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33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
“Well done, my good and faithful servant.” – Mt 25:21

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O Lord, we are the
people who long to
see your face.

Presentation of
the Blessed Virgin
Mary, Nov 21

NOVEMBER 19, 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

The Mass Record Book Is Open for 2024 requests~

Office hours are Monday thru Thursday: 8:30am to 3:30pm. If you are not able to visit the office during business hours, call 518 273-6020 and we will be happy to assist you with the request. Book's open for January to June 30—weekend Masses.

****Weekday 9:00am Masses: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday are available for full year.**

Scripture Sharing: Max Lucado, 'Help Is Here'

Please note: We will not have Scripture on November 23 (Thanksgiving) or November 30 (Amazing Grace DVD). We will meet again on December 7.

We have started a new series entitled "Help Is Here". The theme of this series is finding fresh strength and purpose in the power of the Holy Spirit.

As believers, we know a lot about God the Father and Our Lord Jesus Christ. Sometimes, our greatest gift – the Holy Spirit, is acknowledged but lesser known.

Come join us and we will all listen and learn a little more. All are invited. We meet 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

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Please note: Mary's Kitchen will be closed on November 27, the Monday after Thanksgiving.

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.



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.

Faith Formation for All Ages - Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

Faith Formation: 2023-2024

Please note: we will not have Faith Formation sessions on November 26th, the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

Faith Formation sessions for 2023-2024 have begun. Sessions are 9:30 to 10:45, followed by 11am Mass.

Sessions are open to children from 3 years through Confirmation. Sacramental programs require a two year preparation at Faith Formation sessions.

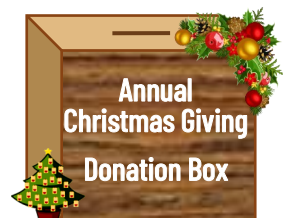
If you would like to register your children and have not yet done so, please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or 518-328-0427 for more information or questions about Faith Formation and/or receiving sacraments at IHM.



November DVD: Thursday, November 30 – Amazing Grace

The inspiring story of how one man's passion and perseverance changed the world. Based on the true story of William Wilberforce, it follows his courageous quest to end the British slave trade. Along the way, he meets intense opposition from members of Parliament but his minister, John Newton, a reformed slave ship captain (who also wrote the famous hymn "Amazing Grace"), urges him to see the cause through.

Come join us November 30, at 1:30pm in the Parish Life Center. All are welcome. Contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org for more information.




The Christmas Tree Giving Box ~ Bless a family in need this Christmas!

Once again this year we will be requesting donations for our Christmas Tree Program. Help spread the Joy to others in our community who are in need.

The wooden "Donation box" will be on the table at the back of the Church beginning Saturday, the 25th of November and remain in place until Wednesday, December 20th.

Thank you in advance for your generous support of our Christmas program!

*"In the miracle that is Christmas,
the kindness of strangers can turn despair into joy and a renewed sense of hopefulness."*

| In Memoriam ~ 2023 ~ '24 | | |
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|  <p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family <small>12/15/24</small></p> | <p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family <small>6/2/24</small></p> | <p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski <small>2/18/24</small></p> |
| <p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>2/18/24</small></p> | <p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>2/18/24</small></p> | <p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson <small>2/4/24</small></p> |
| <p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>1/14/24</small></p> | <p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family <small>12/31/23</small></p> | |

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

What Remains

When my grandfather died, my parents, siblings, and I were left with the question: what's to become of the house?

Anyone who has inherited property knows that it's not simply a matter of assuming ownership of a plot of land upon which sits four walls and a roof. Those four walls and a roof usually contain memories and objects — an enormous volume of both, in the case of my grandfather. When they're left to you, you have to sift through them, the memories and the objects, and with each one you have to think: *Is it worth it? Do I keep it? Will I need it?*

And slowly, painfully, you disassemble the physical existence of the person who lived here. You accept, with a pang, that most of it must be given away or discarded. You cry when you bag up the clothes to take to Goodwill. You can't even bear to look when they break the piano into a hundred pieces and throw it in a dumpster, realizing that no one wants or has a use for something that was once so precious.

But when you come upon a rosary that was used so many times it has begun to fall apart, you don't even think twice before keeping it, and not because you need the rosary. You need what it means. You need what it reminds you of.

When all is said and done, each of us will be called before our master to settle accounts, just as my grandfather was.

"Where are the gifts I gave you? What remains of the fortune to which I entrusted you?" he will ask us. "What have you done with the peace? What have you done with the love? What have you done with the mercy?"

"You yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night." - 1 Thessalonians 5:2

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Readings for the week of November 19, 2023

Sunday: 1 Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

God entrusts special gifts to each of us, but they are not gifts to be hoarded and hidden. Let's work each and every day to multiply those gifts in the world

Prayer Team Ministry - If you would like prayers said for someone, contact Brenda at (cell) (838) 267-5801.

~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

Sat., Nov 18

4:00pm—Bud Halpin, req by the family
Margaret McGowan Murphy (27th Anniv), req by daughter & granddaughter
Joseph Gullo/Anthony Gullo, req by Sandy & Gary Domalewicz

Sun., Nov 19

7:30am—living/deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Theresa Grasso, req by Linda Dunbar

Tues., Nov 21

9:00am—Paul E Campbell, parish

Wed., Nov 22

9:00am—Raymond J Werner (B'day), req by his daughter
Jim Mantello, req by Gail, Heather & Makayla

Thurs., Nov 23—THANKSGIVING DAY
10:00am—For all the families of Immaculate Heart of Mary parish

Sat., Nov 25

4:00pm—Christine Crudo (3rd Anniv), req by the family
Donald Fisk, req by the family
Karen Hoefer, req by the family

Sun., Nov 26

7:30am—lv'g & dec'd members of IHM
Dorothy & St. Clare Wendt, req by KNT

11:00am—Theresa Grasso, req by Judy Pope
Theresa Cassidy, req by Tony Cassidy/Marilyn LaParl

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Nov 4-5, '23.....\$5757.00