

**John the Baptist
saw Jesus coming
toward him and said,
“Behold, the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world.”**

John 1:29



JANUARY 19, 2020
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Today's first reading reveals the Lord's super-sized heart. "It is too little," according to God, to protect and guide only the tribes of Jacob. The enormity of God's love cannot limit itself to one nation; divine love overflows, spilling liberally over all people everywhere. Isaiah, prophet of the long-suffering Israelites, might have been surprised to hear that the salvation of his people is not enough for God. But God always wants more than what we want. God's passion outstrips all of our deepest desires. We are merely creatures. Compared to the hugeness of our Creator's designs, we will always want too little, have too little, know too little, love too little. This littleness frustrates us throughout life. But exactly when we admit our littleness, we make room for Christ.

NEVER TOO LATE

John the Baptist models for us the grace of littleness. Twice in today's Gospel reading, John admits, "I did not know." Even though John has ordered his entire life toward the goal of preparing the world for the Messiah, he does not, on his own,

recognize Christ when he sees him. The Gospel insists John "did not know" Jesus; in his humility, John relies entirely on God for direction. John waits and waits—baptizing, praying, preaching—until, finally, the Holy Spirit reveals the Messiah.

John had waited his whole life for this confirmation from the Spirit. God's chosen people, the Israelites, had waited much, much longer. Surely many wondered if God would ever send the Messiah as promised. But God is never late. In our littleness, we cannot see the arc of all human history with God's clarity and love. Each of us aches deeply for some good thing: a cure, a resolution, a rest, a fair break. When we are made to wait for what seems obviously beneficial, we sometimes wonder if God is really as all-powerful and all-loving as people say. Today's readings invite us to trust.

Today's Readings: Is 49:3, 5–6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7–8, 8–9, 10;
1 Cor 1:1–3; Jn 1:29–34

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Notes from Fr. Bob Bacik

“Behold the lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29). These words of John the Baptist are repeated by the priest each week as the Eucharistic Jesus is elevated above the altar. Lambs were sacrificed daily in the Jewish temple as an act of worship to God and the sacrifice of a “perfect lamb, without spot or blemish” was central to the celebration of Passover. Isaiah had compared the sufferings of the Messiah with the sacrifice of the lamb (Is 53:7), a prefiguring of the true Lamb, Jesus Christ, the victim in the sacrifice of Calvary. Our participation in Mass is both our recollection and participation in this one true sacrifice of Jesus, the Lamb of God.

Eucharistic Adoration: Eucharistic Adoration is a form of prayer in which Jesus is adored in the presence of the Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist is displayed in a special holder called a monstrance and people come to simply be with the Lord in silent prayer. Starting this week we will offer Eucharistic Adoration each Wednesday from 7 pm - 9 pm in the chapel. Benediction will take place at 8:50 pm. It is custom to make a “holy hour” by spending a whole hour in adoration, but it is also fitting and beneficial to drop in for a few minutes of quiet time with Jesus.

Since it is important that at least one person is always in the chapel during Adoration, I am asking people to sign up to cover a one-hour time slot. A sign-up sheet is available in the small hall. At this point, I am only asking people to commit on a week-to-week basis.

Contribution Statements: Letters that reflect your financial contributions for the 2019 calendar year are now available. Please take yours home and review it. These statements may be used for tax purposes and also to review our annual commitment to financial stewardship.

Thank you for your commitment to our parish and the work of the Lord that we have been entrusted with.

We did experience some computer issues in the printing of these reports. If you notice any discrepancies in our accounting we ask that you please notify the office. We intend to begin the process of switching to a new financial software program in the next calendar year.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: “Let us honor the memory of Rev. King by returning to what he called ‘the best in the American dream and the most sacred values in our Judeo-Christian heritage.’ Let us commit ourselves once more to building his ‘beloved community,’ an America where all men and women are treated as children of God, made in his image and endowed with dignity, equality, and rights that can never be denied, no matter the color of their skin, the language they speak, or the place they were born.” (USCCB)

9 Days for Life: Catholics across the nation are invited to participate in the annual pro-life novena (9-day prayer) that begins this year on January 21. The pro-life novena is an opportunity for recollection and reparation in observation of the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*—the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal throughout the United States. Please sign up at www.9daysforlife.com. Printed versions available upon request.

Have a blessed and holy week!

Fr. Bob



PARISH WIDE

Jan. 19—Pancake Breakfast

Feb. 10 — Mitten Making— 9 am to 2 pm Large Hall

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM

Jan. 19—REF Classes

Jan. 26—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

Jan. 19—Pancake Breakfast

Jan. 22—Planning Meeting— **Cancelled**

Knight of the Month: Tom Mahoney

Family of the Month: Ernie & Jenny West

DIocese OF LANSING CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE
SATURDAY 9AM-6PM
FEB. 22, 2020
OOSTERBAAN FIELD HOUSE
@ University of Michigan
ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE
MASS. ADORATION.
DYNAMIC SPEAKERS.
MUSIC. GREAT FOOD.
register now at
ACCEPTtheCHALLENGE.org
the first 150 active duty military and/or veterans to register are free
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Dynamic Catholic at St. Martha's

Dynamic Catholic events are not about feeling. They are about doing. They don't just give you something to think about. They give you a plan. They help you make your life work better. On Saturday, **April 25th**, come to St. Martha Parish in Okemos for a life-changing event titled Find Your Greatness. The goal is not to just inspire you for a few hours. At Find Your Greatness, you'll walk away with more than just knowledge about four life-changing habits. You'll leave with a personalized plan on how to engage these habits in your normal, ordinary, everyday life. Tickets can currently be purchased by visiting DynamicCatholic.com. We can't wait to see you there!



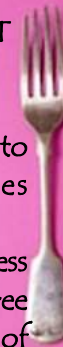
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PANCAKE BREAKFAST

January 19

All proceeds from the pancake breakfast will go to Holy Cross Services "Homeless No More" program at their homeless shelter in Lansing. Free Will donations in lieu of the regular prices is encouraged.



K of C—Free Throw Contest

January 19 -1:30 pm

at Laingsburg High School

Ages—9—14



LIONS CLUB FREE SPAGHETTI DINNER

January 21 - 5:00—7:00 pm

At the Laingsburg United Methodist Church
Serving Spaghetti, Salad & Bread Sticks
All Welcome

No Tickets or RSVP needed, just come and enjoy



MITTENS FOR THE HOMELESS

Monday, Feb. 10

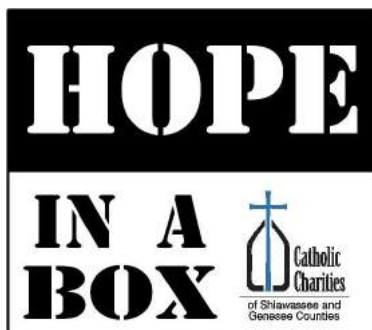
Large Hall—9 am to 2 pm

All ladies are welcome to join us. No sewing skills needed. We would welcome all the help we can get. Always in need of Yarn, Sweaters, or money to buy supplies.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY — January 18	5:30 PM	† Don Smith by Doug & Rose Morrill
SUNDAY — January 19	9:00 AM	† Harriet Delaney by Katie Grettenberger
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	† Cynthia Latchaw by Rich & Jane Poirier
Thursday	8:30 AM	† Carolyn Mahoney by Jack Mahoney
Friday	8:30 AM	† Anna Hurst by George, Cheryl, Nick, & Danielle Gates
SATURDAY — January 25	5:30 PM	† Don Ferrigan by Donald & Helen Hillman
SUNDAY — January 26	9:00 AM	† Don Smith by Robert & Mary Shaw 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), - 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 WROBEL, - 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), - CHRISTIAN GARZA (DEPLOYED TO IRAQ, GRANDSON OF MARY STEIN), DON NEGUS (SON OF MARY STEIN)



Need for the month of
January

Toilet Paper

OFFERTORY	
Jan. 11 & 12, 2020	
47 Adult Envelopes	\$1,713
Loose Collection	\$129
Children's Offertory	\$15
18 ACH Electronic Offertory	\$1,430
Total Weekly Offertory	\$3,287

An Opportunity to Serve

Many of us make New Year's resolutions. Have you ever considered volunteering at a hospice? Mother Teresa House of Lansing needs your help. A Few hours a week is very rewarding both to the volunteer and to the people at Mother Teresa House. Call the Hospice at 484-5494 or Deacon John at 651-6685.

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2020 Offertory Envelopes are in the entryway of church. If you do not see you 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

All 2019 Contribution Reports are now available in the main entryway to the church.