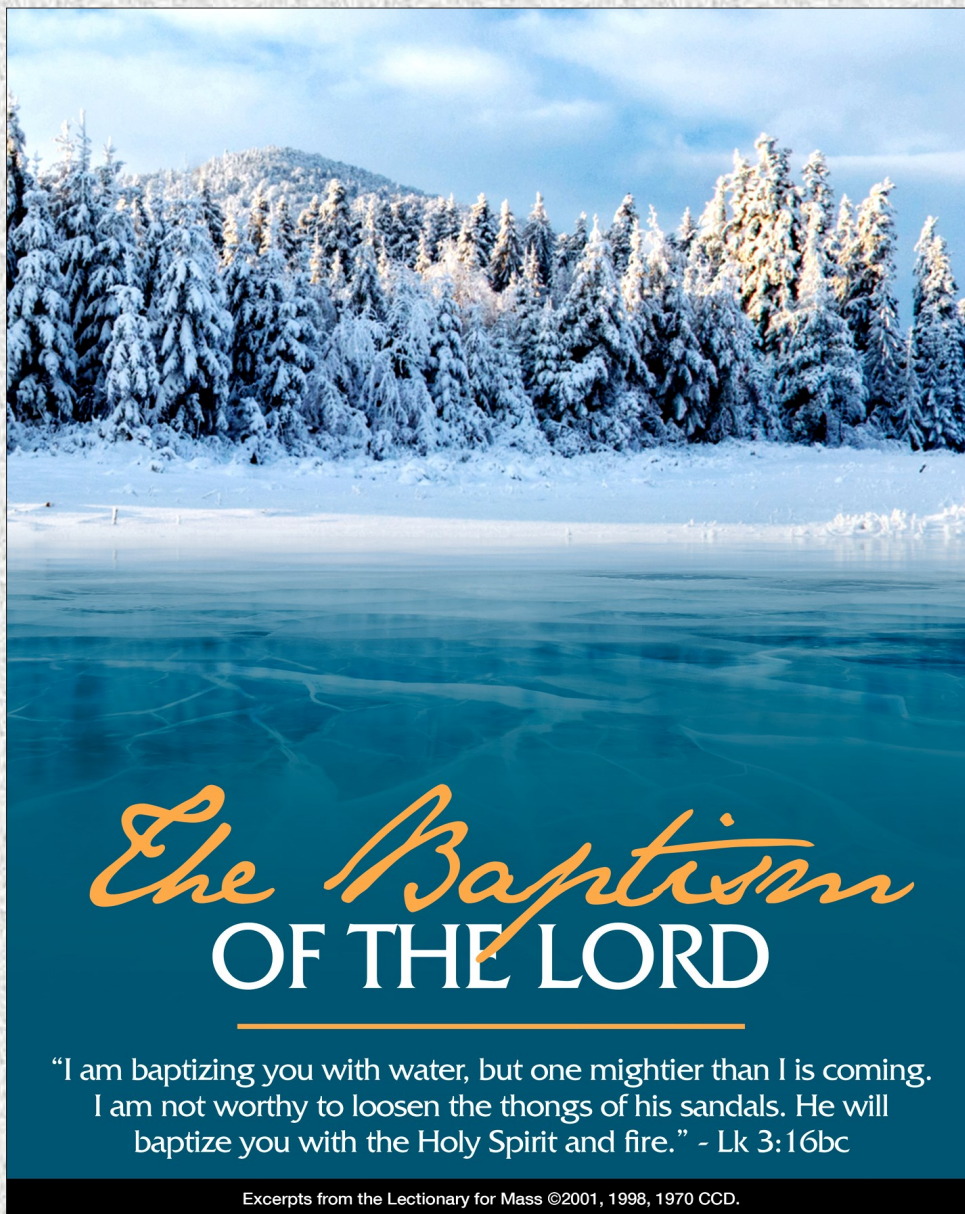


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Watervliet, NY



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January 9, 2022

Celebration of the Eucharist
Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm - Sunday - 8:30 and 11:00am

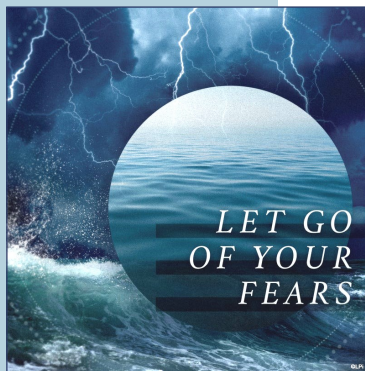
Weekday Schedule
9:00am Mass - Tuesday . Wednesday . Thursday
Adoration on Tuesdays - 9:30 to 11:00am

**GOD
CLAIMS US
AS HIS OWN**

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased. ©LPi



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.

Thank You to all who donated to our Giving Tree Program!! -

Through your generosity, we were able to assist many families, and also send gifts to friends in nursing homes. Thank you again!

Rosary/Altar Society News ~

The Rosary Society will be having a meeting in the Parish Life Center (approx. 11:45am) on January 16th, following the 11:00am Mass. All women over the age of 18 years are welcome. Come, join us.

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

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

Parish Christmas Party:

January 9, Cancelled

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel due to the Omicron variant. Hopefully, we will be able to plan another gathering soon.

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!! Our January Faith Formation schedule is January 16, 23, and 30. All sessions are 9:45 to 10:50am. Please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or email: skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org 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.

"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.

We have **3 Mass options every weekend:**

Saturday, 4pm; Sunday, 8:30am and 11am.

See you in church!!

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: ALL ARE WELCOME!!

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 we start the new year, we want to thank Freihofer's and Schuyler Bakery for continuing 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 ~ If you would like prayers for a family member, relative or friend, contact Brenda Persons at 518-271-6184.



"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."

~ Pope Francis

Readings for the week of January 9, 2022

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28


Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

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>

Baptismal Bib

Question:

At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

Answer:

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment. ©LPi



In loving memory of
Joseph V Germano
requested by the Family

1/9/22

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Jan 8

4:00pm—Charles O Adams, req by Margaret/Fred Gonsowski
Earl Van Buskirk & Kathy Fisk, req by the family
Living & deceased members of IHM

Sun., Jan 9

8:30am—Rick Shevy, req by the family
Henry Mangene, req by the family
For the gift of life, req by parishioner

11:00am—Anna Maloney & Elizabeth Quinan, req by Maureen McMahon
Gonsowski Family, req by the son and daughter

Tues., Jan 11

9:00am—Nicholas J Crudo (38th Anniv), req by the family

Wed., Jan 12

9:00am—Carl & Agnes Dembrosky, req by Mick & Anne Dembrosky

Thurs., Jan 13

9:00am—Margaret Oaksford, req by the family

Sat., Jan 15

4:00pm—Jerry Valenti, req by wife & family
Charles Adams, req by Food Pantry
Tami Picarillo

Sun., Jan 16

8:30am—Charles Adams, req by Ginny & Diane
Bill Anderson, req by Bob & Carol Carlson
Chief Michael F Carlow, Sr, req by Brennan family

11:00am—Members of Maria & Carmelo Antonelli family, req by Anna
Living & deceased members of IHM

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Weekly Collection & Christmas (incl mail-in & E.G)

Dec 24-25/25-26, 2021 ... \$9483.00

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK -

First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah was called to bring words of comfort and good news to the beleaguered Israelites held captive in Babylon. *How do you minister to those in your life struggling to find God's presence?*

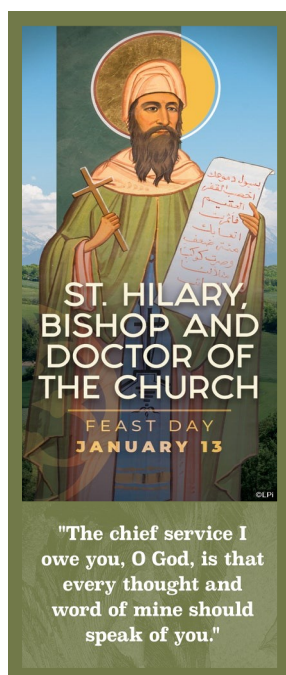
Second Reading:

Paul taught Titus that baptized believers are called "to live temperately, justly, and devoutly." *How well do you think you live by this moral and ethical standard?*

Gospel:

We hear today the account of the baptism of Jesus and God's words from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." *What do you imagine Jesus did (prior to the start of his public ministry) that was so pleasing to God?*

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