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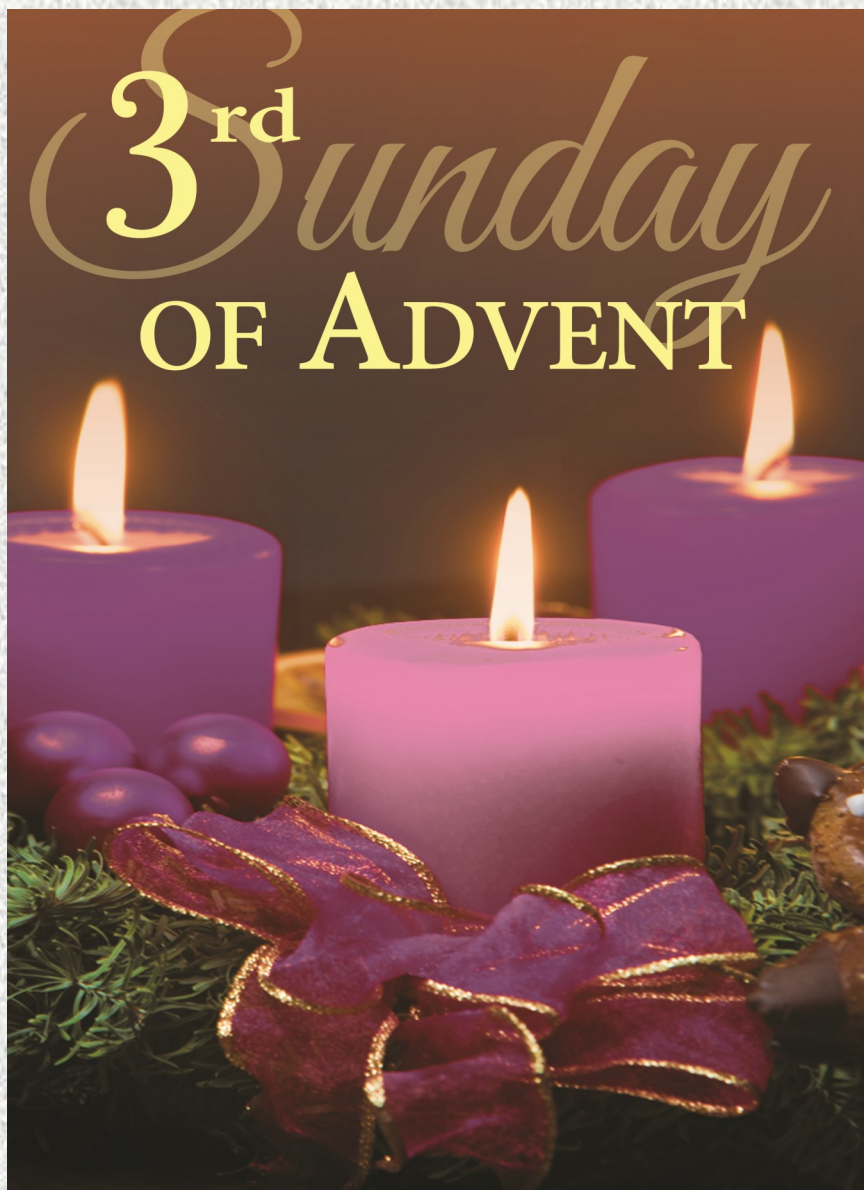
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**DECEMBER 13, 2020**

*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

**ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES**  
Wednesday, December 16th—after 9:00 AM Mass  
and at 7:00 PM

## LIVE THE LITURGY

What gives you joy? Joy is discovered when we connect with something or someone very deeply and experience a dimension of ourselves that material or secular possessions cannot bring. Joy is stumbled upon when we see our newly born child for the first time, get caught up in the vastness of a mountain landscape, and are led out into infinity gazing at an ocean's horizon, or being lovingly present with someone when they are vulnerable and in need. Joy is a profound experience that in its uniqueness grounds us in ultimate truth. Did you know that all authentic, profound, and memorable moments of joy mirror the eternal joy we desire from God? We can have glimpses of this eternal Divine joy as we embark upon our earthly journey, mirrored in our human connections with joy, but experienced directly during moments of deep prayer. God is the joy of my soul. Ponder those intense words! You will know moments of true and real joy by paying attention to your response to the experience. You will find yourself rejoicing and saying thank you. ©LPi



**The Giving Tree - Last Weekend for Monetary Donations ~** Each year our Parish has a Giving Tree program which helps many families provide a Christmas for their children. COVID-19 is once again affecting our lives. Since we are not able to have our Giving Tree this year, we have been collecting monetary donations to purchase gift certificates for the families with children who participate in our Food Pantry Program. December 13th ends the 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. Thank you to all who have already participated.

**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 Gives Witness*. We only have 2 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 [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

**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!!

*If anyone would like to prepare a dessert for the soup kitchen, it would be most appreciated.*

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### Readings for the week of December 13, 2020

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  
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27  
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32  
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23  
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17  
Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25  
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25  
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

### Faith Formation - For All Ages

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### Faith Formation: 2020-2021

Because of closures at Watervliet schools, we have had to modify our December schedule. Our in person session for December is on the 13th. For all students, packets from November should be dropped off at the Faith Formation Center between 9:30 and 10:30am on December 13. 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.) If there are any further changes due to Covid-19, we will contact parents directly through email.

After the first of the year, we will re-assess and determine any changes in the program.

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



## ADVENT




HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

### 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 [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) or 518-328-0427.



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

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SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**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.

In loving memory of  
Joseph V Germano  
requested by the Family  
1/10/21

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat., Dec 12**  
4:00pm—Joan Duffey, req by Rosary Society  
Earl VanBuskirk/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

**Tues., Dec 15**  
NO MASS

**Wed., Dec 16**  
9:00am—Saundra Cummings, Estate

**ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE**  
WEDNESDAY AFTER 9:00 AM MASS  
AND AT 7:00 PM

**Thurs., Dec 17**  
9:00am—The Bulger family, Estate

**Sat., Dec 19**  
4pm—Joan Duffey, req by Frank/Jan Gilchrist  
Joan Ross, req by Gene/Cindy Cocca  
Carl/Agnes Dembrosky, req by Anne & Mick Dembrosky

**Sun., Dec 20**  
8:30am—Living & dec'd members of IHM  
Robert Lewis, req by Anne & Mick Dembrosky

11:00am—Timothy Carabis, req by Kay Connors  
Theresa Cassidy, req by Tony Cassidy & Marilyn LaParl

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

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**  
Weekly Collection (incl Mail-in/E.G.)  
Nov 28-29, 2020—\$4737.00

### RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS ~ A Constant Companion

As Christians, we are called to a life of prayer. This is not just during seasons like Advent, but all year long. When we talk about being prayerful everyday stewards, we are speaking about cultivating an awareness of God being with us at all times. Each day we begin by offering God the entirety of our day. Each night we rest in Him and hope that the hours that passed gave Him glory.

During this busy time of Advent, it is hard to cultivate this life of prayer, but without it we can too easily lose sight of the reason for the season. It is during this time of year we need to heed the words of St. Paul more than ever when he wrote to the Thessalonians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." This is how we will be

able to avoid the pitfalls of consumerism and secularism and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Bring Jesus with you into the office Christmas party. Take him with you shopping for gifts in the department store. Be aware of him when you sit down to watch television specials you have seen every year of your life. Give him all your time and let his presence fill your every moment. By striving to be connecting with Jesus at all times, you will bear greater fruit and the joy you experience will be much greater than you could imagine. You might even spend a few less dollars and spend more time with those you love, particularly the one who loves you the most, the Incarnation himself.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

**The desire  
for God  
is written  
in the  
human heart.**

(CCC 27)

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