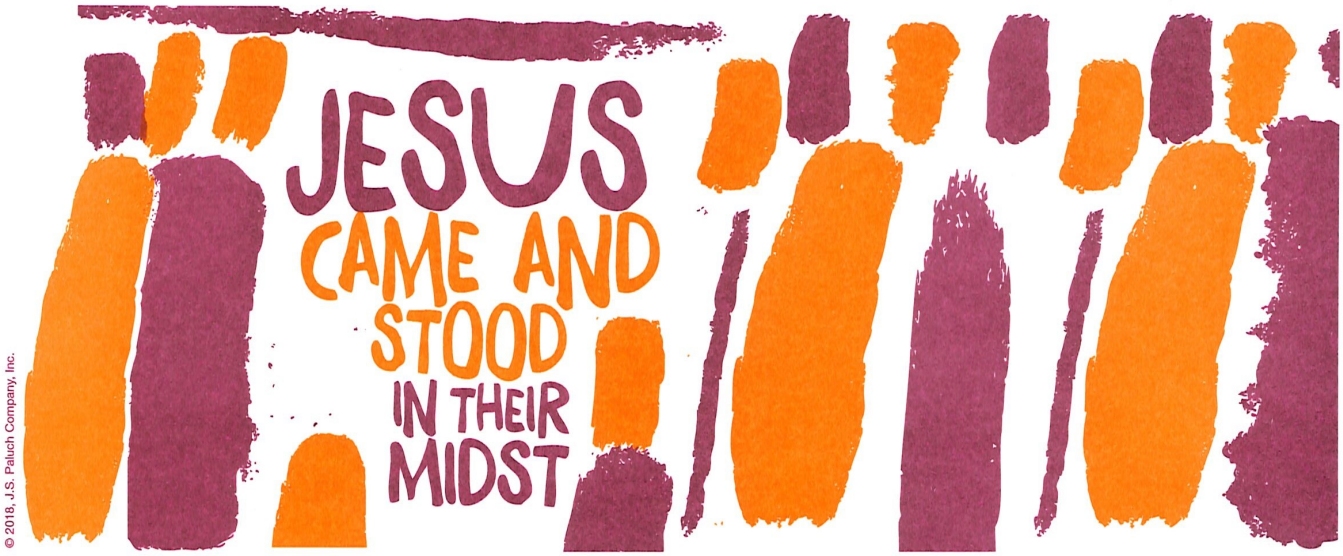

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April 8, 2018 • Second Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel passage from John, Jesus appears twice to his disciples, and both times Jesus shows them his wounds from his crucifixion. Thomas actually touches the wounds. Jesus' wounds did not disappear after the Resurrection. Jesus meant for his followers to know that his sufferings, and ours, are part of our encounter with him. Jesus revealed how God is present in our human suffering, joining us in our most painful moments with consolation and with mercy.

Suffering is a great mystery, and we cannot adequately explain or justify the many wounds we experience in life. However, in prayer God can open a way forward. The Holy Spirit might offer wisdom to perceive when or how our sufferings make healing or hope possible for others or for ourselves. When we enter into this mystery we follow Jesus, who radically trusted God to transform his sufferings into new life.

EMBODYING FORGIVENESS

In just a few verses, we see that the disciples received not only a new perspective on suffering, but a new energy and a new task in their lives. Their new energy, Jesus' very breath, is the Holy Spirit. Their new task, given in the same breath, is to embody God's forgiveness and proclaim this forgiveness to all. When Jesus appeared to them, he didn't castigate them for their abandonment and betrayal of him just days before. Jesus gave them the peace of being forgiven. He gave the Holy Spirit, so to forgive others.

The experience of being forgiven and forgiving others is at the heart of the Gospel. Jesus came to proclaim and to manifest God's desire to reconcile with God's very sons and daughters, us human beings. God is always working toward reconciliation and rejoices when any broken relationship is healed. When we accept forgiveness from God or from others, we are letting God into our hearts. When we forgive others or ourselves, we are participating in God's work.

Today's Readings: Acts 4:32–35; Ps 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24; 1 Jn 5:1–6; Jn 20:19–31

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday—April 7	5:00 PM	Ed Martella III by Mary Stevens
Sunday— April 8	9:00 AM	Jim Hurst by Ken Brink
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Dolores Curtis by Clare & Shirley Greene
Thursday	8:30 AM	Don & Pat Stout by the Family
Friday	8:30 AM	Steve Rourke by Bob & Mary VanPoppelen
Saturday—April 14	5:00 PM	Mary Eiseler by the Eiseler/Fox Families
Sunday— April 15	9:00 AM	Leon Lundie by Frances Lundie & Children

PRAYERS: **PLEASE PRAY FOR** MELVIN PAMMENT, - JIM CARBARY, (FATHER OF MAGGIE SAYLES), - DON SMITH, - KEVIN PLATTE, - OLIVER WASHINGTON, - MARY ELLEN SCHRAUBEN (SISTER OF BARB FOOTE & GEORGE LEHMAN)— RICK SPICKARD, - LINDSEY KING (GRANDDAUGHTER OF GEORGENE KING), - GERRY PACE, - PAT SIMPSON, - RAY DOYLE, - BEN SINIARSKI, - KYLE WALLER, - TYLER KING (GRANDSON OF GEORGENE KING) - JUDITH MARTELL (MOTHER OF TERESA PICKENS), - CARRIE SCHULTZ, - DAVID RHODABECK, - TERRY MILLER, - JASON CHUBB, - JIM (MAYO) HURST, - CHARLES OLENICZAK (BROTHER OF BARB WRIGHT), - PAT ROWLEY (SISTER OF JIM ROWLEY), - BRUCE CHANDLER (BROTHER OF MARTI ROWLEY), - JIM OLENICZAK (BROTHER OF BARB WRIGHT), - NICHOLAS SCOTT (SON OF VERONICA SCOTT), - ROSE MORRILL, - JULIE STONER (DAUGHTER OF GENE & BARB STONER), - JOHN MARTINEZ, - FRANK LUNDIE, - RICK FEZATTE (SON OF RON & JANICE), - JANET ARTHUR, - KIM (KOONTER) BALCARCEL, - PAM DELONG, - SUSAN DELONG, - CARL & CORALIE GEORGE, - SANDRA CHAVEZ, - JEAN SPRAGUE (AUNT OF NANCY CLARK)

OFFERTORY
March 31 & April 1, 2018

80 Adult Envelopes	$2,581
Loose Collection	$1,052
2 Children's Envelopes	$2
5 Building Fund Envelopes	$205
Total Weekly Offertory	$3,840
46 Easter Envelopes	$1,280

HOPE IN A BOX
Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties

April Need:

Deodorant

ANNUAL SENIOR DAY OF REFLECTION

Thursday, April 19 at 9:30 AM
St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt
Presentation at 10:00 AM
Followed by Mass, Lunch, and Second Presentation
Registration & Payment of $18 required by April 11
www.stfrancis.ws

HELP WANTED: CEMETERY

We are in the process of getting lawn mowing bids. Soon we will be forming a group of parishioners to help with the trimming and spraying in a rotation. For more information please contact the office

PARISH WIDE

May 4—Scholarship Application Deadline

July 15-19—VBS—Vacation Bible School

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

10:20 AM—11:30 AM

Apr. 8—NO REF—Spring Break
Apr. 15—REF Sessions Resume
Apr. 22—REF Sessions

WINGS Meeting

Thursday, April 19, 7:00 PM

Baby Shower for Baby Pantry

Please bring an (unwrapped) "gift" for the baby pantry.

Suggestions:
Clothing—
newborn to toddler, new or gently used,
diapers, wipes, bedding, blankets
baby food, bottles, books
All women of parish invited.
If you cannot attend, but would like to donate, you may drop off your "gift" in the small hall by **April 19**.

SPLASH- Beach Party!

VBS **Sun. 7/15 - Thurs. 7/19**
5:30—8:00 PM

St, Isidore and Laingsburg United Methodist Church

Find out more at www.stisidorechurch.org or talk with Mary Stevens

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

April 11—Business Meeting

April 15—Pancake Breakfast

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

St. Isidore parish is now accepting applications for two unique scholarship programs: The **Elmo and Ann Giffels** program offers two $1,000 scholarships to all parish members pursing advance education opportunities and the **Knights of Columbus** program offers one $1,000 scholarship to parish graduating seniors pursuing 2 & 4 year college education. See the bulletin boards for more details. Applicants will be judged on personal and family involvement in the parish, community service, financial need, and long term potential.
Applications are in the rack outside the parish office.

The deadline for submission
May 4th

LAINGSBURG FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS

We will be having refresher training classes on April 9th at Noon and April 19th at 6:30 p.m. They will be held at the food bank site; Laingsburg United Methodist Church, 210 Crum Street. Current volunteers should plan on attending one of these classes. If you are interested in volunteering for the food bank we would love to have you join us at one of the training sessions.

The food bank is open to Laingsburg residents in need of food on **Mondays 1 -3 and Thursdays 6 – 8.**

Food bank is closed when Laingsburg School is closed due to bad weather.

CONFIRMATION 2018

At St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing
Sunday, April 15th
2:30 PM

Curtis Antcliff
Hailey Bila
Alex Brown
Grant Goetschy
Andrew Kingsbury
Tabitha McDowell
Autumn Michels
Tommy Nickols

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