



Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life

August 26, 2018 • Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

"This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Those who had been following Jesus found the teaching about eating his flesh and drinking his blood, words that we heard in last Sunday's Gospel, puzzling and unbelievable. There are Catholics who innocently believe that our Eucharist is only symbolic of the Body and Blood of Christ. Yet Jesus did not command us to eat this *symbol* of his body and blood. He said, "This is my body" and "This is my blood."

"Does this shock you?" In fact, it did seem to shock many of his followers, the disciples no less than anyone else. Referring to another future action which would be hard to believe, Jesus says, "What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?" Nothing more is said about the Ascension at this time, but he is teaching them gradually how to accept something that seems unbelievable.

DO NOT LEAVE

Jesus teaches that "no one can come to me unless it is granted [them] by my Father." Jesus explains these difficult

beliefs by telling them that "the spirit . . . gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life." It is in the Spirit that we truly live, and if we believe only in the flesh, we will never understand or be able to believe what seems impossible. That takes faith, and faith is a gift from God.

Because they cannot grasp this, many leave him, and so Jesus asks the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" But the faith of the closest followers is strong enough to hold on to what is impossible to understand literally. Peter answers for the Twelve, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

The Apostles have come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, "the Holy One of God." Can we accept the gift of faith enough to believe?

Today's Readings: Jos: 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Eph 5:21-32 (2a, 25-32); Jn 6:60-69

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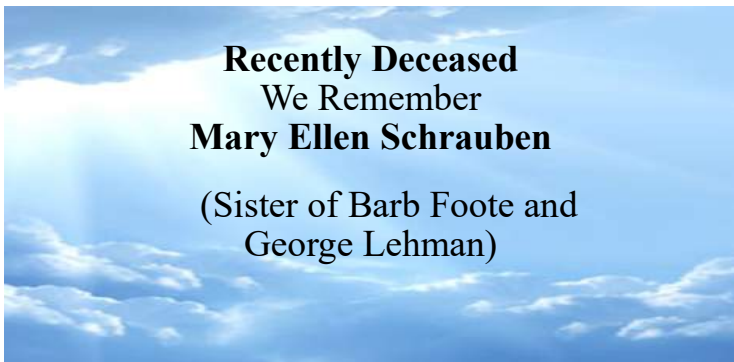
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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday—August 25	5:00 PM	† Paul Prevost by Mary Stevens
Sunday— August 26	9:00 AM	† Janice Marie Tisdale by the Family
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	† Loree Hamilton by Julie Miller
Thursday	8:30 AM	† Don & Pat Stout by the Family
Friday	8:30 AM	Reparation for Sins and Healing of Abuse Victims
Saturday—September 1	5:00 PM	† Shelia Doyle by the Family
Sunday— September 2	9:00 AM	† Amy Martin by Gary & Carol Lundquist

PRAYERS: PLEASE PRAY FOR MELVIN PAMMENT, - JIM CARBARY, (FATHER OF MAGGIE SAYLES), - DON SMITH, - KEVIN PLATTE, - OLIVER WASHINGTON, - 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, — MARY CHADWICK, - EUNICE DUGAN (FRIEND OF NANCY CLARK)



OFFERTORY	
Aug. 18 & 19, 2018	
65 Adult Envelopes	\$2,252
Loose Collection	\$382
3 Children's Envelopes	\$3
7 Building Fund Envelopes	\$220
Total Weekly Offertory	\$2,857

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

PARISH WIDE

Sept. 8—K of C Yard Sale—8 AM—4 PM
Sept. 24—Senior Day of Appreciation 11AM

Yard Sale drop off deadline
August 31

Enormous Rummage Sale

Saturday, Sept 8, 2018
8:00 - 4:00



by Laingsburg Knights of Columbus



St. Isidore Catholic Church Hall
310 Crum St. Laingsburg

Several thousand items -

One day sale with lots for everyone.

Coffee, sweets & lunch items available for purchase.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM

Sept. 13—6:30 PM—REF Parent Orientation
Sept. 23—First REF Session

More REF details coming soon!

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Registration Forms are available outside the office door. Please return them to the locked box next to the forms.



FAITH FORMATION

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

September 12—Business Meeting—7:00 pm

Knight of the Month: - Jack Risch

Family of Month: - Tom & Shirley Mahoney

Catholic Charities
Shiawassee County Catholic Council on Aging
Senior Day of Appreciation

Monday, September 24, 2018

**St. Isidore Catholic Church
310 Crum Street, Laingsburg**



Please join us for a time of reflection and fellowship.

Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m.

For more information or to RSVP for this free event,
please contact your parish office to register no later than Monday,
September 18th.

MORE INFORMATION . . .

Fr. Bob strongly encourages parishioners to read the additional letters posted on our website regarding the current issues in the Church.

Letters from Pope Francis and the Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, Carl Anderson.

A LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I am writing this to you due to the recent removal of Archbishop Theodore McCarrick from ministry and the release of the grand jury report on clergy abuse in Pennsylvania. Once again, the sins of a cleric have hurt victims, scandalized the faithful, raised anger in many hearts, and brought ill-repute upon the Catholic Church. Archbishop McCarrick's abuse of minors, his homosexual activity and his abuse of seminarians and young priests are beyond the pale. In addition, some knew about this and did nothing to address his behavior. I am as shocked as you. So, first of all, I apologize for his behavior and the behavior of those who did nothing to stop him. It is incredibly wearying and demoralizing to hear yet again about these sexual sins and alleged crimes. Let us hold each other in prayer.

As you may know, each bishop is ultimately responsible to the Holy Father, who is the only one who can remove him. Still, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will be discussing how we bishops might attempt to hold one another accountable, given this limitation. I can never give a guarantee that there will not be other clerics who violate their promise of celibacy and abuse their positions. We are all sinners. The Lord Jesus knew what the archbishop did just as he knows our sinful selves as well. Beyond what we can do as human beings to address the behavior of one another, we also commend ourselves and each other to the charity and justice of our God. Christ is our hope in all things. May God have mercy on us all.

Bishop Earl Boyea, Diocese of Lansing