

Imagine meeting a stranger, a fellow traveler, who butts into the conversation you're having with your friend. The two disciples in today's Gospel are heading to Emmaus, seven miles away from Jerusalem, heartbroken and disillusioned. It's the day of Jesus' resurrection, but no one knew it when these two set out on their journey, maybe going home to resume their pre-Jesus lives because it seemed as if everything was over.

In the middle of trying to make sense of the tragedy, some eavesdropping guy asks them about their troubles. After telling their story, the disciples are amazed to find this stranger able to piece together the fragments of the broken image of their master using scripture as the glue. Then it happens—at dinner they recognize Jesus in the breaking of bread, just before he vanishes. With their hearts burning with love and inspiration, they run back to Jerusalem—at night—to tell the others their new story.

THE STRANGER/SHEPHERD

The stranger in this story who turns out to be Jesus is reminiscent of the Gospel images of Jesus as the Good

Shepherd. He seeks out his "lost sheep" who have strayed from the faith community, and the experience of the risen Lord transforms them into perhaps the very first evangelists, sharing their Good News with their friends back in Jerusalem.

Are we transformed by the time we leave Mass? We should be! Our hearts should be burning within us from our experience of Jesus in word and sacrament. Yet how often life breaks our heart and clouds our mind! We stumble toward our own Emmaus, unaware that Jesus is with us. We are privileged to experience Jesus in every Eucharist through the breaking open of scripture and by the breaking of the bread. Like the disciples of the story, that transforming experience can compel us to go forth and tell everyone the Good News.

Today's Readings: Acts 2:14, 22–33; Ps 16:1–2, 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17–21; Lk 24:13–35

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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



Parish Mailing: A letter from myself was sent to all registered parishioners on April 24. If you are not registered, or for any other reason do not receive this letter, please contact Sharon in the parish office and we will update your information.

When will we be able to come back to Mass? On Friday, April 24, Governor Whitmer extended the Stay at Home order to May 15, which also happens to be the feast day of St. Isidore! Once this order has expired we expect the Diocese of Lansing to allow for public masses with continued safety precautions. It is very likely that this will include social distancing and the limiting the number of participants at each Mass. Be assured that we will continue follow the guidelines of the CDC and the directives of the Diocese.

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 uploaded to our new parish YouTube page (search St. Isidore - Holy Family on YouTube). Links to this content will be posted on our webpage (www.stisidorechurch.org) and on our parish facebook page (facebook.com/laingsburgovidelsie).

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.

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

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

Financial Contributions: Many of you find yourselves in a place of financial uncertainty and may have to, understandably, adapt your parish contributions at this time. For those of you who are able to continue to give financially, I invite you to do so through our new online platform found on our webpage (www.stisidorechurch.org). Envelopes can also be mailed to the parish office. Thank you.

Fr. Bob Bacik





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



Dynamic Catholic's "Find Your Greatness"

Thank you to those of you who purchased tickets to Dynamic Catholic's "Find Your Greatness" event at St. Martha on April 25, 2020. With diocesan and state preventative measures in place regarding the Coronavirus, as well as our goal to prioritize your health and safety, this event has been rescheduled.

We apologize for any inconvenience this reschedule causes and thank you for your understanding.

The rescheduled event will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2020. Please hold onto your tickets as they will be valid for the rescheduled event. If you cannot attend the rescheduled date, we will issue you a refund.

If you have any questions or wish to refund your ticket(s), please contact the Dynamic Catholic team at Events@DynamicCatholic.com. All event details can be found on our website at DynamicCatholic.com/Okemos. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time. Know of our prayers for you and your community!

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

c/o LUMC

210 Crum Street, Laingsburg 48848

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P. O. Box 311

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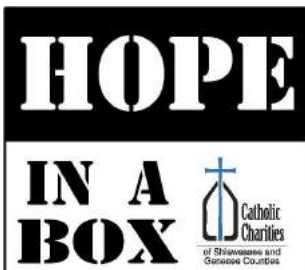
FR. BOB'S INTENTIONS FOR PRIVATE MASS

SATURDAY — April 25		† Sandy VanGeertruy 1st Anniversary by the Family
SUNDAY — April 26		† Karen Brown by Tim, Stacy, Jacob, & Thomas
Monday		
Tuesday		† Robert Delaney by Holy Family Altar Society
Wednesday		† Theresa A. Broughan by John & Janet Bloomfield
Thursday		† Tom & Dick Hengesbach by the Voisinet Family
Friday		† Vincent & Charolette Csapos by Dan & Vickie Csapos
SATURDAY — May 2		† Bon Mason by Chris & Kay Basgall
SUNDAY — May 3		† Don Smith by the Rourke 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, - 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, - 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 TEJKL, CARY LEN

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR
PIERCE YONKER
WHO DIED THIS PAST WEEK
(Nephew of
Barb & Gary Koonter)



Need for the
month of
April
Deodorant



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

