

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Watervliet, NY



4th SUNDAY of Advent

"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy." - Lk 1:43-44

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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DECEMBER 19, 2021

Celebration of the Eucharist

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

Weekday Schedule

9:00am Mass - Tuesday . Wednesday . Thursday

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

PLEASE NOTE:

All Mass Schedules for Christmas and Weekend are listed on page three of today's bulletin.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS ~ *Baby Jesus' Wish List*

Odds are you've got a Christmas list going by now — gift ideas for everyone from your nephew to your goddaughter to your mailman. But what about the birthday boy? What's the gift Jesus gets from you this Christmas?

If you've ever read the Book of Leviticus, you know all about the sacrifices God asks of the Israelites, referred to in the reading from Hebrews today. Leviticus can be a chore to read — a little repetitive, a little intimidating. There's a lot of very specific actions that God asks His Chosen People to complete to make up for whatever they have done wrong. In essence, it's a bit of a wish list for gifts.

But it's a wish list that can really confuse you. What's God going to do with a cereal offering? The kidneys of an animal? If you look closely, what God is doing here is beautiful. He's customized his wish list to only those things He knows the Israelites can give. It's God saying, in what amounts to theological baby-talk for folks who barely know of Him and His ways, exactly how they could be stewards. "Do this, but don't do that. If you do that, do this and you will find My mercy."

Our guide to stewardship — the Gospels of Christ — is less precise because by the time of Christ, God's people have grown in understanding of love and mercy and relationship with the divine. Through Christ, we find out that God's real wish list didn't really consist of cereal offerings and the kidneys of various animals. It's far simpler, but luckily, it's something we still have on-hand. All He wants is our whole heart. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi



Christmas Giving, Last Weekend for Christmas Program ~

This is the last weekend to donate to the Christmas Program, **December 19th deadline.** 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 and 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.

"The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life"

Scripture Sharing: Ascension Press; A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother ~ *Please note: We will not meet for Scripture on December 23 and 30. We will resume meeting on January 6.*

While we wait for season three of "The Chosen" to become available, we are going to experience 8 episodes of "A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother". Edward Sri will take us on an extraordinary pilgrimage to the Holy Land that reveals Mary's unique role in God's kingdom and in our lives.

All are invited. We meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm:

Mary's Kitchen will be closed on December 20.

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!! As you get ready to purchase bakery items for the holidays, don't forget to stop at Schuyler Bakery. They so generously provide us with rolls for sandwiches every week. Many thanks to them for their part in providing for our Mary's Kitchen guests. Questions?? Please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

Prayer Ministry ~ We believe as faith-filled people, prayer matters and offers hope. The Prayer Tree Ministry is made up of a group of people who pray for others. If you would like prayers said for a family member, relative, or friend contact Brenda Persons at 518-271-6184.



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

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Faith Formation: 2021-2022


Faith Formation sessions will be in person sessions every other week until January 2022, at which time we hope to again have weekly sessions. The remaining session for 2021 is December 19. All sessions are 9:45 to 10:50am.

We are currently practicing for the Christmas Eve play which will take place at the 4:30 Mass. If your child will not be in the play they will come to their regular Faith Formation sessions on December 19.

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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

As much as we would like, we can't return to a full schedule yet. We are working on a monthly schedule and will post the dates as soon as they are determined.

In Memoriam ~ 2022		
 <p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p>10/23/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p>4/10/22</p>	<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski</p> <p>3/20/22</p>
<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p>3/6/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p>2/20/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson</p> <p>2/6/22</p>
<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan</p> <p>1/23/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p>1/16/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>1/16/22</p>

SCHEDULED MASSES Dec. 18 ~ Dec. 26

Sat., Dec 18

4:00pm—The Beston family, req by the family
C Bradley Culkin, req by Martha/Ronald Soucy
Joan Ross, req by Gene & Cindy Cocca

Sun., Dec 19

8:30am—Marc Fitorre, req by the Lamb family
Jerry Mastan, req by Bob & Carol Carlson
Living & dec'd members of IHM

11:00am—Paul Esposito, Sr, req by the family
William/Margaret Knapp, req by the family
Virginia/William Riedy, req by sister Maureen

Tues., Dec., 21

9:00am—Beatrice & Philip Zarlengo, Estate

Wed., Dec 22

9:00am—Charles Adams, req by Pete/Marilyn Barron

Thurs., Dec 23

9:00am—The Bulger Family, Estate

Fri., Dec 24—CHRISTMAS EVE—VIGIL

4:30PM—Joseph Germano &
Margaret Oaksford, req by Peg Germano
Mary Louise Basle, req by daughter & son
Tammy Morgan, req by her mom & family
Carol Lansing, req by the family

7:00PM—Anthony & Genevieve Pruskop,
& Douglas Goard, req by the family

Sat., Dec 25—CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

10:00AM—Donald & Mary, & Charles Rutherford,
req by the family
Nicholas John Crudo (Anniv), req by the family

REGULAR WEEKEND MASS VIGIL FOR SUNDAY

Sat., Dec 25

4:00pm - The Beston Family, req by the family
Living & Deceased members of IHM

Sun., Dec 26

8:30am—Michael F. Farrell, req by Patty Minkler
Charles Adams, req by Rick & Barb Pratt

11:00am—The Alund Family, req by Lorraine Alund
Anna & Wm Maloney, req by Maureen McMahon
Esposito & Lomonte Families, req by Lorraine Alund

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G)
Dec 4-5, 2021 ... \$7576.00

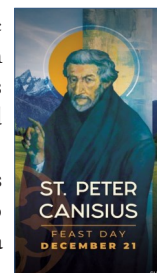
St. Peter Canisius

Feast Day December 21

Born in Holland, (May 8, 1521 –
December 21, 1597) was a preacher,
teacher, and writer throughout his whole life. At the age of 19, he
received a master's degree from the university at Cologne. Soon
afterwards, St. Peter met Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius
of Loyola, who influenced him so much that he eventually joined
the Society of Jesus.

St. Peter Canisius founded colleges and seminaries, served as
a missionary, cared for the sick or imprisoned, and wrote close to
eight volumes of letters — many about St. Cyril of Alexandria
and St. Leo the Great.

A man blessed with many talents, St. Peter Canisius is a wonderful example of
a man who developed his talents to further God's work here on earth.
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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Micah prophesied a Messiah ("ruler") would come through the line of David
("Bethlehem-Ephrathah") and bring peace and harmony. In what ways does the
upcoming birth of Christ bring you comfort?

Second Reading:

As the season of Advent draws to a close, the author of Hebrews reminds us
that as disciples of Christ, we must strive to do God's will above all else. How
do you stay focused on such an important task?

Gospel:

Luke is the only Evangelist to record the story of Mary visiting Elizabeth and
only a portion of their conversation was preserved. What else do you imagine
they talked about? ©LPi

HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!!

Just a Reminder:

Please do not drop off
your unwanted items
at the Parish Life Ctr.
We do not plan on
having our rummage
sale this year and do
not have room to store
extra items. Thank you
for your cooperation.

