

### March 10, 2019 • First Sunday of Lent

It may be difficult for us to imagine Jesus being tempted. He was God, after all. But he was also fully human, and faced the temptations and trials of life just like the rest of us. In fact, this is one of the key aspects of our faith. Jesus came to be one with us in all things but sin. He understands our weaknesses and the difficulties that sometimes happen in life, and he is with us, strengthening us to stand firm in faith, as he did in the desert, throughout his earthly ministry, and on the cross.

### TRUST IN GOD

When Moses and the Israelites were in the desert, they sometimes grumbled. Fearful and anxious, they questioned whether God was really with them, in spite of the many signs and wonders of God's fidelity to them. Gradually, they learned to trust that God would always lead and be with them. They grew in awareness of God's presence, and were thankful for the gifts of God in their

midst. In celebrating the first harvest in the Promised Land, they gave their first fruits back to God as a sign of their gratitude. Have you ever grumbled at God in a time of anxiety or worry? At times, we may be tempted to turn away from the life to which we are called. It is in just such moments that we may learn from Jesus, who responded to temptation by turning toward God and trusting God's will completely. Look around. Be attentive to the many blessings in your life, and know that all good things come from God. Lent is a season when we turn our lives around, opening our hearts and lives to see the Lord's goodness and responding to it with our lives. Let us follow Jesus out of the desert, ready to give of our first fruits, the fruits of our lives, talents, resources, and faith.

Today's Readings: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

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## MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday—March 9	5:30 PM	† Ann McDougall by Tom & Krys Rourke
Sunday— March 10	9:00 AM	† Don Smith by Tim & Stacy Voisinet Family
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	† Don Smith by the Knights of Columbus
Thursday	8:30 AM	Reparations for Sins & Healing of Abuse Victims
Friday	8:30 AM	† Sheila Doyle by the Family
Saturday—March 16	5:30 PM	† Tom Theisen by Steve & Pauline Thomas
Sunday— March 17	9:00 AM	† Jim Rowley by Clare & Shirley Greene

**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

### 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

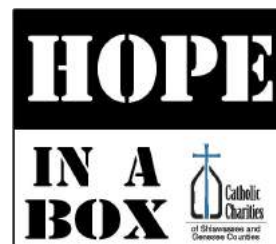


**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
Fridays of Lent—7:00 PM (April 12—Outdoor Stations at Mt. Olivet Cemetery)

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**HOLY FAMILY—STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
March 8, March 22, & April 5 — 7:00 PM

#### OFFERTORY

March 2 & 3, 2019	
74 Adult Envelopes	\$2,797
Loose Collection	\$247
8 Children's Envelopes	\$45
<b>Total Weekly Offertory</b>	<b>\$3,089</b>



Need for the month of March:

Dish Soap



### **PARISH WIDE**

March 10—Cooking Club  
March 15—Stations of the Cross 7—Fridays of Lent  
**March 17—Pancake Breakfast**  
March—17 **NO** Cooking Club  
March 24 & 31—**NO** Cooking Club

### **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.

**Women In God's Service (WINGS)** will hold their next meeting Thursday **March 21st at 7pm** in the small hall. The guest speaker will be Shelly Ochodnicki, Director of the new Homeless Angels homeless shelter in Owosso. Donations at this meeting are requested for Bags for Buddies such as raisins, fruit cups, pudding, protein bars, peanut butter crackers, juice boxes, etc. Please join us for an evening of fellowship and service.

### **BLACK & INDIAN HOME MISSION COLLECTION This Weekend-Mar 9/10**

The Black and Indian Mission Collection exists to help local African American and Native American Diocesan Communities throughout the United States spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground. Envelopes can be found in your weekly boxed offertory envelopes, or near the bulletins.

### **ST. PATRICK'S DINNER MARCH 16TH - 7 PM**

Sponsored by the Parish and the Knights of Columbus.

Traditional Irish Dinner cooked by the Knights of Columbus

Free event  
**RSVP THIS WEEKEND** by signing up in the small hall.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)**

Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM

March 10—REF Sessions  
March 17—REF Sessions  
March 24 & 31—NO REF—Spring Break

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

In the midst of yet another Polar Vortex...Is it too early to dream of SUMMER?

I THINK NOT! With that in mind I am asking you to prayerfully consider helping with Vacation Bible School (VBS). We are in need of Money, Time and Talent. After Easter, please be on the lookout for support cards on the bulletin board on the north wall of the large hall. Thank you in advance for your generous support. -Mary Stevens



### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

March 13—Business Meeting—7:00 PM  
**March 17—Pancake Breakfast**

### **HOLY FAMILY FISH FRY DATES**

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

Don't miss the opportunity to bring **FORMED.org** home for Lent!

Get the best Catholic movies, e-books, and study programs available, all on your laptop, tablet, or phone.

Use parish code **NH8RB3** (case sensitive) as you register for this free resource.



## **DSA COLLECTION - MARCH 16 & 17**

*Whoever Sows Bountifully will also Reap Bountifully*

DSA starts next weekend. Informational brochures are available in the entryway to the church. Envelopes will be distributed during Mass next weekend.

**This years goal for St. Isidore is \$17,182**

### **What is the purpose of the Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA)?**

The DSA is an annual appeal, meaning gifts are used to sustain the ongoing, day-to-day work of the Church in our Diocese. Our contributions are put to work, right away in, in a multitude of ministries and activities. The dollars are not invested or reserved for future use.

### **How are DSA contributions used?**

Contributions are used to fund the ministries, programs, and services that offer direct assistance to individuals and families and to our parishes, schools, and affiliated Catholic organizations. These include, but are not limited to:

- Campus Ministry
- Catholic Charities – Works of Mercy
- Catechesis and Catechist Formation
- Catholic Education
- Deaconate Formation and Support
- Diocesan Assemblies
- Evangelization Initiatives
- Faith-Based Counseling
- FAITH Magazine
- Financial Services
- Hispanic Ministries
- Hospital Ministry
- Lay Ecclesial Ministry and Formation
- Liturgy and Worship Services
- Marriage and Family Programs
- Marriage Tribunal Services
- Natural Family Planning
- Office of the Bishop
- Priestly Life and Ministry
- Professional Services for Parishes
- Religious Education
- Restorative Justice/Jail Ministry
- Retreats and Conferences
- Sacramental Records and Archives
- Seminarian Education and Formation
- St. Francis Retreat Center
- Vocational Discernment and Formation
- Youth Formation

DSA contributions are allocated only to the Central Services budget of the Diocese which provides for the good works of the Church. An annual independent audit of the diocese is completed and assures that DSA contributions are used for the purposes of the approved budget.

### **Will DSA funds be used for costs related to the sexual abuse of minors?**

No. DSA funds have not been nor will be used for costs related to abuse. Nor are DSA funds diverted to help pay abuse costs in other dioceses.

### **Is my annual DSA gift really needed?**

Yes. The annual support of the faithful across the diocese is critically important to fund our active, ongoing ministries. All gifts, of any size, will provide needed support for ministries that benefit your parish and the mission of the Catholic Church throughout the diocese.

### **Having contributed to the Witness to Hope Campaign. Why is it important to contribute to DSA?**

Thank you for contributing to our first-ever diocese-wide capital campaign, Witness to Hope. It was a momentous effort to invest in the future of our Church. We anticipate that more than 50% of the funds raised will be returned to parishes for their selected projects. In addition, six endowments have been initiated at The Catholic Foundation to support education, seminarians, charities, and other vital purposes of the wider Church long into the future. However, contributions to DSA are used for a different purpose.

### **What is the difference in the use of DSA gifts and Witness to Hope gifts?**

DSA gifts support current and ongoing efforts at our parishes, schools, and across the diocese. Witness to Hope gifts are a long term investment in the future of the church. Both types of gifts are necessary and responsible uses of the financial gifts with which God has graced us as the stewards of His Holy Catholic Church.

St. Isidore and Holy Family

Lent 2019

**Masses During Lent**

**St. Isidore**

Wednesday - 6:30 pm (Chapel)\*\*

Thursday - 8:30 am (Chapel)

Friday - 8:30 am (Chapel)

**Saturday - 5:30 pm**

**Sunday - 9:00 am**

**Holy Family**

Tuesday - 12:10 pm\*\*

Thursday - 8:30 am

**Saturday - 4:00 pm**

**Sunday - 11:00 am**

*\*\*Divine Mercy Chaplet following Mass.*

**Confession During Lent**

**St. Isidore**

Wednesdays: 5:15 - 6:15 pm

**Holy Family**

Saturdays: 3:00 - 3:30 pm

**\*Or by appointment**

(call office: (517) 651-6722

(Fr. Bob call/text 517-575-9555)

**\*\*Communal services will be posted in bulletin.**

**Stations of the Cross**

**St. Isidore - 7pm**

Fridays in Lent\*

\*April 12 Outdoor Stations @ Mt. Olivet

**Holy Family - 7pm**

March 8

March 22

April 5

**Lenten Adult Formation:**

**The Four Teresas on Prayer**

**St. Isidore (Small Hall)**

**Wednesdays 7:15 - 8:00 pm**

March 20 - Sts. Teresa of Calcutta & Therese of Lisieux

April 3 - Sts. Therese of Avila & Teresa of the Cross