



LET THE ONE  
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April 7, 2019 • Fifth Sunday of Lent

“Sin” isn’t a word we use very often in today’s culture. Yet we must be honest and acknowledge that we sin. Otherwise, we become like people with a disease who are in denial of its implications—we cannot hope to be cured unless we admit that it exists. Sin is a disease of the soul, a dis-ease in our relationship with God. When we sin, we fail to live as we know God desires. The truth is, no one is sinless. We all fail. We may have moments of intense union with God and live as we know we ought. Yet we also have times when we miss the mark. Because we are human and know that we fail, it is easy to adopt a pattern of judgmental behavior. We point to the splinter in our neighbor’s eye while failing to remove the plank from our own. Jesus’ response to the scribes and Pharisees is clear on this account. “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”

### GOD’S MERCY IS FOR EVERYONE

The bad news is that we all sin. The good news is that God’s mercy is available, always, at all times. We must be sorry for our failures and, if our sin is grave, take part in the sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesus’ encounter with the woman in today’s Gospel, as with so many others in the course of his earthly ministry, stands as proof that God is merciful and forgiving. As we continue to journey through the season of Lent, it is good for us to pause and reflect—on our relationship with Christ and on God’s infinite mercy.

Today’s Readings: Is 43:16–21; Ps 126:1–2, 2–3, 4–5, 6; Phil 3:8–14; Jn 8:1–11

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## MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday—April 6	5:30 PM	† Don Smith by Rob & Debbie Powell
Sunday— April 7	9:00 AM	† James M. Hurst by Helen Stelzer
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	† Pauline Wooley by Steve & Mary Izdebski
Thursday	8:30 AM	Reparations of Sins & Healing of Abuse Victims
Friday	8:30 AM	† Jim Rowley by Steve & Joyce Wahoski
Saturday—April 13	5:30 PM	† Ann McDougall by Mary Lou Smith
<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> — April 14-	9:00 AM	† Leon Lundie, Sr. by Mrs. Frances Lundie and 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 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)

**Reconciliation Times**

St. Isidore  
Wednesdays  
5:15—6:15 pm

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Holy Family  
Saturday  
3—3:30 pm

**NO QUILTLING  
AT HOLY FAMILY  
APRIL 18TH**

**OFFERTORY**  
March 30 & 31, 2019

58 Adult Envelopes	\$1,877
Loose Collection	\$470
Children's Offertory	\$9
Total Weekly Offertory	\$2,356

**HOLY FAMILY  
FISH FRY DATES**

April 12  
4:30 - 7:00 PM



HOPE

IN A  
BOX

Catholic  
Charities  
of St. Lawrence and  
Governor Counties

Need for the month  
of April:

Deodorant



## PARISH WIDE

April 7—Cooking Club  
April 12—Stations of the Cross 7 pm—  
at Mt. Olivet Cemetery  
April 17—Seder Meal—Lg Hall—6:30 pm

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM

April 7—REF Sessions Resume  
April 14—REF Sessions  
April 21—NO REF Sessions  
April 28—REF Sessions Resume



"WHOEVER SOWS BOUNTIFULLY  
*will also reap bountifully.*"  
2 CORINTHIANS 9:6

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**



## **LCS CONCERTS**

Laingsburg Community Singers will be presenting "Celebrate Music" concerts on Saturday, **April 13 @ 7:30 pm** and Sunday, **April 14 @ 4:00 pm**. Please note the time change for Saturday's concert!!!!

Refreshments served in large hall after both concerts.

We have been invited to sing at Carnegie Hall in New York City, February 16, 2020!!! We are very excited and honored to be invited to New York!!



## **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.



## **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**

# Notes from Fr. Bob Bacik

**Diocesan Service Appeal:** I am moved by the generosity you are showing in this year's DSA, which provides direct financial support to the many important ministries that take place on the diocesan level. Our combined St. Isidore - Holy Family assessment is just over \$27,000 and we are well on our way to reaching our goal. Please note that 50% of the contributions that go beyond our goal come back to our parish. You can continue to make your gift by placing your DSA envelope in the regular collection basket.

**Sick and Homebound:** It is very important to me that I am made aware of the sick and homebound in our community. I offer prayers to God on behalf of our whole parish community, especially the sick, during daily Mass and through the Liturgy of the Hours. In addition, we want to assure that the sacramental needs of our hospitalized and homebound parishioners are being met. Deacon John and several lay ministers visit our hospitalized/homebound to bring the Eucharist each week. Please call the parish office with notifications and updates of those who are homebound and/or hospitalized. You can also bring these notifications to me directly before or after Mass, but I ask that you write the information down to help me remember the details!

**Passiontide:** On this 5th Sunday of Lent we enter into Passiontide, or the last two Sunday's of Lent. You will notice that the statues and images at St. Isidore (and eventually Holy Family) will be veiled in a Lenten purple. The practice of veiling statues dates back to the 9th century when many of the Catholic faithful were illiterate and services were done in Latin, a language many did not understand. The congregation needed a reminder that they were in in a somber season, thus the veiling of statues emerged. This is not a mandatory practice, and I admit that it seems a bit odd. The oddness of the practice is precisely why I think it is so important! Something is different, we are commemorating the death of our Lord and Savior! Let the awkward coverings and emptiness of our sanctuary help us to enter more profoundly into this sacred time.

**Blessing of Easter Baskets:** This Eastern European tradition which dates back to the 12th century is a great way for families to enter into the festivities of Easter.

Start a new tradition in your family by building an Easter basket and bringing it to be blessed on Holy Saturday. A list of traditional basket contents and their symbolism is available in the entryways. Easter basket blessings will take place on Holy Saturday (the day before Easter) at St. Isidore at 12:00 pm and Holy Family at 1:00 pm.

**Holy Week Services:** Next weekend, starting with Palm Sunday (wear RED) we begin HOLY WEEK 2019. We who bear the name CHRISTIAN are invited to walk the walk with Jesus and witness how much our God loves us. Will you COME and ACCOMPANY HIM? Notice the schedule for Stations of the Cross and Holy Week in the bulletin. Please join us.

Have a blessed week!  
- Fr. Bob Bacik

## Reconciliation Times

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Wednesdays  
5:15—6:15 pm

Holy Family  
Saturday  
3—3:30 pm

## HOLY WEEK / EASTER SCHEDULE

### Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm—Fridays of Lent

April 12—(Outdoor Stations at Mt. Olivet Cemetery)

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)