



# No prophet is accepted in his own native place

February 3, 2019 • Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time

After Jesus reads from the book of Isaiah of an ancient prophet's mission, he says, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21). Jesus is making a quite remarkable claim, that he sees himself as a prophet like the great prophets in Jewish history, and that his mission is like the one described by that ancient prophet in Isaiah chapter 61. Luke makes it very clear that this happened in "Nazareth, where he had grown up" (4:14), and where his fellow Nazarenes were quite startled at his words.

## THE DIFFICULTY OF BEING —AND HEARING—A PROPHET

Claiming to be a prophet means claiming to be called by God; it is an awesome responsibility to say, "The word of the LORD came to me" (Jeremiah 1:4) or "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me" (Isaiah 61:1), the saying that Jesus adopted. Nor is it easy for others to hear someone make this claim. Prophets look very ordinary, they don't have physical evidence of a divine call, so it is tempting to respond with, "Who are they, to talk like that?"

The difference is that prophets have learned to see the world as God sees it, and their vocation is to summon people to bring God's

justice and God's mercy to that world. This is a difficult, even dangerous task. After all, prophets have to speak truth to power, to the "kings and princes . . . its priests and people" who resist changing their ways. Jeremiah's call is typical: God warns him of dangers to come, even as he promises him deliverance: "They will fight against you but not prevail over you / for I am with you to deliver you" (Jeremiah 1:19).

Jesus faces these same difficulties, as his fellow Nazarenes—who initially admired his "gracious words" (Luke 4:22)—become skeptical, suspicious, and then openly hostile. Jesus understands these reactions: "Doubtless you will say to me . . ." (4:23), and, just as God promised Jeremiah, Jesus is "delivered"—he passes through the crowd before they attempt literally to throw him out. As we are called to act as prophets in our world today, it is a comfort to know that God will likewise deliver us.

Today's Readings: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

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## MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

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
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Pamela (Deddy) Morgan by Doug & Carolyn Moshier
Thursday	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
Friday	8:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday—February 9	5:30 PM	✠ John Peter VanGeertruy by Sandra & Family
Sunday— February 10	9:00 AM	✠ Karen Brown by the 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 VANGEEERTRUY), - BETH MUSELLA (COUSIN OF ANITA LEATHERS), - ALBERTO ZAMARRIPA (RELATIVE OF JESSE ANGUIANO).—PATRICK MCMONAGLE (SON OF BOB & TERRY)

### Recently Deceased We Remember

**Jim Carbary**  
(Father of Maggie Sayles)

**Ann McDougall**

**Jim Rowley**  
(Wife of Marti Rowley)

### OFFERTORY January 23 & 24, 2018

66 Adult Envelopes	\$1,812
Loose Collection	\$277
6 Children's Envelopes	\$11
17 ACH Electronic Offertory	\$1,360
<b>Total Weekly Offertory</b>	<b>\$3,460</b>

### 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.

**BAPTIZED INTO OUR PARISH**  
**February 3, 2019**  
**Calvin Montgomery**  
**Son of Chad and Crystal**  
**(Mapes) Bashore**



### PARISH WIDE

Feb. 3 -Cooking Club—(During REF) 10:15-11:15  
Feb. 10 -Cooking Club—(During REF) 10:15-11:15  
**Feb. 17—No Cooking Club**  
Feb. 24—Pancake Breakfast

### High School Youth Group

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



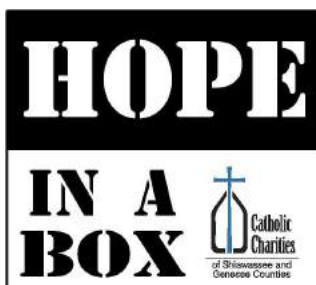
### **Southern Italy and Sicily**

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.



### **FEBRUARY NEED OF THE MONTH**

Shampoo, Conditioner  
And Lotion



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM

Feb. 3—REF Sessions  
Feb. 10—REF Sessions  
**Feb. 17—NO REF**  
Feb. 24 —REF Sessions Resume

**More REF details contact:**

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## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Feb. 13—Business Meeting—7:00 PM  
Feb. 24—Pancake Breakfast

**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**



## **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.

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### **MITTENS FOR THE HOMELESS**

Monday, Feb. 4 & 8

Large Hall—9 am to 2 pm

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

**Note: Feb. 4th  
Sewing will be in a classroom**