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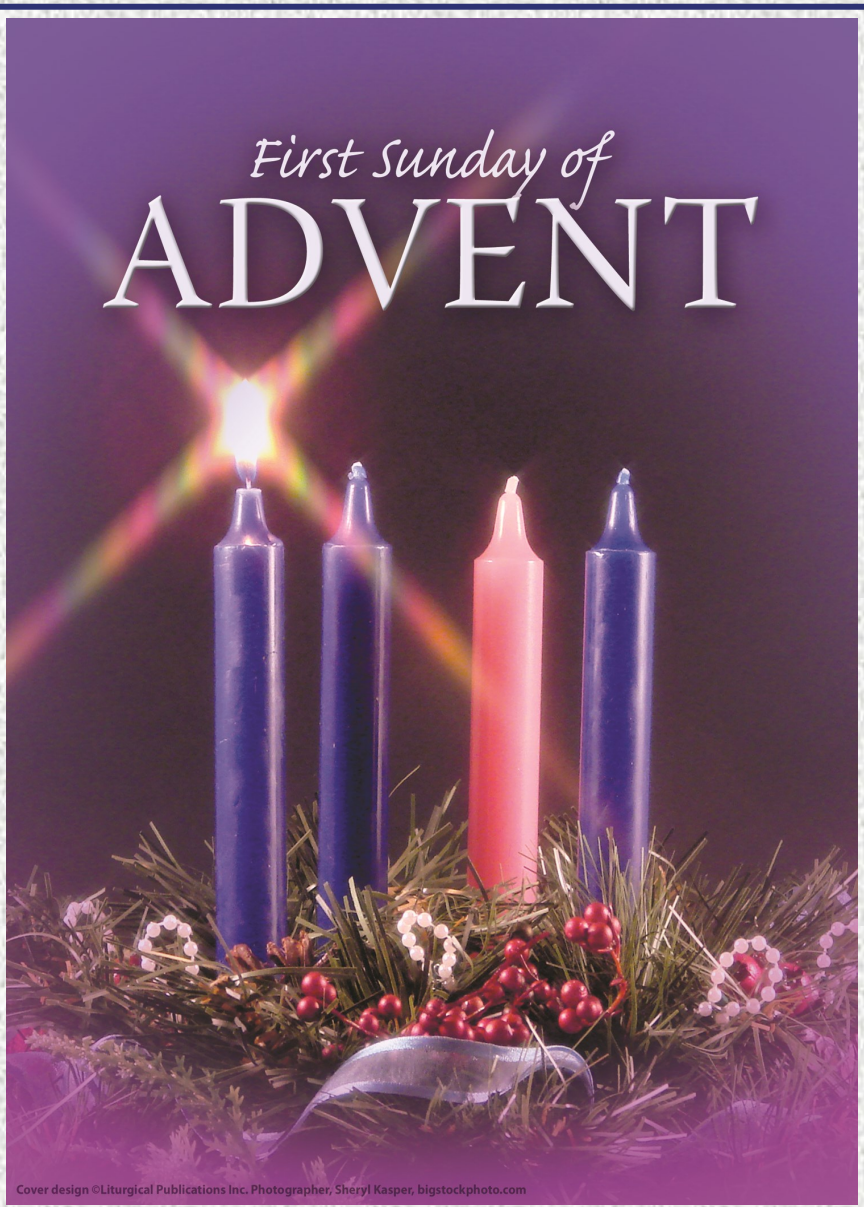
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Church and Parish Center - Handicapped Accessible

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm & Sunday - 8:30 & 11:00am

Weekday Schedule

Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday at 9:00am

Adoration on Tuesday - 9:30 to 11:00am

*"The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1407).
The weekly celebration of the Eucharist on Saturday evening or Sunday morning defines who we are as Catholics – in our parishes, in our households of faith, in our neighborhoods, and in our world.*

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REFLECT

FIRST READING

We hear today the prophet Isaiah's internal spiritual struggle as he questions God's ways and decries our human tendency to sin. What spiritual struggles do you need to confront as we enter into the season of Advent?

SECOND READING

In his opening words to the Corinthian Christians, Paul reminds the faithful of God's fidelity to those who believe in his Son. He then cites examples of the blessings they have received since coming to the faith. What are some blessings you have received in your faith journey?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus instructs his disciples to be vigilant for the end times. How can you make this spiritual discipline a focus of your Advent season this year?

Faith Formation - For All Ages

Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry
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Faith Formation: 2020-2021

The Faith Formation format is a little different this year. All children who have registered will receive 4 weeks of hard copy lessons, as well as digital access. Our in person sessions for December are as follows: December 6 and 13. After the first of the year, we will re-assess and determine any changes in the program.

We wrapped up our annual collection of **NEW** winter gear for Joseph's House last weekend. Because of an anticipated need this winter, however, they are for the first time requesting GENTLY USED (like new) children's and adult's winter coats as well as GENTLY USED adult sweatshirts and jeans. These items may be left at the Faith Formation Center, parish office or CLOW room in the church.

Please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or 518-328-0427 for more information or questions.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW): Currently on hiatus.

Collection of New Winter Gear for Joseph's House: Results

Many thanks to all those who have donated winter gear for Joseph's House. God bless you for your caring and generosity.

How did we do?? Here's the final tally: Jackets: 29; Mittens/gloves: 58; Scarves: 24; Headbands: 5; Shawls: 7; Hats: 111; Hat/glove/scarf sets: 21; Socks: 203 pairs.

Thanks again for your support!! You are AMAZING!!

Questions?? Contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

Scripture Sharing: "The Wild Goose" ~ Note: Because of Thanksgiving, we did not have scripture on November 26. We will resume on Thursday, December 3.

This series is entitled "The Wild Goose", a term the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. Presented by Franciscan Fr. Dave Pivonka, it is a series that begins each week with a DVD, followed by a few discussion questions and then some suggestions for reflection during the week. This week is *The Spirit's Freedom*. Even if you can't make it for all 14 of the sessions, we encourage you to stop in and try it out. For all those interested, we will meet on 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 & 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.

IHM Prayer Ministry ~ We believe as faith-filled people, prayer matters and offers hope. The Prayer Tree Ministry is made up of a group of people who pray for others. If you would like prayers said for a family member, relative, or friend contact Brenda Persons at 518-271-6184.

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm ~ Mary's Kitchen is serving meals again!! For the present time, we can do **TAKE OUT** meals only. All are welcome. Why cook when we've done it for you?? Stop by between 3 to 5pm on Monday and pick up a meal all ready for you to take home: Soup, salad, sandwich, entrée and dessert!!

Email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

The Giving Tree ~ Each year our Parish has a Giving Tree program which helps many families provide a Christmas for their children. Your response to this program has always been overwhelming. COVID19 is once again affecting our lives. We will not be able to have our Giving Tree this year. However, from now through December 13th, we will be collecting monetary donations to purchase gift certificates for the families with children who participate in our Food Pantry Program. There is a brown wooden box on the table in the back of the church for your contributions. Although this is unusual (and hopefully only for this year), I know your generosity will surpass all expectations.





In Memoriam ~ 2021

In loving memory of
John A O'Brien
requested by the Family

10/24/21

In memory of our beloved son
Michael D Kowalski
requested by
Michael and Sharon Kowalski

3/21/21

In loving memory of
Adam & Katherine Novak
John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot
requested by the Family

3/7/21

In loving memory of
William T Sr, Julia F
and Robert A Fahr
requested by the Family

2/21/21

In loving memory of
John T Sherlock
requested by his wife and Family

2/21/21

In loving memory of our Families:
The Carlsons, The Mardigans,
The Foleys & The Butlers
requested by Bob & Carol Carlson

2/7/21

In loving memory of
The Barron & Rys Families
requested by the Family

1/17/21

In loving memory of
Bryan T Roberts (son)
Raymond & Helen Werner (parents)
requested by Judith Pope

1/17/21

In loving memory of
Albert P Morelli,
Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan
requested by Don & Patti Hogan

1/10/21

In loving memory of
Joseph V Germano
requested by the Family

1/10/21



Readings for the week of November 29, 2020

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

Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

MASS INTENTION BOOK—The Mass intention requests are now available for January and February 2021. You are invited to stop in the Parish Office during business hours to reserve a date. If you are not able to visit during hours, please call the office (518 273-6020) and we will be happy to assist you. All Mass requests are entered on first come, first serve basis. Maximum of 3 requests in months available.

IN THE UNEXPECTED

"What could happen next?" How many times have you asked yourself that question in the past year? Though we most often use that expression when things don't seem to be going our way, this year it has been an expression of the constant changes to our world which the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought. But we might use the same expression to explain our feelings of being overwhelmed by blessings and good things, when the stars seem to align just right.

No matter what, we can say with certainty that tomorrow will not go exactly as we envisioned. Our lives are influenced by so many factors and the world around us is increasingly complex. Rather than be surprised by the unexpected, maybe we should expect the unexpected.

Living in this manner causes us to cherish more deeply the gifts we have been given. It helps us to live in the present and become mindful of those around us. Our relationships deepen. Our sense of responsibility builds. Our stewardship way of life finds new meaning and purpose.

This Advent will not be the same experience as last Advent. It remains to be seen what the coming days and weeks have in store for each of us. However, no matter what happens, Jesus Christ is there to welcome us to the unexpected. He will celebrate with us in joy and he will even feel our pain. You can count on the unexpected, but you can also count on Him to be there with you. He is now and forever, Emmanuel, "God with us." He is the expected in all things unexpected.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Nov 28

4:00pm—Michael Hack, req by the family
Elizabeth A Callahan, req by Callahan family
Paul Deguire, req by Bob & Carol Carlson

Sun., Nov 29—1st Sunday of Advent

8:30am—living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Ann Boudreau, req by Garrity family
Virginia O'Brien, req by Marilyn LaParl
Mary Grace Loparco, req by Ann/Phil DiNuzzo

Tues., Dec 1

9:00am—Frank & Vincenza DiNuzzo, Estate

Wed., Dec 2

9:00am—Farrell & Synan families, Estate

Thurs., Dec 3

9:00am—Beatrice & Philip Zarlengo, Estate

Sat., Dec 5

4:00pm—George Sitterly, req by Brenda Persons
Nick Cristiano, req by Bob & Kathy Falzo
Joan Duffey, req by Martha/Chuck Fandl

Sun., Dec 6

8:30am—Charles Bulson, req by the family
David Crowley, req by Mom & family
Anthony Gicobbi, req by Anna Gicobbi & family

11:00am—John Connors, req by Kay & children
Denise J Mazzariello, req by Michael/Kimberly Wright & Ruth/Glen Wright
Living & deceased members of IHM

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