



**Whoever
is not
against us
is for us**

September 30, 2018 • Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp, away from the other prophets, Joshua, Moses' beloved aide, urges Moses to stop them. Moses replies "Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!" He proclaims that grace abounds for all and that the word of the Lord should be proclaimed by all the people.

We see a similar situation in the Gospel of Mark. John tells Jesus that someone who does not follow him with them is driving out demons in Jesus' name. Jesus replies "Do not prevent him . . . For whoever is not against us is for us." In other words, Jesus is saying the same thing as Moses: Would that all the people prophesied in God's name!

THE DEVASTATION OF SIN

Jesus goes on to teach about sin and its consequences. "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea." By "little ones," Jesus means the humble followers as well as innocent children who love him. Certainly those who have abused

children have not caused the children "to sin," but have made them victims of the worst kind of abuse. These people are worthy of condemnation.

Jesus next points out something so strong in its condemnation of sin that it alarms us when we hear it, knowing that we all are sinners. But Jesus often speaks in metaphors and parables, and it is not necessary to take his teaching about cutting off hands and feet and gouging out eyes literally. It can be taken to mean that if we are guilty of sin, we should make an immediate break from our sinfulness and return to God. Better to cut sin out of our life than to enter into eternal darkness.

There is so much to learn from these readings that we have many things to ponder and to pray about. Take advantage of these wise teachings to become closer to Christ and to treat one another with love and care.

Today's Readings: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday—September 29	5:00 PM	† Richard Hengesbach by Denny & Mary Lee
Sunday— September 30	9:00 AM	† John Voisinet 14th Anniversary by Ruth Voisinet & Family
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	NO MASS	
Thursday	NO MASS	
Friday	8:30 AM	† Priscilla Mahoney by the Family
Saturday—October 6	5:00 PM	† Jerry Barnum by Ann Barnum
Sunday— October 7	9:00 AM	† Mike & Helen Hurst 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), THERESA HEEG (DAUGHTER OF JOHN & SANDY VANGEERTRUY)

**Help Spread the Faith Appeal
(American Evangelization)**

**This Weekend:
Sept. 29 & 30**

OFFERTORY

Sept. 22 & 23,, 2018

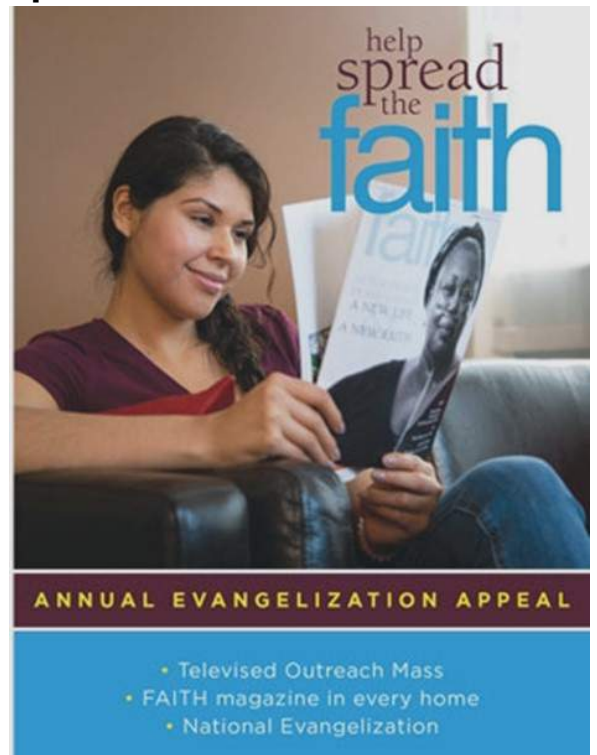
46 Adult Envelopes	\$1,470
Loose Collection	\$236
6 Children's Envelopes	\$5
7 Building Fund Envelopes	\$205
17 ACH Electronic Offertory	\$1,210
Total Weekly Offertory	\$3,126

Envelopes can be found near the bulletins or in your Faith Magazine

By supporting the Help Spread the FAITH Appeal, you will help us continue to answer Christ's call to reach out with the Gospel message. Your gift to Help Spread the FAITH will support:

- FAITH magazine: a monthly magazine sent to you and every Catholic in the diocese – 70,000 homes.
- FAITHpub.com: an interactive online resource with daily changing content.
- Television Outreach Mass: a weekly broadcast of the Diocese of Lansing.
- U.S. bishops' national evangelization efforts: impacting the media and our society.
- FAITHpub app: Free iPhone/iPad mobile apps.

Christ called us to proclaim the Gospel from the mountaintop. In today's society, that is a big challenge. We all know the power of the media. With your support, we can use that power to reach out with a positive message – a message that we belong to someone – Jesus. —Thank you for your consideration.



PARISH WIDE

Oct. 14—Family Fun Day—1:00 PM

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

Peacock Road Family Farm

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

Dear WINGS Family,

Thank you to each of you for hosting the Gardeners at your last gathering. Your warm fellowship, the delicious home-made pies and the brand new pair of clippers are very appreciated. The gardeners who were able to attend enjoyed themselves.

Please feel free to stop in to the gardens when we are there on Tuesdays to pick up plant starts.

Thank You, The Gardeners

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM

Sept. 30—REF Session

Oct. 7—REF Session

More REF details contact:

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

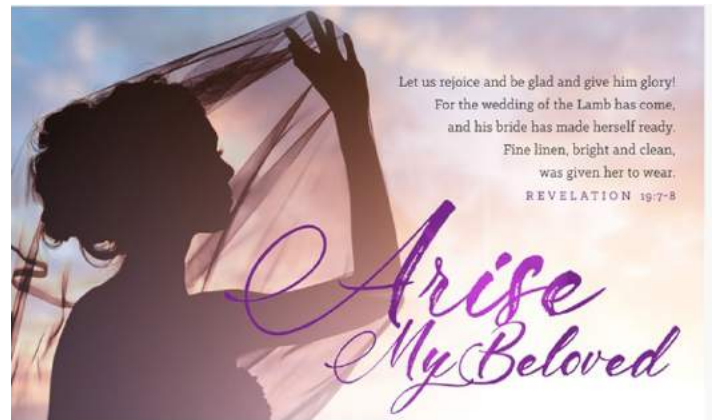
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Oct. 10—Business Meeting—7:00 pm

Oct. 14—Family Fun Day—at St. Isidore

Knight of the Month – Jay Stuvé

Family of the Month – Parish Family



All women of St. Isidore and Holy Family parishes are invited to attend the Sixth Annual **Lansing Diocese Catholic Women's Conference** entitled "Arise My Beloved". The conference will take place on Saturday, **November 3, 2018 from 9:00am until 5:00pm at the Lansing Center**. There are two great speakers lined up for the day along with Bishop Boyea. It is certain to be a wonderful day of fun, music, and fellowship and all of you are encouraged to sign up. Registration forms can be found in the entry ways of the church. You can also register online at www.LansingDioceseCWC.org.



NOTES FROM FR. BOB

Senior Day: This past Monday we were pleased to host this region's Senior Day of Appreciation which included Mass with Bishop Boyea and a wonderful lunch prepared by our own Knights of Columbus. A special thank you to all our parishioners who are involved with Shiawassee County Council on Aging.

Made for Happiness: WOW! Over 13,000 Catholics gathered in Lansing last weekend for the Made for Happiness Assembly. The atmosphere was so uplifting and powerful. Three different livestream videos from the day are available on the St. Isidore and Holy Family Facebook page. We are working on getting links on our www.stisidorechurch.org webpage.

Year of Prayer: At the conclusion of the Made for Happiness Assembly, Bishop Boyea declared a Year of Prayer for the Diocese of Lansing. During this Year of Prayer we ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance as we continue to discern the ways that God is calling our parish to be a vibrant place of hospitality, encounter and mission.

Month of the Rosary: Speaking of prayer, the month of October is traditionally the month of the rosary. One of my former spiritual directors would often remind me that "the rosary stops the devil dead in his tracks." During this Year of Prayer I am asking every household to pray the rosary at least once a week for your personal intentions and for the parish. Beginning October 10 we will pray the rosary at 6:10 pm in the Chapel each Wednesday. Please join us.

FORMED.ORG: Do you know that our parish has purchased an online subscription for all of our parishioners to FORMED.ORG? Here you will find all the best Catholic formation material available today for FREE! Study, watch, listen, read... free material for the whole family. This month I recommend "Praying the Rosary Like Never Before" by Dr. Edward Sri. (Parish Code: NH8RB3)

Parish Library: For those of you who prefer print materials our parish also maintains a wonderful library in the small hall. Our library contains hundreds of informational and inspiring books that are available for anyone to borrow. You will also find many helpful pamphlets and devotional material, such as the Living Faith Daily Devotions, available for anyone interested. I encourage you to check out this month's highlight section on the Rosary.

Priest Convocation: This week I will join the priests of the Diocese of Lansing for our annual convocation. This is a time of prayer, fellowship and formation. Please pray for my brother priests and I this week. Due to my absence this week there will not be Mass on Wednesday or Thursday.

Have a blessed week!

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