



LOVE YOUR ENEMIES,
THAT YOU MAY BE CHILDREN OF YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER,
FOR HE MAKES THE SUN RISE ON THE BAD AND THE GOOD.

MATTHEW 5:44-45

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 23, 2020

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Today's first reading concludes in classic Levitical style: "I am the LORD." Over and over again, the book of Leviticus punctuates its paragraphs with that simple statement: "I am the LORD." Relentlessly repeating that phrase, the word of God reminds us that God is the LORD—and we are not. We did not construct the world; we did not create ourselves. Remembering our status as mere creatures comes as a shock to us at times, especially when we flex and pose as masters of our own tiny universes. On the other hand, knowing we are "merely" God's beloved children can free us. When we accept that God is the source and summit of all wisdom, we approach life with a growing stillness, an openness to God's powerful action in the world.

HOLY AND PERFECT

Our openness to God's powerful action helps us understand Jesus' words in today's Gospel, when he demands that we become "perfect." Most of us shudder at the thought of having to be perfect. The idea of achieving perfection seems

impossible, frankly. But, just before despair sets in, we recall that we are merely creatures. If God wants us to be "holy" and "perfect," as today's readings emphasize, then God will provide all we need to chip away at our imperfections. If we nurse a hateful grudge against someone and cannot imagine being free of the resentment, God can help. If we harm our own bodies through bad habits, the holy Spirit can strengthen our resolve and transform our daily behavior. If we long for advantage over others, if we are disgusted by the thought of loving "unworthy" people, if we overwhelmingly prefer comfort and stability over the wildness of lavish generosity—Jesus Christ, King of glory, can convert our timid hearts. These transformations take time, patience, and prayer. Sitting quietly to reflect over today's readings is an excellent kind of prayer, and an inspiring way to begin.

Today's Readings: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

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St. Isidore Holy Family Lent & Holy Week 2020



Masses During Lent

St. Isidore

Wednesday - 6:30 pm
Thursday - 8:30 am (Chapel)
Friday - 8:30 am (Chapel)
Saturday - 5:30 pm
Sunday - 9:00 am

Holy Family

Tuesday - 12:10 pm
Saturday - 4:00 pm
Sunday - 11:00 am



Confession During Lent

St. Isidore

Wednesdays: 5:15 - 6:15 pm

Holy Family

Saturdays: 3:00 - 3:30 pm

Regional Reconciliation Service

Sunday, March 22: 2:00 pm
St. Thomas, East Lansing

- Or by appointment

Office: (517) 651-6722

Holy Family Fish Fry

March 6 \$11 - Adults
March 20 \$5 - 12 and under
April 3 Free - 5 or less
4:30 - 7:00 pm



St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Saturday, March 14, 6:30 pm (St. Isidore)
- No cost, please RSVP



Seder Meal

Tuesday April 7, 6:30 pm (St. Isidore)
- Potluck



Walk to Jerusalem

There are 6,018 miles between our parish and Jerusalem. Together as a parish family we'll challenge ourselves to walk this distance with physical and spiritual miles. Sign up for the journey at St. Isidore or Holy Family.

Stations of the Cross

St. Isidore - 7:00 pm

Fridays in Lent

- Weather permitting, April 3 Stations will take place outdoors at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Holy Family - 3:30 pm

Saturdays in Lent

Wednesday Evening Eucharistic Adoration

St. Isidore - Wednesdays in Lent

Adoration/Confession: 5:15 - 6:15 pm

Holy Mass: 6:30 pm

Adoration: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

- Benediction at 7:50 pm



The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lords Supper

7:30 pm (St. Isidore)

- following Mass we will process to the small hall where there will be

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 pm.

Good Friday: Passion of the Lord

1:30 pm (St. Isidore)

- Confessions will be heard following services until all are heard.

- An **Eccumenical Prayer Service** will take place at Watkins Brothers Laingsburg Chapel, 7:00 pm.

Holy Saturday at Sunset: Easter Vigil

8:30 pm (St. Isidore)

- Blessing of the **Food Baskets** will take place at St. Isidore and Holy Family at 11:00 am.

Easter Sunday

9:00 am (St. Isidore)

11:00 am (Holy Family)



PARISH WIDE

Feb. 26—Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
Feb. 26—Walk to Jerusalem starts!
Feb. 27—Apr. 2—Bible Study—7:00 pm
Feb. 28—Stations of the Cross— 7:00 pm
(*Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent*)
Mar. 9 — Mitten Making— 9 am to 2 pm Large Hall

MITTENS FOR THE HOMELESS

Monday, March 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.
Always in need of donations: Yarn, Sweaters, or money to buy supplies.



Couple Prayer Series--Lent 2020

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish is hosting the *Couple Prayer Series* during Lent. The purpose of this series is to help married couples and engaged couples to pray together to grow closer to each other and to God in their marriage relationship. Couples who have participated in the *Couple Prayer Series* have told us how much this Series has strengthened their marriages.

The *Couple Prayer Series* is held on six (6) consecutive Thursday evenings during Lent, February 27 - April 2, 2020, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., in Fr. Mac Hall at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in East Lansing. Child care will be provided if requested in advance. Suggested donation of \$20/couple. Register at www.elcatholics.org/marriage-ministry or by calling 517-351-5460 x326

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM

Feb. 23—REF Classes Resume
Mar. 1—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. 23—Pancake Breakfast
Feb. 26— Planning Meeting— 7:00 pm

Knight of the Month:
Tom Mahoney

Family of the Month:
Ernie & Jenny West



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!

**TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE IN THE SMALL HALL THIS SUNDAY—
FEB. 23— \$25 EACH**



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LENTEN FISH FRY HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Mar. 6
Mar. 20
Apr. 3

4:30 pm—7:00 pm

Lenten Fish Dinners with
all the extras.

\$11—Adults
\$5—Kids 12 & under
Free—Age 5 or less

Make checks payable to:
Holy Family Men's Club

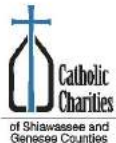
MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY — February 22	5:30 PM	† Ann McDougall by Mary Lou Smith
SUNDAY — February 23	9:00 AM	† Karen Brown by Tim, Stacy, Jacob, & Thomas
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Ash Wednesday— Feb. 26	7:00 AM	Ashes and Scripture Service
	6:30 PM	† Don Smith by the Rourke Family
Thursday	8:30 AM	Scripture Service
Friday	8:30 AM	Scripture Service
SATURDAY — February 29	5:30 PM	† Grace Tisdale by the Family
SUNDAY — March 1	9:00 AM	† Tom & Dick Hengesbach by the Voisinet 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), - 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, - 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), - CHERYL HUTCHINGS, - FRANK & NANCY DUKES

HOPE

IN A
BOX



Catholic Charities
of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties



Need for the
month of
February

Shampoo

OFFERTORY	
February 15 & 16, 2020	
69 Adult Envelopes	\$3,422
Loose Collection	\$148
Children's Offertory	\$36
Total Weekly Offertory	\$3,606

NOTICE:

Disciple Maker Index Surveys have to be completed online by March 1. Paper copies of the survey need to be turned into the small hall by March 1

Copies of the Disciple Maker Survey are in both entryways and in the small hall.

Survey online - www.DiscipleMakerIndex.com



Ash Wednesday February 26th

7:00 am—Scripture Service w/Ashes - St. Isidore
 10:00 am—Mass w/Ashes - Holy Family
 6:30 pm—Mass w/Ashes - St. Isidore
 7:00 pm—Scripture Service w/Ashes - Holy Family

