

# LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

July 28, 2019 • Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Most of us can probably imagine (or remember) the delightful questions a young child might ask with innocence and curiosity. “What is air?” “How does a bird fly?” Answers are often met with another question: “Why?” No answer to that question is ever adequate, and so the child persists in asking—“Why? Why? Why??” A quest for knowledge? Of course, but the child’s persistence can only flourish in a relationship of trust. These conversations between the child and, typically, an older relative have the power to deepen confidence and intimacy.

How like prayer this is!

Humans are frail. We have questions, fears, needs. And so we pray—but how? How do we speak or relate at all to the Lord of endless life, the God of our salvation?

## OUR ABBA

Today’s scriptures provide some answers. We discover that, like Abraham in Genesis and Jesus in Luke’s Gospel, it’s all about relationship.

In Genesis, the Israelites were still trying to learn who this

Creator God was and what was the nature of the relationship between the divine and the human. Today we find Abraham in “conversation” with God, who is contemplating the ruin of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah because of their evil behavior. The intimacy of Abraham’s relationship with God allows him to plead for the innocent, to negotiate with God about the intended destruction.

The disciples experience Jesus in deep prayer. Asked to teach them how to pray, Jesus gives them his own prayer to the God he knows as Abba. The Lord’s Prayer, slightly different in Luke’s Gospel, contains elements that would be familiar to the disciples. But calling God “Father” was deeply intimate and probably somewhat startling.

This is the kind of prayer to which we are called. Jesus teaches us that we, his sisters and brothers, can call God “Our Father.” How powerful these two words are when we pray them together!

Today’s Readings: Gn 18:20–32; Ps 138:1–2, 2–3, 6–7, 7–8; Col 2:12–14; Lk 11:1–13

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## MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY — July 27	5:30 PM	Special Intentions of the Rourke Family
SUNDAY — July 28	9:00 AM	† Karen Brown by the Family
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	† Sheila Doyle by the Family
Thursday	8:30 AM	† Anna Hurst by Mike & Vicki Jackson
Friday	8:30 AM	† Fr. Mark Berland by Chris & Kay Basgall
SATURDAY — August 3	5:30 PM	† Anna Hurst by Jim Doyle
SUNDAY — August 4	9:00 AM	† Ann McDougall by Robert & Mary Shaw

**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.

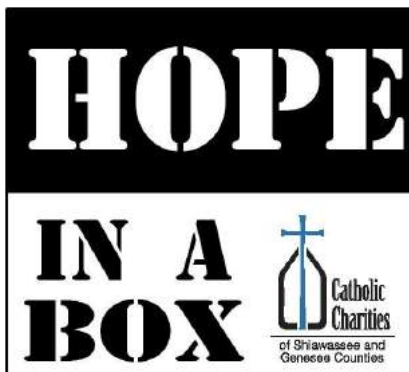
This is one of the fundraisers towards our trip when we sing at Carnegie Hall in New York City in February. LCS is so honored to have been chosen to sing with other choirs from all over the country at Carnegie Hall!!!



### OFFERTORY

July 20 & 21, 2019

59 Adult Envelopes	\$315
Loose Collection	\$1,946
Children's Offertory	\$21
19 ACH Electronic Offertory	\$1,530
<b>Total Weekly Offertory</b>	<b>\$3,812</b>



Need for the month of  
August

Laundry Detergent



### PARISH WIDE

Jul. 28—Aug. 1— VBS—At Si Isidore—5:30 –8:00 PM  
Aug. 24—Outdoor Mass—4 pm at Holy Family, Ovid  
Sept. 7— K of C Yard Sale - 8 am—4 pm

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

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

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Starts tonight  
Sunday, July 28  
At 5:30

Registration upon arrival  
Please bring students to the Large Hall

More information e-mail:  
marystevens@stisidorechurch.org

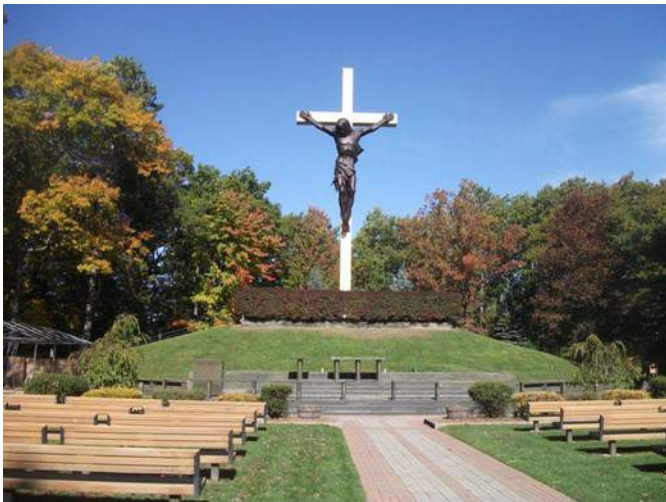


Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee are having a Rock-a-Thon on Aug. 14th from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. St. Isidore's Paula Harris is asking support as she joins in this very worth cause. The dollars raised will help Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee to continue the goal of providing a gift of time and caring 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](http://www.respitevolunteers.org). — Thank you for your support!



### **THE CROSS IN THE WOODS**

St. Joseph Parish in St. Johns is hosting a one day bus trip to "The Cross in the Woods" in Indian River on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Ticket are \$60 and being sold at the St. Joseph parish office. All are invited. For further details, please contact St. Joe's office in-person or call Dawn.



### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

August 14—Business Meeting—7:00 pm



### **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



Blessed Solanus Casey Pray for Us

# Notes from Fr. Bob Bacik

**Vacation Bible School:** VBS begins this Sunday evening! This program will run from Sunday, July 28 - August 1, 5:30 - 8:00pm, dinner included. All kids age 5 through entering 6th grade are welcome, responsible older children are eligible to assist with the volunteers. Special thanks to Mary Stevens and her team for all the work they've put into making this special for our young ones.

**Pilgrimage Prayers:** As you may recall, I will be leading a pilgrimage to the Shrines of Eastern Canada beginning on August 5. I invite any of you to add your prayer intentions to the "pilgrimage journal" which is located near the north entrance of the church. I will bring these intentions with me and pray for them as we visit these holy sites.

**Michigan Values Life:** A statewide signature gathering effort is now underway to ban the dismemberment abortion procedure, also known as Dilation and Evacuation. Over the next few months, the signatures of 400,000 registered voters in the state are needed to bring this measure before Michigan lawmakers. There will be an opportunity to sign the dismemberment abortion petition at church this fall. Until that time, I invite you to inform your consciences on this very important pro-life issue. More information can be found in the Small Hall Library or at [www.micatholic.org](http://www.micatholic.org).

**Outdoor Mass and Picnic:** Consider making plans to join us on Saturday, August 24 for the 4pm Saturday Mass at Holy Family, Ovid. Mass will be celebrated outside in the pavilion with a family picnic following. More information to follow.

**Blessed Solanus:** We will commemorate the feast of Blessed Solanus Casey on July 30 during our regularly scheduled Tuesday 12:10 Mass at Holy Family, Ovid. This humble man with inspiring faith served for many years in Detroit until his death in 1957. Many have been healed through his intercession. Those of you who have had the opportunity to visit the Solanus Casey Center in Detroit know that it is well worth the visit. The title of "Blessed" is given to those who have been "beatified" by the Church. It is the last stage before being officially declared a Saint in the Roman Catholic Church. (Visit [solanuscasy.org](http://solanuscasy.org))

Have a blessed week!  
Fr. Bob Bacik

## **BLESSED SOLANUS CASEY CANONIZATION PRAYER**

O God, I adore You. I give myself to You.  
May I be the person You want me to be,  
and May Your will be done in my life today.

I thank You for the gifts You gave Father Solanus.  
If it is Your Will, bless us with the Canonization of  
Father Solanus so that others may imitate  
and carry on his love for all the poor and  
suffering of our world.

As he joyfully accepted Your divine plans,  
I ask You, according to Your Will,  
to hear my prayer for... (your intention)  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

"Blessed be God in all His Designs.