

They caught
a great
number
of fish

February 10, 2019 • Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture recounts several instances of God calling persons to be leaders, prophets, apostles, or for other tasks. In most of them, a divine messenger appears to someone and directs them to do X. However, in today's readings, there is no explicit directive for Isaiah to deliver God's message, or for the fishermen to follow Jesus. Instead, the accounts focus on the way that God appears. The respective calls result from the recognition of God's presence in the experience. That recognition creates an openness to whatever God might want.

... OUR RESPONSE IS WHAT MATTERS

Isaiah's immediate reaction to the marvelous events he saw was an acute awareness of his own sinfulness: "Woe is me . . . For I am a man of unclean lips" (Isaiah 6:5). In the ancient world, contact between holy objects or environments and profane things or persons was a contamination—human beings were thought to "contaminate" any place where God's presence was known to dwell, and hence were unclean. Only after he volunteers ("Here I am . . . send me!" [Isaiah 6:8]) does Isaiah learn what he is being asked to do.

The catch of fish in Luke lacks the color of Isaiah's theophany, but it evoked a response from Simon similar to that of Isaiah: "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" (Luke 5:8). He was not alone; "all those with him" were "seized" with astonishment (5:9). The overwhelming catch of fish was just as much an overwhelming experience of God for Simon as were the seraphim for the prophet Isaiah.

This is very good news for the rest of us, since our own theophanies are almost never as colorful as Isaiah's, or as dramatic as an unusually large catch of fish. But they are there, moments in our lives when we become acutely aware of God's presence and understand more clearly our own humanity and our need for God's mercy. That understanding, in turn, can make us open to how God is calling us and what we are being called to do.

Today's Readings: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday—February 9	5:30 PM	✠ John Peter VanGeertruy by Sandra & Family
Sunday— February 10	9:00 AM	✠ Karen Brown by the Family
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	✠ Don Smith by the Knights of Columbus
Thursday	8:30 AM	✠ Jim Rowley by Steve & Joyce Wahoski
Friday	8:30 AM	Mass with no specific intention
Saturday—February 16	5:30 PM	✠ Mary Eiseler by the Eiseler Family
Sunday— February 17	9:00 AM	✠ Fr. Larry Delaney by the Delaney Family

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)

Recently Deceased We Remember

Emma Farr

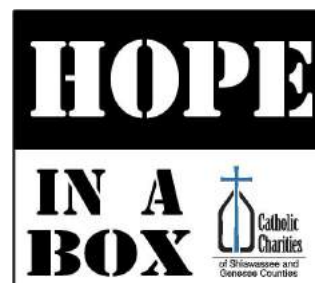
Funeral: Feb.12 at 11 am
Watkins Bros. Funeral Home
Laingsburg

OFFERTORY February 2 & 3, 2019

79 Adult Envelopes	\$3,719
Loose Collection	\$261
9 Children's Envelopes	\$34
Total Weekly Offertory	\$4,014

2019 CONTRIBUTION REPORTS

The Contribution Reports are now available. You can pick yours up in the main entryway to the church. If yours is not there please contact the office.



FEBRUARY NEED OF THE MONTH

Shampoo, Conditioner
And Lotion



PARISH WIDE

Feb. 10 -Cooking Club—(During REF) 10:15-11:15
Feb. 17—No Cooking Club
Feb. 24—No Cooking Club
Feb. 24—Pancake Breakfast

High School Youth Group

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

Southern Italy and Sicily

Join Fr. Bob Bacik and Fr. Andrew Czajkowski on a 14 day pilgrimage through Sicily and southern Italy. October 15-2019. Highlights include: Rome, Palermo, Monreale, Agrigento, Valley of the temples, Giardina Naxos, Taormina, Catania, Matra, Alberobello, Amalfi Coast, Sorrento, and Pompeii. Information sheets are available in the small hall library. For more detailed information and to pick up a registration packet, please contact Fr. Bob or call the parish office.

MITTENS FOR THE HOMELESS

Monday, Feb. 18 & March 4
Large Hall—9 am to 2 pm
All ladies are welcome to join us. No sewing skills needed.

Donations Needed:
Polar Fleece and Sweaters

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM

Feb. 10—REF Sessions
Feb. 17—NO REF
Feb. 24 —REF Sessions Resume

More REF details contact:
Mary Stevens—marystevens@stisidorechurch.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Feb. 24—Pancake Breakfast
Feb. 27—Planning Meeting—7:00 PM

Knight of the Month: - Clare Greene

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

NO QUILTING
AT HOLY FAMILY
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY
QUILTING RESUMES ON
MARCH 7



Year of Prayer
Diocese of Lansing

Year of Hospitality
St. Isidore and Holy Family

Notes from Fr. Bob Bacik

What a crazy week of weather! I hope you all were able to stay safe and sane during these low temps. On the coldest night of the year the rectory's heat went out and, as a consequence, hot water pipes froze in several locations. A HUGE thank you to Don Brown, Keith Kienitz, Dennis Goetschy and Adam Goetschy for coming to my rescue and working to restore heat in the rectory.

This past week six of our young ones took an important step in their faith journey by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. A special thank you to their parents and their catechists, Jenn Sedlacek and Mary Stevens, for helping in their preparation. The Knights of Columbus prepared a nutritious meal of chicken nuggets and tater-tots to help us celebrate this great day! Let us continue to keep these boys and girls in our prayers they prepare for First Holy Communion this spring.

Remember that the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is offered each week at regularly scheduled times and always by appointment. Currently we offer the sacrament each Saturday from 12:30 - 1:00 pm at St. Isidore and from 3:00 - 3:30 pm at Holy Family. To schedule an alternative time please call the parish office or email me.

MERGER UPDATE: While we have taken some steps towards a merger with Holy Family, there are several important steps that still need to be taken. In order to assist me with these next steps I am assembling a TRANSITION COMMITTEE to meet monthly over the next year. The charge of this committee would be to advise and support the official merger and to serve as a catalyst for the establishment of a Parish Council and Parish Finance Council. It is my hope that we can establish a committee that represents a variety of skills and talents as well as stages of life. Pray about it. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone please call or email me.

PILGRIMAGE: A handful of you have expressed interest in the October 15 - 30, 2019 pilgrimage to Sicily, Southern Italy and Rome. There will be an informational gathering on Monday, February 25 at 7pm in Davison. This will give anyone interested an opportunity to learn more about the trip, ask questions, and meet other people who will be traveling with us. Please RSVP by calling the parish office if you would like to car pool.

Have a great St. Valentine's Day on Thursday. Let love flow to your spouse, your family, your friends, your neighborhood, and to all members of the world community! We are all sisters and brothers, children of one God, who loves us all!

Happy
Valentine's
Day

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