



*He makes
the deaf
hear and
the mute
speak*

September 9, 2018 • Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Not only do we at times show little care for the earth and its beauty, but we resist the command of God to care for each other in our need. James warns us not to give pride of place to those who are rich and obviously so. He points out the needy, those poorly dressed, and warns us to care for them and not to look down on them, for God sees their need and also their trust in God and love for others. It is to such as these that Jesus came, healing and giving hope.

Similarly, in the reading from Isaiah, God's coming is accompanied by the opening of the ears of the deaf and the eyes of the blind. God comes to make the lame leap and the mute sing. (So, everybody, please sing in church. It gives glory to God!)

BE OPENED

Jesus came to give hope to the little ones, those who could not fulfill the laws of the Pharisees to keep kosher with separate jugs, kettles, and so on, because they were too poor to afford two of everything. They could not afford doctors or the

healing practices of the time. But Jesus gave them hope.

A person who was lame and mute would have had no way to be made "normal" in those days. But Jesus has mercy on those in need, and he cured the deaf and mute man and restored him to his community.

In what way are we lacking in faith or in hope that we will be healed by Christ? We often forget how much God loves us and how close God is to us every day. If we could just remember this, we would not be afraid, would not feel inadequate in our dealings with the world, nor would we lack courage in protecting our world from destruction.

God loves us beyond any love we could comprehend, and stands ready to heal all our wounds and to bless us with the gifts of secure faith, firm hope, and love for each other in Christ.

Today's Readings: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

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
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	People of the Parish
Thursday	8:30 AM	† Don & Pat Stout
Friday	NO MASS	8:00 AM at St. Mary Cathedral Bishop Boyea - Mass of Reparation
Saturday—September 15	5:00 PM	† Paul Prevost by Mary Stevens
Sunday— September 16	9:00 AM	† John & Mary Ladiski by George & Paula Harris

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

Sept. 1 & 2, 2018

60 Adult Envelopes	\$2,222
Loose Collection	\$376
3 Children's Envelopes	\$3
9 Building Fund Envelopes	\$330
Total Weekly Offertory	\$2,931

MISSION PREACHING

This 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. 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 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

September 12—Business Meeting—7:00 pm

Sept. 23—Pancake Breakfast

Oct. 14—Family Fun Day—at St. Isidore

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.

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

WELCOME: Once a year every parish is visited by a missionary who serves in the larger church that we belong to. Please join me in welcoming Fr. Tomy Kattikanayil, a priest from the Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Francis DeSales, who will be preaching at St. Isidore this weekend and at Holy Family in a few weeks. By our prayers and offerings, we too are invited to participate in this important work of the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

NEEDED: REF Catechist: We are in need of at least one more REF (Religious Education Formation) Catechist (someone who instructs the faith) to come forward to help us with our program. A REF Teacher should be a Catholic in good standing who has a desire to pass on the faith to a new generation. We will provide you with all the necessary tools and support to fulfill your ministry. REF Catechists must undergo an interview and background check, and participate in mandated child protection training. This is an urgent need! Please contact Mary Stevens with your questions and or interest in this ministry. (marystevens@stisidorechurch.org or 517-651-6722).

RECTORY UPDATE: After years of wear and tear, the rectory basement windows are in need of immediate attention. If such work is in your skillset I am interested in discussing a plan for their revitalization. At minimum, several compromised windows need to be boarded up before winter. We will also have the eavestroughs cleaned and inspected before the snow begins to fly.

September 14 Mass of Reparation: On Friday, September 14 Bishop Boyea will celebrate the 8:00am Mass at St. Mary Cathedral, followed by a Holy Hour, in reparation especially for the sins of bishops. I invite you to join me for this Mass. There will be **no 8:30am Mass at St. Isidore that day.** Those interested in attending are invited to meet in the St. Isidore parking lot by 7:15am to carpool. Additionally, as you may recall, we have begun offering one Mass each month at St. Isidore in reparation for sins of the Church and healing for abuse victims. The next Mass at St. Isidore for this intention will be Wednesday, September 19 at 6:30 pm.

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.

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

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.