a revolt. In the midst of all this, as the preaching extends to the next day, the disciples realize they have a problem: the crowds are hungry and there is no food. (*The Decapolis was a group of 10 ancient Greek cities on the eastern frontier of the Roman Empire, formed after the Roman conquest of Palestine in 63 BC. It was one of the few regions where Jesus traveled in which Gentiles were in the majority).

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.



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

- By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Hateful Things We Hug Tight

At the end of "Lord of the Rings: Return of the King," Gollum fights with Frodo for possession of the One Ring. He wins the fight, but in doing so topples over the edge of the mountain ledge, falling into the cavernous fires of Mount Doom. As he falls, we see him smile, and clutch the ring to his chest. He is happy. He has won what he spent his life pursuing.

It is only in the last millisecond before his face slips below the lava that we

see his eyes widen in terror as he realizes the truth: the thing he clutches to his heart is the thing that killed him. In choosing the ring, he chooses death.

Sin, and the fallen nature of this world, makes us addicted to something that kills us.


Like any addiction, it is a vicious cycle. The less we forgive, the more hardhearted we become ... and the less we seek forgiveness ourselves.

What breaks the cycle? Reconciliation with God — or, Confession, as we call it. In fact, it does more than break the cycle. It turns it backward. Not only does it detoxify our souls of sin, it weakens our addiction to sin's effects — anger, vengeance, unforgiveness. The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works, said St. Augustine.

Ultimately, I view our whole human life as a struggle on the ledge of a mountaintop. It is certain that we will choose sin — we always do. We will tumble over the side, toward ruin. But let us be Frodo, and not Gollum. Let us cling to the rock of the sacraments and accept the hand that would drag us away from the flames.

"Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight." — Sirach 27:30

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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 William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p>2/18/24</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>

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.

MARY'S KITCHEN: MONDAY'S 3 to 5PM ALL ARE WELCOME!!

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.

The Food Pantry Cupboard Items Needed This Month:

The items needed at this time are:
Applesauce, Crackers and Cookies
Thank you so much!

- Mary Beth

Live the Liturgy ~ Inspiration for the Week

Take some time to reflect on the enormity of what Christ offers us in salvation. Can we find the strength to offer just a fraction of that to our brothers and sisters? ©LPi



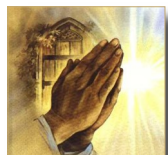
DO YOU HAVE??... Any old small metal crosses, or old stone, metal, or glass rosary beads that you no longer use, please call Linda at 518 209-6446 for further details.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK ~ To Reflect and Respond

In Today's First Reading: Sirach teaches that the Lord desires us to be forgiving and merciful to each other. In doing so, the Lord will show us mercy and forgiveness in return. **To whom could you show mercy and forgiveness this week?**

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"Prayer is the key that unlocks all doors."

If you would like prayers said for a loved one, relative, friend or neighbor, contact Brenda at 518 961-0169.

~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

Sat., Sept 16

4:00pm—Charles E Moore, Jr, req by Frederick Hudy
Frances Granger, req by Brenda Persons/8 & 40 Aux.

Sun., Sept 17

7:30am—Lv'g & Dec'd members of IHM

11:00am—Jerry Connors, Sr/Jerry Connors, Jr, req by the family
Richard & Elizabeth Hilly, req by daughter Janet
Teresa Barbaro, req by her daughter

Tues., Sept 19

9:00am—Victoria M Carmello, parish

Wed., Sept 20

9:00am—Sue Ann Henry, parish

Thurs., Sept 21

9:00am—John D Tallman, parish

Sat., Sept 23

4:00pm—Jerry Valenti, req by wife & family
William J Connolly, req by Fred & Margaret
Gonsowski
Margaret Halpin, req by the family

Sun., Sept 24

7:30am—living & deceased member s of IHM

11:00am—Betty Tracey, req by Lorraine Alund

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.)
Sept 2-3 '23.....\$4808.00

UPCOMING EVENTS ~ FROM OUR NEIGHBORING PARISHES

St Michael's, Cohoes-

Sun. Oct 1st; on Feast of St Michael special Mass at 9 am for all area First Responders: Police, Firefighters & Paramedics. Breakfast will be served after the Mass.

Our Lady of Victory, Columbiettes-hosting a vendor & Craft Fair-

Sat Oct 7th, 9 - 3 at 55 North Lake Ave, Troy, Parish Hall (handicap accessible). For info call Louise @ olv_columbette_events@aol.com.