

When we hear an excerpt from a particular Gospel, it is easy to get the details and stories from all the Gospels all mixed up and combined into one. Theologian Gerhard Lohfink called this “making Gospel soup!” To understand today’s Gospel passage, we must realize that this is material particular to Matthew and in his telling it takes place right after the Resurrection. There has been no “doubting Thomas” or any of the other stories that we’ve heard since Easter.

How often have you made a plan at an event, saying, “If we get split up, just go back to the car and wait” or “Stay at the fountain in the mall—I’ll find you!” Earlier in Matthew, Jesus told the women at the tomb to tell the disciples, “If something happens, head back to Galilee” (28:10). This was the game plan and was both a geographic reference and a spiritual one. “Go back to what you know, what you remember.” They were confused and hurting, but did as Jesus said, returning to Galilee, specifically to the mountain where they had a powerful experience with him before. That would make it understandable that the disciples showed up but were a bit leery or doubting.

YOU’VE GOT THIS

Put yourself in the disciples’ shoes. This is May, the season of graduations, new jobs, new cars, marriages, and so many other transitions as young people strike out on their own. Jesus reminded the disciples, “I have the power, and I’ve been teaching you for three years. Now you have the power. Go. Make Disciples. Baptize in the name of the Trinity. Teach them what I taught you.” Surely the disciples were frightened, and Jesus must have felt both fear and pride. This was the moment that happens in every lifetime. It was time for these disciples, these students, his “children” to become the masters. And how did he reassure them? As parents and teachers and mentors have been doing for centuries. He smiled and reminded them, “Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” Or as we might say, “You’ve got this.”

Today’s Readings: Acts 1:1–11 Ps 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9; Eph 1:17–23; Mt 28:16–20

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NOTES FROM FR. BOB

- Public Masses will resume at St. Isidore - Holy Family on Sunday, May 31 with our regularly scheduled 9 am (St. Isidore) and 11 am (Holy Family) Masses. One private Saturday Vigil Mass will be celebrated on May 30 for those in the RCIA process and their families. Both weekday and weekend Masses will then proceed as regular.
- **The obligation upon all Catholics to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended across the Diocese of Lansing until, at least, July 31. Those who are ill or are in a higher risk population should refrain from attending Mass. I encourage our older population, even if otherwise healthy, to remain home for the time being.**
- Social distancing will be practiced for each household. Procedures will be in place to facilitate social distant seating, reception of communion, and dismissal.
- Participation will be limited to 25% church seating capacity (87 souls at St. Isidore and 62 souls at Holy Family).
- Doors will open 20 minutes prior to each Mass. If capacity is reached, a notice will be posted on the Church entrance. Please use the south main door at both locations.
- Masks or face coverings will be expected for all in the congregation. Each household is asked to bring their own hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes.
- The church will be cleaned after each Mass. (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)
- **The reopening of these public Masses will require specifically trained ushers to help with seating, communion, and dismissal. These ushers should not fall into any increased risk population, even if they are otherwise healthy. This requires a new generation of men and women to step forward and volunteer at both church locations. (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)
Please call Fr. Bob's cell or the St. Isidore office 517-651-6722**

This gradual reopening of Masses comes two months after the Diocese of Lansing suspended public liturgies in an attempt to help stem the spread of the COVID-19 virus which, so far, has stricken over 47,000 people across Michigan, killing at least 4,500. May they rest in peace.

Fr. Bob

Stay Safe. Stay Home. Stay Church

We will be adapting the reopening of public masses in accord with the 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!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

NO REF CLASSES
Holy Family & St. Isidore

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

June 10— Business Meeting— **(Zoom –see Fred for access)**

Knight of the Month: Paul Platte
Family of the Month: Ron & Lana Miersen
Family of the Year: Mike & Aloise Bachelder

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.

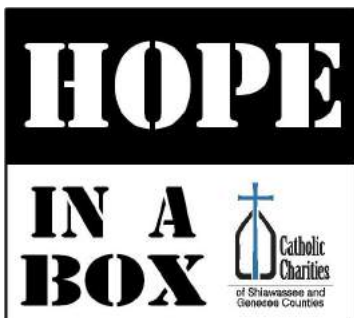


FR. BOB'S INTENTIONS FOR PRIVATE MASS

SATURDAY — May 23		† Fr. Joseph Aubin by Don & Vickie Csapos
SUNDAY — May 24		† Anna Hurst by Tom & Krys Rourke
Monday		
Tuesday		† Jim Jones by the Holy Family Altar Society
Wednesday		People of the Parish
Thursday		† Sheila Doyle by the Family
Friday		Reparations for Sins & Healing of Abuse Victims
SATURDAY — May 30		Daniel Fickes, Roger Hughes, Devon Phillips, Dennis Story
SUN. — May 31 — St Isidore	9:00 AM	† Harriet Delaney by Dave & Cheryl Lewis Family
SUN.—May 31— Holy Family	11:00 AM	† Anne V. Byrnes by Byron & Kristi Taylor

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, - 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 TEJCL, CARY LEN, LUCILLE SCHIFFER, LARRY HUGHES. LARRY MILLER



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 - \$22,131 —20% parish participation
Holy Family - \$4,040—15% parish participation

