



WHEN YOU HOLD A BANQUET,  
INVITE THE POOR, THE CRIPPLED,  
THE LAME, THE BLIND

September 1, 2019 • Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Many outstanding thinkers in the Church have devoted themselves to the study of humility. Saints such as Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, and Teresa of Ávila have helped us appreciate the essence of humility. Basically, humility accepts the simple truth that God creates everything—and provides all that we creatures require.

Humility, then, is faith applied to daily life. If I am created in God's very image, and if my life's goal is to unite with God in paradise, then God desires only paradise for me. Practically speaking, that means all day, every day, God will provide just exactly what I need to grow in holiness. Furthermore, God does this for me just as much as for every other creature on earth. All the gifts and talents that we have come from God, and everything we see as failure or weakness could never lie beyond God's powerful redemption.

IN GOD WE TRUST

Humility requires that we trust God to give us everything we need to live this life in such a way that we will live forever in paradise. This level of trust in God's providence is a gift, and it takes time to cultivate. Little by little, if we really, truly, deeply know that God wants to give us heaven, then common difficulties lose much of their power to unnerve us. In humility, we can let someone else have the

last cookie. In humility, we can rejoice in a coworker's promotion. In humility, we can clean a mess we did not create. We can accept incompleteness, exclusion, and sacrifice because of the absolute certainty that God alone provides what we need. Jesus himself asks us to choose this humble way of life. "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled," he says in Luke's Gospel today, "but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." That is not just poetic rhetoric. Jesus actually means for humility to change our lives. He challenges us to "invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Today's Readings: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

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# Notes from Fr. Bob Bacik

Dear Friends:

**Holy Family Outdoor Mass and Picnic:** What a great time of faith and family! The weather was perfect and the food was wonderful. Over 200 people attended the Mass and we served 177 meals (I was told we had place settings for 178)! This will certainly continue as an annual event at Holy Family for our entire parish community! Thank you to all of you who helped make this event possible.

**FINANCES:** A summary of our parish financial operations for this past fiscal year (which ended in June 2019) is available at the entry ways. A very special thank you to Fred Brusco and Sharon Gillespie for compiling this summary. Both St. Isidore and Holy Family are debt free and financially healthy. I am deeply committed to assuring that our financial resources are maximized to the advancement of our **mission** as a Catholic parish. I have invited the resources and expertise of the Diocese of Lansing to assist us in this process. In the months to come the Diocese will assist us in assuring best practices in budgeting and internal controls. I am excited about the opportunities that are before us!

**Transition Committee:** As you may recall, I announced several months ago that I would be appointing a “transition committee” to lead us through the final processes of merging St. Isidore and Holy Family. I apologize that I have not been timely at following through with this initiative. The work of the committee will begin on the evening of September 18 at St. Isidore. If you were interested on serving on this committee and did not receive notice from me please call the parish office or contact myself this week.

**COMING THIS FALL:** Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Perhaps you or some members of your family have not been fully initiated into the Catholic faith through the sacraments -- maybe you are not affiliated with any church but are seeking answers about God and the Catholic faith— maybe you are a practicing Catholic who wants to know more about your faith — if so, RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process of welcoming adult inquirers into the Catholic faith. The first step— called the **Inquiry Sessions**— **will begin SEPTEMBER 29 at St. Isidore.** During this process no commitments are made— this strictly is an “inquiry” period where questions are asked and answers provided by trained catechists. If you, or anyone know, are interested in this program, please speak to Fr. Bob or contact Nancy at 517-651-5957.

Have a blessed Labor Day weekend!

Fr. Bob Bacik



More pictures of the outdoor Mass can be seen on the website. [www.stisidorechurch.org](http://www.stisidorechurch.org)



### PARISH WIDE

Sept. 7— K of C Yard Sale - 8 am—4 PM

Sept. 22—REF Classes Start—10:15—11:15 AM

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM

REF Orientation Meeting—Sept. 12  
First Day of Classes: Sept. 22

### **MITTENS FOR THE HOMELESS**

Monday, Sept. 23

Large Hall—9 am to 2 pm

All ladies are welcome to join us. No sewing skills needed. We would welcome all the help we can get.

#### **Donations needed:**

Sweaters and Polar Fleece

Please leave donations near office door.

### **REF INFORMATION**

Parents-it's September and we will be starting REF soon. The first day of classes is September 22. You can get the schedule and registration form in the wooden rack by the office door in the large hall or after Sunday mass beginning Sept. 8. **Please plan to attend the orientation meeting on 9/12/19 from 6:00-7:30 (dinner provided) for an important program required by the diocese.**

Sign up for **REMINd** to receive all notifications for REF. Go to

<https://www.remind.com/join/stisidorer>

Sign up to receive notices via text or email.



### **Annual Women's Retreat Weekend: September 13-15, 2019 St. Francis Retreat Center – DeWitt**

Our Annual Retreat has been changed from January to September. Hoping to have better roads.

**Theme:** River of Life - Flowing From Our Baptism

Join us and explore the calling of our Christian tradition! Suggested donation for the weekend is \$185 and includes all lodging, meals, and materials. The retreat begins with check in at 6:00 pm on Friday and ends after lunch on Sunday. Women of all ages are welcome! Register with St. Francis at 517-669-8321; registration is also available online at [www.stfrancis.ws](http://www.stfrancis.ws). Any questions, call Nancy Kienitz at 517- 651-5957.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Sept. 7—Yard Sale— 8 am—4 pm

Sept. 11—Business Meeting—7:00 pm

Sept. 22—Pancake Breakfast

**Knight of the Month:** Doug Morrill

**Family of the Month:** Don & Pat Brown

**Family of the Year:** Bob & Terry McMonagle



**K of C Yard Sale**  
Sept. 7—8 am—4 pm

## MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

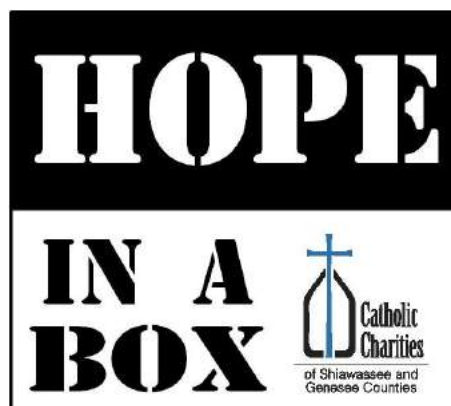
SATURDAY — August 31	5:30 PM	† Jim Cullimore 33rd Anniversary by the Family
SUNDAY — September 1	9:00 AM	† Anna Hurst by Robert & Mary Shaw
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	People of the Parish
Thursday	8:30 AM	† John Peter VanGeertruy by Sandy & Family
Friday	8:30 AM	† Fr. Mark Berland by Chris & Kay Basgall
SATURDAY — September 7	5:30 PM	† Carolyn Mahoney by Jack & Julie Risch
SUNDAY — September 8	9:00 AM	† Don Smith by Keith & Nancy Kienitz

**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 VANGEERTRUY) - 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, - DON ELLIOTT, - TONI DOYLE, - KEITH HURST

### OFFERTORY

Aug 24 & 25, 2019

22 Adult Envelopes	\$1,215
Loose Collection	\$260
Children's Offertory	\$22
19 ACH Electronic Offertory	\$1,530
 Total Weekly Offertory	 \$3,027



### DECALOGUE OF POPE ST. JOHN XXIII

If you were at the outdoor Mass on Saturday, Fr. Bob talked about the Decalogue of Pope St. John XXIII. Many asked for a copy. Copies can be picked up near the bulletins.

Need for the month of  
September

Hand & Bar Soap

