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**DECEMBER 18, 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**



**Christmas Weekend Mass Schedule: listed on page three**

## Live The Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

"God is with us." This is the one constant in the unpredictability of life. The particulars of our lives can change, not only instantly but dramatically. People experiencing a time of peace can easily find themselves at war. Times of prosperity can rapidly become times of want. Our vision for the future can be destroyed, and our securities placed in jeopardy. These final days of Advent allow us to make final preparations. The true safety and security we seek can only come from God. The rest, harmony, and peacefulness we desire are found in God alone. How do we know this to be true? God Himself gave us a sign: Emmanuel, God with us. Do not be afraid, and do not be unbelieving. Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. All we need to do is make sure that our hearts are in the proper place and seeking the right things!

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### 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.*

Many thanks to the AOH and to Margaret Vumbaco for their very generous donations to Mary's Kitchen!! This helps us tremendously as we work to provide nutritious meals on Mondays. God bless them all for their caring to our Mary's Kitchen guests.

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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

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

*Please note we will not have Scripture on December 22 or 29. We will finish the series on the Beauty of the Catholic Faith with sessions 9 & 10 in January.*

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)



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

### 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).

**This weekend we'll be joined by the Notre Dame Club of Northeastern New York for the 12/18 11:00am Mass. Please welcome them to our parish as we join together in prayer.**



### December DVD: "The Shack"

**December 29th**

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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

### Faith Formation For All Ages ~ Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Faith Formation: 2022-2023


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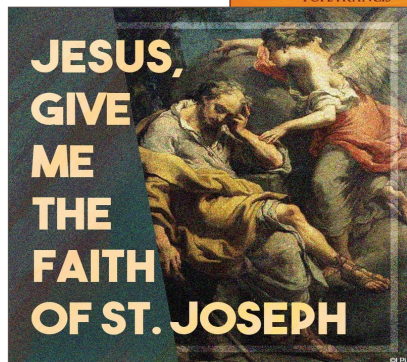
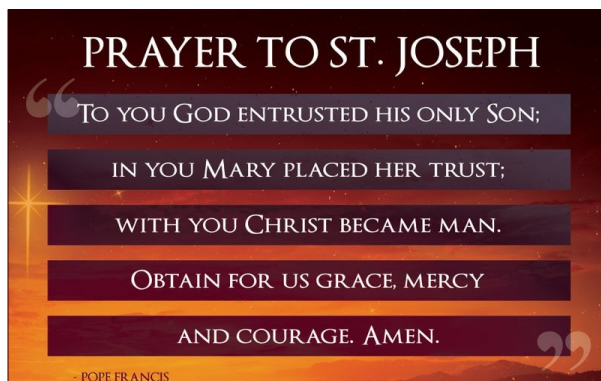
Our last practice for the Christmas play will be on **December 18**. After Mass on the 18<sup>th</sup>, we will go **Caroling** in the neighborhood, followed by a **pizza party** in the Parish Life Center. The Family Mass on Christmas Eve will be at 4:30pm, at which we will present the Christmas play. As you celebrate the joy of the season, please remember to share time with our Lord at Sunday Masses.

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.

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In Memoriam ~ 2023		
 <p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family 10/29/23</p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam &amp; Katherine Novak John &amp; Rosalie Novak &amp; Florence Szpot requested by the Family 6/11/23</p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family 6/11/23</p>
<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family 4/23/23</p>	<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski 3/19/23</p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family 2/19/23</p>
<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald &amp; Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don &amp; Patti Hogan 2/19/23</p>	<p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys &amp; The Butlers requested by Bob &amp; Carol Carlson 2/5/23</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope 1/15/23</p>
<p>In loving memory of The Barron &amp; Rys Families requested by the Family 1/15/23</p>		



**Christmas Giving ~** The wooden “Donation” box on the table in the back of the Church is for monetary donations designated for our “Christmas Giving” Program.

The box will be at this site from November 26th and remain in place until this Sunday December 18th, which will be the last opportunity to participate in this program.

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

#### MASS INTENTIONS

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 Gadowski, req by Bob & Carol Carlson  
 Kathy Macpherson, req by the family

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

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

James Blaauboer, req by Notre Dame Club of Northeastern New York

Tues., Dec 20

9:00am—Anne Marie Bird, req by Fred Gonsowski

Wed., Dec 21

9:00am—Elizabeth Rushia, (B'day), req by MaryAnne & George

Thurs., Dec 22

9:00am—Stephanie Plasse, req by AJ Derico



Sat., Dec 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

4:30pm—The Beston Family, req by family  
 Joseph Germano & family, req by the family  
 Carol Lansing, req by the family

7:00pm—Donald, Mary & Charles Rutherford, req by the family

Anthony Pruscop, Genevive Pruscop & Douglas Goard, req by the family

Sun., Dec 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00am—Tammy Morgan, req by Mom/Dad & Sons

The Crudo family, req by the family

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**  
 Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.)  
 Dec 3-4, '22.....\$8303.00

Thank you for your generosity & committed support to Immaculate Heart of Mary parish.  
 May God bless you always.