



You are the

light of the world.

A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.

Matthew 5:14

February 9, 2020

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Today's readings leave no room for half-heartedness. As beneficiaries of God's providence, we cannot hold back when serving others. When Isaiah instructs us to share our bread with the hungry, he offers no qualifications. He does not add, "if you think you can," or "after all of your own needs have been met." On the contrary, the prophet simply reports that God expects us to care for those in need. In a similar way, the Gospel call is unconditional. Like a city atop a mountain, the Christian life cannot be hidden. Followers of Jesus do not have the option to sit by and wish vaguely for someone else to take care of hunger, homelessness, oppression, and ignorance. God calls us into service. If we have heard the call, we must respond.

PROCEED WITH PRAYER

We all agree that caring for others is important. Absolutely no one wants to see a child waste away from starvation. And yet, we often fear to donate time, talent, or money to chari-

table causes. What if recipients use the money poorly? What if donations promote helplessness and long-term dependence? What if my own situation isn't very stable? How can I help others when my daily life is so difficult and the future so uncertain? These are legitimate questions. And God wants us to use our intellect when discerning how best to perform good deeds. But uncertainty must not lead to inaction. If we don't know exactly how to proceed, we must spend a great deal of time in prayer. In prayer, we consider our options and ask the Lord to show us how to be salt and light in the world. As today's psalm reminds us, God calls us to be gracious and merciful. Believing firmly that God will always care for us, we trust with steadfast hearts and share with others—not occasionally, guiltily, or provisionally, but "lavishly."

Today's Readings: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

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Saturday Mass: 4:00 pm - **Sunday Mass:** 11:00 am

Confession: Saturdays 3:00 to 3:30 pm

Bible Study

Thursdays - February 13 - April 2
2020 Course Title:
"Follow Me— Meeting Jesus in
the Gospel of John."

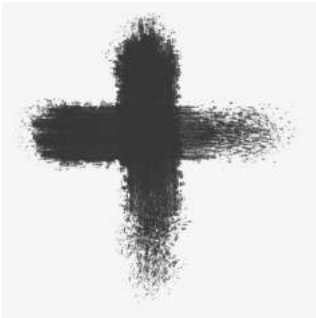
Registration information can be
found in the small hall.



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



**Please keep our 2020
First Communicants in
your prayers as they
continue their faith
journey.**

**Addilyn
Ryan
Xavier
Quinn
Ava
Claire
Reese
Cayden**

PARISH WIDE

Feb. 9—Children's Liturgy—During Sunday Mass
Feb. 10 — Mitten Making— 9 am to 2 pm Large Hall
Feb. 12—Eucharistic Adoration - 7:00—9:00 pm
Feb. 13—Apr.2—Bible Study—7:00 pm

FAITH MAGAZINE'S ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

Fr. Charles Irvin Writing Scholarship 2020

Catholic high-school seniors who are active participants in their parish youth group/religious ed. program can apply.

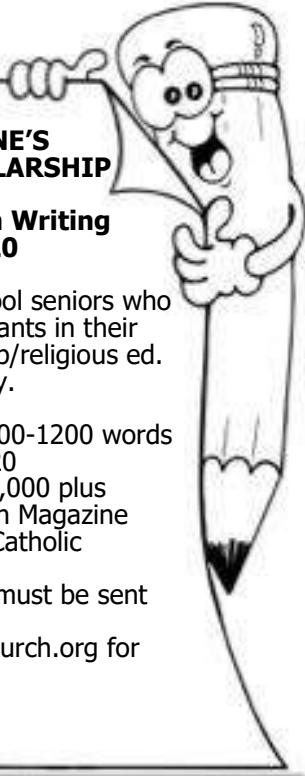
Essay length: 800-1200 words

Due: April 1, 2020

Scholarship: \$1,000 plus publication in Faith Magazine

Judges: FAITH Catholic Editorial Staff

Submit: Essays must be sent to your parish at office@stisidorechurch.org for final submittal.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM

Feb. 9—REF Classes

Feb. 16—NO REF CLASSES

Feb. 23—REF Classes Resume

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

Feb. 23—Pancake Breakfast

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.



LENTEN FISH FRY HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Feb. 21

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

A poster for the Diocese of Lansing Catholic Men's Conference. It features a mountain range, a sun, and a group of hikers. The text includes: "DIOCESE OF LANSING CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE", "SATURDAY 9AM-6PM FEB. 22, 2020", "OOSTERBAAN FIELD HOUSE @ University of Michigan", "ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE", "register now at ACCEPTtheCHALLENGE.org", "the first 150 active duty military and/or veterans to register are free", "MASS. ADORATION. DYNAMIC SPEAKERS. MUSIC. GREAT FOOD.", and "PRESENTED BY: K of C".

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY — February 8	5:30 PM	† Anna Hurst by Doug & Rose Morrill
SUNDAY — February 9	9:00 AM	† Special Intentions of Chris & Kay Basgall
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	† John & Sandy VanGeertruy by the Family
Thursday	8:30 AM	Reparations for the Sins & Healing of Abuse Victims
Friday	8:30 AM	† Jo Basgall by Chris & Kay Basgall
SATURDAY — February 15	5:30 PM	† Leo Henning by Paul Platte
SUNDAY — February 16	9:00 AM	† Mary Kral 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, - 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



OFFERTORY February 1 & 2, 2020

72 Adult Envelopes	\$3,058
Loose Collection	\$746
Children's Offertory	\$25
 Total Weekly Offertory	 \$3,829



Need for the month of February

Shampoo

HOPE

IN A BOX

Catholic Charities
of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties



2020 Offertory Envelopes

Looking for your 2020 offertory envelopes or new to the parish and would like envelopes? Contact the office by phone or email.
office@stsidorechurch.org

All 2019 Contribution Reports are available in the small hall