

Your reward will be GREAT in HEAVEN



February 17, 2019 • Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel from Luke is the Sermon on the Plain with the Beatitudes, what we usually think of as the Sermon on the Mount. It seems as though Jesus is congratulating those who would have been considered unfortunate, doesn't it? The Beatitude statements overturn the concept of "fortunate" in Jesus' time, naming those who are poor, hungry, mourning, or marginalized as those who should rejoice.

Jesus continues with prophetic and startling "Woe to you!" statements, directed to those usually thought of as blessed. Heavenly reward is not a privilege of the rich and comfortable but a blessing for all who trust in God, whose reward will be great in heaven.

WHOM DO YOU TRUST?

The first reading and the psalm take a somewhat different focus: trust in God, not people or things of this world. One who trusts in God is fortunate, like a plant that produces good fruit, sustained by living waters and currents of grace. "Not so the wicked," who wither and vanish, blowing away like the illusions of their self-absorption.

Paul, in the second reading, confronts members of the early Christian community of Corinth who were doubting,

or devaluing, belief in Jesus' resurrection and the general resurrection of the dead. Depending on the material world in their spiritual pride, they believed that their righteousness was something they had achieved on their own. They felt self-sufficient, "rich," not in need of the ongoing saving power of Christ's resurrection that completes the sacrifice of Good Friday through Easter, which is our true blessing.

So, congratulations! Acknowledging our need for God, we are rich in the Kingdom love of our Father. Our hunger is satisfied by the sustaining nourishment of the Spirit. Our weeping is "turned into dancing" knowing that Jesus is with us in our sorrows, in fact knew them when he walked upon earth. Reasons enough for us to rejoice, always, even when people treat us badly. God's reward to us is the Kingdom, now and always.

Today's Readings: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

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
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	✠ Ruth Ann Duncan by Lee & Winnie Hendrickson
Thursday	8:30 AM	✠ Sheila Doyle by the Family
Friday	8:30 AM	Reparations for Sins and Healing of Abuse Victims
Saturday—February 23	5:30 PM	✠ Rita Fields 4th Anniversary by Aggie Cassady
Sunday— February 24	9:00 AM	In Gratitude and Thanksgiving by the McMonagle 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), - LANA MIERSEN



Many Thanks

Our gratitude and thanksgiving for all your prayers, hugs, support and encouragement; for all the hearty home cooked meals, during our son, Patrick's 8 weeks of cancer treatment. You are all a community of disciples and we feel so blessed to be a part of the renewal of our Parish; with the guidance of Fr. Bob Bacik.

Sincerely, Bob & Terry McMonagle

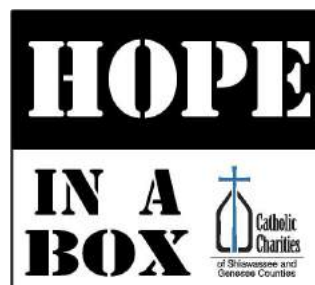
OFFERTORY
February 9 & 10, 2019

87 Adult Envelopes	\$3,202
Loose Collection	\$277
8 Children's Envelopes	\$16
17 ACH Electronic Offertory	\$1,360
Total Weekly Offertory	\$4,855

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

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. 17—No Cooking Club
Feb. 24—No Cooking Club
Feb. 24—Pancake Breakfast

UNDERSTANDING ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA **Wednesday, March 13 @ 10:30 AM**

We will be hosting a 1 hour program in the large hall lead by Jennifer Giddings-Essenmacher. More information is posted on the bulletin boards in the church entryway. RSVP by calling 800-272-3900 or email helplinegmc@alz.org
1 Hour Program covers: Warning Signs, Early Detection, Age-Related changes, How to approach someone about memory concerns.

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

WINGS MOVIE NIGHT

Thurs., Feb 21 at 6:00 PM, the women will gather in the small hall for Movie Night featuring "The Mighty Macs." Popcorn, snacks, cookies, and pop will be provided. As your "admission," please bring an item for Hope in a Box: shampoo, conditioner, lotion, or toilet paper. All women are invited for this light-hearted evening.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM

Feb. 17—NO REF

Feb. 24 —REF Sessions Resume

Are you interested in sharing your faith with the children of our Parish? We are always searching for catechists to help with the REF program. Experience not required. We will provide training and support. Contact Fr. Bob or Mary Stevens if you are interested or have questions.

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.



LENTEN FISH DINNERS WITH ALL THE EXTRAS

\$11.00 for adults
\$5.00 for kids 12 and under
Free for age 5 or less

Checks accepted:
Make payable to: Holy Family Men's Club

HOLY FAMILY FISH FRY DATES

March 1
March 15
March 29
April 12
4:30 - 7:00 PM

Year of Prayer

Diocese of Lansing

Year of Hospitality

St. Isidore and Holy Family

Notes from Fr. Bob Bacik

Coming this week, February 21st -24th, Pope Francis will meet with over 100 Presidents of the Bishops' Conferences of the world-wide Catholic Church on the topic of "protection of minors." I invite all of us to join the world-wide church and support them with prayer and fasting. Following the example of the Church of Ireland, we have placed a "Candle of Atonement" in the St. Isidore Sanctuary which will burn as a tangible witness of our prayer through next week. See the Candle of Atonement Prayer below.

TRANSITION COMMITTEE: Please continue to submit your names and nominations for people to serve on our Merger Transition Committee. As announced last week, this committee will meet monthly over the next year in order to assist and advise with the St. Isidore and Holy Family Merger. This committee will also help to establish newly formed Parish and Finance Councils. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone please call or email me.

SICILY AND SOUTHERN ITALY: 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 in the St. John, Davison Family Center on Monday, February 25 at 7pm . 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 contact the Parish Office if you are interested in car pooling to this meeting.

We are less than three weeks from the beginning of Lent! Now is a great time to start thinking about an extra practice or penance to adopt during the Lenten season.

Peace!

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Please find below the Candle of Atonement Prayer

Lord, forgive us our many sins. We grieve and repent with all our hearts for having offended you, for our great failings and neglect of the young and vulnerable.

We place all of those who have been hurt by the Church in any way into your loving hands and under the protection of Our Blessed Mother.

Lord, bring peace to their broken lives and show us all the way out of darkness and into the light of your Word.

*May we as the people of God be more fully human, more fully Christ-like and more fully your people, that we may see the errors of the past and go forward with renewed hope and faith in Christ and in our Church.
Amen.*