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Who do you say that I am?



September 16, 2018 • Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Just as Isaiah prophesies the suffering of Jesus in rather specific terms—"I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting"—Jesus, in speaking to his disciples, clearly reveals to them that he will suffer and die, which bewilders and shocks them. "The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly." They don't know what to do with this information, and they can't envision their beloved Lord suffering and dying in this way.

"YOU ARE THE CHRIST"

Jesus asks the disciples who the people say he is. Some say, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." This odd answer shows that the disciples were beginning to form a rudimentary understanding that it was possible to rise from the dead. So it is puzzling that when Jesus says that he will "rise after three days," they would seemingly not quite comprehend this.

But when Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter speaks for the disciples: "You are the Christ." Moments later, the rather confused Peter objects to the Jesus' assertion that he will suffer and die. Jesus stunningly rebukes him for his objection, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Although Peter is beginning to form true faith in his declaration of belief in Christ, he still is thinking like a human, and has not yet begun to see the world through God's eyes. Peter's faith has not yet grown to its full stature, as it will after the Resurrection.

Our gift of faith sees and believes the suffering and death of Christ, but we still might not see the consequences of that faith. Our works arise out of our belief in and love for the Lord. Through our faith, we must not only believe, but help others as Christ would do. This is seeing the world through God's eyes.

Today's Readings: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday—September 15	5:00 PM	† Paul Prevost by Mary Stevens
Sunday— September 16	9:00 AM	† John & Mary Ladiski by George & Paula Harris
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Reparations for Sins & Healing of Abuse Victims
Thursday	8:30 AM	Paul Michael Graney
Friday	8:30 AM	Intentions of the Weisbeck Family
Saturday—September 22	NO MASS	<i>Made for Happiness Assembly at Breslin Center</i>
Sunday— September 23	9:00 AM	† Don & Gerry Ryde by Jack & Elaine Hurst

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)

**RSVP DUE BY
SEPT. 18TH
CALL OR EMAIL THE
PARISH OFFICE**

OFFERTORY
Sept. 8 & 9 2018

40 Adult Envelopes	\$2,581
Loose Collection	\$287
3 Children's Envelopes	\$3
9 Building Fund Envelopes	\$190
17 ACH Electronic Offertory	\$1,210
Total Weekly Offertory	\$4,271
Mission Appeal	\$1,549

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.

PARISH WIDE

Sept. 20—WINGS Meeting—7:00 PM

Sept. 24—Senior Day of Appreciation 11AM

MITTENS FOR THE HOMELESS

Monday, October 1
Small Hall—9 am to 2 pm

All ladies are welcome to join us. No sewing skills needed. **Donations needed:**

Yarn for hats

Sweaters

Polar Fleece

Please leave donations near office door.

High School Youth Group

September 30th

10:15 - 11:45am, Meet in our room
4 - 8pm, Peacock Road Tree Farm Event

October 14th

5:00 - 8:00pm, Meet in our room
Destination Unknown Event - come prepared for an outdoor activity!

Remember to sign up for **REMIND** to get text reminders of events and activities:

Text "@stisidorey" to 81010

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM

Sept. 23—First REF Session

Sept. 30—REF Session

More REF details contact:

Mary Stevens—marystevens@stisidorechurch.org

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sept. 23—Pancake Breakfast

September 26—Planning Meeting—7:00 pm

Oct. 14—Family Fun Day—at St. Isidore

Knight of the Month – Jay Stuvé

Family of the Month – Parish Family

Knights of Columbus Yard Sale

Whether you donated merchandise or purchased it, picked it up or delivered it, sorted & priced it, set it up, sold it, packed it up, helped in the kitchen or just stopped by for a cup of coffee or a chili dog, the Knights of Columbus would like to thank **everyone** who helped make our 19th Annual Yard Sale a huge success. More than just a sale, it was a community social event and showcased our parish hospitality. Our Knights of Columbus council, our parish, Volunteers of America, and many other charities all benefitted from the proceeds and leftovers of the sale. May God bless you all for your generosity.

**Winner of Freezer Raffle:
Katie Grettenberger**

Women In God's Service (WINGS)

are getting together after the summer break. ALL women of the parish are invited to attend on Thursday, September 20th at 7pm in the small hall. We would especially like to invite all the Garden Ladies (past and present) so that we can recognize you for all of your hard work. The evening will feature a garden tour followed by light refreshments and social hour.

WINGS gatherings are on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 7 - 8:30pm September thru June.



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NOTES FROM FATHER BOB

THANK YOU for your generosity with our 2018 Mission Appeal for the Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Francis DeSales. It is so important that we continue to realize that we are connected with the global Church and the great work that is done in Christ's name throughout the world. Fr. Tomy will be preaching at Holy Family, Ovid in October.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Knights of Columbus and the many other volunteers from our parish family who helped make this year's rummage sale a success. I was blown away by the number of items collected and the many volunteers who helped to organize them into a great sale. My parents enjoyed visiting the sale and commented on how clean and organized everything was. This sale is not only an important fundraiser for our Knights, but also a wonderful service to our community.

PASTORAL ADMINISTRATOR: The observant amongst you will notice that my official title is "Pastoral Administrator" as opposed to "Pastor." Without going too deep "inside Catholic baseball" the distinction is because this is my first assignment in a lead pastoral role. At my previous parish, I served as a "Parochial Vicar" (Associate Pastor). Though there are some important distinctions, the duties and scope of authority of a Pastor and a Pastoral Administrator are essentially the same. If it is in God's good will, and you don't run me out of town beforehand, I should be officially installed as Pastor of St. Isidore and Holy Family in a year or so.

AD MULTOS ANNOS'! On September 18 your new priest will turn 39 years old! I praise and give thanks to God for all the blessings he has showered upon me in my life thus far— not least amongst them is the blessing of being here at St. Isidore and Holy Family. It would be a great gift to me if you would keep me in your regular prayers.

MASS & LISTENING SESSION: Last month I announced that our parish community will begin to offer one Mass each month for the reparation of sins of the Church and healing for abuse victims. This month's Mass is on Wednesday, September 19 at 6:30 pm. This Mass will take place in the main Church and will be immediately followed by a 1/2 hour of Eucharistic Adoration. At 7:30 pm I will host a "Listening Session" on the current crisis in the Church. This Listening Session will provide an opportunity for all interested adults to express their thoughts, feelings and questions on the crisis.

TRAVELING? I love hearing stories from parishioners about their travels throughout Michigan and beyond. Though the summer vacation season is coming to a close, I encourage any of you with travel plans to bring me a copy of the bulletin from the Churches you visit. I enjoy reading about the happenings in other parishes! If any of you have plans to travel to the upper peninsula this fall, make sure you talk to me beforehand about the pilgrimage opportunities marking the 150th anniversary of the Venerable Bishop Baraga's death.

INQUIRY CLASS: Are you, or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? St. Isidore will soon begin an inquiry program for all interested in exploring the faith. Look for more information in the weeks to come or contact the office for more information.

Have a blessed week!

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