

*Mary has chosen
the better part and
it will not be taken
from her*



July 21, 2019 • Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are blessed today with stories about relationships—human and divine—and the joys and responsibilities that come along with them. They are also stories about justice.

Our Gospel tells the familiar story of overly anxious Martha complaining to Jesus about her sister, Mary, who is not helping her with her hospitality responsibilities but is sitting at Jesus' feet. Can't you just imagine Jesus between these two righteous women disciples?

Jesus' answer to Martha—that the actions of her seemingly lazy sister are actually OK—hardly seems fair. As we will show later, caring about the responsibilities that come with treating others well brings rewards, but there is a difference in how one approaches the task.

THOSE WHO DO JUSTICE

Psalms 15 describes the life of justice and the reward of joy in God's presence. We know that justice always involves service. Can we find joy in service, perhaps even in suffering?

Saint Paul writes to the Colossians that his life of suffering service to them and to the other churches is a source of joy

to him. His relationship with them, although filled with affliction, is its own reward, as he brings people into relationship with Jesus Christ.

Abraham and Sarah, the righteous elderly couple of the Old Testament, are emblematic of this kind of relationship. Abraham welcomes "strangers" with eager hospitality, not knowing that his visitors are divine messengers, even the Holy One of Israel! His spouse, Sarah, does all she can to aid Abraham in making their guests comfortable and welcome. In return for their generous hospitality, the childless aged couple are rewarded with a blessing—a son, Isaac.

How do they differ from Martha, though? Martha allows her duties and service to overwhelm her with anxiety. Abraham fairly leaps for joy to be of service to his guests.

If you are a Martha, the lesson is to keep serving but find the joy that gives true meaning to your service.

Today's Readings: Gen 18:1–10a; Ps 15:2–3, 3–4, 5; Col 1:24–28; Lk 10:38–42

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY — July 20	5:30 PM	Fr. Mark Berland by Chris & Kay Basgall
SUNDAY — July 21	9:00 AM	† Don Smith by Robert & Mary Shaw
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	† John Peter VanGeertruy by Sandy and Family
Thursday	8:30 AM	† Deacon Louis Weitzel
Friday	8:30 AM	† Sheila Doyle by the Family
SATURDAY — July 27	5:30 PM	Special Intentions of the Rourke Family
SUNDAY — July 28	9:00 AM	† Karen Brown by the Family

PRAYERS: PLEASE PRAY FOR MELVIN PAMMENT, - KEVIN PLATTE, OLIVER WASHINGTON, - GERRY PACE, - PAT SIMPSON, - RAY DOYLE, - KYLE WALLER, - JUDITH MARTELL (MOTHER OF TERESA PICKENS), - 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, - PAM DELONG, - SUSAN DELONG, - MARY CHADWICK, - LEAH ZAMARIPA, (COUSIN OF JESSE ANGUIANO), THERESA HEEG (DAUGHTER OF JOHN & SANDY VANGEERTRUY) - LANA MIERSEN, - MARY STEIN, AGGIE CASSADY, - SHIRLEY GREENE, MARY MAPES (MOTHER OF MIKE MAPES), - BILL DUSO, - TERESA KECK, (SISTER OF PHYLIS HART & HELEN STELZER), - JOSEPHINE ANDERSON, - GARY EISELER (SON OF JIM & JOY), - SHANNON HURST. - DENNY LEE

LCS— COOKBOOK SALE

The Laingsburg Community Singers are selling their new cookbook. Price is \$12 each. If you are interested in buying one you can contact, Janice Hurst, Lisa McGee, Maggie Sayles or Larry Vogl.

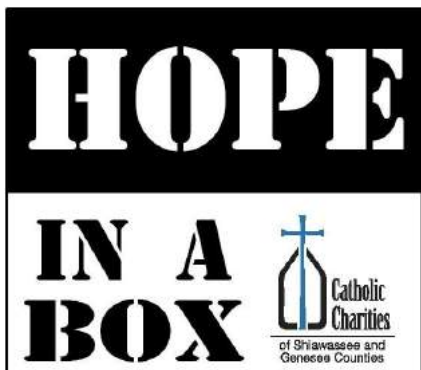
This is one of the fundraisers towards our trip when we sing at Carnegie Hall in New York City in February. LCS is so honored to have been chosen to sing with other choirs from all over the country at Carnegie Hall!!!



OFFERTORY

July 13 & 14, 2019

65 Adult Envelopes	\$2,677
Loose Collection	\$490
Children's Offertory	\$13
 Total Weekly Offertory	 \$3,180



Need for the month of
July:

Toilet Paper



PARISH WIDE

Jul. 28—Aug. 1— VBS—At Si Isidore—5:30 –8:00 PM

Sept. 7— K of C Yard Sale



Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee are having a Rock-a-Thon on Aug. 14th from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. St. Isidore's Paula Harris is asking support as she joins in this very worth cause. The dollars raised will help Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee to continue the goal of providing a gift of time and caring support to adults with persistent health needs and their families. Presently Respite Volunteers are serving up to 100 families every month. The Rock-a-Thon will be held on the Shiawassee Family YMCA front lawn in Owosso. Please see Paula Harris or donate on line at www.respitevolunteers.org. — Thank you for your support!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 28—August 1
5:30 pm—8:00 PM

At St. Isidore

More information e-mail:
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St. Isidore is fortunate to have such generous parishioners! Thank you for all the support for VBS! We have almost reached our goal and would not be able to provide opportunities for our children without you.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart! ~Mary Stevens

SUMMER SCRIPTURE DAYS

—AUGUST 13-15, 2019—

ST. FRANCIS RETREAT CENTER

The subject will cover the Acts of the Apostles. The presenters will be Bishop Mengling, Fr. Doug Osborn and Fr. Paul Cummings. You can attend the 2 and 1/2 day retreat by staying there or commuting.

COST: Three different options:

1. 3 days, 2 nights lodging, all meals, and materials - \$185
2. 3 days, 3 lunches, 2 dinners, materials -\$130
3. 3days, 3 lunches, materials - \$110.00

Registration Forms can be obtained at WWW.STFRANCIS.WS

\$75 needed at time of registration.

Over the years people from our parish have gone back a number of times. Personally, I feel that this year the presenters are exceptional. If you have any questions , feel free to call Nancy Kienitz or talk to me at church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

July 22—Blood Drive—1:00 to 6:45 pm

July 24—Planning Meeting—**CANCELLED**

Knight of the Month: Ryan Kingsbury

Family of the Month: Ron & Lana Miersen



K of C Yard Sale

The yard sale pricing teams are nearly caught up and eagerly awaiting more donations. Items can be dropped off in the back of the large hall. If you need items picked up, contact Keith Kienitz , Don Brown , Tom Mahoney , Jesse Anguiano



Notes from Fr. Bob Bacik

I hope that you are enjoying the summer the warm weather we have been having. If you find yourself burdened by the heat and humidity, just remember Christmas is just 5 months away!

Today we focus on the story of Martha and Mary. Martha and Mary were sisters and they were friends and disciples of Jesus. Martha is associated with action and service. Mary is associated with contemplation and listening. Both service and contemplation are important, and notice that Jesus asks Martha to guard against anxiety and worry. Mary listened to Jesus. In what ways can we strive for a balance and ask God to help us to manage our anxieties?

"**Letter to a Suffering Church,**" by Bishop Robert Barron, is available in the entryways. Please feel free to take a copy.

CLOTHING DONATIONS: Note that we do not currently have the capacity to receive donations of used clothing at St. Isidore. Please do not leave used clothing in our entryways. I invite you to consider supporting Clothesline (Laingsburg) or Catholic Charities (Owosso) with your donations.

Sts. Joachim and Anne: This Friday, July 26th is the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne who, according to tradition, were the parents of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Thus, they were Jesus' grandparents! Though nothing is spoken of them in the Bible, from all reports Anne and Joachim must have been faith-filled persons --- how else could Mary be chosen from all women to be the Mother of the Savior? Let us ask Saints Joachim and Anne's intercession on all of you who "serve" as grandparents— such a privileged and important role in the formation of our next generation!



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Hours:
Wednesday—May—Oct (During Farmer's Market) 3–6 pm

Saturday—March—Dec. - 10am—2pm

RACISM: We've heard a lot in the news recently about what is and what is not racism. A homily is brewing on the topic, but the time is still to come. We as Catholics must be continually committed to working to uproot racism in our society and in our own lives. Instead of pointing the finger, let us ask God for continued healing in our families and community. I'd like to share with you a prayer that I recently discovered:

PRAYER FOR UNITY AND JUSTICE

O Lord our God, in our mercy and kindness, no thought of ours is left unnoticed, nor desire or concern ignored. You have proven that blessings abound when we fall on our knees in prayer, and so we turn to you in our hour of need.

Surrounded by violence and cries for justice, we hear your voice telling us what is required, "Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God" (Mi 6:8). Fill us with your mercy so that we, in turn, may be merciful to others.

Strip away pride, suspicion, and racism so that we may seek peace and justice in our communities. Strengthen our hearts so that they beat only to the rhythm of your holy will. Flood our path with your light as we walk humbly toward a future filled with encounter and unity.

Be with us, O Lord, in our efforts, for only by the prompting of your grace can we progress toward virtue. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Have a blessed week!
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Hours:
Monday thru Thursday
8:30 am—8:00 pm