

second Sunday OF LENT

MARCH 8
2020

MOUNT TABOR
GALILEE

From the cloud came a voice that said,
“This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.”

MATTHEW 17:5

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The first eleven chapters of Genesis tell the story of the tragedy of human separation from God. But God has not given up on humanity. God is on a mission to reconcile and heal all of creation. In today's reading from Genesis 12, we see the beginning of God's new strategy: to begin with a single person (Abram, later renamed Abraham) and family and form them into a distinct people, so that all peoples may see God's blessing in them, and share in this blessing.

God's chosen people are not selected simply to receive blessing, but to serve as examples and agents of blessing. God blesses people not only for their own benefit but for all. When we fully thank God, we also accept God's call to bless others. We the Church receive God's grace precisely so that we may share grace with others.

LISTEN TO HIM

In today's Gospel describing Jesus' transfiguration, we hear of the disciples' vision of Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. Peter, perhaps understandably, responds by trying to enshrine the moment by building tents for them. However, God inter-

rupts and speaks words identical to those spoken at Jesus' baptism: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." But here God adds, "listen to him."

Listening to God can take various forms. At some moments, as when we receive new insight or are deeply moved, we want to jump into action. Sometimes this is appropriate and necessary. But sometimes God interrupts our eagerness, and calls us to further reflection or simply to listen in silence.

Reflection and action are of course both essential to our faith journey. Yet we recall that God may often speak through silence. Contemplative practice, rich in tradition within our Catholic faith, reminds us that God invites us to an encounter within silence. In contemplative prayer, we open ourselves and simply wait upon God. We might encounter a divine Presence beyond words.

Today's Readings: Gen 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

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Notes from Fr. Bob Bacik

DSA stands for the Diocesan Service Appeal. This once-a-year appeal is from Bishop Boyea, inviting us to join with our fellow Catholics and do our share to support the many ministries, programs and services of our diocese. DSA is a joint effort of all 72 parishes from the ten counties in south central Michigan to pool our resources and to support what no one parish can do of itself. I thank you ahead of time for your generosity in supporting this year's appeal as part of your annual tithing. This year our combined goal is \$28,658 (St. Isidore: 18,516 and Holy Family: \$10,142)

Welcome Sr. Antonia Cruz! In collaboration with the Catholic parishes of Clinton County and the Diocese of Lansing Sr. Antonia Cruz, CFP has been hired to coordinate hispanic outreach in Clinton county (and the parts of Shiawassee county that fall within our parish border). Her official office will be at Most Holy Trinity in Fowler, but most of her work will be done in homes and meeting places throughout the county. Sister has already established connections and has begun a weekly catechesis class in Elsie.

Decree of Merger: This past week, upon our request, Bishop Boyea formally issued a decree that will merge Holy Family with St. Isidore. Without recourse this decree will go into effect on April 3, 2020, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. The formal decree is posted on our webpage, in the hall of Holy Family and small hall of St. Isidore, along with information on how to initiate recourse. I encourage you to read the decree, which highlights the long history of the Catholic presence in eastern Clinton and western Shiawassee counties.

Have a blessed!

Fr. Bob



**Remember to RSVP for the
St Patrick's Dinner
March 14—6:30pm
Sign up in the Small Hall.**



WE'RE WALKING, WALKING TO JERUSALEM!

It's not too late to sign up and start logging miles for our Walk to Jerusalem. Sign up sheets are in the small hall. So far our miles are 1,037. Let's get to Jerusalem!



PARISH WIDE

Mar. 8—Children's Liturgy—During Sunday Mass
Mar. 9 — Mitten Making— 9 am to 2 pm Large Hall
March 11—Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
March 13—Stations of the Cross— 7:00 pm
(*Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent*)
March 14—St. Patrick's Dinner— 6:30 pm
March 19 —WINGS Gathering— 2:00 -3:30 pm

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.

WINGS GATHERING

The women of the parish will gather on **Thurs, March 19** (feast of St Joseph) at **2:00 pm to 3:30 pm** in St Isidore small hall for a Baked Potato Bar and a talk on St Joseph's Table, an Italian tradition. Please bring a topping to share and RSVP to Marilyn at mkv1006@gmail.com or call (517) 651-6452 and let her know what you are bringing. Suggestions: diced ham, bacon bits, cheese sauce, shredded cheese, diced green onion, sour cream, butter, chili, salsa, chopped broccoli, & mushrooms and 2 desserts.

55 & BETTER GROUP

March 17—at
Holy Family Church

The third Tuesdays of every month start with Mass at 12:10 pm followed by a pot-luck luncheon. All are invited to attend, please bring a dish to share, table service & drinks provided.

EASTER TRIDUUM CHOIR

Choir practice for the Easter Triduum will begin this Sunday, March 8, at 6:00 PM at St. Isidore. Members from both Holy Family and St. Isidore are invited to attend. You don't have to have a great voice or be able to read music: you just have to want to sing. Even if you can't attend all three Triduum services, we would love to have you sing with us for whatever you can do. "To sing is to pray twice." (Attributed to St. Augustine).



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

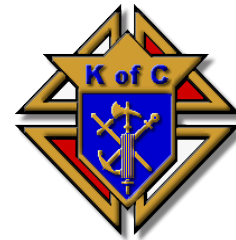
Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM

Mar. 8—REF Classes
Mar. 15 REF Classes

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

March 11— Business Meeting— 7:00 pm
March 15—Pancake Breakfast
March 21—New Knight Exemplification
March 23—Red Cross Blood Drive —1 to 6:30 pm

Knight of the Month: Joe Tejkl
Family of the Month: Mike & Aloise Bachelder



EXEMPLIFICATION FOR NEW KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Directly after Mass on Saturday, March 21, there will be a ceremony to induct new Knights into our parish council. Snacks will be provided afterwards. If you are interested in joining our council, please contact Fred Bruso at fgbruso@stisidorechurch.org. All parishioners are welcome to witness this important event.



DYNAMIC CATHOLIC TICKETS

The last day of **Dynamic Catholic** ticket sales at St. Isidore will be next weekend, March 14 & 15. They will be available on-line after that date.

LENTEN FISH FRY HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Mar. 20
Apr. 3
4:30 pm—7:00 pm

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



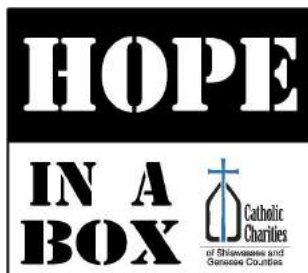
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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY — March 7	5:30 PM	† Ann McDougall by Denny & Mary Lee
SUNDAY — March 8	9:00 AM	† Don Smith by Tim & Stacy Voisinet Family
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	† Harriet Delaney by Dave & Cheryl Lewis
Thursday	8:30 AM	† Sheila Doyle by the Family
Friday	8:30 AM	† Cynthia Latchaw by Rich & Jane Poirier
SATURDAY — March 14	5:30 PM	† Anna Hurst by Steve & Mary Ann Izdebski
SUNDAY — March 15	9:00 AM	† Katie Russell Walters by the Family

PRAYERS: PLEASE PRAY FOR MELVIN PAMMENT, - 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 CASADY, - SHIRLEY GREENE, - MARY MAPES (MOTHER OF MIKE MAPES), - BILL DUŠO, - 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), - FRANK & NANCY DUKES, - MEREDITH MIERSEN (GRANDDAUGHTER OF RON & LANA MIERSEN), - JENN HILL MCCAUSEY, - HELEN STELZER, - JOSEPH NEUMANN



Need for the month of March

Hand Soap & Body Wash



OFFERTORY	
February 29 & March 1, 2020	
68 Adult Envelopes	\$2,542
Loose Collection	\$712
Children's Offertory	\$49
Total Weekly Offertory	\$3,303
Ash Wednesday Envelopes	\$800

DSA COLLECTION STARTS - MARCH 7 & 8

Happy The One Who Trusts In The Lord!

DSA starts this weekend. Informational brochures are available in the entryway to the church. Envelopes will be distributed during Mass next week-end.

This years goal for St. Isidore is \$18,516

