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## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the  
least brothers of mine, you did for me." - Mt 25:38-40

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**NOVEMBER 26, 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 of Blessed Sacrament ~ Tuesdays - 9:30 to 11:00 am



**Food Pantry~ NEW items  
needed FOR HOLIDAYS....**

**CRANBERRY SAUCE  
STUFFING MIX  
TURKEY GRAVY**

**Thank you for your  
continuing support of our  
food pantry!**

*- Mary Beth*

**Scripture Sharing: Max Lucado,  
'Help Is Here'**

**Please note: We will not have Scripture  
on November 30 (Amazing Grace DVD).  
We will meet again for Scripture 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. Some-  
times, 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 Par-  
ish Life Center. For more information,  
please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or  
[skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

**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 mem-  
bers 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](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 Initia-  
tion (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 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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) or call 518-328-0427  
for more information.

**Over 50 people attended the Veterans Breakfast on November 12th!**



As always the food provided by the Black Bear Inn was delicious.  
Thanks to all those who participated in making this day possible -  
Jeanne and Tom Brennan for gathering some of the door prizes; Robert  
Passanno for helping with decorations; Brenda Persons for assisting at  
the door; Sharon Kowalski, Lu Lopez, Julia Leibech and Jeanne Brennan for serving  
the food. Last but not least, sincerest gratitude to Fr Rutherford for his amazing  
speech!

**RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**The King Comes Holding a Mirror**

Of all the many wonderful, thorough examinations of conscience I have come  
across, the one I normally utilize is very simple, and perfectly suited to some-  
one like me who is not capable of profound thought at the end of the day.

It's just one very short question: *Which Christs did I not recognize today?*

The King always comes in disguise, and I know I miss him in so many ways  
every single day. I miss him in people ignored or dismissed. I miss him in op-  
portunities avoided and in moments that could have turned into prayer but  
instead turned into phone-scrolling. I miss him when he is right in front of  
me, holding up a mirror and calling my name, begging for my conversion of  
heart.

The Christian life calls us to constant self-scrutiny. It's not a comforta-  
ble life, always thinking about what you could do better, but the Lord shep-  
herds us rightly. His pastures have nothing to offer those who are perfect and  
strong.

He has gone in search of the lost. He has reclaimed those who have  
strayed, healed those who were injured, given rest to those who  
were weary.

We can't be followers of Christ if we are not willing to  
own our sins. God's mercy does not dismiss our sins, as if they  
never existed and were not important.

No, it does something far, far better — God's mercy ab-  
solves our sins. It sets us free from them. But to be truly free,  
you have to understand the tyranny of what once enslaved you.

*"And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd  
separates the sheep from the goats." — Matthew 25:32*

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**Readings for the week of November 26, 2023**

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

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,  
56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/  
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn  
3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt  
4:18-22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80,  
81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86,  
87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps  
80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37



**LIVE THE LITURGY**

**Inspiration for the week**

God is always closer to us than  
we suspect. He is in every need  
we encounter and every person  
we meet. Never stop seeking  
His face.

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## In Memoriam ~ 2023 ~ '24

In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family <small>12/15/24</small>	In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family <small>6/2/24</small>	In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski <small>2/18/24</small>
In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>2/18/24</small>	In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>2/18/24</small>	In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson <small>2/18/24</small>
In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>1/14/24</small>	In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family <small>12/31/23</small>	

### ~ December Programs and Events ~

**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 26<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) or 518-328-0427 for more information or questions about Faith Formation and/or receiving sacraments at IHM.

**Christmas Play: December 24 at 4:30pm.**

ON DECEMBER 3, we will begin practice for the Nativity play on Christmas Eve. Please make sure your children are in the church at 9:30am.

**Elves Attic: December 17**

On Sunday, December 17, we will have our annual "Elves Attic" with the Faith Formation children from 9:30 to 10:50am. We will have an assortment of gifts that they may purchase for their families and friends, all at "rock bottom" prices. Call Sharon at 518-328-0427 for details.

### 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."

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

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**  
**Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.)**  
**Nov 11-12, '23.....\$4626.00**

### ~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

**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

**Tues., Nov 28**

9:00am—Gerald E Beston, parish

**Wed., Nov 29**

9:00am—Tammy Morgan, parish

**Thurs., Nov 30**

9:00am—Margaret Farrell, parish

**Sat., Dec 2**

4:00pm—Stacy Swim, req by Denise/Tracey  
Theresa Ogden, req by Chuck & Martha Fandl  
Frank Koniszewski, req by Brammer & Burniche family

**Sun., Dec 3**

7:30am—Bishop Howard Hubbard & family,  
Req by KNT

11:00am—Carole Maloney, req by husband  
Thomas McCormack, req by the family  
Michael J Hack, Sr, req by the family



**ADVENT**  
**RECONCILIATION SERVICE**  
**ST. AMBROSE CHURCH**  
**DECEMBER 6TH**  
**5:00 PM - 6:30 PM**

Saint Ambrose Church will be hosting a combined reconciliation service.

There will be multiple priests available for the opportunity of reconciliation.