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# Love the Lord your God with all your heart

November 4, 2018 • Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

The readings are fairly simple and straightforward. Do just these two things—love God with your whole self and love your neighbor as yourself—and you will be saved. Deuteronomy and the psalm emphasize the importance of loving God with our whole selves. Hebrews reminds us that Jesus loved us as he loved his Father and so he offered himself for our sins. Mark says that loving God completely must also be accompanied by loving our neighbor. Jesus loved his Father with his whole soul, his whole mind, his whole strength. The love between God and Jesus makes them one. Everything hinges on the completeness and the inclusiveness of that love.

## LOVE

We all love rules to measure our actions and assure us that we have done enough. Today we are given two rules that offer us none of that. These rules require us to focus only on love: love of God and love of neighbor.

There are not seven or ten. There are just two. You must love God but you must do it with your entire being. Everything you are must be focused on and reflect loving God. And then you must love your neighbor. The first is key to the second.

Unless we understand how God loves both the lovable as well as the unlovable, we will never be able to love ourselves or any other creature or creation as God loves them all. The Gospels remind us that Jesus sought the broken, the marginalized, the unwanted to teach us how God loves. If everything about you is about loving a God who created and redeemed you, then you love as God loves. If you love as God loves, you recognize the weakness in yourself and in the world yet you still love that broken self and broken world as its Creator does. That is the only measure of success that matters.

Today's Readings: Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday—November 3	5:00 PM	† Jerry Barnum by Ann Barnum
Sunday— November 4	9:00 AM	† Al VanAntwerp 5th Anniversary by Marilyn VanAntwerp
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	People of the Parish
Thursday	8:30 AM	† Shelia Doyle By the Family
Friday	8:30 AM	† Priscilla Mahoney by the Family
Saturday—November 10	5:00 PM	† Ed & Tom Wrobel by Rob & Debbie Powell
Sunday— November 11	9:00 AM	† Don & Gerry Ryde by Jack & Elaine Hurst

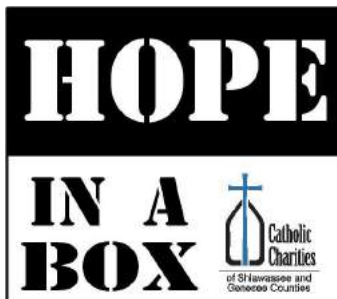
**PRAYERS: PLEASE PRAY FOR** MELVIN PAMMENT, - JIM CARBARY, (FATHER OF MAGGIE SAYLES), - DON SMITH, - KEVIN PLATTE, - OLIVER WASHINGTON, - LINDSEY KING (GRANDDAUGHTER OF GEORGENE KING), - GERRY PACE, - PAT SIMPSON, - RAY DOYLE, - BEN SINIARSKI, - KYLE WALLER, - TYLER KING (GRANDSON OF GEORGENE KING) - JUDITH MARTELL (MOTHER OF TERESA PICKENS), - 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, - SANDRA CHAVEZ, — MARY CHADWICK, - EUNICE DUGAN (FRIEND OF NANCY CLARK), - LEAH ZAMARIPA, (COUSIN OF JESSE ANGUIANO), THERESA HEEG (DAUGHTER OF JOHN & SANDY VANGEERTRUY), - FRAN LEATHERS (JIM LEATHER'S SISTER-IN-LAW)

**OFFERTORY**  
Oct. 27 & 28, 2018

47 Adult Envelopes	\$2,688
Loose Collection	\$441
4 Children's Envelopes	\$4
10 Building Fund Envelopes	\$240
17 ACH Electronic Offertory	\$1,210
<b>Total Weekly Offertory</b>	<b>\$4,583</b>

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

St. Isidore—Saturday—4:00—4:30 PM  
Holy Family—Saturday—4:00—4:30 PM  
Or by appointment



**November Need of the Month:  
Dish Soap**

Collection bins are in the entryway to the church and small hall





### PARISH WIDE

Nov. 4—Cooking Club—(During REF) 10:15-11:15  
Nov. 6—Mass Coordinator Training—6:00 PM  
Nov. 8—Rectory Basement Cleaning —10:00 AM  
Nov. 13—Lector Training—6:00 PM

### High School Youth Group

**Sunday, November 4th, 10:15 to 11:30 AM**

Meet in our classroom.

Make Thanksgiving bulletin board outside our room.

FORMED - Session 3: Real Freedom, Real Love

**Sunday, November 11th, 10:15 – 11:30 AM**

FORMED – Session 4: The Lost “Art of Living”

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM

Nov. 4—REF Sessions  
Nov. 11—REF Sessions

#### **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

Nov. 14—Business Meeting—7:00 PM  
Nov. 18—Pancake Breakfast

**Knight of the Month:** Jim Pock

**Family of the Month:** John & Therese Madden

### **MITTENS FOR THE HOMELESS**

Monday, Nov. 12 & 19  
Small Hall—9 am to 2 pm

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

Sweaters  
Polar Fleece

Please leave donations near office door.

### **CHRISTMAS CARD-MAKING BUFFET**

WINGS will host a women’s gathering Thurs., Nov. 15 at 7:00 PM in the Large Hall. Please bring 2 store bought Friendship cards to be given to a shut-in and \$2 for materials and embellishments to make 4 handmade Christmas cards.

Melissa Nickols will present the program. Refreshments will be served. ALL women are invited to attend.



### **Basement Party!**

**Thursday, Nov.8 - 10am**

The Knights of Columbus have agreed to help clean out the basement. We could use a few more hands. Please bring your own work gloves and mask if needed.



### **FREE THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER**

Nov. 22— 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

American Legion Hall, Grand River Ave.

Sponsored by the Laingaburg Lions Club

And American Legion post 248

RSVP by Nov. 15—651-6050 or 517-420-3899

### **SWEATSHIRT DRIVE**

Annual Knights of Columbus Sweatshirt Drive for Holy Cross Children. Accepting new, boxed, **not wrapped** sweatshirts. They love hooded, oversized, shirts with team logos but would be happy with anything donated. The donation box is at the south entrance of the church.

**Donations must be in by December 1.**



# NOTES FROM FR. BOB BACIK

Welcome November. I thoroughly enjoyed watching our young people in the Halloween parade as they marched past the rectory in costume. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and friends who helped make the Halloween Party a great success— people were coming out of the woodwork!

This week we will head to the polls to select a new governor, attorney general, secretary of state, and two members of the Michigan Supreme Court. The outcome will also determine majority control in the Michigan Legislature, along with prominent positions and ballot questions. I encourage you to visit [www.micatholic.org](http://www.micatholic.org) and utilize the helpful resources of the Michigan Catholic Conference for Election 2018. Prayerfully inform your conscience and GO VOTE!

**NEW MASS SCHEDULE:** Beginning December 1 there will be changes to the Saturday Vigil Mass times at St. Isidore and Holy Family. These changes, along with those implemented this past August, are necessary in order to allow one priest to say all masses. Thank you for your flexibility and please pray for vocations! The new Mass schedule (Beginning in December) is as follows:

## SATURDAY VIGIL

4:00 pm - Mass, Holy Family

5:30 pm - Mass, St. Isidore

## SUNDAY

9:00 am - Mass, St. Isidore

11:00 am - Mass, Holy Family

**Upcoming Liturgical Trainings:** Everything we are about as a Church revolves around our celebration of the Liturgy and most especially the Eucharist. The Sunday Mass (Saturday Vigil) is the most important ‘activity’ of our Parish. It must remain and become a top priority to assure we are providing a vibrant and prayerful experience. To this end it is essential that men and women with different gifts come forward to serve in various liturgical roles. Keep praying about it! Two trainings are coming up this month with an Extraordinary Minister training on deck for December.

**Mass Coordinator Training:** Tuesday, Nov 6, 6pm

Responsibilities: A ministry of service and hospitality. Setting up before Mass, assuring all ministers are present and coordinated, attending to various issues as needed, assuring everything is put away after Mass.

**Lector Training** (Current and New): Tuesday, Nov 13, 6 pm.

Responsibilities: A ministry of the Word of God. Reading and praying with selected Scripture, proclaiming the Word of God at Mass, leading the Universal Prayers and making announcements. Must be a Confirmed Catholic.

Pray for Peace!

Fr. Bob Bacik

### **If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church.**

Please believe in the possibility for hope and help and healing. We encourage you to come forward and speak out. Every diocese in the United States now has a victim assistance coordinator who is available to obtain support for your needs, to help make a formal complaint of abuse to the diocese and to arrange a personal meeting with the bishop or his representative, if you desire. The victim assistance coordinator for the Diocese of Lansing is: Cheryl Williams-Hecksel – 1.888.308.6252 or [cwilliamshecksel@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:cwilliamshecksel@dioceseoflansing.org). In addition, you may also report through the law enforcement toll-free reporting hotline at (844) 324-3374 (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or by email at [aginvestigations@michigan.gov](mailto:aginvestigations@michigan.gov)