



FROM THE CLOUD
CAME A VOICE
THAT SAID,

THIS IS MY
BELOVED
SON;
LISTEN
TO HIM.

March 17, 2019 • Second Sunday of Lent

How do you listen to God? While it might seem as though it is impossible to hear God's voice, the more we listen, the more attuned we become to hearing. We listen in prayer, in reading the Bible and hearing sacred scripture, in the homily, and in the prayers during Mass. We listen in the companionship of other faith-filled friends who share their hopes and dreams with us, and who help us discern what God may be calling us to do. Abram heard God's voice and opened himself to the unknown. Peter, James, and John followed Jesus, even while still unsure about him or his mission. Each took steps toward faith, and in faith followed God's way. Whether in times of certainty, when it seems God is everywhere we look, or in those periods when we yearn to know that God is with us, we are called to listen, to trust, and to take steps of faith, modeling our lives on the life and call of Jesus Christ.

TAKE A LEAP

At times, the steps we take feel more like leaps of faith. While we might be called to "walk the walk" of faith in our

daily lives, as the apostles and countless other disciples have throughout the ages, there are moments when we may need to step out into an unknown future, as did Abram before us. The glimpses of God's presence and glory experienced by Abram and the disciples provided needed encouragement at pivotal moments, and especially when it seemed for a while that God was absent. The glimpses we perceive in those moments of closeness with God help us to remain on Christ's path, especially when we are unsure of what to do next. With the psalmist, take a leap of faith and find hope in the Lord: "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?"

Today's Readings: Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday—March 16	5:30 PM	✠ Tom Theisen by Steve & Pauline Thomas
Sunday— March 17	9:00 AM	✠ Jim Rowley by Clare & Shirley Greene
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	People of the Parish
Thursday	8:30 AM	✠ Carol Slingsby by Chris & Kay Basgall
Friday	8:30 AM	✠ Josephine Basgall by Chris & Kay Basgall
Saturday—March 23	5:30 PM	✠ Bob Butterworth by Jerry & Barb Gialanella
Sunday— March 24	9:00 AM	✠ An McDougall by Robert & Mary Shaw

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, AGGIE CASSADY

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

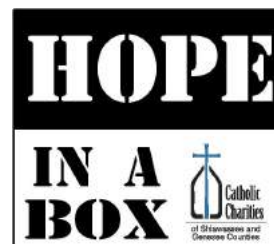


STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Fridays of Lent—7:00 PM (April 12—Outdoor Stations at Mt. Olivet Cemetery)

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

OFFERTORY

March 9, 10, 2019	
60 Adult Envelopes	\$2,124
Loose Collection	\$202
9 Children's Envelopes	\$26
17 ACH Electronic Offertory	\$1,360
Total Weekly Offertory	\$3,712



Need for the month of March:

Dish Soap



PARISH WIDE

March 17—Pancake Breakfast

March—17 **NO** Cooking Club

March 24 & 31—**NO** Cooking Club

March 22—Stations of the Cross 7—Fridays of Lent

Donations Needed for
Mittens for the Homeless



Polar Fleece
Sweaters
Thread



WINGS

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.

OLD PALMS

Bring back your old palms and place them in the box in the back of church. The palms will be used for ashes distributed on Ash Wednesday



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM

March 17—REF Sessions

March 24 & 31—**NO** REF—Spring Break

April 7—REF Sessions Resume

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 17—Pancake Breakfast
(Green Pancakes)

March 27—Planning Meeting—7:00 PM

Knight of the Month: Fred Bruso
Family of the Month: Jack & Julie Risch



HOLY FAMILY FISH FRY DATES

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





DSA COLLECTION START NOW - MARCH 16 & 17 *Whoever Sows Bountifully will also Reap Bountifully*

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

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

Notes from Fr. Bob Bacik

This Sunday we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. I extend a special THANK YOU to the many people who helped make the "St. Patrick's Day Dinner" a success. Our parish has a rich Irish tradition and it is my hope that this event will continue to grow. Wouldn't it be great if we could have an Irish band in the future? If you are interested in helping continue this event by serving on the St. Patrick's Dinner committee please call/text or send me an email. I especially hope that some of our Irish families will respond!

Tuesday, March 19th is St. Joseph Day. St. Joseph, the husband of Mary, is the patron of the Universal Church, of fathers, workers, travelers, migrants, the unborn, families, the dying and many more. Just as you would wear green on St. Patrick's Day many Italians, Poles and Slovacks wear red to commemorate St. Joseph Day. Joseph is a wonderful model for all of us, especially for fathers who work hard to provide for and protect their family. After Mass on Tuesday (12:10 pm, Holy Family) we will pray the Litany of St. Joseph.

Speaking of St. Joseph, this year I will be chaplain to the annual "**St. Joseph Pilgrimage**" to the shrines of eastern Canada in Quebec. Highlights include St. Joseph Oratory of Mount Royal, Basilica of Our Lady of the Cape, the Basilica of St. Anne de Beauport and the city of Quebec. Join us this Summer, August 5-9: \$600 per person, double occupancy includes 5 days and 4 nights. For more information or reservations please call Kaye (810-262-1130). Passport or enhanced license is mandatory for land travel.

This weekend I invite all of you to join me in making a contribution to the annual **Diocesan Service Appeal**. The DSA directly supports the numerous ministries and activities that are carried out on the Diocesan level (i.e. Seminarian education and formation, Catholic Charities, St. Francis Retreat Center, etc.). Together we can reach our combined goal of \$27,587 (St. Isidore- \$17,182 and Holy Family- \$10,405. More information and online credit card/EFT pledge form is available at www.dioceseoflansing.org/DSA.

Continued blessings on you and your loved ones!

Erin go Bragh
- Fr. Bob

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