

*They left their nets and
followed him.*

MATTHEW 4:20

THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY
26 2020



Today the poetry of Isaiah washes over us with stunning beauty:

Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness:
for there is no gloom where but now there was distress.

Isaiah's lines enchant us with their music as well as with their meaning. Haven't we all felt burdened by gloom and distress? Don't we all long for an end to darkness? Isaiah promises that God's majestic strength crushes our anguish, blowing away our troubles on a breeze. These words are lovely, but what do they mean for us really, when our day-to-day struggles are so real? How can it be true that darkness is dispelled, when so many of us suffer terribly?

DAILY DOSES OF LIGHT

Jesus assures us: "God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5b). But how, exactly, does God's light overcome the darkness that we still experience? Saint Paul shows us how: through the cross. Today's reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians implores Jesus' followers to get

along with one another, to "be united in the same mind and in the same purpose." We believe that two thousand years ago, Jesus saved the world and destroyed darkness; but until Jesus comes again, we must unite as the Body of Christ to continue pushing back the gloom of sin and division. As followers of Jesus, we work against these evils in simple ways. We intentionally attempt genuine conversation with a person we find irritating; we ignore gossip and refuse to talk behind someone's back; we befriend an awkward or needy individual. These daily doses of light bring hope to our world, which is both redeemed and not yet finished. Jesus wants our help. Like Peter, James, and John in today's Gospel, we are called by Christ to participate in salvation. Jesus chooses us, calls us, and invites us to accompany him—and imitate him—as we live in, and wait for, the Light of the World.

Today's Readings: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

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Notes from Fr. Bob Bacik

This Sunday we observe, for the first time, what Pope Francis has established as **The Sunday of the Word of God**. This will be commemorated every 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time and help us keep the Holy Scriptures central to our lives. Pope Francis first announced this on the feast of St. Jerome. St. Jerome spent his entire life translating Scriptures from Hebrew and Greek to Latin. Jerome also said, "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ."

Bible Study: A new bible study course will begin on Thursday, February 13 and run through April 2, 2020. Course Title: "Follow Me— Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John." Information on how to register can be found in the small hall.

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. We have begun to offer Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday evenings from 7pm - 9pm 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.

Wednesday Evenings at St. Isidore:

Confession- 5:15-6:15 pm

Holy Mass - 6:30 pm

Adoration - 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Benediction 8:30 pm

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.

Have a blessed and holy week!

Fr. Bob



BIBLE STUDY
THURSDAYS
FEBRUARY 13—APRIL 2
7:00—8:30 PM

PARISH WIDE

Jan. 29—Eucharistic Adoration - 7:00—9:00 pm
Feb. 3—Movie Night @ Holy Family - 6:00 pm
Feb. 10 — Mitten Making— 9 am to 2 pm Large Hall

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!



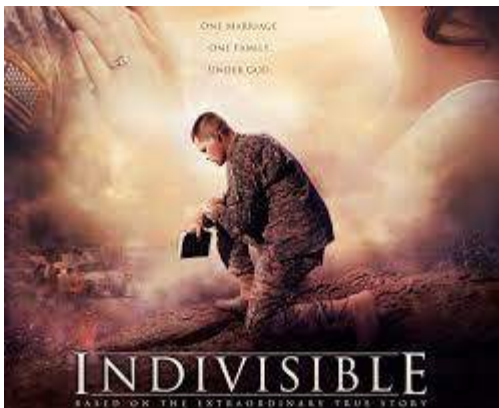
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MOVIE NIGHT

Feb. 3 - 6 pm

Holy Family will have the next Movie Night on Feb. 3rd, 6 pm. The February movie is "**Indivisible**". Based on the extraordinary true story of Army Chaplain Darren Turner and his wife Heather is one you won't want to miss. With a strong, faith-filled marriage, the Turners are ready to follow their calling: serving God, family, and country. Join us for this movie.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM

Jan. 26—REF Classes
Feb. 2—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

Feb. 12—Business Meeting— 7:00 pm

Knight of the Month: Tom Mahoney
Family of the Month: Ernie & Jenny West



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.

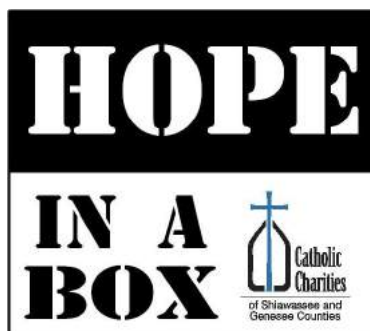
Always in need of Yarn, Sweaters, or money to buy supplies.



MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

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| 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 |
| Monday | NO MASS | |
| Tuesday | NO MASS | |
| Wednesday | 6:30 PM | † Leon Lundie, Sr. by Mrs. Frances Lundie and Family |
| Thursday | 8:30 AM | † Theresa A. Broughan by John & Janet Bloomfield |
| Friday | 8:30 AM | † Sheila Doyle by the Family |
| SATURDAY — February 1 | 5:30 PM | † Bonnie Wright by Steve & Mary Izdebski |
| SUNDAY — February 2 | 9:00 AM | † Katie Russell Walters 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), - 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 | |
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| Jan. 18 & 19 2020 | |
| 62 Adult Envelopes | \$1,764 |
| Loose Collection | \$657 |
| Children's Offertory | \$22 |
| Total Weekly Offertory | \$2,443 |

DIocese of Lansing Catholic Men's Conference

ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE

SATURDAY 9AM-6PM
FEB. 22, 2020
DOOSTERBAAN FIELD HOUSE
@ University of Michigan

MASS. ADORATION.
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MUSIC. GREAT FOOD.

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the first 150 active duty military and/or veterans to register are free

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2020 Offertory Envelopes

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