

# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Watervliet, NY

*Welcome*



## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king.  
For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.  
Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."  
- Jn 18:37

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**NOVEMBER 21, 2021**

**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**



**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).



## GOSPEL MEDITATION - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

We often come to life expecting all of the pieces of the puzzle to nicely fit together. We want and expect harmony, order, and fairness, the achievement of rewards for good behavior, good health, and happiness. We can more easily accept death when it comes naturally after a good long life, but have a real difficulty comprehending the meaning of it all when it is cut short. Willing to put in a good measure of effort, we desire positive results. When things go wrong and life gets hurtful, unjust, and downright ugly, we become unsettled and can quickly fall into despair. This is especially true if we are people of faith who believe in a God who sees things on our terms and works in favor of our life agenda. What happens to our faith when we find ourselves sitting in a mess?

Does it help to know that God understands and that hardship, failure, disappointment, injustice, confusion, and all of life's ugliness do not make faith irrelevant or irrational? God is wonderfully and surprising creative! He turns the tables on not only our understanding of life, but of what it means to be a king. God sends us a king who is not exempt from life's ills but embraces them. The king that God gives to us knows what it means to be poor, suffer insults, be ridiculed, face rejection, endure suffering, be betrayed, and face a most unjust and horrific death. This is our king. Jesus is not a king of prestige or grandeur but a king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. Christ dances before us pleading with us to hold on, cling to love, avoid being negative, stop feeling cheated, and be strong in faith! There may be hardship and disappointment now but there are more surprises to come.

Once we understand this truth, we will also understand that we are on a most incredible and awesome universal journey to Christ and becoming one in Christ. We all carry within us the image of God, the image of our suffering king. The One who lives in us also lives in all of our brothers and sisters. Failing to see this universal Divine Presence in all is one of the greatest mistakes we can make, for we also fail to see God, our king, as well. There are many things that can bring hardship to life. If we keep our head about us and do not lose hope, we can persevere and strive for the greatest degree of justice possible. Even though there are ample things that can challenge our faith, we also know that our deepest joy comes from union with God and our brothers and sisters. One day, the fullness of that joy will be ours to have when we are all eternally one with Christ our King forever. ©LPi

**Scripture Sharing: The Chosen ~** *Note: we will not meet for Scripture on November 25, which is the Thanksgiving holiday.*

We are currently watching episodes from Season Two of "The Chosen". The episode for December 2 is "Beyond Mountains".

We meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm. All are welcome. Just come and experience this highly acclaimed series. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

*"The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life".*



**Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: ALL ARE WELCOME! ~ Note: Mary's Kitchen will be closed on November 22, the Monday before 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!!

We are so grateful to all our volunteers who served our community for many years. We were very worried that we would not be able to continue without them. But, Our Lord who is so generous and gracious, has called a new group to serve our Mary's Kitchen guests. Many thanks to **all** our volunteers who previously provided and our new volunteers who now provide service and hospitality to our guests every week.

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

## **Cold Hands Hurt: Collection of Winter Gear for Joseph's House**

Thanks so much to all who have so generously donated winter gear for the children and white socks for the men who are at Joseph's House. We are so appreciative of your caring and generosity.

Thought you might like to know how we did: Children's jackets, 25; Hats, 97; Gloves/mittens, 84; Scarves, 56; Socks, 210; and miscellaneous adult winterwear, 12. Special thanks to Kathy, Pat and others for the beautiful handmade items. This parish is AMAZING!!

## **Faith Formation For All Ages**

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## **Faith Formation: 2021-2022**

Faith Formation sessions for 2021-2022 began on October 10, 2021. We will have in person sessions every other week until January 2022, at which time we hope to again have weekly sessions. The current schedule is: November 21, December 5 & 19. All sessions are 9:45 to 10:50am. You may register your child(ren) at any of these sessions if you were unable to previously register them.


We are very happy to welcome all our returning families!! It is so wonderful to see everyone again!! It is amazing how much our young people have changed in a year and a half. We are so looking forward to worshiping with our families every week at Mass.

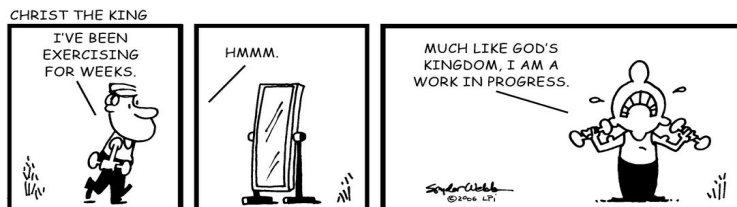
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## **Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)**

As much as we would like, we can't return to a full schedule yet. We are working on a monthly schedule and will post the dates as soon as they are determined.



 <b>In Memoriam ~ 2022</b>		
In loving memory of <b>John A O'Brien</b> requested by the Family <small>10/23/22</small>	In loving memory of <b>John T Sherlock</b> requested by his wife and Family <small>4/10/22</small>	In memory of our beloved son <b>Michael D Kowalski</b> requested by <b>Michael and Sharon Kowalski</b> <small>3/20/22</small>
In loving memory of <b>Adam &amp; Katherine Novak</b> <b>John &amp; Rosalie Novak &amp; Florence Szpot</b> requested by the Family <small>3/6/22</small>	In loving memory of <b>William T Sr, Julia F</b> <b>and Robert A Fahr</b> requested by the Family <small>2/20/22</small>	In loving memory of our Families: <b>The Carlsons, The Mardigans,</b> <b>The Foleys &amp; The Butlers</b> requested by <b>Bob &amp; Carol Carlson</b> <small>2/6/22</small>
In loving memory of <b>Albert P Morelli,</b> <b>Donald &amp; Eileen Gallagher Hogan</b> requested by <b>Don &amp; Patti Hogan</b> <small>1/23/22</small>	In loving memory of <b>The Barron &amp; Rys Families</b> requested by the Family <small>1/16/22</small>	In loving memory of <b>Bryan T Roberts (son)</b> <b>Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents)</b> requested by <b>Judith Pope</b> <small>1/16/22</small>
<b>MASS INTENTION BOOK</b> —the Mass intention requests are now available for January, February, March of 2022. Stop in the Parish Office during business hours to reserve a date. If you are homebound please call the office (518 273-6020) and we will be happy to assist you. All Mass requests - first come, first serve basis. Maximum of 3 weekend requests for months available. Weekday Masses (9:00 AM Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) are open through to the end of 2022.		In loving memory of <b>Joseph V Germano</b> requested by the Family <small>1/9/22</small>



## WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

### Question:

*Why do we make changes in the Mass? Some seem so small and unimportant. Are they really necessary?*

### Answer:

The celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of our identity as Catholics. Our purpose as a Church community revolves around the Eucharist. Everything we are and everything we do is measured not only by how well we celebrate, but also by how well we live the sacrament. If that is so, then we as a community will always strive to celebrate the Mass as best we can. The reasons for some changes might seem more obvious than others, but there is a reason behind each one.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal is the introduction to the Missal that contains all the prayers for the celebration of the Mass. The Order of Mass we use now was issued in 1975 and, as often happens over the course of years, some questions have come up about the proper way of doing some things and whether or not other practices are acceptable. These changes clarify some things and make the celebration of the Mass more meaningful for everyone.

The opportunity is presented to us to better learn and understand each part of the Mass, which in turn should help us deepen our appreciation for its beauty and meaning. We will be a better Church if we have a clearer understanding and knowledge of Who and what we celebrate.

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**PRICE CHOPPER REGISTER TAPES** ~ You can drop them off at the parish office or in the white striped box located in the Church Lobby next to the Food Pantry wicker basket. Questions? please call Brenda Persons at 518-271-6184.



## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Nov 20

4:00pm—George/Eloise Rancourt, req by Mike Duffey  
 Carlene A Micheli, req by Bob/Sandra Beston  
 Margaret McGowan Murphy (25Anniv), req by dgtr & grdgr

Sun., Nov 21

8:30am—Elaine Coons, req by the family  
 Joseph Zawistowski, req by Joe Bagnardi  
 Jim Mantello, req by Gail, Heather & Makayla

11:00am—Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM  
 Joseph Zawistowski, Marilyn LaParl/Tony Cassidy  
 Raymond Johnson, req by Ann/Phil DiNuzzo

Tues., Nov 23

9:00am—Raymond Werner (B'day) req by daughter  
 Joseph Zawistowski, req by Pete & Marilyn Barron

Wed., Nov 24

9:00am—Christine Crudo (1st Anniv), req by the family

Thurs., Nov 25

9:00am—Thanksgiving Day Mass  
 For all parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sat., Nov 27

4:00pm—Dorothy House, req by Lynn Ryan  
 Carlene A Micheli, req by Ken & Tina Shufelt  
 Macy & Teresa Enders, req by daughter & grdaughter

Sun., Nov 28

8:30am—Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM  
 11:00am—Michael Hack, Sr, req by the family  
 Theresa Cassidy, req by Marilyn LoParl/Tony Cassidy  
 Joseph Zawistowski, req by Mike & Sharon Kowalski

**Prayer Ministry** ~ If you would like prayers for a family member, relative or friend, contact Brenda Persons at 518-271-6184.

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**  
*Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G)*  
 Nov 6-7, 2021 ... \$5975.00