



December 30, 2018 • The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

The story of Hannah and her son Samuel in today's reading from 1 Samuel was especially important for Luke's Gospel. The passage describes the presentation of young Samuel to the priest Eli as part of the story of the faith of Hannah. Hannah had been in great suffering, as she had long desired to have a son, and saw this as central to her vocation and identity. Hannah's deep honesty with God during her distress, together with her confident persistence in prayer, reveals her as a model of faith. Luke links Hannah to Mary through the Magnificat song in Luke 1, which mirrors Hannah's joyous song in 1 Samuel 2. Luke links young Samuel to Jesus, through the presentation in the Temple in Luke 2.

Luke is suggesting that God is up to something big. Just as Samuel initiated a turning point in Israel's history, Jesus is about to open a new chapter in human history. Their stories are rooted in the remarkable faith of their mothers, Hannah and Mary.

WEAVING THE STORY

Today's passage from Luke is the only story about Jesus in the Gospels that occurs between Jesus' infancy and his adult

ministry. Luke uses the story to weave these elements together.

This story, like all the infancy passages, emphasizes that Jesus was born Son of God. Jesus' first spoken words in Luke conclude with "I must be in my Father's house." God is his Father, and Jesus speaks as God's Son.

Luke connects the future ministry of Jesus with the scene at the temple with the teachers. Jesus' listeners are astounded at his wisdom. This anticipates similar scenes as an adult. Luke also subtly hints at Jesus' resurrection, with details such as the question "why were you looking for me?" similar to "why do you seek the living one among the dead?" Luke invites us to see his Gospel as an integrated whole, weaving together Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection.

Today's Readings: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 or Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Lk 2:41-52

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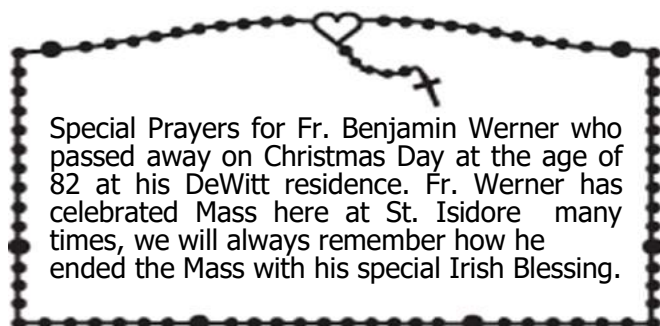
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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday—December 29	5:30 PM	✝ Chuck Delaney by the Delaney Family
Sunday— December 30	9:00 AM	✝ Don Smith by Robert & Mary Shaw Families
Monday— New Year's Eve	5:30 PM	People of the Parish
Tuesday— New Year's Day	10:00 AM	✝ Reverend Benjamin J. Werner
Wednesday	6:30 PM	✝ Sheila Pohl
Thursday	8:30 AM	✝ Bob & Olga Crowley
Friday	8:30 AM	✝ Frank & Caroline Bacik
Saturday—January 5	5:30 PM	✝ Don Smith by the Wesa Family
Sunday— January 6	9:00 AM	✝ Harold & Mary Doyle / Dorothy Donaldson by the Family

PRAYERS: PLEASE PRAY FOR MELVIN PAMMENT, - JIM CARBARY, (FATHER OF MAGGIE SAYLES), - 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, - 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, - MARY CHADWICK, - LEAH ZAMARIPA, (COUSIN OF JESSE ANGUIANO), THERESA HEEG (DAUGHTER OF JOHN & SANDY VANGERTRUJ), - BETH MUSELLA (COUSIN OF ANITA LEATHERS), - ALBERTO ZAMARRIPA (RELATIVE OF JESSE ANGUIANO).—PATRICK MCMONAGLE (SON OF BOB & TERRY)



Special Prayers for Fr. Benjamin Werner who passed away on Christmas Day at the age of 82 at his DeWitt residence. Fr. Werner has celebrated Mass here at St. Isidore many times, we will always remember how he ended the Mass with his special Irish Blessing.

OFFERTORY	
Dec. 22 & 23, 2018	
69 Adult Envelopes	\$2,102
Loose Collection	\$541
2 Children's Envelopes	\$37
7 Building Fund Envelopes	\$90
17 ACH Electronic Offering	\$1,360
Total Weekly Offertory	\$4,130
 Christmas Envelopes	 \$3,227



PARISH WIDE

Dec. 30 -Cooking Club—(During REF) 10:15-11:15

High School Youth Group

Sunday, January 6th, 10:15 – 11:30 AM

- FORMED – Session 5: Engaging Moral Relativism

MITTENS FOR THE HOMELESS

Monday, January 7

Large Hall—9 am to 2 pm

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

Sweaters and Polar Fleece

Please leave donations near office door.

At this time we really need sweater donations to continue.

Donated 602 pairs of mittens so far this winter

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM

Dec. 30—NO REF

Jan. 6—REF Sessions Resume

Jan. 13—REF Sessions

More REF details contact:

Mary Stevens—marystevens@stisidorechurch.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Jan. 9—Business Meeting—7:00 pm

Knight of the Month: Keith Kienitz

Family of the Month: The Ladies who make up the Mitten Markers. So far this year they have made and distributed more than 500 pairs of mittens.

Winners of the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Winners were announce at the pancake breakfast last week:

Under Age 7:

Josie Siddock and Kaylyn Lefevre.

Ages 8-10:

Grant Sprague and Leah Schneider

Ages 11 - 14:

Kaitlyn Kingsbury, Taylor Arthur,
Mallory Woodbury.

Photos of the event can be found on the parish website.



Annual Men's Retreat - February 8-10, 2019

**St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, MI
"From Chaos to Order: A Scriptural Guide"**

Join us to gain new scriptural insights on ways to bring order into your own life and community. The suggested donation for the weekend is \$175 - retreat begins with check in at 6:00 pm on Friday and ends after lunch on Sunday. Men of all ages are welcome! Register with St. Francis at 517-669-8321; registration is also available online at www.stfrancis.ws. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to set aside time for this encounter opportunity!

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve—Dec. 31

4:00 pm—Holy Family

5:30 pm—St. Isidore

New Year's Day—Jan. 1

10:00 am—St. Isidore

10:00 am Holy Family



NOTES FROM FR. BOB BACIK

Our Merry Christmas continues! Unlike the world which is quickly taking down Christmas decorations, we remain in the Christmas season until the Baptism of the Lord on January 13th. The Wise Men are still on their way!

My first Christmas at St. Isidore was very special for me. I hope that all who celebrated Mass with us on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day were able to enter into the great mystery of the nativity. I am so thankful for the dozens of people who helped make that possible — our decorators and assistants, music ministers and liturgical ministers. It was also great to see so many young people involved with the 5pm Vigil Mass in a variety of ways. I welcome input on this year's Christmas Eve/Day schedule (5pm, Midnight, 9am) if you have any suggestions.

On this Sunday after Christmas we celebrate the Holy Family, the name given to the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. This celebration is particularly important to us since it is the namesake of our merging church in Ovid. We find so much strength in the family unit and the Holy Family gives us a perfect model. In the coming months, through the prompting of the Knights of Columbus, I will be inviting all of our families to participate in a “consecration to the Holy Family.” More to come.

Our ongoing gift to every household in our parish is a paid membership to FOMRED.ORG. Here you will find all the best Catholic media for all ages— movies, documentaries, e-books and more. Sign up at www.formed.org with our parish access code: NH8RB3. Feel free to share with friends and strangers.

Mass Intentions: A wonderful opportunity in our faith is to offer Mass Intentions for our loved ones and special intentions. While we certainly can offer our own private intentions at each Mass we attend, every Mass is offered for a specific public intention that is placed on the mind of the celebrant. It is a beautiful practice to offer Masses for loved ones on the occasion or near the anniversary of their death or birthday. Mass intentions may also be offered for the living, for a specific intention, or in thanksgiving. Mass intentions can be arranged by speaking to Sharon in the parish office. At your request a card of notification will be sent to the family.

As 2018 comes to a close, a reminder that New Years Day is a Holy Day of Obligation as we celebrate the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Notice the Mass schedule for New Years Eve and Day at both St. Isidore and Holy Family— a great way to bring in the New Year and ask for God's continued grace and mercy in 2019!

I remain exceedingly grateful to be a part of this loving and faith-filled parish family!

- Fr. Bob



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