


# Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet, NY



## God's Unfolding Story of Love

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**DECEMBER 26, 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**

**(MASS SCHEDULE FOR SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, SEE PAGE 3)**

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

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**Faith Formation: 2021-2022: Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for a Healthy and Happy New Year!!**

Hope your Christmas was the best one ever and we look forward with you to a new year of exciting possibilities!!

Since the Parish Christmas Party is scheduled for January 9, we are looking for our January Faith Formation schedule to be January 16, 23, and 30. All sessions are 9:45 to 10:50am.

Please contact Sharon at [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto: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.



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**Scripture Sharing: Ascension Press; A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother**

*Please note: We will not meet for Scripture on December 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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

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

**Parish Christmas Party: January 9**

At the present time, our Parish Christmas Party is scheduled for January 9. We will keep you posted and put out a sign-up list for donations of food items as soon as it is confirmed. Keep your eye on the bulletin for further details.

**Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: Mary's Kitchen will be open on December 27.**

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.

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**Readings for the week of December 26, 2021**

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

[cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**First Reading:**

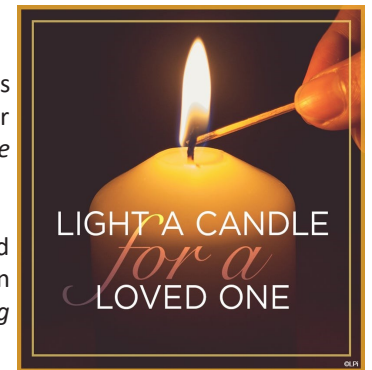
Hannah, the mother of Samuel, and Samuel's father are portrayed as parents of deep prayer and great faith. *How would you describe the faith of your mother or father?*

**Second Reading:**

John teaches us that if we believe in Jesus and love one another, "we may be called children of God." *How do you show gratitude for being part of this holy family?*

**Gospel:**

Luke is the only Evangelist to preserve a story about Jesus from his youth. In this account, Mary and Joseph are filled with "great anxiety" as they searched for Jesus who they thought was lost. *How do you seek God's help for the anxious moments in your family?* ©LPi




**Parish Registration:** (If you are not presently registered with the parish, we invite you to fill out this tear-off to start the process.)

In an effort to keep our records updated, kindly fill out this form below and place it in a regular white envelope and drop in collection basket at church or 7th Ave. door slot of parish office. Thank you for your assistance.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



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 &amp; Katherine Novak John &amp; Rosalie Novak &amp; 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 &amp; The Butlers requested by Bob &amp; Carol Carlson</p> <p>2/6/22</p>
<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald &amp; Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don &amp; Patti Hogan</p> <p>1/23/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron &amp; Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p>1/16/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>1/16/22</p>
<p><b>Prayer Ministry</b> If you would like prayers for a family member, relative or friend, contact Brenda Persons at 518-271-6184.</p>		<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p>1/9/22</p>

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too.

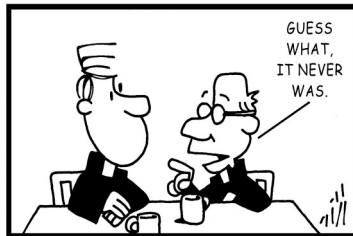
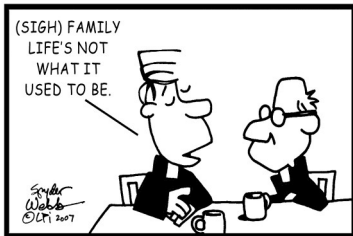
We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love. ©LPI

"GOD IS LOVE. WHOEVER LIVES IN LOVE LIVES IN GOD AND GOD IN HIM."

ST. JOHN, APOSTLE



HOLY FAMILY



**HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE** ~ There are hearing assist earphones available for use during Mass time. The hearing aid is linked to the same frequency as our sound system and will only work within the Church building. If you have difficulty hearing, please feel free to use one of them during Mass, they are located on a stand at the rear of the church. Just return the earphone to the same stand where you picked it up.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK

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

Tues., Dec., 28

9:00am—Ted & Marge Testo, req by the family  
Margaret Halpin, req by the family  
Mary Dwyer, req by Fred Gonsowski

Wed., Dec 29

9:00am—Margaret Rose Gonsowski (B'day), req by son & daughter

Thurs., Dec 30

9:00am—William Anderson, req by Marilyn &  
Pete Barron  
Charles Adams, req by Lorraine Bulson & family

Fri., Dec 31 - **VIGIL OF HOLY DAY**

4:00pm—Living & deceased members of IHM

Sat., Jan 1 - **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**  
10:00 am—Helen L Werner, req by her daughters

Sat., 4:00pm—regular Saturday Vigil Mass  
Jerry Mastan, req by Bob & Sandy Beston

Sun., Jan 2

8:30am—Charles Adams, req by Brennan family  
Janet DeLollo, req by neice, Anna

11:00am—Carol Maloney, & son Jeff, req by husband Don  
Helen Cody & Genevieve Neary, req by Maureen McMahon

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**  
**Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G)**  
**Dec 11-12, 2021 ... \$6359.00**