



No servant can serve two masters

September 22, 2019 • Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We make decisions every day. Some are substantial, many seem inconsequential. The truth is, all of our choices add up and paint a picture of who we are and what matters most to us. Whether we rise at the first sound of the alarm or hit snooze three times before getting up does not seem important in the moment, and yet that choice can be a sign of how we value and use the time God has given to us. When we put God first, all of the decisions we make in the course of our days are reflections of our relationship with God and others. People sometimes say that the priest talks about money too much. A few priests might do that, but most are simply reflecting on the Gospels, which often include Jesus' teaching about the proper use of money. Jesus knew that money is one of the things that can come between us and God. That is why Gospel passages like the one we heard today are so important. Jesus understood the temptations of this world—to live for wealth, to be dishonest, to get our priorities out of order—and so, his teaching is as timely now as it was two thousand years ago.

STEWARDS OF GOD'S GOODNESS

Jesus tells us that we must be trustworthy with what belongs to another. All we are and all we have is God's. Our lives, faith, talents, relationships, material and financial wealth—all are gifts from God, entrusted to us. We are called to steward them well, to be trustworthy with our many blessings, in order to bring Christ's love and presence into the world. The way we live our lives, the choices we make, the way we respond to the needs of others—all of this is a stewardship, a way of serving God, not mammon.

Today's Readings: Amos 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 16:10-13

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Confession: Saturdays 3:00 to 3:30 pm

Notes from Fr. Bob Bacik

Dear Friends:

THANK YOU: I genuinely appreciate the kind words and cards that many of you shared with me on my birthday. One of you put a sign in front of the rectory inviting people to “HONK for Fr. Bob’s 40th birthday.” I’m sure my neighbors appreciated that! Another community member wrote a poem which I’ve been encouraged to share with you. I am blessed to be with you.

Blessing of Animals: Bring your goldfish, cats, dogs, snakes and cows— whatever animals you may have! Plan to join us for a “blessing of animals” on October 13, 2pm at St. Isidore. This blessing is offered in collaboration with the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the beloved saint who encourages us to see and praise God in all of creation.

Michigan Values Life: Next week we all will have an opportunity to sign the state-wide petition to ban the dismemberment abortion procedure in the state of Michigan. More information is available at the entryways and at www.micatholic.org.



Have a blessed week!
Fr. Bob Bacik



A MAN and HIS JOURNEY

In the beginning ~ God,
Well maybe only 40 years ago
Bob was created
With his own special soul.

From that very moment
God stuck to his plan
That this special soul
Will become a special man.

Bob felt a calling
That only a few men do
And to complete his journey
He had to follow through~

So, his journey began
Down the path he did trod...
This was no 40-hour job
Because his boss was GOD.

The Journey continued in Jackson
Lumen Christi was the school
The nuns, he kept busy
He was no one’s fool.

The time when by quickly
Money was saved and then came the tally
Time to pack up the car
It was on to Grand Valley
College was the place to continue the learning
To help continue the journey that he felt the yearning.

The next part of his ADVENTURE was tuff and a bit hairy
But soon it was over, he completed seminary.
Now that the church and his peers knew he had been trained
In 2015, Fr. Bob was ordained!

His journey moving at a very fast pace
God said, “Time now for another place!”
He was given Holy Family and God knew he could handle more
So, he was also given St. Isidore.

Laingsburg is lucky to have him drop in
But why with our city? We have no sin?

SO, the man we know as Fr. Bob
We must treat with respect and honor his job!

We hope and pray, you are here to stay
So, we can all gather together and celebrate your 80th birthday!

Happy Birthday Father Bob Bacik!



PARISH WIDE

Sept. 22—REF Classes Start—10:15—11:15 AM
Oct. 6—Family & Friends Fun Day—1:00 PM
Oct. 9—Holy Land Meeting—7:00 PM
Oct. 13—Blessing of Pets—2:00 PM

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:

Yarn, Sweaters and Polar Fleece
Please leave donations near office door.

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.

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**.



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.

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 OR sign up after Sunday Mass.

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

Steve & Mary Izdebski, co-chairs of this year's K of C Yard Sale, would like to personally thank ALL the people who helped make our sale the success it was. Over 68 people including 26 Knights, their wives, families, friends, parishioners and others put in countless hours of work to make it happen and enjoyed the fun and fellowship of working together. We showcased our parish and parishioners in a positive fashion to all who attended. May God bless you abundantly!

FAMILY & FRIENDS FUN DAY

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring our annual Family & Friends Fun Day on Sunday, October 6th at 1:00 PM. Everyone is invited. Bring the whole family and invite your friends too. This year all food will be provided including hamburgers, hotdogs, sides, beverages and ice cream. Plus, there will be games & prizes for all ages. Check the bulletin boards for more details. RSVP by signing up in the back of church.

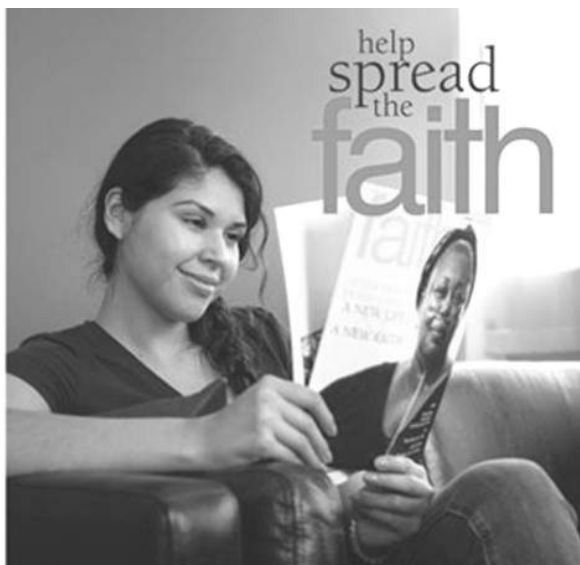
MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

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
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	† Sheila Doyle by the Family
Thursday	NO MASS	- Senior Appreciation Mass at St. Mary's, Durand
Friday	8:30 AM	† Carolyn Mahoney by Jack Mahoney
SATURDAY — September 28	5:30 PM	Reparations for Sins & Healing of Abuse Victims
SUNDAY — September 29	9:00 AM	† John Voisinet 15 Anniversary by Ruth Voisinet

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, - 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, — STEVE IZDEBSKI, - DON ELLIOTT, - TONI DOYLE, - KEITH HURST, - MARY LOU DOYLE

OFFERTORY Sept 14 & 15, 2019

57 Adult Envelopes	\$2,197
Loose Collection	\$429
Children's Offertory	\$37
Total Weekly Offertory	\$2,663



Envelopes can be found near the bulletins or in your Faith Magazine

Help Spread the Faith Appeal (American Evangelization)

**Next Weekend:
Sept. 28 & 29**

By supporting the Help Spread the FAITH Appeal, you will help us continue to answer Christ's call to reach out with the Gospel message. Your gift to Help Spread the FAITH will support:

- FAITH magazine: a monthly magazine sent to you and every Catholic in the diocese – 70,000 homes.
- FAITHpub.com: an interactive online resource with daily changing content.
- Television Outreach Mass: a weekly broadcast of the Diocese of Lansing.
- U.S. bishops' national evangelization efforts: impacting the media and our society.
- FAITHpub app: Free iPhone/iPad mobile apps.

Christ called us to proclaim the Gospel from the mountaintop. In today's society, that is a big challenge. We all know the power of the media. With your support, we can use that power to reach out with a positive message – a message that we belong to someone – Jesus. —Thank you for your consideration.

ANNUAL EVANGELIZATION APPEAL

- Televised Outreach Mass
- FAITH magazine in every home
- National Evangelization