



September 2, 2018 • Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

It would be easy to wonder why the disciples ate “with unwashed hands,” especially in those times when dust and dirt were plentiful and the disciples worked with their hands as fishermen. But these scriptures are not concerned so much with physical cleanliness as with spiritual cleanliness.

The Pharisees, who were so picky about following every letter of every law, had an “aha” moment in which they saw an opportunity to accuse Jesus and the disciples of breaking the law of Moses. Jesus responds in a very sensible way. He says, “Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written:

This people honors me with their lips,

But their hearts are far from me;

In vain do they worship me,

Teaching as doctrines human precepts.

You disregard God’s commandment but cling to human tradition.”

TRADITION TODAY

The same could be said about some of today’s Christians, who are so enamored of the past that they cannot see that Jesus has brought about a new interpretation of tradition. Just as we celebrate birthdays with cake and candles, perhaps now with chocolate cake and tiny candles—whereas in the past it was only white cake and bigger

candles—tradition adapts to the times while holding on to the essence of what was celebrated before. Tradition preserves the essence while changing the details, something that some of us may fail to grasp. Such people may want everything to be the same in every detail, and accuse others of failure to worship properly because they do not hold to past practices.

Like the Pharisees, sometimes we want to cling to the way things were done in our childhood, never accepting change of any kind. We fail to see the essence of the tradition preserved in a new way of doing things. Perhaps we don’t understand the essence of tradition, or perhaps we are so unsure of ourselves that we want to be instructed strictly in the old ways, like the Pharisees who knew the law by heart and were quite comfortable practicing what poorer people had no way of doing perfectly. It was the poorer people who followed Jesus because he offered them hope.

It would be well for us to remember that the essence of tradition is the worship of God, not the preservation of human habits. We can learn to practice charity and love in emulation of others who have willingly, in following Jesus, held their faith to mean loving their neighbor.

Today’s Readings: Dt 4:1–2, 6–8; Ps 15:2–3, 3–4, 4–5; Jas 1:17–18, 21b–22, 27; Mk 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

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| Saturday—September 1 | 5:00 PM | † Shelia Doyle by the Family |
| Sunday— September 2 | 9:00 AM | † Amy Martin by Gary & Carol Lundquist |
| Monday | NO MASS | |
| Tuesday | NO MASS | |
| Wednesday | 6:30 PM | Souls in Purgatory |
| Thursday | 8:30 AM | Intentions of Fr. Ray Urbanek |
| Friday | 8:30 AM | † Don & Pat Stout by the Family |
| Saturday—September 8 | 5:00 PM | † Mary Ellen Schrauben by Ron & Barb Foote & Family |
| Sunday— September 9 | 9:00 AM | † Shelia Doyle by the Family |

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), - LEAH ZAMARIPA, (COUSIN OF JESSE ANGUIANO)

OFFERTORY
Aug. 25 & 26, 2018

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| 75 Adult Envelopes | \$2,120 |
| Loose Collection | \$337 |
| 3 Children's Envelopes | \$3 |
| 8 Building Fund Envelopes | \$170 |
| 17 ACH Electronic Offertory | \$1,210 |
| Total Weekly Offertory | \$3,840 |

MISSION PREACHING

Next weekend, we are pleased to have Fr. Tomy Kattikanayil, a priest from the Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales (MSFS) founded in France in 1838 by Fr. Peter Marie Mermier to spread the renewal of faith in the love of God, plant the Gospel in mission lands of Africa and develop the society through evangelization and education both spiritual and material, provide institutions of formation of priests and catechists, establish spirituality centers to continue the work of St. Francis De Sales in our modern time. Fr. Tomy Kattikanayil will speak to us on this work of the Missionaries of his Congregation in Africa where he worked and seek our support and participation in their ministry to the world.

PARISH WIDE

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

Youth Group Kick-Off & Pizza Party

September 9th 4:30 – 7:00

4:30 - 5:30 - We will meet in our classroom at St. Isidore. Bring ideas of things you want to do for service projects, personal spiritual enrichment, and fun activities to do as a group.

5:30 -7:00 – Walk to the Methodist Church for Pizza Party with the Core Youth Group. Parents please pick-up there.

Any questions please call or text Melissa Byrnes at 517-648-7934. Sign up for **REMIND** to get text reminders of events and activities:

Text "@stisidorey" to 81010

MITTENS FOR THE HOMELESS

Monday, Sept. 10
Small Hall—9 am to 2 pm

It is time to start making mittens once again. All ladies are welcome to join us. No sewing skills needed.



September Need of the Month:
Bar Soap & Hand Soap

HOPE

IN A BOX



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!

Mary Stevens—marystevens@stisidorechurch.org

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

CLERGY APPRECIATION

The Knights are sponsoring a "Clergy Appreciation Dinner" for Lansing Diocese Priests on October 11 at St. Martha Church. We have a few tickets available for \$15 each. See or call Fred Bruso at 586-292-4996.

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.



Special "Made for Happiness" T-shirts highlighting our merged parishes will be available for \$10 each. We will wear these at the Assembly on September 22nd. Check the sign up table in the church foyer for more information.

**Orders must be received
by September 5.**




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.