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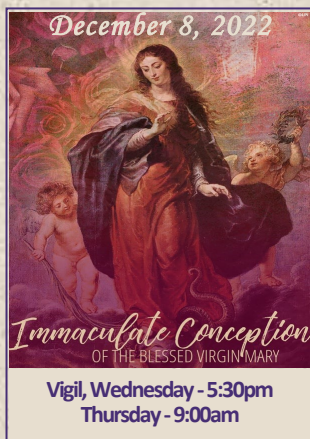
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## *second Sunday of* **ADVENT**



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**DECEMBER 4, 2022**

Celebration of the Eucharist

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

Weekday Schedule

9:00 am Mass - Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

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

### Live The Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

The God in whom we believe is “the God of endurance and encouragement.” Have you ever thought about God in those terms? Our sight can become limited by the concerns of the world and our individual lives. We can look to the past and see what is happening in the present, but the future is primarily left to our imaginations. God has a clear vision for the future. It is one where the “wolf shall be a guest of the lamb and the leopard shall lie down with the kid.” It is a vision of harmony and gentleness where all will live as one. We can see the complete picture of life in God. We see what we may be, what may come, and who we can become. Preparing the way for the Lord means moving beyond the limitations of ideology, time, space, preference, and self-focused concern so that we can see as God sees. God will give us what we need to endure whatever comes, and the encouragement we need to get where we can be.

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### RCIA & Sacramental Preparation for Adults & 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)

### Scripture: “What We Believe, the Beauty of the Catholic Faith -

In session eight, “*Union with God, the Life of Prayer*”, we recognize the many opportunities the Church offers us every day and throughout the year to experience conversation with God in prayer. Whether it is through the Eucharist, the Liturgy of the Hours, the prayers for the different seasons of the liturgical year, *lectio divina*, Holy Scripture, or the many traditional devotions, we are able to offer each activity of our day to God.

Come join us. It is a wonderful, welcoming group that gathers on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm!! We meet to learn and share how our faith and the Word of God has touched our lives. No homework, no materials to buy. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

### Faith Formation For All Ages ~ Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry -

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#### Faith Formation: 2022-2023

Sunday, **December 4**, we will begin practice for the **Christmas play**. On **December 11**, we will have practice in addition to participating in **Elves Attic**. Our last practice for the play will be on **December 18**. After Mass on the 18<sup>th</sup>, we will go **Caroling** in the neighborhood, followed by a **pizza party** in the Parish Life Center.

Faith Formation sessions for 2022-2023 are on Sundays at 9:30am in the Faith Formation Center. 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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) or 518-328-0427 for more information or questions about Faith Formation and/or receiving sacraments at IHM.

*“Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever”* (Ps 72)

#### Readings for the week of December 4th

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/  
Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13  
-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-  
12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and  
10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/  
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt  
11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-  
16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-  
10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

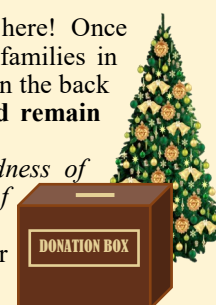
**Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: ALL WELCOME!!** ~ Stop by between 3 to 5pm on Mondays and sit down to enjoy a meal with friends or pick up a meal to take home: Soup, salad, sandwich, entrée and dessert!! All are welcome; parishioners, neighbors and friends!!

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**Christmas Giving** ~ Before we know it Christmas will be here! Once again this year we will be requesting donations for our families in need. The **wooden “Donation box”** will be on the table in the back of the Church **beginning Saturday, November 26th and remain in place until Sunday December 18th.**

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

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







## In Memoriam ~ 2022 ~ 23

In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family 10/29/23	In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family 6/11/23	In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family 4/23/23
In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski 3/19/23	In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family 2/19/23	In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan 2/19/23
In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson 2/5/23	In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope 1/15/23	In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family 1/15/23

### WHY DO WE DO THAT? - Sign of the Cross

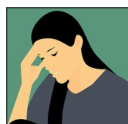
#### Question:

Why do Catholics make the sign of the cross?

#### Answer:

The sign of the cross is a devotional practice that dates back to the first Apostles. When making the sign of the cross, we remember Jesus Christ who died for us and also bear witness to the fact that we belong to him and are called to share the Good News to all the world. At our Baptism, we were signed with a cross and marked for Christ. That mark remains on us throughout the entirety of our lives. We remind ourselves of that mark every time we make the same gesture over our bodies. We also remind ourselves that to be a Christian means we are to "put on Christ" and be Christ for a world that needs to know him. In a way, this devotional gesture covers us with Christ so that others may see him in us.

Catholics are not the only ones who make the sign of the cross. Orthodox, Lutheran, and Anglicans are examples of other Christians who maintain this same ancient tradition. ©LPI



### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Dec 3

4:00pm—Dolores Phelps, req by Brenda Persons

Audrey O'Hare, req by Bob/Sandy Beston

Karen Delduce, req by Ginny & Diane Jakubics

Sun., Dec 4

7:30am—Charles Bulson, req by the family

David Crowley, Sr, req by mom & family

Kathy Macpherson, req by Cindy Lee Murdza

11:00am—Cornelius Heffernan, req by Mary & Barb Crowley

Edward Baniak, Jr, req by Fred/Margaret Gonsowski

Carole Maloney & son Jeff, req by husband Don

Tues., Dec 6

9:00am—Frank & Vincenza DiNuzzo, Estate

Wed., Dec 7

9:00am—lv'g & dec'd members of IHM

5:30pm - Vigil for Holy Day

Kathy Macpherson, req by IHM Staff

Thurs., Dec 8 - Immaculate Conception of BVM

9:00am—Fr Peter Young, req by Margaret/Fred Gonsowski

Sat., Dec 10

4:00pm—Audrey O'Hare, req by Rosary Society

Marge/Ted Testo, req by the family

Tom/Margaret Halpin, req by the family

Sun., Dec 11

7:30am—Kathy Macpherson, req by Linda Dunbar

11:00am—lv'g & dec'd members of IHM

Andre Sullivan (B'day), req by MaryAnne & George Carmel Crispo, req by Lorraine Alund

### Question of the Week... Reflect and Respond

In the gospel today, John the Baptist taught the people that repenting of sins and producing "good fruit" was essential for preparing for the kingdom of heaven.

'What good works are you doing for your family and friends as we continue through the season of Advent?' ©LPI

Prepare the way for the Lord...

Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Advent Penance Service  
Wednesday  
December 14, 2022  
9:30am  
(immediately following 9am Mass)

Combined Advent Service at St. Ambrose  
347 Old Loudon Rd. Latham  
5:00 - 6:30pm

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