



August 18, 2019 • Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus' intentions to "set the earth on fire" and to cause division were disturbing to his listeners, and may be disturbing to us, too. In the Old Testament, fire was seen as the means of God's purification and judgment, truly a gift to the people. The fire destroys our illusions about ourselves and our behaviors. It burns away obstacles to a loving relationship with God. God's fire melts any institutions, beliefs, or practices that enable evil and injustice.

Jesus came to expose evil and thereby force decisions about God's true nature and purposes. Divisions emerged because of the diverse choices people made. Does Jesus represent some demonic power, or the true God? Do we fight to preserve current attitudes and behaviors, or do we enter the path offered by Jesus? In evoking fire, Jesus is certainly not suggesting violence or disrespect toward others. Jesus lights a fire, and then in his death, bears its results. It is a fire of sacrificial love, melting cold hearts and bringing light to a darkened world.

KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews places Jesus at the center of faith. The author uses the Greek word *archegos*, translated as "leader." This rich word includes various meanings: pioneer, instigator, and captain. Jesus blazed the trail, showing us how to run the long-distance race of faith—with steadfastness and courage. To a community experiencing persecutions and discouragement, Jesus is known as the exemplar of faithful endurance.

In "keeping our eyes on Jesus," we confront what often is the most persistent obstacle to our faith—discouragement. Our faith-filled focus on Jesus enables us to see reality as filled with the presence of God. God is neither distant nor indifferent; God is close and passionately loves us. Discouragement results in part from seeing mostly sin and darkness in our world and in ourselves. Jesus, God and human, reminds us of the divine activity within us and among us.

Today's Readings: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

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Notes from Fr. Bob Bacik

Dear Friends:

I hope you are enjoying this beautiful time of the year with many summer blessings. I have enjoyed welcoming many visitors and family members from afar who worship with us during the weekends.

As you may recall, I have asked that we enter into a “**Year of Hospitality**” in which we prayerfully discern those areas of parish life where we can better practice the virtue of hospitality. Through many discussions with you, a few of those areas have already become apparent. Identifying these focus areas will be important for parish planning in the years to come. If you have thoughts or ideas please do not hesitate to share them with Deacon John or myself. I am particularly interested in hearing from any of you what you experienced being new to this parish community in the last few years.

CHAIR CLEANING: The chairs in our chapel and large hall are in desperate need of professional cleaning. I am looking for someone who would be willing to become a volunteer “**project manager**” for this task. The responsibilities would include scheduling a meeting with myself and then working with other companies to gather quotes and eventually complete the task. If this is something you are interested in helping with please call Sharon in the parish office on Wednesday or Friday of this week.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Please remember that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available each week at St. Isidore on Wednesdays from 5:15 - 6:15 pm and at Holy Family on Saturdays from 3:00 - 3:30 pm. In my absence, every attempt will be made to post changes to this schedule in the bulletin. Also, note that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available by appointment. Neighboring Catholic parishes also have regularly scheduled times for confession listed on their webpage and bulletin.

Thank you to all who took part in the celebration of the **Assumption of Mary**. Mary’s assumption increases our hope that we will be raised to heavenly life. Mary and the saints are timeless heroes whose lives were much like our own. May the saints intercede for us and for our salvation!

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Bob Bacik



St. Joseph Pilgrims 2019 (Shrines of Eastern Canada)



St. Anne de Beaupre, Pray for Us!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Fr. Bob Bacik". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

PARISH WIDE

Aug. 24—Outdoor Mass—4 pm at Holy Family, Ovid

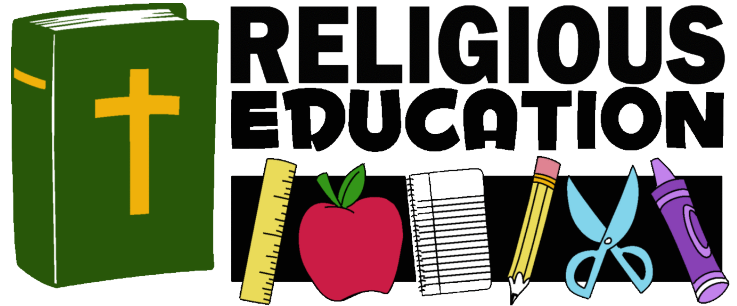
Aug 24—NO 5:30 MASS AT ST. ISIDORE

Sept. 7— K of C Yard Sale - 8 am—4 pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM

First Day of Classes: Sept. 22



Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee

Paula Harris would like to thank St. Isidore's Respite supporters. By 2030 25% of Michiganders will be over the age of 60. With your support Respite can continue helping those in need. Thank you so much.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

August 28—Planning Meeting—7:00 pm
Sept. 7—Yard Sale— 8 am—4 pm

Knight of the Month: Doug Morrill
Family of the Month: Don & Pat Brown
Family of the Year: Bob & Terry McMonagle



OUTDOOR MASS
Aug. 24—4:00 pm
At Holy Family, Ovid

Please join us for an Outdoor Mass followed by a family picnic. Holy Family Men's Club will provide the meat and St. Isidore will provide the salads. The only thing you need to bring is a lawn chair.



NOTE: There will not be a Saturday Night Mass at St. Isidore on Aug. 24

The Quilting Ministry will be holding quilt raffle. All proceeds will go to the local Food Banks. Tickets will be sold after Masses and after the Outdoor Mass. Drawing will be held at the end of the Outdoor Mass picnic. You do not have to be present to win. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 For tickets see Jeanie Dugan or Mary Izdebski.

K of C Yard Sale
Sept. 7—8 am—4 pm

Time is flying by and the yard sale is rapidly approaching. So that we have enough time to sort and price, please have your **donations in by Sunday, August 25**



MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY — August 17	5:30 PM	Chris & Kay Basgall 48th Wedding Anniversary
SUNDAY — August 18	9:00 AM	† Michael Smith by Mary Lou Smith
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	† Anna Hurst by Andy, Kelly, Preston, & Jasmine Rourke
Thursday	8:30 AM	Reparations for Sins & Healing of Abuse Victims
Friday	8:30 AM	† Sheila Doyle by the Family
SATURDAY — August 24	NO MASS	Outdoor Mass at Holy Family at 4:00 pm
SUNDAY — August 25	9:00 AM	† Janice Tisdale 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), - BRUCE CHANDLER (BROTHER OF MARTI ROWLEY), - JIM OLENICZAK (BROTHER OF BARB WRIGHT), - ROSE MORRILL, - JULIE STONER (DAUGHTER OF GENE & BARB STONER), - FRANK LUNDIE, - JOHN MARTINEZ, (FRIEND OF JESSE ANGUIANO) - JANET ARTHUR, - PAM DELONG, - SUSAN DELONG, - THERESA HEEG (DAUGHTER OF JOHN & SANDY VANGERTRUJ) - LANA MIERSEN, - MARY STEIN, AGGIE CASSADY, - SHIRLEY GREENE, - MARY MAPES (MOTHER OF MIKE MAPES), - BILL DUSO, - TERESA KECK, (SISTER OF PHYLLIS HART & HELEN STELZER), - JOSEPHINE ANDERSON, - SHANNON HURST. - DENNY LEE, - DAVID OLENICZAK, - JEANNE OLENICZAK, - VERN WRIGHT, — NANCY BYRNES, - STEVE IZDEBSKI

REMINDER:

**NO SATURDAY MASS
AUGUST 24 -5:30**

Please join us for the
Outdoor Mass / Picnic at
Holy Family, Ovid at 4:00 pm

OFFERTORY

Aug 10 & 11, 2019

64 Adult Envelopes	\$2,537
Loose Collection	\$417
Children's Offertory	\$23
19 ACH Electronic Offertory	\$1,530
Total Weekly Offertory	\$4,507

Need for the month of
August

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