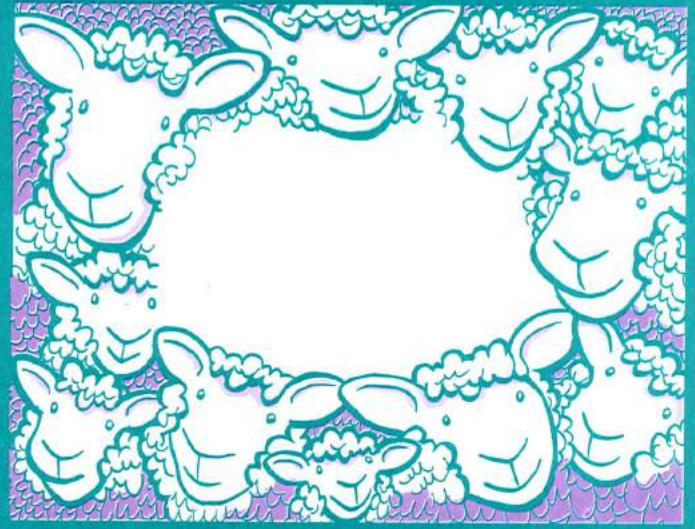


# MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE



May 12, 2019 • Fourth Sunday of Easter

Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." Earlier in this Good Shepherd discourse, John the Evangelist explains that Jesus is using "figures of speech." We cannot take Jesus' words literally, since we are people, not sheep. We understand the Lord figuratively, then, discovering all the helpful ways that we are similar to sheep. A quick Internet search reveals a number of videos showing how sheep ignore every human voice except that of their shepherd. It is remarkable to see how single-minded sheep are, totally absorbed in grazing, disregarding everything around them. Even when impersonators imitate the shepherd and call the sheep in the same way the shepherd does, the sheep do not bother to look up. The instant the real shepherd calls out, however, the sheep snap to attention, call back in their own way, and come running.

## CATCHY!

It can be helpful to think of our connection to Jesus in terms of sheep. Our hearts long to hear the voice of Jesus

and respond as readily as farm animals. In reality, however, not one of us living today was alive in first century Palestine. We never heard Jesus tell us, in his own accent, how he will never allow anyone to take us out of his hand. Here again we think figuratively, then, imagining those "voices" in daily life that help us snap to attention and draw close to Jesus. Today's Gospel invites us to spend time thinking of all that brings us to the Lord. Conversations, scriptures, athletics, hospitality, service, music, laughter, struggle—any of these things might help our ears perk up as we look to the Lord. As we practice listening for "the voice," we may be surprised to realize how often Jesus has been calling to us in the business of our days. Once we get his voice into our ears, we hope never to lose the sound.

Today's Readings: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

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## MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY — May 11	5:30 PM	✠ Josephine Basgall by Chris & Kay Basgall
SUNDAY — May 12	9:00 AM	✠ Jeff Malone by the Family
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	✠ Anna Hurst by Sharon Kuchar
Thursday	8:30 AM	✠ Ann McDougall by Kathy DeVault
Friday	8:30 AM	✠ John Peter VanGeertruy by Sandy and Family
SATURDAY — May 18	5:30 PM	✠ Ed & Edna Hurst by the Family
SUNDAY — May 19	9:00 AM	✠ Mike & Helen 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), - 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), — PATRICK MCMONAGLE (SON OF BOB & TERRY), - LANA MIERSEN, - MARY STEIN, AGGIE CASSADY, - NATHAN PESCH (SON OF VERONICA SCOTT), - SHIRLEY GREENE, MARY MAPES (MOTHER OF MIKE MAPES), - BILL DUSO, - TERESA KECK, (SISTER OF PHYLLIS HART & HELEN STELZER)

### E-MAIL CHANGE OF ADDRESS

When emailing the parish office please make note of the NEW address:

**office@stsidorechurch.org**



*Thank you*

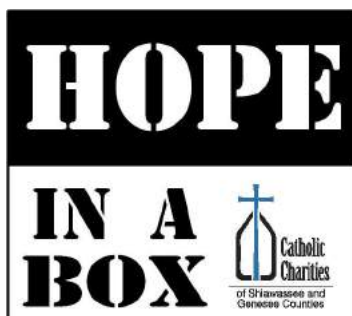
Jesse Anguiano would like to express their families appreciation for the many thoughts & prayers for his cousin Albert Zamaripa who recently lost his battle with cancer.

### OFFERTORY

May 4 & 5, 2019

79 Adult Envelopes	\$2,742
Loose Collection	\$551
Children's Offertory	\$37

Total Weekly Offertory      \$3,330



Need for the month of May:

Hand & Bar Soap





## PARISH WIDE

May 12—Feast of St. Isidore following Mass  
June 2—Graduation Mass & Pancake Breakfast

### **FEAST OF ST. ISIDORE Sunday—May 12**

Join us immediately after Sunday Mass in the garden for a short prayer. An Ice Cream Social will follow in the Large hall.



### **Isidore's Garden Plant of the Week:**

**Trillium grandiflorum**  
Common Name: Trillium

This wild flower, which is on the threatened list, can be found in bloom in the south side of the Rectory garden behind the Sacred Heart Shrine. These plants were purchased from a grower specializing in native wild flowers. Take a look. How might this plant teach us about the Trinity?



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM  
See you in the Fall!

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**June 2—Pancake Breakfast for Grads**  
June 12—Business Meeting—7:00 PM

**Note:** Planning Meetings cancelled for:  
May 22, June 26 & July 24

**Knight of the Month:** - Jim Pock  
**Family of the Month:** - Jim and Anita Leathers  
**Family of the Year:** - Bob and Terry McMonagle

**Men of the parish:** Our Knights of Columbus will be conducting a Membership Drive next weekend. Imagine being part of an organization that fills your heart and your mind with the joy of giving to others and the feeling that comes with making a difference.

## **K of C Yard Sale**

The Knights are now accepting donations of gently-used or unwanted items for their Annual Yard Sale. Donations can be dropped off in the large hall outside the door to the classrooms. Please, no clothes shoes, televisions, mattresses or hazardous materials. Proceeds from the sale support our scholarship program and many other charitable causes. If you need items picked up, contact Keith Kienitz 651-5957, Don Brown 517-290-4225, or Tom Mahoney 651-6638



## **WINGS WOMEN GATHER IN OWOSSO**

Thursday, May 16  
Lunch at 12:30 PM  
Abiding in the Vines  
115 E Main St, Owosso  
All women are welcome to join us.  
Following lunch we will tour the Homeless Angels shelter in Owosso.

The Women of  
Laingsburg United Methodist Church  
Invite the Women of St. Isidore  
To Their  
**Annual Spring Luncheon**  
**May 29th @ Noon**  
RSVP by May 16th by calling 651-5531

Laingsburg Community Singers (LCS) Invite everyone to join them for **breakfast, Sunday, May 19 at the American Legion** serving from 8 am to 11 am.

The Legion continues to support the Laingsburg community and has offered to assist LCS in raising funds for our performance at Carnegie Hall in February of 2020.

**A donation will be made by the Legion to LCS for each person that brings this flyer with them.** Extra flyers can be picked up in the church entryway. Additional donations will gladly be accepted.

A 50/50 raffle will take place (need not be present to win)



# Notes from Fr. Bob Bacik

**HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!** An extra special blessing to all of our mother's and mother figures on this Mother's Day! We love you, we appreciate you!

**HAPPY MAY!** Along with the month of October, May is a month dedicated to our Blessed Mother. This month we crown our beautiful statue of Mary, as Queen of Heaven and Earth. Perhaps this is an opportunity for you to check-in with Mother Mary. She's your mother too, and she wants to lead you closer to Jesus.

**HAPPY ST. ISIDORE DAY!** This Wednesday is the annual feast of St. Isidore the Farmer, our patron saint. Isidore gives us an example of commitment and hard work, prayer and trust in God, and dedication to family and those in need— these are all very timely examples for our day! Along with his wife, St. Maria, he is also the patron of rural life. All are invited to gather after Mass this Sunday for a prayer in Isidore's Garden, ice cream and fellowship following. Also, consider partaking in the regularly scheduled Wednesday 6:30 pm Mass for his actual feast day.

**ST ISIDORE RELIC:** Early in the history of our parish a 1st class relic of St. Isidore was procured by Brother Isidore C.S.C. (Hurley Alderton), a son of the parish who took his religious name from our patron saint. This relic was shown to the congregation on St. Isidore's Feast day for many years. After asking around, I am left to assume that the relic was lost in the church fire of 1966. Though it is commonly said that the original church is buried beneath the current parking lot, the sanctuary would have been located closer to the grassy area near the large hall and offices. It might be an overly pious thought, but I like to believe that the St. Isidore relic is buried somewhere in the vicinity of the St. Isidore statue and garden. Regardless, its presence is another reminder that we gather on holy ground.

**ST. ISIDORE GARDENS:** Our grounds are home to some of the most beautiful gardens in the greater Lansing area. This is no mistake, several dedicated volunteers have been working diligently over the last several years to plan, create and care for our gardens. Helping hands are always welcome! Please contact the parish

office if you would be interested in helping in the gardens. I've asked the gardeners to share highlights of the more interesting plants, shrubs and trees as they come into bloom (see inside).

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** We had a wonderful Mass with the Anointing of the Sick this past Thursday. It was a great witness to see so many of you gather to entrust yourselves into the healing power of God's mercy. The turn out was so great that next time I will attempt to involve at least one additional priest (in addition to Fr. Ray, who offered his assistance in the future.) Going forward I would like to schedule annual Anointing of the Sick Masses and Luncheons at St. Isidore (Spring) and Holy Family (Fall). A special thank you to the wonderful ladies who supplied us with a wonderful luncheon afterwards.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Bob Bacik

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## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

We asking you to prayerfully consider helping with Vacation Bible School (VBS). We are in need of Treasure, Time and Talent. See the bulletin board in the Large Hall and pick up your support card today. Thank you in advance for your generous support. - Mary Stevens.

