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Jesus said,
"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places."

JOHN 14:2

MAY
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2020



FIFTH
SUNDAY OF
Easter

During Lent, we participated in penitential practices and focused on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in order to turn our lives more fully to the Lord. However, the fruit of our Lenten practices is not supposed to end on Good Friday or Easter Sunday. Lent is our annual time to embrace spiritual renewal, which is intended to last. The change of mind and heart that we embraced in the weeks preceding Easter are to be our spiritual foundation, shaping our lives now and into the future. Pause for a moment and ask yourself what difference Lent made for you this year. If you can point to some particular change of mind, heart, or behavior, promise yourself that you will continue to live in this new way in the months and years to come. If Lent did not have a special impact on your life this year, now is the time to invite the Lord to show you the way to more meaningful and faith-filled living in the future.

DON'T BE AFRAID. DO THE WORKS OF CHRIST.

In the Gospel passage we heard today, Jesus was preparing the apostles for a time when he would not be with them physically. Jesus wanted to reassure the apostles, even though he knew they were having a difficult time understanding. We sometimes struggle to grasp the Lord's ways, too. We know that God is with us in Christ through the Holy Spirit, and yet, when we really have to act in accord with our faith, we sometimes falter. Jesus tells us to not be afraid. Have faith in Christ and do his works. We may be surprised at what we are able to do when we trust and follow Jesus' way. And we are assured that God will be with us through it all.

Today's readings: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

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Confession: Saturdays 3:00 to 3:30 pm



This Friday, May 15, the Church commemorates the Feast day of St. Isidore, patron our parish. Parish historical records indicate that when the original land was purchased on Crum Street in 1900, there was not a single Catholic family living in the Laingsburg village limits. All of the Catholics were farmers in the outlying areas. It was fitting, then, when Bishop John S. Foley dedicated this new rural parish to the patron saint of farmers, St. Isidore. The patronage of St. Isidore now extends, fittingly, to the rural communities of Ovid and Elsie. Below is a brief biography of St. Isidore from CatholicRuralLife.org

St. Isidore and Maria: Patron Saints of Farmers

St. Isidore the Farmer was born in Madrid, Spain, in about 1110. He came from a poor and humble family. From childhood he worked as a farmhand on the De Vargas estate. He was very prayerful and particularly devoted to the Mass and the Holy Eucharist.

Isidore loved the good earth, he was honest in his work, and careful in his farming practices. It is said that domestic beasts and birds showed their attachment to him because he was gentle and kind to them. Master De Vargas watched Isidore at plowing and he saw two angels as his helps. Hence, the saying arose, "St. Isidore plowing with angels does the work of three farmers."

Isidore married a sweet and pious maidservant by the name of Maria. They had only one son who died in youth. Both were most charitable and ever willing to help neighbors in distress and the poor in the city slums.

St. Isidore died on May 15, 1170. His saintly wife, a little later. He was canonized on March 22, 1622. The earthly remains of the holy couple are found over the main altar of the cathedral in Madrid, Spain.

By a special decree of the Sacred Congregation of Rites, dated February 22, 1947, St. Isidore was constituted as the special protector of Catholic Rural Life and American farmers.

How beautiful and appropriate for the Catholic farm family to be devoted to this simple and saintly couple, who like farmers everywhere are "partners with God," in furnishing to the world food, fiber, and shelter.

The virtues found in the lives of Isidore and Maria – commitment to family, love for the land, service to the poor and a deep spirituality – are qualities that still can be found in rural America. "We thank God for our rural lives, formed still by the rhythms of nature and church. With you, help us to rejoice in the relationships with God and each other. Isidore and Maria, pray for us." Amen.



St. Isidore Pray for us!

Fr. Bob



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**

Stay Safe. Stay Home. Stay Church

We will be adapting the reopening of public masses in accord with the new extended Stay at Home order. Streaming Sunday Mass will remain available on our webpage. Please continue to look for updates at www.stisidorechurch.org.

While public events are on hold, the Church is not cancelled! You are the Church, as you gather in prayer in your homes. Please continue to make room for prayer and spiritual reading during this time of staying at home! Know that, even though we may be separated, we are all gathered together in a special way as the Body of Christ. You are not alone!

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

Many blessings on the mothers, living and deceased, of our parish. Thank you for your example of love, patience and faith!



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

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, we 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'S INTENTIONS FOR PRIVATE MASS

SATURDAY — May 9		† Phyllis Izdebski by the Knights of Columbus
SUNDAY — May 10		† Jacqueline Ellis by Dale & Lorraine Constine
Monday		
Tuesday		† Mike Elliott by Gerald & Patricia Urick
Wednesday		People of the Parish
Thursday		† Max Hachandel by Chris & Kay Basgall
Friday		† Jeannie Merrill by Richard & Barbara Russell
SATURDAY — May 16		† Karen Quine by Frank, Meg, & Heather
SUNDAY — May 17		† Edna Hurst 25th Anniversary 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, - JANET ARTHUR, - PAM DELONG, - SUSAN DELONG, - THERESA HEEG, - LANA MIERSEN, - MARY STEIN, AGGIE CASSADY, - SHIRLEY GREENE, - MARY MAPES (MOTHER OF MIKE MAPES), - TERESA KECK, (SISTER OF PHYLLIS HART & HELEN STELZER), - DENNY LEE, - DAVID OLENICZAK, - JEANNE OLENICZAK, - DON ELLIOTT, - TONI DOYLE, - KEITH HURST, - MARY LOU DOYLE, - DAWN WRABEL, - 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, - LUCILLE SCHIFFER, LARRY HUGHES

Recently Deceased We Remember

William Thomas Duso
(Husband of Kathy Duso)
And also
Rev. Paul Cummings



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 - \$20,298 —18% parish participation
Holy Family - \$3,691—14% parish participation

