



February 24, 2019 • Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have you ever read or heard anything about Jesus being called a “radical”? What such a statement ignores is that God has been a radical all through salvation history. What kind of superior being forgives the kind of unloving actions humankind has committed through the centuries? Answer: a God of radical mercy, kindness, love. In today’s Gospel, Jesus teaches that, like himself, like God, we must love with God-like radical compassion, even those who are our “enemies.” Didn’t Jesus give us an extreme example, forgiving those who put him to death? How difficult it is to be like God, like Jesus, forgiving, even *loving*, the very people who have treated us badly!

The first reading gives another example. David was under a death sentence by King Saul, who had become David’s enemy through jealousy. Given an opportunity to murder Saul in his sleep, David chose to let him live, out of respect for God’s will toward Saul. David recognized that the only way for him to do God’s will was to love Saul, his enemy, enough to refrain from being judge, jury, and executioner.

## BEARING A GOD-LIKE IMAGE

Today’s psalm praises God for showing mercy toward us, even though we are weak-willed and consistently in need of forgiveness. God is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked, too, and calls us to show this God-like mercy to all. In Paul’s letter to the Corinthians, he tells us that by living and loving as Jesus did, as new creatures, we will bear his image as well. That being the case, and knowing that we are all children of a merciful God, made in God’s image and likeness, we take on the image of Jesus through God-like kindness and compassion.

That word “radical” comes from the Latin word for root (*radix*)—we hear this truth every year during the season of Advent. One of the “names” of the Promised One, Jesus, is “Root” of Jesse—indeed, a radical from before his birth.

Today’s Readings: 1 Sm 26:2, 7–9, 12–13, 22–23; Ps 103:1–2, 3–4, 8, 10, 12–13; 1 Cor 15:45–49; Lk 6:27–38

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## MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday—February 23	5:30 PM	✝ Rita Fields 9th Anniversary by Aggie Cassady
Sunday— February 24	9:00 AM	In Gratitude and Thanksgiving by the McMonagle Family
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	✝ Donald Albert Smith
Thursday	8:30 AM	✝ Sheila Doyle by the Family
Friday	8:30 AM	✝ Josephine Basgall by Chris & Kay Basgall
Saturday—March 2	5:30 PM	✝ Grace Tisdale by the Family
Sunday— March 3	9:00 AM	✝ Ann McDougall by Janice Hurst

**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, - MARY STEIN

### QUILTING AT HOLY FAMILY RESUMES ON MARCH 7

#### BAGS FOR BUDDIES—FOOD BANK

Laingsburg Area Food Bank offers a Bags for Buddies program to area school children. This program offers children a supply of nutritious meals and snacks, free of charge, during breaks and long weekends. It can be difficult to meet the increased need for food when kids are home from school. Bags of nonperishable food are confidentially distributed to any child who is eligible to receive free lunch and fills out the form. During the month of March we are collecting nonperishable single serving ready made snacks for school age kids. Please put your donations in the Food Bank bins.

Suggestions: raisins, fruit cups, pudding, granola or protein bars, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, juice or milk boxes, soups, mac n cheese, etc

#### OFFERTORY

February 16 & 17, 2019

60 Adult Envelopes	\$1,629
Loose Collection	\$377
4 Children's Envelopes	\$18
<b>Total Weekly Offertory</b>	<b>\$2,024</b>



#### HOLY LAND CARVINGS MARCH 2 & 3

Olive Wood Carvings will be sold next weekend here at St. Isidore to help these Christian Families in the Holy Land who make their livelihood through the sale of hand carved religious items. Your help and understanding in this crucial matter is greatly appreciated.

[www.holylandcarvings.com](http://www.holylandcarvings.com)

## PARISH WIDE

**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](mailto: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, 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**

## **FR. CHARLES IRWIN WIRTING SCHOLARSHIP 2019**

*FAITH* Magazine is once again sponsoring a writing scholarship contest for Catholic high-school seniors in the Diocese of Lansing. This annual scholarship was set up to honor the founding editor, Father Charles E. Irvin. As founding editor of *FAITH*, Father Charlie inspired and guided a fine team of writers to deliver the first official publication for the Diocese of Lansing.

The 2019 essay subject is: **How Do You Encounter Christ in the Sacraments?**

**Applicants:** Catholic high-school seniors who are students at a diocesan Catholic high school and/or who are active participants in their parish's youth group/religious education program.

**Essay length:** 800-1200 words

**Entries due:** April 8th Awards given at graduation.

**Scholarship:** One \$1,000 first prize, plus publication in *FAITH* Magazine 2019 Teen edition

**Judges:** *FAITH* Catholic Editorial Staff

**Submissions:** Sent in Word docs attached to email. Send to [parishhq1@juno.com](mailto:parishhq1@juno.com)

Informational posters are in the bulletin boards in the church entryways.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM

Feb. 24 —REF Sessions Resume  
March 3—REF Sessions  
March 10—REF Sessions

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](mailto:marystevens@stisidorechurch.org)

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

**Knight of the Month:** Don Brown

**Family of the Month:** Keith and Nancy Kienitz



## **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

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## Cross and Light

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### Location

**St. Gerard Catholic Church**  
St. Gerard, 4437 West Willow Hwy, Lansing MI

### Showtimes

Thursday, March 21: 12:30pm & 7pm  
Friday, March 22: 12:30pm & 7pm  
Saturday, March 23: 1pm & 7pm

### Questions

Call (517) 908-4740

### Group Discounts Available

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