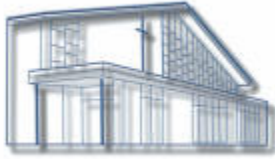


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December 19, 2021—Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Rejoice—Finding Your Place in the Advent Story

The Adult Formation team has prepared 4 sessions for everyone to gather, reflect and pray on Wednesdays during Advent. We'll gather for prayer, watch a video, have a brief discussion, and close with prayer. Please join us!

**The last session will take place
Wednesday, December 22nd**

IHM Chapel after 9 AM Mass from 9:45am- 10:45am
SJW Parish Center (Seminar Room) from 7pm- 8pm

Registration isn't required. Please call Terry Wellenzohn @315-457-4630 if you need more information.



Advent/Christmas Schedule

Advent Retreat

Wednesdays	After 9am Mass 7:00pm	Epiphany IHM Epiphany SJW
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"The Light is On for You"

December 20	4:00pm-7:00pm	Epiphany SJW
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Christmas Eve Liturgies

December 24	4:00pm 6:00pm 10:00pm	Epiphany IHM Epiphany SJW Epiphany SJW
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Christmas Day Liturgies

December 25	9:00am 11:00am	Epiphany IHM Epiphany SJW
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(No 4:00pm Saturday Vigil for Sunday, December 26)

Sunday, December 26

8:00am	Epiphany SJW
9:30am	Epiphany IHM

(No 11:00am Mass)

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Our Parish Offices will be closed for the Holidays on the following dates:

Friday, December 24th ~ Closed
Monday, December 27th ~ Closed
Friday, December 31st ~ Closed

Gospel Meditation

December 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dear Parishioners,

St. Augustine tells us that a “Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps.” As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life’s necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world’s ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes.

Why doesn’t God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world’s ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God’s vessel so that God’s greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God’s fix for the world’s difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God’s instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.

Have a Blessed Week,

-Father O’

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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

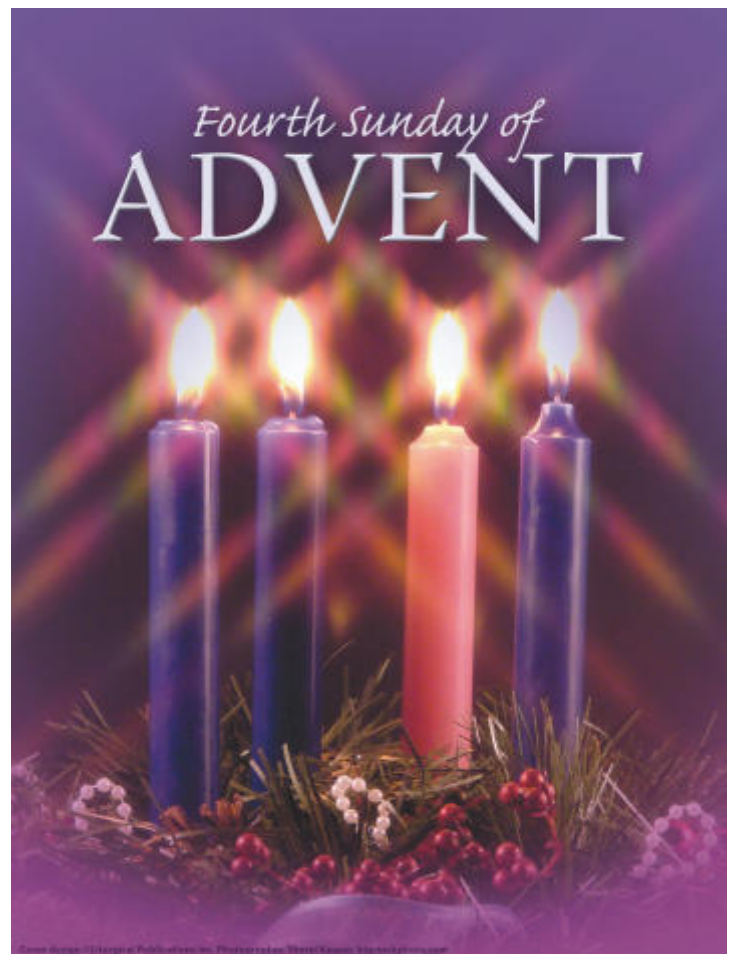
Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse

New York State has instituted a mask mandate in all public places effective **December 13-January 15**. It is being done as a safety precaution and out of the utmost concern for one’s neighbor. Bishop Lucia expects that all parishes in the Diocese of Syracuse will cooperate with this important public health matter and comply with the mask mandate.

As a Faith Community, we are called to respect life in all forms, from natural conception to natural death. This includes being mindful of the health and safety of those around us. We must all cooperate and keep the teachings of Jesus, the Divine Physician in mind:

Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than this.

-Mark 12:31



Food Pantries:

Mary's Pantry (IHM) ~ 315-457-5787

Monday	12:00pm	2:00pm
Tuesday	2:00pm	3:30pm
Thursday	2:30pm	4:00pm

Loaves & Fishes Pantry (SJW) ~ 315-399-6023

Monday	12:00pm	2:00pm
Tuesday	12:00pm	3:00pm
Wednesday	3:00pm	5:00pm
Thursday	12:00pm	2:00pm

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Epiphany Confirmation Service Project Please Help!

Our Confirmation classes will be collecting items to take down to serve the poor for one of our many service projects.

Epiphany youth will head downtown to serve the homeless. These people are truly homeless and come under the bridge to be served a meal and collect a few items they may need. **Between December 18th and January 1st**, we will be accepting the following items to share with the homeless of Syracuse:

Gently used Winter Jackets Men or Women, Winter Hats, Gloves, Hand Warmers, Socks, Blankets, Boots, Small Bags of Chips, Granola Bars, Water Bottles, Wegmans Gift Cards

There will be big boxes in the gathering areas for these items, thank you in advance!

Giving Tree

Giving Tree gifts are to be returned to the trees in the foyer of each church by **This Sunday, December 19**. Any holiday food donations are also need back by this weekend as we prepare for our Christmas distribution. We thank you for your continued dedication to our ministry .

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CYO Basketball

For CYO Practice Times,, please contact the Athletic Director, Rich McClain, rtmcclain@verizon.net

Hope Appeal 2021 Update!

We NEED your help! We are short \$29,530 of our parish goal of \$85,125.

Your financial help serves to ignite, renew, and energize Catholic life. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse includes 196,897 Catholics in 116 parishes residing in seven counties of Central and South-Central New York State. The seven counties are Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, and Oswego. *Gifts of all sizes are welcome and needed.*

Visit <https://www.syracusediocese.org/hopeappeal/> and watch the video, "You are the salt of the Earth" to witness how your gift makes a difference in the lives of so many.

Visit <https://www.syracusediocese.org/hopeappeal/> to give online, or mail your contribution to Epiphany Parish, Attn: Hope Appeal, 425 Beechwood Ave, Liverpool, NY 13088

*THANK YOU to those who have generously donated to our Hope Appeal 2021 campaign. We have received \$55,595 from 295 parishioners. If you have pledged an amount or wish to donate, please mail them in by **December 31, 2021.***



Upcoming Rehearsals:

Sunday, December 19—10:30am—IHM
Thursday, December 23—7:00pm—SJW

For more information, please contact:

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(315) 451-5070

Ben Krisher: bkrisher@ihmsjw.org
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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19, 2021

Sunday: Mt 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

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

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

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

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

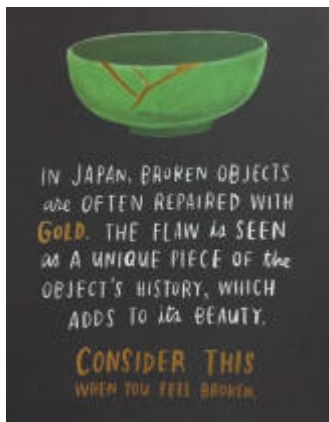
Saturday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Next 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]/Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

O Antiphon Prayer Service

The Adult Faith Formation Committee of Epiphany Parish videoed an Advent reflective prayer service based on the *O Antiphons* for you to view last year during the pandemic. It is our prayer that your Advent will be enriched by watching this 45 minute presentation again. Booklets will be available at both campuses in a limited supply. Please contact Terry Wellenzohn @315-457-4630 if you have questions and/or concerns. The link to the video is below:

<https://youtu.be/oTjIrv7rwgl>



January Book Club

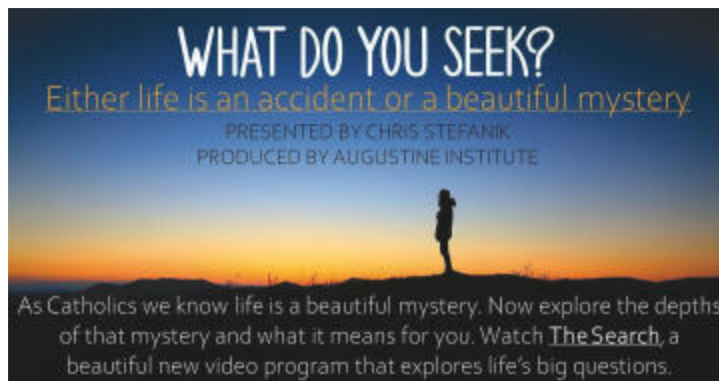
Watch for a special handout on Christmas featuring *Life Is Messy* by Matthew Kelly. Adult formation will be sponsoring a 4 week book club discussion group on **Wednesday's January 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th** in the

SJW Library from 6:30 PM - 8 PM. It will be a great opportunity to discuss the concepts in Matthew's latest book ...and the book is free (1 to a family) for you for Christmas.

Attend Mass. Pick up a book, and join us!

Rosary for Life

A special Rosary for Life will be celebrated on **Sunday, January 16th at 2:30 PM** at the SJW Campus in the Church. This is to pray for a respect for life from beginning to end and in support of those travelling to Washington for demonstrations and prayers. This is an especially critical time during the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade decision of the Supreme Court. Deacon Steve Manzene will preside for Rosary and Benediction. Registration is not required, but we request if you plan on attending you call Terry Wellenzohn @315-457-4630 or register via the Parish website under the Adult Formation tab.



All parishioners are invited to attend a viewing of *THE SEARCH*, an innovative and captivating video series that tackles key questions at the core of every human heart and soul.

We will be presenting all seven of the beautifully filmed episodes, hosted by Chris Stefanick, with appearances from several experts from multiple fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion as they examine our place in the larger story of creation and our existence.

Join us for an hour on Sunday, January 9th after the 9:30 am Mass at IHM in the IHM Campus Parish Center to watch the second video in this series titled "*What Do You Seek?*". The series will be re-presented on Sunday, January 23rd after the 11:00am Mass at SJW Campus Library. The Schedule is listed below through the beginning of Lent. Couldn't make it to the first gathering? No worries, they are not consecutive; each session has meaning and will take you deeper into your faith! We promise!

	<u>IHM</u>	<u>SJW</u>
Session # 2	January 9	January 23
Session # 3	January 30	February 6
Session # 4	February 13	March 6

DECEMBER



Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 19

8:00am SJW Mass
9:30am IHM Mass & Children's Liturgy
10:30am IHM Faith Formation Classes
10:30am IHM Choir Rehearsal
11:00am SJW Mass & Children's Liturgy
12:00pm SJW Faith Formation Classes

Monday, December 20

9:00am IHM Daily Mass
3:00pm IHM Adoration
4:00pm SJW Reconciliation "Light is On For You"
4:30pm IHM Novena

Tuesday, December 21

9:00am IHM Daily Mass
7:00pm SJW Bible Study (In Library)

Wednesday, December 22

9:00am IHM Daily Mass
9:30am IHM Legion of Mary
9:30am IHM Advent Retreat
6:30pm SJW RCIA Meeting (In Library)
6:30pm IHM Tableau Rehearsal
7:00pm SJW Advent Retreat

Thursday, December 23

9:00am IHM Daily Mass
7:00pm SJW Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 24—Christmas Eve

4:00pm IHM Christmas Eve Mass
6:00pm SJW Christmas Eve Mass
10:00pm SJW Christmas Eve Mass

Saturday, December 25—Christmas Day

9:00am IHM Christmas Day Mass
11:00am SJW Christmas Day Mass
No 4:00pm Mass

Sunday, December 26

8:00am SJW Mass
9:30am IHM Mass
No 11:00am Mass

All Parishioners of Epiphany Parish

Weekend of December 18 & 19

<i>Amy Danchick</i>	R. Mom & Dad
<i>Peter Petarata</i>	R. Cathy Mucenski
<i>Philip Oropallo</i>	R. Pa Pa Nan
<i>Gary McLeon</i>	R. Dave & Pam Worlock
<i>Esther Harbach</i>	R. Daughter
<i>Joseph Principato</i>	R. Michael & Rose Fortunato

Weekdays of December 20—23

<i>Virginia Perrotti</i>	R. Husband & Children
<i>Special Intention</i>	R. Kathleen Kelly
<i>William A. Gilberti</i>	R. Kelly Family
<i>Ronald Gedney</i>	R. Family
<i>Jean Karasinski</i>	R. George, Geri Rushford
<i>Chuck Gedney</i>	R. Legion of Mary
<i>Deceased Members of the Wellenzohn, Groth & Gugliuzza Family</i>	R. Terry Wellenzohn

Weekend of December 24 & 25

Parishioners of Epiphany Parish



The Sanctuary Lamp is Burning for:

Patrick Carman

R. Family & Friends of Patrick

Bernadine Fragale

R. Theresa & Bob Domachowski

Sick List

We are updating our Prayer Sick List. If you would like to add a name, please email Sara at spascarella@ihmsjw.org or call the office at 315-451-5070 or 315-457-6060. Thank you.

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Bulletin Announcements

Bulletin announcements must be received by Friday, 9am for the following weekend. Please email info to Ben Krisher at bulletinepiphanyparish@syrdio.org. Info will be included space permitting.

Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick ~

If you or a loved one would like to receive Holy Communion or the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please call either parish office. We can visit you at home, in the hospital, or at a nursing home.

A reminder that the Anointing of the Sick is not primarily for someone in imminent danger of death.

It is used at any time of illness or advanced age.

Hospital/Nursing Home Visits ~ Would you like a hospital or home visit? Do you have a loved one who is in the hospital or recovering at home? Please do not hesitate to call our office 315-451-5070 or 315-457-6060. We are not notified when loved ones are hospitalized due to the HIPPA Laws.

Voices of Hope Ministry is always looking for those who would like to pray for intentions requested by members of our faith community. If you are interested in joining us as a prayer warrior, a list is emailed or snail mailed if required, monthly to members. You are requested to pray for these intentions throughout the month. **If you have a prayer request**, please email names to info@ihmsjw.org or call Terry W. at 315-457-4630 if you have questions.

Sacrament of Baptism ~ Your addition is our addition! As you welcome a new member to your family we warmly welcome him/her into our parish family! Email Amy at faithformation@ihmsjw.org or call 315-451-5070. God Bless you and your new addition.

Being Separated/Divorced does not exclude a person from receiving the Eucharist. If you need help and support, please call Family Life Education at 315-472-6754, ext. 5.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the parish office 6 months in advance of your wedding to set a date and plan for Pre-Cana instruction.

RCIA

Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation as an adult, or wanting to learn more about the Catholic Faith, please call Michael Tubbert 315-451-5070.

Both churches have **hearing aids** available; please see the sacristan.

Both churches are **wheelchair accessible**.

Please notify the Parish Office of address changes by calling or emailing info@ihmsjw.org.

Reminder ~ Children under the age of 13 must always be accompanied by an adult if they leave the worship area during mass. Please be aware our churches are open buildings and this policy is enforced for the safety of our children.

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