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DECEMBER 20, 2020



4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you,
and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the
child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God." - Lk 1:35

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

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



Mass Schedule for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

December 24th ~ 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM

December 25th ~ 10:00 AM

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Scripture Sharing: "The Wild Goose" ~ *Please note: we will take a brief hiatus during the Christmas holidays and will resume Scripture in January. Have a wonderful Christmas and blessed New Year!!

For all those interested, we 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

Faith Formation - For All Ages

Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation

and Youth Ministry - skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Faith Formation: 2020-2021

Wishing all our Faith Formation Families many blessings, joy, and happiness during the Christmas holidays. Please check the bulletin for Mass times on Christmas Eve and Christmas day.

Remember, JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!!

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

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

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

"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.

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm *we're back* ~ 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.

Many thanks to the Carroll family for their generous donation to Mary's Kitchen in memory of their sister, Helen Kuentzel.

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

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 or 518-328-0427.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration of the Week

Does the world realize that it is waiting? As we go about all of the busyness of our lives and entertain our distractions, there are many holes and gaps in our lives that need to be filled. We are always wanting more, but not really sure what that "more" needs to be. Fulfillment, happiness, contentment, and true satisfactions are fleeting occurrences and often come to us in illusive ways. What we think is the ultimate fix to

our anxious emptiness really is only a fancy trend that we entertain. The world does not realize any more today than it did over two thousand years ago that it is waiting for a Savior. We need a Savior. We need to see and embrace the God who has broken into history and become one with us. It is this union of God and man that sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals, and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. The world does not know how truly lost it is. Do you realize how lost you are and that the One you need most is here among us and within your grasp?

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REFLECTIONS



First Reading:

Today's reading from Second Samuel narrates the context in which God establishes his covenantal promise to King David around the year 1000 B.C. In the birth of Jesus, God fulfills his covenant with David. What does this teach us about the idea of "salvation history?"


Second Reading:

Paul concludes his letter to the Romans with a hymn of praise to God for the long-awaited revelation that all are saved and justified through faith in Christ. In what ways are you praising God during this season of Advent?

Gospel:

Today's Gospel reading records the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary of the upcoming birth of Christ. Mary's acceptance of God's will for her life ("May it be done to me according to your word.") models for all of us unconditional faith. How can we encourage others to embrace such faith?

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

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Journey

Advent comes along every year and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. As this season draws to a close, we can each ask ourselves, "Am I now any better a disciple of Jesus Christ and more of a steward of all my gifts than before the Advent season started?" I have been on this earth for 40+ years. I have had 40+ Advents to draw closer to God and to work on taking more seriously my baptismal call. Some have gone better than others, but I would like to think my spiritual life progressed at least a small amount during each of them.

Conversion is a process. Stewardship is about a way of living and it is about more than simply being generous when a situation calls for it. Stewardship and conversion go hand-in-hand and we are always moving closer to holiness in Jesus Christ. Living in this way takes practice and commitment. If this Advent didn't go as you had hoped, remember it is not really an end. It is just another step along your journey.

This Christmas, while you are giving and receiving gifts and hopefully spending time with those you love, may you take the time to cherish the true

gift that came to us over 2000 years ago and continues to call us to this day: Jesus. Let us be grateful beyond measure for this gift above all gifts, let us continue on our journey, and let our lives give testimony to the one who leads us.— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Readings for the week of December 20, 2020

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

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: *Morning*: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Friday: **Vigil**: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. **Day**: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

MASS INTENTIONS

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
Mr Bradley Culkin, req by Martha/Don Soucy

11:00am—Timothy Carabis, req by Kay Connors

Theresa Cassidy, req by Tony Cassidy & Marilyn LaParl

Tues., Dec 22

9:00am—Barbara Ann Amato, req by the family
John & Louise Kelly, req by Anne/Mick Dembrosky

Wed., Dec 23

9:00am—Helen & Ray Werner, grandson Bryan Roberts, req by the family

Thurs., Dec 24-CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00pm—Louise Kelly (6th Anniv), req by Anne/Mick Dembrosky

Carol Lansing, req by the family
Joseph Germano, Margaret Oaksford/Helen McNamara, req by Germano family

7:00pm—Donald & Mary Rutherford, req by the family
Anthony & Genevieve Pruskop, req by family

Fri., Dec 25-CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00am—Michael Kowalski, req by the family
Dec'd mem of Kelly family, req by Anne/Mick Dembrosky
Carrie & Angelo Delduce, Sr, Angelo Delduce, Jr, req by the family

Sat., Dec 26

4pm—Marie Delisle, req by Peg Fisk
Thomasina DiFabio, req by Rosary Society
Mario DiBiase, req by Frederick Hudyt

Sun., Dec 27

8:30am—Kay Ellen Lord, req by St Luke's nurses
Thomas "Jake" Connery, req by Brenda Persons
Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM

11:00am—Dec'd mem of Stebbins/Hynes family, req by Kathy Stebbins
Helen Kuentzel } req by Mr /Mrs Michael Carroll
Jacqueline Martin }

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Weekly Collection (incl Mail-in/E.G.)
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