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Jesus came and stood in their midst
and said to them, "Peace be with you."

JOHN 20:19

APRIL
19
2020



SECOND
SUNDAY OF
Easter

Most of us have had the misfortune of missing something important simply by being absent, and then hearing about what happened. In today's reading, unique to John's Gospel, Thomas is the only apostle who was not around when Jesus appeared to his friends for the first time after his death and resurrection. They were frightened and grieving, not knowing what would happen to them. Remember, they found themselves to be fugitives, seemingly guilty by association with a criminal executed by government officials. Suddenly, Jesus was with them, beaming peace and mercy to his fragile followers. What joy! What a shock, too!

We will never know why Thomas had left their hiding place. All we know is that he returned to wild stories about Jesus being alive after dying a brutal death. He must have thought that the other apostles in their grief had a shared delusion of what they wished were true. When Thomas finally saw Jesus, he gave what is considered the most profound profession of faith: "My Lord and my God!" In his tender mercy, Jesus ministered to Thomas by helping him to see for himself.

WE WALK BY FAITH

But what of us? The early Christian community could only trust the words of these same apostles, the ones Thomas couldn't believe, when they preached Jesus Christ risen from the dead. Who could believe what they said? The Holy Spirit, breathed upon the disciples in that first encounter, emanated so powerfully from them that they were able to convene seemingly utopian communities of faith. Filled with "divine mercy," their lives became an evangelization to the world.

And this is how we too are sent out, like the disciples, filled with the Holy Spirit and bearing the Lord's peace and mercy to a troubled, suffering world. The wounds of Jesus are very real today in the needy and broken. May we always work to bind up those wounds wherever we find them.

Today's Readings: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

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ST. ISIDORE CHURCH

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Confession: Wednesday 5:15 to 6:15 pm

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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Confession: Saturdays 3:00 to 3:30 pm



Happy Easter!

In sadness, yet with great Easter hope, we announce the death of **Fr. Joseph Emile Aubin** (1935 – 2020). Fr. Aubin served as pastor of St. Isidore from 1970 - 1977. For a portion of that time he also served at Holy Family, Ovid. Please join us in praying for the repose of his soul. Visitation will take place from 3pm until 6pm on Monday, April 20 at St. Mary Church, Durand. Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Tuesday with immediate family only. Arrangements through Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes.

Online Masses and Content: The Church has been forced into the present technological age! Our rural parish is hitting the learning curve of providing online content. Please continue to be patient with us in this process. Online content from St. Isidore - Holy Family will be posted on our webpage (www.stisidorechurch.org) and on our parish facebook page (facebook.com/laingsburgovidelsie). I also encourage you to take advantage of the many resources from the Diocese of Lansing (www.dioceseoflansing.org) and the weekly outreach mass that is aired at 6am and 10am on WLAJ Lansing TV53. Remember that you have been dispensed from the sacred obligation to attend Mass on Sunday during this time by Bishop Boyea. It is good to participate in an online Mass, but you are not obliged to do so. I encourage you to at least make a Spiritual Communion and provide some time for quiet prayer and Scripture reading. May this time of separation from the Blessed Sacrament increase our hunger for the Lord's real presence!

Sacrament of Confession: The sacrament of confession will continue to be offered in the parking lot of St. Isidore and Holy Family on a weekly basis. Confession will also be offered on Sunday, April 19 from 3-4pm at St. Isidore in observance Divine Mercy Sunday.

St. Isidore, Laingsburg: Wednesday 5:15 - 6:15pm

Holy Family, Ovid: Saturday 3:00 - 4:00pm

The Second Sunday of Easter is also **Divine Mercy Sunday**. Divine Mercy is a devotion to Jesus that is associated with the apparitions of Jesus to St. Faustina Kowalska. Her story is remarkable and is something to explore from home during this time. The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy Message was simplified quite nicely by the Marian Fathers, by remembering **ABC**:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

Fr. Bob Bacik



Walk to Jerusalem Update

12,063 miles walked
We made it Jerusalem and back home!

Thanks for all the participation.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

St. Isidore-Holy Family parish is now accepting applications for two unique scholarships:

The Giffels Scholarship: Open to parish members pursuing advanced education opportunities. \$1,000

The Knights of Columbus Scholarship: Offers one \$1,000 scholarship to parish graduating seniors pursuing 2 & 4 year college education.

Criteria for applicants will include personal and family involvement in the parish, community service, financial need, and long term potential.

Please contact either parish office for the link to the online applications.

**Deadline for submission
May 11**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

NO REF CLASSES
Holy Family & St. Isidore

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

May 13— Business Meeting— **(Zoom —see Fred for access)**

Knight of the Month: Keith Kienitz
Family of the Month: Tom Rourke Family and Gary Koonter Family

FOOD BANK NOTICE

The local Food Banks have asked to stop donations of food for the present time. Financial donations are always accepted. Thank you for the support!

Laingsburg Area Food Bank

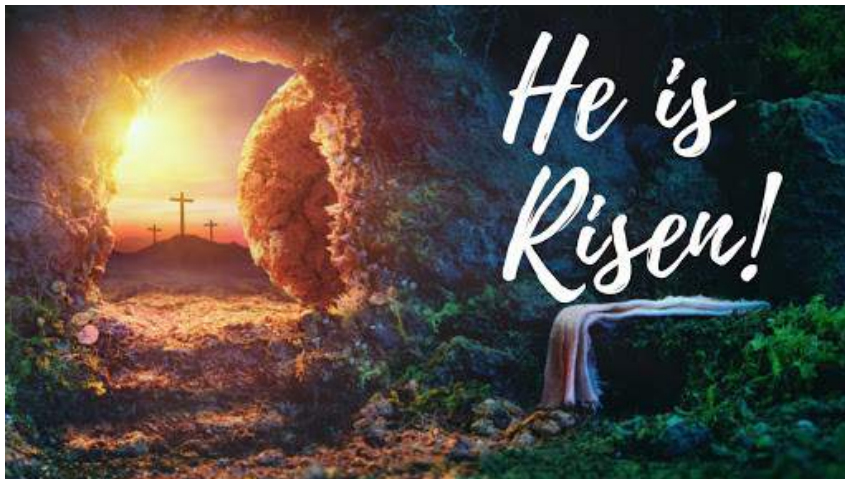
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210 Crum Street, Laingsburg 48848

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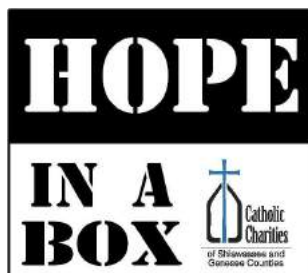
THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

FR. BOB'S INTENTIONS FOR PRIVATE MASS

SATURDAY — April 18		† Deceased Members of the VanGeertruy Family
SUNDAY — April 19		† Leon Lundie, Sr. by Mrs. Frances Lundie & Family
Monday		
Tuesday		† Frances Mazzolini by Sid & Angie Wittenberg
Wednesday		† Phyllis Izdebski by Bob & Trish Fineman
Thursday		† Anna Hurst by Denny & Mary Lee
Friday		† Sheila Doyle by the Family
SATURDAY — April 25		† Sandy VanGeertruy 1st Anniversary by the Family
SUNDAY — April 26		† Karen Brown by Tim, Stacy, Jacob, & Thomas

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, - 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, - DON ELLIOTT, - TONI DOYLE, - KEITH HURST, - MARY LOU DOYLE, - 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— ARLENE GUTIERRES, (COUSIN OF JESSE ANGUIANO)

PAMELA MORGAN, SYLVIA MCKAY, CRAIG & CAREN HENNING (NEPHEW & NIECE OF LEONARD MITCHELL), SHARON DARLING, (SISTER-IN-LAW ART & KAREN KELLEY), JUSTIN COLE, (NEPHEW OF COURTNEY & ANDY BATES); VAL THELEN, CONNIE WELLER, ROBERTA STANTON, SHELBY PORUBSKY, MIKE HEEG, CHARLES WADDELL FAMILY, JOHN OLINGER, BEVERLY DELANEY, JEANNE ALAGA, THERESA HEEG, RANDY BOWLES (SON OF ELLIE BOWLES), SUE NETHAWAY (SISTER OF ADRIANNE BOCEK), NICK DUNAY, JEFF WASON, BARB REWERTS, (GINGER KUSNIER'S MOTHER), GENE SCHOENDORF, EILEEN STRICKLAND (FRIEND OF ROSEMARIE THERING), DALE KUENZLI (FRIEND OF ROSEMARIE THERING), MARY MAPES (MOTHER OF MIKE MAPES), JANE MCCALLISTER, BLANCHE WOODBURY, VINCE MINARIK (SON-IN-LAW OF LEONARD MITCHELL), ROBERT GARCIAS, MARIA JONES, BOB MCCUE, TOM HULBURT (SON OF NITA HUGHES), BOB FOREBACK & BETTE ALEXANDER (FRIENDS OF ROSEMARIE THERING), CHRIS CHANDLER, MILDRED TEJL, CARY LEN



Need for the month of April

DSA COLLECTION STARTS -
Happy The One Who Trusts In The Lord!

DSA continues—Online at www.dioceseoflansing.org/DSA or mail donation into the parish office.

This years goal for:
St. Isidore is \$18,516
Holy Family is \$10,142

Current Pledges made:
St. Isidore— \$15,825
Holy Family - \$3,450

