



# Come away by yourselves and rest a while

July 22, 2018 • Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sabbath. We hear the word, and many think of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Today, we hear Jesus say to the disciples, “Come away to a deserted place and rest a while.” This is the true spirit of sabbath—to take time away, to worship God, participate in Eucharist, to be refreshed in body, mind, and spirit. Thought of in this way, sabbath is not an obligation but a privilege, a gift rather than a burden. Making sabbath begins with a commitment to put God first. That is what the shepherds that Jeremiah called for were to do, to lead the people to be people of and for God. This is what Jesus, the Good Shepherd, leads us to do, and he shows us how to do this. Not only does Jesus take time away for prayer and to “rest a while,” he also spends time with the people who need him. In sabbath, we spend time with God, family, our faith community, and friends. And this spending time “with” helps us to re-orient our lives toward what is most important.

## FROM SABBATH TO THE REST OF THE WEEK

Taking sabbath to heart has a significant impact on the way in which we live our lives, practically and spiritually. The practical part is evident on the surface. Setting aside time for Sunday Mass, quiet, and time with others requires planning and commitment. There is a practical dimension to the physical and emotional benefits of such time away from the stress and busyness of our daily lives as well. The spiritual impact of sabbath may take a little while to begin to perceive. When we put God first in our lives, everything else falls into place in a different, holier way. We begin to see God’s grace in the daily circumstances of our lives, and to grow in understanding of what we are to do and how we are called to act. We know who we are in God’s sight, and whose we are, as children of God.

Today’s Readings: Jer 23:1–6; Ps 23:1–3, 3–4, 5, 6; Eph 2:13–18; Mk 6:30–34

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**Confession:** Saturdays 4:00 to 4:30 pm

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday—July 21	5:00 PM	† Priscilla Mahoney by the Family
Sunday— July 22	9:00 AM	† Clara Chapa by S. A. L.
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	† Sheila Doyle by the Family
Thursday	8:30 AM	† Souls in Purgatory
Friday	8:30 AM	† Don & Pat Stout by the Family
Saturday—July 28	5:00 PM	† Rick Fezatte by Uncle Mike Litzner & Family
Sunday— July 29	9:00 AM	† Grace Tisdale by the Family

**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, - JANET ARTHUR, - KIM (KOONTER) BALCARCEL, - PAM DELONG, - SUSAN DELONG, - CARL & CORALIE GEORGE, - SANDRA CHAVEZ, - JEAN SPRAGUE (AUNT OF NANCY CLARK), — MARY CHADWICK, - EUNICE DUGAN (FRIEND OF NANCY CLARK)

**OFFERTORY**

Jul 14 & 15, 2018

75 Adult Envelopes	\$2,111
Loose Collection	\$382
3 Children's Envelopes	\$3
9 Building Fund Envelopes	\$330
<b>Total Weekly Offertory</b>	<b>\$2,826</b>

**Register today for Diocese of Lansing  
Made for Happiness Assembly!**

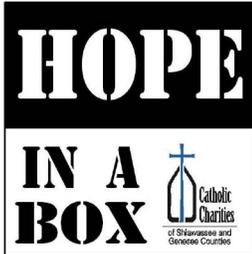
## PARISH WIDE

**July 30—10:00 AM** - Mass at Holy Family, Ovid  
Blessed Solanus Casey Feast Day

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

Sundays—10:20 AM—11:30 AM  
September—May

July Need of the Month:  
Toilet Paper / Travel Size  
Toiletries



## FREE IRIS

There are still a few Iris that need new homes. They are under the maple tree near the large hall entrance. Colors are best considered mixed as we can only say with certainty that the variegated leaved iris are a bright blue. Please help yourselves to as many as you may like.

Iris will establish themselves in sunny meadow areas with little more than scuffing sod to the side and setting their roots toward the soil. Iris would even be fine along roadsides.

—The Gardeners, thank you.



## Message from a grateful heart

Apparently, retirement has to be grown into; it doesn't just happen. Well, I'm working on it. People kept telling me it will be a whole new chapter in my life. This is also the situation for you: a new pastor, new opportunities, and new challenges; the opportunities are unending. However, if you give your new pastor everything you gave me, you will all accomplish even greater things.

Overwhelmed is the feeling that accompanied and follows my entire "retirement event." The meal (with all that preparation!), the party, the kind words, the gifts, the cards and all those wonderful memories. These will sustain me for years to come.

My "new chapter" does include visitors, but if retirement is as busy as they say it is, please call ahead because I might not be home.

— Fr. Duaine H. Pamment

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

July 25—Planning Meeting—7:00 pm

**Knight of the Month:** - Fr. Bob

In lieu of **Family of the Month** the Knights would like to honor all of the ladies who worked tirelessly for months to help Father Duaine move and to prepare the rectory for our new pastor.

## K of C Yard Sale—September 8

The Knights are still accepting donations of gently-used or unwanted items for their Annual Yard Sale. **Please**, no clothes, shoes, televisions, mattresses or hazardous materials. Proceeds from the sale support our scholarship program and many other charitable causes. If you need items picked up, contact

Keith Kienitz 651-5957 or

Don Brown 517-290-4225

Thank you for your generosity.

## A NOTE FROM FR. BOB BACIK

A continued “thank you” to all of you who have been so welcoming and hospitable to me in my first weeks at St. Isidore and Holy Family. I feel exceedingly blessed to be here amongst you.

As you might know, I was ordained in 2015 and my first assignment was at St. John and Blessed Sacrament in Davison and Burton. This was a wonderful first assignment for me, so wonderful that I often described it as a “honeymoon” that lasted three years!

A honeymoon must come to an end, right? Well, it hasn't yet! I love it here and the experience continues! Reflecting on this recently I realized that what I have been identifying as a “honeymoon experience” may just be the goodness of the priesthood! I love being a priest! It certainly has its challenges, but even the challenges come with great blessings. That being said, an invitation:

**DISCERNMENT DINNER:** Any young men who are at least going into their Junior year in high school (and beyond) are invited to Bishop Boyea's Priesthood Discernment Dinner on Sunday, August 19. Call (517-651-6617) or email (frbob@stisidorechurch.org) me if you are interested in attending. I'd be honored to go to this dinner with anyone open to discerning this beautiful vocation.

**VBS A SUCCESS!** A special thank you to Mary Stevens, the Knights of Columbus and other volunteers who helped make this year's Vacation Bible School a success! I had a great time hanging out with some of our most precious parishioners. Ministry to and with the young church is one of the most important aspects of what we are about. Young people are not the Church of tomorrow— they are the Church of today!

**Blessed Solanus Casey Feast Day.** Monday, July 30 will mark the first feast day of the now Blessed Solanus Casey. The Diocese of Lansing has been granted special permission from the Vatican to commemorate Blessed Solanus' feast day in Mass. Since we have no regularly scheduled Mass on Monday, there will be a special Mass on July 30 at 10am at Holy Family, Ovid. Coffee and a short presentation from Fr. Bob following. I hope many of you will attend.

**NEW MASS SCHEDULE.** As we have previously announced, the initial Mass changes will take place the weekend of August 4th and 5th. Sunday Masses will take place at 9:00 am at St. Isidore and 11:00 am at Holy Family. The Saturday Vigil Mass will remain the same (5:00 pm) at both churches for the time being.

**PARISH LIBRARY.** I'm looking for some help organizing and cleaning our parish library in the small hall at St. Isidore. If you have a knack for organizing books please call the parish office.

God's continued blessings on you this week! Jesus Lives!  
- Fr. Bob