

YOUR BROTHER
WAS LOST
BUT NOW HE
IS FOUND



March 31, 2019 • Fourth Sunday of Lent

It is hard to admit how easily we get lost. We lose our way in the rush of tasks, meetings, and activities and get out of the habit of daily prayer, Sunday Mass, and service. We get caught up in the pursuit of material wealth, power, social status, and worldly success. We may be dismissive of people whose perspectives are different from our own. We become selfish and self-centered. We are blind to the needs of others, concerned solely with ourselves, our family, our small social circles. We get off track and for a while do not even realize we are lost. Like the young son in the parable, something has to happen to bring us back to our senses.

FOUND

The young son “hit bottom” and made his way home. The Israelites learned to trust in and follow God and entered the Promised Land. We are found the moment

we realize we are lost and begin our journey back to the Lord. Jesus not only shows us the way, Christ is our way home to God. Our homeward path is often an examination of conscience, by which we search our hearts and recognize our failings. We may need to make amends to those whom we have hurt; we might be called to a change of attitude or behavior. Are you lost? Now is the perfect time to open your mind and heart, and admit that you have lost your way. Lent is a season when we admit the ways that we are missing the mark and return to God. Often, we do so through the sacrament of Reconciliation, in which we confess our sins, are given penance, and accept Christ’s warm embrace of forgiveness.

Today’s Readings: Jos 5:9a, 10–12; Ps 34:2–3, 4–5, 6–7; 2 Cor 5:17–21; Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday—March 30	5:30 PM	✝ Ken Cetnar by Jerry & Barb Gialanella
Sunday— March 31	9:00 AM	✝ Harold Hurst 10th Anniversary by Janice Hurst Family
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	People of the Parish
Thursday	8:30 AM	✝ Rev. Thomas J. Brennan
Friday	8:30 AM	✝ Josephine Basgall by Chris & Kay Basgall
Saturday—April 6	5:30 PM	✝ Don Smith by Rob & Debbie Powell
Sunday— April 7	9:00 AM	✝ James M. Hurst by Helen Stelzer

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 ZAMARRIPA, (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

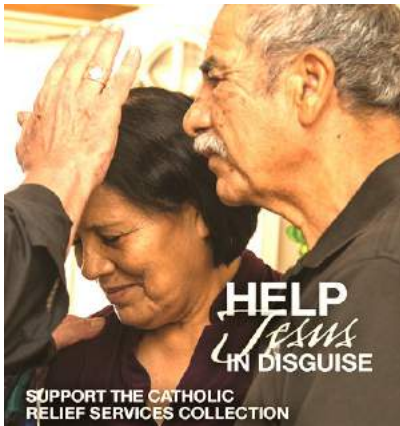


STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 Fridays of Lent—7:00 PM (April 12—Outdoor Stations at Mt. Olivet Cemetery)

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

Catholic Relief Services Collection This Weekend - March 30 & 31

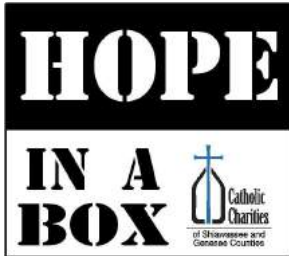
This collection gives aid to victims of persecution and natural disasters, provides legal services to poor immigrants, and advocates for the powerless. Envelopes are in your boxed offertory set or near the bulletins.



NO QUILTLING
AT HOLY FAMILY
APRIL 18TH

OFFERTORY
March 23 & 24, 2019

76 Adult Envelopes	\$2,536
Loose Collection	\$289
Children's Offertory	\$17
18 ACH Electronic Offertory	\$1,430
Total Weekly Offertory	\$4,272



Need for the month of April:

Deodorant



PARISH WIDE

March 31—**NO** Cooking Club
April 3—Four Teresas on Prayer—Sm Hall 7:15
April 5—Stations of the Cross 7—Fridays of Lent
April 7—Cooking Club

Remember to turn in your DSA contributions.

Drop them into the offertory collection baskets.

50% of contributions over our goal come back to St. Isidore.

Goal: \$17,182
Donated to date: \$14,908



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

MARCH 31—2:00 PM
AT
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
AND
ST. GERARD



Wednesday, April 3, the Knights will be having a spring clean up at Mt. Olivet Cemetery from 9:00 until noon. All parishioners are invited to join us. Bring your rakes and blowers if you have them.

HOLY FAMILY FISH FRY DATES

April 12
4:30 - 7:00 PM



OLD PALMS

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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM

March 31—**NO** REF—Spring Break
April 7—REF Sessions Resume
April 14—REF Sessions

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We 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

April 10—Business Meeting—7:00 PM

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



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

St. Isidore parish is now accepting applications for two unique scholarships:

The Giffels Scholarship: Open to parish members pursuing advanced education opportunities. One or more scholarships will be awarded.

The Knights of Columbus Scholarship: Offers one \$1,000 scholarship to parish graduating seniors pursuing 2 & 4 year college education.

Criteria for applicants will include personal and family involvement in the parish, community service, financial need, and long term potential.

See the bulletin boards for more details. Applications are in the rack outside the parish office.

Deadline for submission
May 3rd

SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM 2019: The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil. The liturgical services that take place during the Triduum are: Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday of the Lord's Passion and Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord. All events will take place at St. Isidore, Laingsburg unless noted otherwise.

Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm—Fridays of Lent
 April 12—(Outdoor Stations at Mt. Olivet Cemetery)
 7:00 pm—April 5 (Holy Family)

The Four Teresas on Prayer II

April 3—7:15—8:00 pm
 Sts. Therese of Avila & Teresa of the Cross

Seder Meal, April 17

6:30 pm Large Hall (Bring a dish to pass)

Holy Thursday, April 18

6:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
 8:15 - 11pm Adoration (Chapel)

Good Friday, April 19

1:30 pm - Liturgy of the Lords Passion
 3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet
 7:00 pm - Interdenominational Service (LUMC)

Holy Saturday, April 20

12:00 pm - Blessing of Food (Isidore)
 1:00 pm - Blessing of Food (Holy Family)
 8:30 pm - Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 21

9:00 am - Mass
 11:00 am - Mass (Holy Family)

BLESSING OF THE FOOD BASKETS

The Blessing of the Food Baskets on Holy Saturday is a tradition in the Catholic Church with roots dating back to 12th century Poland. Families gather a basket of special foods to be used in their upcoming celebration of Easter and bring them to the church to be blessed. While the contents of a food basket will vary depending on family, a traditional list of food and its religious symbolism is located at the entryways. I hope some of you will prepare a food basket and join us on Holy Saturday (12:00 pm St. Isidore, 1:00 pm Holy Family)

Reconciliation Times

St. Isidore
 Wednesdays
 5:15—6:15 pm

Holy Family
 Saturday
 3—3:30 pm

