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Third Sunday of **ADVENT**



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DECEMBER 11, 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

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

In session nine, "**Fasting: becoming Christlike**", we discuss the purpose of fasting in the Christian life. Its fundamental purpose is to make greater room for God in our lives. Fasting, not just from food or drink, but from the many distractions that lead us away from God. It is a reminder to ourselves that "man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." (Deuteronomy 8:3)

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.

Christmas Giving ~ Once again this year we will be requesting donations for our families in need. There is a wooden "Donation" box on the table in the back of the Church for monetary donations designated for our "Christmas Giving" Program. The box will be at this site from **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!



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.

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: ALL WELCOME!!

Mary's Kitchen will be closed on December 26. It will re-open on January 5, 2023.

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!!

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

December DVD: **The Shack: December 29**

We will be presenting the movie **The Shack** on **Thursday, December 29** in the Parish Life Center, **beginning at 1:30pm**. Based on the New York Times best selling novel, it's the story of a father's spiritual journey after a family tragedy. He experiences a crisis of faith, questioning God's existence and life's very purpose. On a cold, desolate winter's day, he receives a mysterious invitation to an abandoned shack. There, three strangers help him experience the love of God's healing mercy.

After all the hustle and bustle of the Christmas celebration, come join us to relax and unwind with this truly poignant story of a father's journey from despair to hope and peace.

All are welcome. For more information, contact skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

Food Pantry News ~ It has been a very busy holiday season at the IHM Food Pantry! Our client base has increased substantially with the increased cost of living today. I would like to thank all of our donors who have made it possible for us to continue serving the less fortunate in our community.

First, a heartfelt thanks goes out to our generous and thoughtful parishioners who have continued to support our efforts to feed the hungry. I have also included a list of supporters from our community who have donated throughout the year. Thank you again for your support and commitment to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Food Pantry!!

Saint Gobain

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Church

St. Peter Armenian Church

Mr & Mrs John Chuhta

Trinity Episcopal Church

Razzano Halloween donation

United Irish Society of the Capital District

Wvlt Elementary School

Stewart's Shops

Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH)

Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

The Season That Gives Back

I don't have anything left to give...You can't pour from an empty cup...All I do is give. Who is giving to me?

Raise your hand if these thoughts have ever run through your head. I'm sure they occur to all of us from time to time. We can become so easily depleted by the fast pace of life and whatever vocation God has called us to, whether that's parenthood, a demanding professional career or the caretaking of friends and family (or as so often happens, a hybrid of all three). Many of us also undergo certain seasons — seasons of the year, but also seasons of life — that seem to sap us of energy and leave us totally empty.

In these times, it seems impossible to continue in the spirituality of Everyday Stewardship. Graciousness, mindfulness, prayerfulness, gratitude, accountability — maintaining some semblance of these characteristics in our daily life feels not only overly optimistic, but totally impossible.

The Church gives us certain liturgical seasons that are meant to fill us up, almost like spiritual pit stops. Advent is one such season, and the Scriptural passages we reflect on at Mass during these four weeks are filled with images of nature defied. We see the dry steppe blooming. We see the weak made firm. We see the frightened made strong. We see the lame walk. We see the Virgin give birth.

If you think you don't have anything left to give this Advent, think again. This is the season of miracles when what we thought was depleted brings new life. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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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

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

Faith Formation: 2022-2023

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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 18th, 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 or 518-328-0427 for more information or questions about Faith Formation and/or receiving sacraments at IHM.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Tues., Dec 13

9:00am—Farrell & Synan Families, Estate

Wed., Dec 14

9:00am—The Gonsowski Family, req by son/
daughter

****9:30 AM ~ ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE****

Thurs., Dec 15

9:00am—Beatrice /Philip Zarlengo Family, Estate

Sat., Dec 17

4:00pm—Richard Grace, req by Brenda Persons
Roseanne Gontier, req by Ginny/Diane Jakubics
The Deck Family, req by Karl & Joan

Sun., Dec 18

7:30am—Fred Gadomski, req by Bob & Carol
Carlson

Kathy Macpherson, req by the family

11:00am—C Bradley Culkun, req by Martha/Ron
Soucy

Dec'd members of the Stebbins/Hynes family, req
by the family

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Prayer Ministry - If you would like prayers said for a family member, relative, or friend contact **Brenda** at 518-961-0169.

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