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Rejoice,
I have found
my lost sheep

September 15, 2019 • Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Who would leave the ninety-nine in order to seek out the one, lost sheep? We sometimes read or see accounts of missing children. We cannot really grasp the feelings of the parents or family members. Their world stops. Their hearts ache. The parents do not forget their other children, but for a time, their focus is solely on the one who is missing. They join the search party, or sit anxiously by the phone, waiting for news of the return of the child. It is this sort of love that Jesus describes in the parable of the lost sheep. And yet, Jesus told the parable in response to criticism by Pharisees and scribes because he was welcoming sinners and eating with them. So, in Jesus' parable, the sheep is not accidentally lost. The sheep has strayed. And still, the shepherd went out in search of it. The sheep is precious to the shepherd, even though it had wandered away. Like the Israelites in the desert who had created idols in Moses' absence. Like us, when we turn away from God and God's ways, doing what we feel like, rather than what we know is right and good.

REJOICING WHEN THE LOST ARE FOUND

The shepherd in the parable leaves the ninety-nine to seek out the one who had wandered, and only returns home when that one, that precious one, had been found. All are precious in the eyes of the shepherd. The woman turned her house upside down in order to find her lost coin and, upon finding it, called her friends and neighbors. Jesus welcomed sinners and ate with them. Have you wandered away, through your actions or inactions? Jesus' parable assures us that there is great joy in heaven when the lost one repents. Turn back to the Lord, and know that there will be great rejoicing in heaven upon your return.

Today's Readings: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19;
1 Tim 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

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Notes from Fr. Bob Bacik

Dear Friends:

Year of Prayer: As you may recall, at last year's diocesan assembly, Bishop Boyea announced a Year of Prayer for the diocese with the intention of discerning how each parish is called to form its members as a community of missionary disciples. I have begun to see fruits of this initiative in our own parish. Although the Year of Prayer will soon come to a close, we have much work to do to advance the mission of our parish community. I continue to encourage all parishioners to pray the rosary at some regular interval (daily, weekly, monthly). I believe our parish would be transformed if more of us took up this practice as individuals, families and as a community.

New Statue: I am excited to announce that we will be erecting a beautiful statue of Our Lady of Lourdes along the southern wall of St. Isidore Church between the chapel and main entrance of the church (notice the blue tarp and yellow tape marking where the foundation is being laid.) I hope this new addition to our campus will inspire our hearts towards prayer and remind us of the power of the rosary. Funding for this project has been largely provided by an anonymous donor. I invite all parishioners/families to join in this effort by making a commitment to **(a)** pray the rosary on a monthly, weekly or daily basis and **(b)** if able, make a contribution of at least \$15 towards the statue (100 additional donors needed at this level). Excess donations will be allocated towards improvements in the sanctuary. Special envelopes are available at both entrances.

K of C Rummage Sale: Another impressive year for our Knights of Columbus Rummage Sale! Once again we raised over \$5,000 to support the various charitable activities of the Knights in our parish and larger community. There are dozens of volunteers who gave many hours of their time to make this sale successful— THANK YOU! Steve and Mary Izdebski deserve a standing ovation for their work on this fundraiser over the past several years.

Senior Appreciation: The annual Senior Appreciation Day will be held on September 26 at St. Mary in Durand. Mass with Bishop Boyea begins at 11:00 am, luncheon following. Please RSVP to the parish office by Friday, September 20. I will be attending. Those interested in car-pooling should meet at St. Isidore by 10:00 am.

HOLY LAND 2020: Many of you have expressed your interest in the October 19-28 2020 pilgrimage to Israel. Please plan on attending an informational meeting on **Wednesday, October 9** at 7pm with the travel company. We will see where Jesus was born in Bethlehem, grew up in Nazareth and was crucified at Golgotha. Our pilgrim-

age will include this and much, much more.

R.C.I.A: 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 week!
Fr. Bob Bacik



PARISH WIDE

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

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.

WINGS—WOMEN'S MEETING

Thursday Sept 19 at 7:00 PM in the small hall.

Agenda: election of officers. Please bring something for teachers: crayons, colored pencils, #2 pencils, scissors, glue sticks, scotch tape, white glue, etc. All women are cordially invited.

DIOCESE OF LANSING CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE *Hope Restores*

Oct. 12th—Lansing Center— 9AM –5PM

More information and brochures are on the bulletin boards. Registration forms on the bulletin boards or visit:

www.lansingdiocesecwc.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM

Sept. 22—First Day of Classes

Sept. 29—REF Classes

REF INFORMATION

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.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sept. 22—Pancake Breakfast

Sept. 25—Planning Meeting—7:00 pm

Knight of the Month: Richie Hurst

Family of the Month: Steve & Mary Izdebski

Family of the Year: Bob & Terry McMonagle

Knights of Columbus Yard Sale

Whether you donated merchandise or purchased it, picked it up or delivered it, sorted & priced it, set it up, sold it, packed it up, helped in the kitchen or just stopped by, the Knights of Columbus would like to thank **everyone** who helped make our 20th Annual Yard Sale a huge success. More than just a sale, it was a community social event and showcased our parish hospitality. Our Knights of Columbus council, our parish, Volunteers of America, and many other charities all benefitted from the proceeds and leftovers of the sale. May God bless you all for your generosity.

Winner of Freezer Raffle:
David Reed

MOVIE NIGHT is coming back to the Holy Family, starting the in October. The first movie night is set for **October 7**. We will be showing the Green Book. If you haven't seen it, make plans on attending! Because of the length of the movie (2 hours), we will start at **6 pm**. Hope to see you!



FIND YOUR GREATNESS

Dynamic Catholic event at St. Martha in Okemos

Saturday, April 25th from 9 am -1 pm

Tickets will be 25% off at dynamiccatholic.com starting Sept. 12 through Sept.16. After these dates the price increases. Don't miss your opportunity to take advantage of this limited time offer! For more information on the event visit dynamiccatholic.com

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY — September 14	5:30 PM	† Jim Rowley by Doug & Rose Morrill
SUNDAY — September 15	9:00 AM	† Anna Hurst by Janice Hurst
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	† Anna Hurst by George, Cheryl, Nick & Danielle Gates
Thursday	8:30 AM	† Sheila Doyle by the Family
Friday	8:30 AM	† Carolyn Mahoney by Jack Mahoney
SATURDAY — September 21	5:30 PM	† Don Smith by M/M Gerald Gialanella
SUNDAY — September 22	9:00 AM	† Don & Gerry Ryde by Jack & Elaine Hurst

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

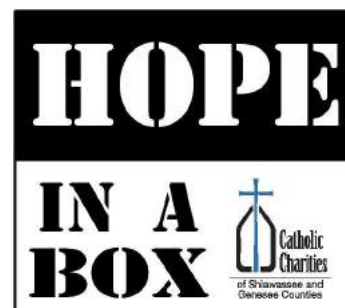
OFFERTORY Sept 7 & 8, 2019

63 Adult Envelopes	\$2,375
Loose Collection	\$276
Children's Offertory	\$20
19 ACH Electronic Offertory	\$1,530
Total Weekly Offertory	\$4,201



Need for the month of
September

Hand & Bar Soap



Happy Birthday to Fr. Bob
Sept. 18 he is turning 40!!



SENIOR DAY OF APPRECIATION

Thursday, Sept. 26

At St. Mary's Church, Durand

11:00 AM Mass with Bishop Earl Boyea

Free luncheon following Mass

Please RSVP to the parish office by

Friday, Sept. 20

