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DECEMBER 6, 2020

Church and Parish Center - Handicapped Accessible

Celebration of the Eucharist

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

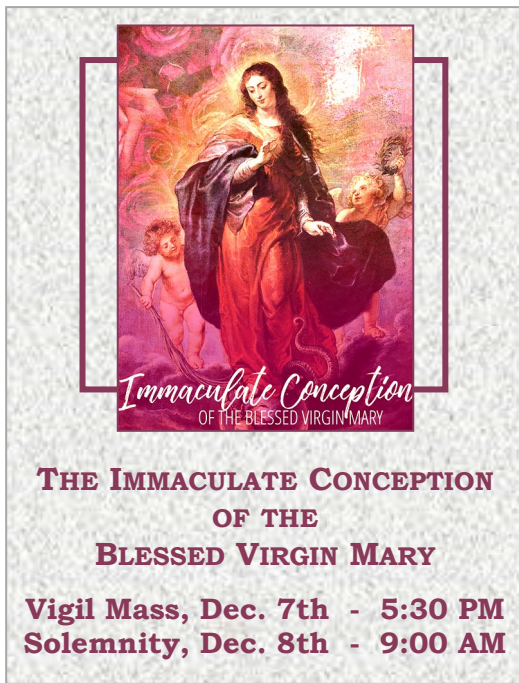
Weekday Schedule

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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IHM PRAYER MINISTRY ~ If you would like prayers said for a family member, relative or friend, contact Brenda at 518-271-6184.

Scripture Sharing: "The Wild Goose" ~ 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*. We only have 3 sessions left in this series. Why not join us?? 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 skowski@ihm.rcpw.org

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.



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

Faith Formation - For All Ages

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Faith Formation: 2020-2021

Our in person sessions for December are as follows: December 6 and 13. For all digital students, packets from November should be dropped off at the Faith Formation Center between 9:30 and 10:30am on December 6. At the same time, packets for December will be handed out to those who have not yet received the December lessons. (A Christmas ornament craft will be included in the packet.) After the first of the year, we will re-assess and determine any changes in the program.

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

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

Letter from Joseph's House ~

Dear Friends at Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Thank you for supporting Joseph's House and Shelter's work with your wonderful donation. Your gift is helping us provide outreach, emergency shelter and housing services to more than 1500 men, women and children in Rensselaer and Albany counties without a place to stay.


We are so pleased to have you as a friend of Joseph's House. Again, thank you for your support and gift. You are making a difference.

In gratitude – Andrew Barnes, Development Assistant

LIVE THE LITURGY

Prepare the way of the Lord! The message of John the Baptist becomes the calling of every baptized disciple of Jesus Christ. Each one of us is asked to prepare the way of the Lord. Given the humble means of our lives, how can we do this? It certainly does not require that we stand on street corners announcing God's future coming! We can more readily take up the task of our lifework by clearing our lives of unnecessary, distracting clutter. By creating solid and deep spiritual lives, we can heighten our awareness of God's presence and help people point to and discover God's presence around them. By conducting ourselves in holiness and devotion, we can speak volumes to those we meet. Not by preaching actual words, but by living lives that communicate the comfort God wants His people to know. As the world sometimes frantically unfolds around us, we can be people of patience who show others that it's okay to wait for God's gift to come. Conducting our lives in this manner, we will know the peace that comes from doing what we have been asked to do. ©LPi



In Memoriam ~ 2021		
 <p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family <small>10/24/21</small></p>	<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski <small>3/21/21</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family <small>3/7/21</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>2/21/21</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family <small>2/21/21</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson <small>2/7/21</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family <small>1/17/21</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>1/17/21</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>1/17/21</small></p>
		<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family <small>1/10/21</small></p>

MASS INTENTION BOOK—The Mass intention requests are now available for January and February 2021. 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 requests in months available.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Mon., Dec 7

5:30pm—HOLY DAY VIGIL

Tues., Dec 8

9:00am—Lv'g & Dec'd members IHM

Wed., Dec 9

9:00am—Madeline Theresa Whaley, req by Dolores Shaw

Thurs., Dec 10

9:00am—Wm Johnson/Malasky family, Estate

Sat., Dec 12

4:00pm—Joan Duffey, req by Rosary Society
Earl VonBuskirk/granddaughter Cathy Fisk, req by family

Joan McGowan Sajler(1st Anniv), req by Ginny/Diane Jakubics

Sun., Dec 13

8:30am—Gonsowski family, req by son & dgtr
Thomasina DiFabio, req by Brenda Persons
Living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Paul Esposito, Sr } req by family
William & Margaret Knapp }
Stanley Cote, req by his wife Peg

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
Weekly Collection (incl Mail-in/E.G.)
Nov 21-22, 2020—\$5437.00



RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Jubilation to Share

Sometimes you have something to share with people that causes you to well up inside with excitement to the point of going crazy. A pregnancy test, a pay raise, a college acceptance, a wedding or engagement are all examples of moments in life when we might be bursting at the seams to tell somebody the good news. When we finally get the chance to tell somebody, joy just seems to flow through us with ease. We literally want the entire world to share in our jubilation.

When was the last time you shared with a friend or loved one how much your faith in Jesus means to you? You don't feel the same motivation to share? Are you not overwhelmed with a desire to spread the Good News?

Don't feel bad. You are not alone. As Christians, we often fail to grasp the powerful implications of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can become complacent and lose sight of what matters the most. That is when sharing with others about our faith seems uncomfortable.

Faith is a gift. As everyday stewards we are called to share with others what God has given us. Advent is a great time to grow in our faith and love of the Lord. The more we cultivate our faith and the closer we draw to Him, the more we will want to share about Him. We might not have the impact of John the Baptist in the course of human history, but our proclamation of the Gospel to another might be the gift that changes their history. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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.

Readings for the week of December 6, 2020

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

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

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

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

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28