



Lord Jesus,
 Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.
 We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,
 We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.
 We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.
 We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.
 We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.
 To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.
 - Henri J.M. Nouwen

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Confession: Saturdays 3:00 to 3:30 pm



Second Week of Advent: Waiting for Christ

Notes from Fr. Bob Bacik

Immaculate Conception: Since the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) falls on a Sunday this year, the feast will be transferred to Monday, December 9. We will offer Holy Mass at 10am at St. Isidore. This year Immaculate Conception is **not** a holy day of obligation.

FOR THE FAMILY: Plan for Mexican this Thursday! On Thursday, December 12 the Church commemorates the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. As we continue to contemplate the Holy Family during this Advent season, I encourage families to look up this amazing story and celebrate together with a Mexican themed dinner at home.

RECONCILIATION: Advent is a great time to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. Reconciliation occurs regularly at St. Isidore on Wednesday from 5:15 - 6:15 pm and at Holy Family on Saturday from 3:00 - 3:30 pm, or by appointment. If you would prefer to experience this sacrament with a different priest please consider attending one of the upcoming regional communal services.

Regional Communal Advent Reconciliation Services

Tuesday, December 10 6:30 pm, St. Joseph Church, Owosso

Sunday, December 15, 2:00 pm, St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing AND St. Gerard, Lansing

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Christmas Eve: Tuesday, December 24

4:00 pm - Holy Family

5:30 pm - St. Isidore

Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25

9:00 am - St. Isidore

11:00 am - Holy Family

New Years Eve: Tuesday, December 31

Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

6:00 pm - Holy Family

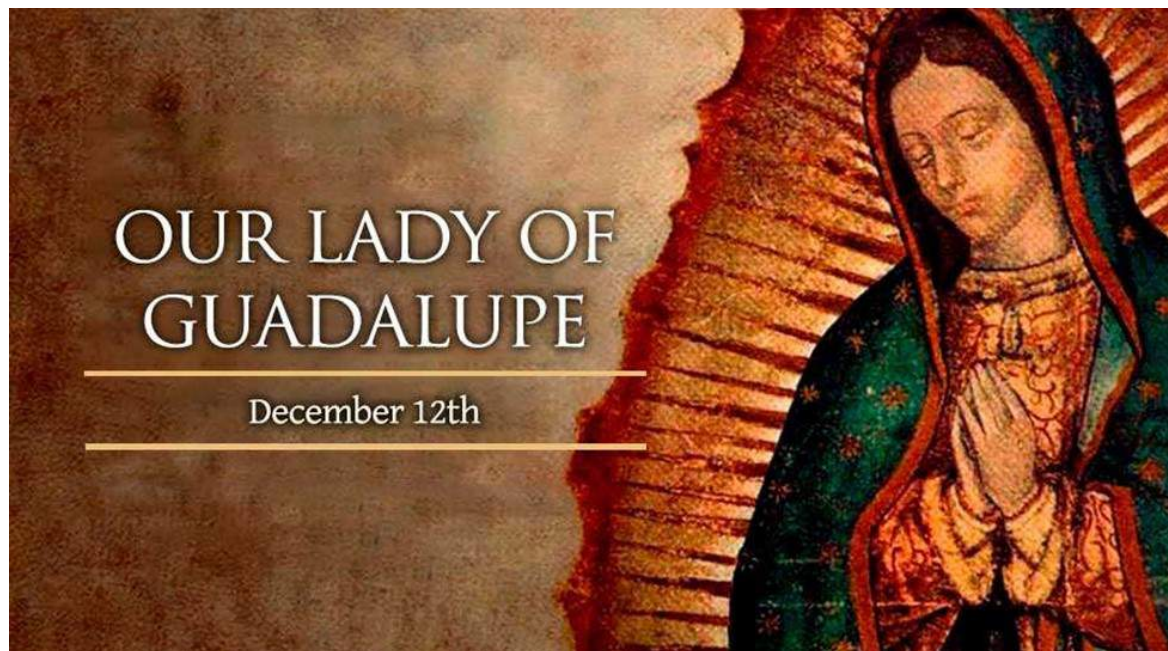
New Years Day: Wednesday, January 1

Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

12:00 pm (noon) - St. Isidore

Have a Blessed Week!

Fr. Bob



PARISH WIDE

Dec. 12—Christmas Potluck & Mass— 11:30 am

Dec. 15—Pancake Breakfast

Dec. 22—Children's Liturgy



COMING SOON . . . CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

A new opportunity for our children will begin on the 4th Sunday of Advent, 12/22. Children Pre-K thru 2nd grade are invited to hear the liturgy of the Word at "their level" during the 9 am Mass. Any parents and parishioners are invited to join in and help out. See or contact Mary Stevens for information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM

Dec. 8—REF Classes

Dec. 15—REF Classes

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

Dec. 11— Business Meeting—7:00 pm

Dec. 15—Pancake Breakfast

Dec. 25—Planning Meeting— **CANCELLED**

Knight of the Month: Will Seymour

Family of the Month: Gary & Diana Hurst

GIVING TREE

Gifts should be **wrapped and returned with the tags taped on the outside.**

Food Items do not have to be wrapped just tape the tag onto the box or bag.

Return the gifts by Dec. 15.

(Gift distribution to the school will be Monday, Dec. 16 at 8 am.)



MITTENS FOR THE HOMELESS

Monday, Dec. 9
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 cash donations for supplies
Please leave donations near office door.

250 pairs of mittens and 307 hats were given out in a two weeks time in the month of Nov.



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

This year for the poster contest we asking our kids to make their posters at home. **Extra blank copies can also be found in the racks near the parish office door.** Completed poster must be **return by December 8** and placed in the box near the parish office door. We will present awards at the pancake breakfast on December 15..

LCS CONCERT

The Winter/Christmas Concerts will be today, Saturday, Dec 7 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, Dec. 8 at 4:00 pm

Christmas Potluck Luncheon

Our Christmas Potluck will be held on Thursday, December 11, starting with Mass at 11:30am. The Knights will provide the meat, so bring a side dish or dessert to share. door prizes will be available too! Please sign up in the foyers of the church.



MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY — December 7	5:30 PM	† Al Ferland by Chris & Kay Basgall
SUNDAY — December 8	9:00 AM	† Rebecca Scollon-Butts by the Family
Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary	10:00 AM	† Jim Rowley by Robert & Mary Shaw
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	† Anna Hurst by Clare & Shirley Greene
Thursday	11:30 AM	† Carolyn Mahoney by Jack Mahoney
Friday	8:30 AM	† Leon Lundie, Sr. by Mrs. Frances Lundie & Family
SATURDAY — December 14	5:30 PM	† John & Sandra VanGeertruy by the Family
SUNDAY — December 15	9:00 AM	† Sylvester "Bud" Rourke 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, - 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, - DON ELLIOTT, - TONI DOYLE, - KEITH HURST, - MARY LOU DOYLE, - VIRGINIA BERNAL (COUSIN OF JESSE ANGUIANO), - DAWN WRABEL, - GARY ANDERSEN, - PEGGY ROUMPZ (FRIEND OF NANCY CLARK), - THERESA PICKLER (FRIEND OF JESSE ANGUIANO), - JULIE JUSTICE (GRANDDAUGHTER OF LARRY & DEBBIE EARL), - BERRY DECKER (JESSE ANGUIANO)

RETIREMENT FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

Collection will be this weekend, Dec. 7 & 8.

This national effort is to help religious congregations care for their elderly and retired sisters, brothers, and other priests.

Envelopes are in your boxed offertory sets or extra envelopes are available by the bulletins.



Need for the month of December

Hats, Gloves, Mittens, Blankets



OFFERTORY

Nov. 30 & Dec. 1, 2019

43 Adult Envelopes	\$2,545
Loose Collection	\$397
Children's Offertory	\$21
Total Weekly Offertory	\$2,963

2020 Offertory Envelopes are in the back of church. If you do not see your envelopes please contact the office. Children's envelopes are available, please record the name and child's envelope number on the list. 2020 Calendars are also available



Annual Men's Retreat
January 31 – February 2
St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt
This year's theme:
River of Life: Flowing from our Baptism
Register: 517-669-8321 or www.stfrancis.ws
Suggested Offering for Weekend: \$185