

The Spirit  
of the Lord  
is upon me

January 27, 2019 • Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Twenty-first-century American culture relies so much on brief social media texts—Facebook, Twitter—that we might wonder how the “men, women, and those children old enough to understand” (Nehemiah 8:2) could spend the entire morning listening to Ezra the priest read from the book of Jewish law. Returning home after seventy years of exile, the people had to rebuild their homeland—the city of Jerusalem, the temple, social and economic structures—all of it. Listening to Ezra reading the ancient law seems to have reconnected the people to traditions that gave meaning to all their struggles. They were weeping tears of joy!

The psalmist is likewise moved by the beauty of God’s law. It is not a bothersome restriction on human behavior, but a wise guide for people seeking wisdom and enduring happiness. At the conclusion of his reading, Ezra instructs them to be joyful, to “eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks . . . for today is holy to our LORD” (Nehemiah 8:10). Rejoicing is the proper response to the rediscovery of God’s law.

**EVERYONE GETS TO ATTEND!**

Ezra also tells the people to “allot portions to those who had nothing prepared,” to make sure that everyone is included, whether or not they had anything to share. When Jesus reads a much shorter passage to a much smaller assembly in the synagogue, he announces his intention to ensure that no one is excluded. The Spirit of the Lord is leading him to heal the afflictions of those who are almost routinely “exiled” from mainstream society, people who are poor, people who have been in prison, people with physical or mental disabilities. Unlike Jesus, we cannot work miracles to heal them or mitigate their conditions; but like Jesus, we can work to bring these “exiles” to a “homeland” where God’s law ensures that everyone can rejoice, because everyone is included.

Today’s Readings: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15;  
1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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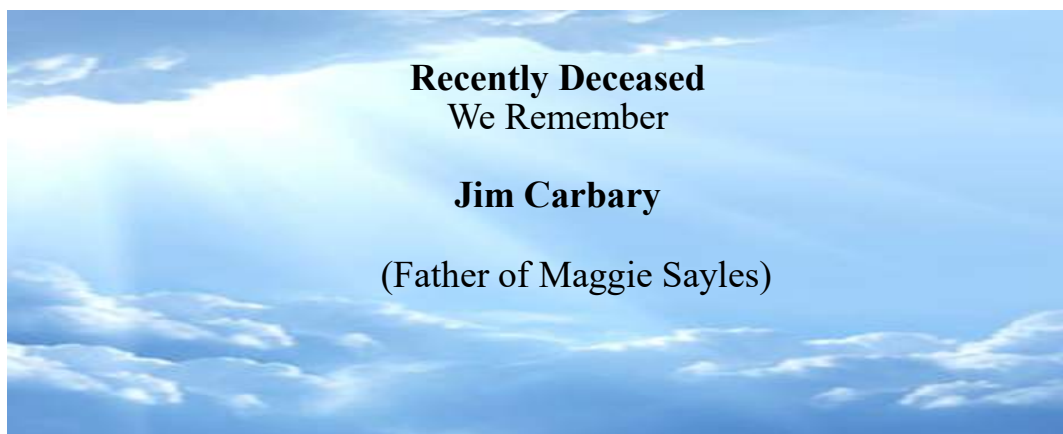
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## MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday—January 26	5:30 PM	✠ Sheila Doyle by the Family
Sunday— January 27	9:00 AM	✠ Anna Gunnell by Mark & Cindy Rostar
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Reparations for Sins & Healing of Abuse Victims
Thursday	8:30 AM	✠ David Ferland by the Knights of Columbus
Friday	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
Saturday—February 2	5:30 PM	✠ Sheila Doyle by the Family
Sunday— February 3	9:00 AM	✠ Don Smith by Betty, Don, Barb, & Ron Arthur Families

**PRAYERS: PLEASE PRAY FOR** MELVIN PAMMENT, - 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 VANGEERTRUY), - BETH MUSELLA (COUSIN OF ANITA LEATHERS), - ALBERTO ZAMARRIPA (RELATIVE OF JESSE ANGUIANO).—PATRICK MCMONAGLE (SON OF BOB & TERRY)



### 2019 CONTRIBUTION REPORTS

The Contribution Reports are now available. You can pick yours up in the main entryway to the church along with your **2019 Offertory Envelopes**. If yours is not there please contact the office.

### OFFERTORY

January 19 & 20, 2018

71 Adult Envelopes	\$2,841
Loose Collection	\$302
8 Children's Envelopes	\$15
<b>Total Weekly Offertory</b>	<b>\$3,158</b>

**PARISH WIDE**

Jan. 27 -Cooking Club—(During REF) 10:15-11:15

**High School Youth Group**

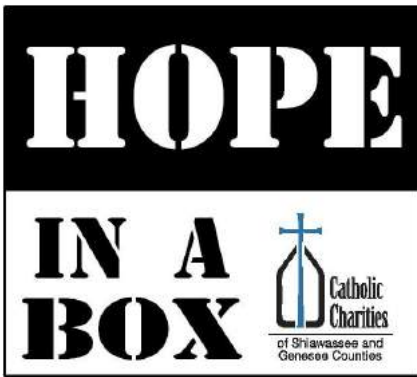
Sunday, January 27th - 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Sunday, February 10th - 10:15 - 11:30 am

**WORLD WIDE EVANGELIZATION COLLECTION**

**This Weekend—January 26 & 27**

For more than 50 years, the collection has been a sign of solidarity between Catholics of the United States and those in Latin America and the Caribbean. This Solidarity Fund helps Latin America, the Holy Land, Eastern Europe, and Churches in Africa. There are envelopes in your weekly boxed sets. Extra envelopes can be found near the bulletins.



**FEBRUARY NEED OF THE MONTH**

Shampoo, Conditioner And Lotion



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)**

Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM

Jan. 27—REF Sessions

Feb. 3—REF Sessions

Feb. 10—REF Sessions

**More REF details contact:**

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Jan. 23—Planning Meeting—**CANCELLED**

**Knight of the Month:** - Clare Greene

**Family of the Month:** - REF Teachers who selflessly guide our children through their spiritual education.





# Warming hands and hearts

## **HELP US, HELP THEM**

Since 2014, the St. Isidore mitten making group has made over 2,000 pairs of mittens for the homeless. We serve Catholic Charities in Lansing, Laingsburg Elementary School, Homeless Angels, City Rescue Mission & Holy Cross, all in Lansing; Haven House in East Lansing and Carboard Profits.

## **YOU CAN HELP TOO**

Donate gently used sweaters,  
fleece material,  
gift cards to JoAnn Fabrics, & Volunteers of America Thrift Stores,  
or cash donations.

## **SEND DONATIONS TO:**

Jeannette Parker or Barb Koonter at St. Isidore Church.