

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Jesus said,  
"The kingdom of heaven  
may be likened to a man  
who sowed good seed in his field."

MATTHEW 13:24



We live in an instant world of microwaves and drive-throughs and a disposable society in which things quickly become obsolete, so today's message is very strange. In all the readings today, and especially in the Gospel, we see transformation, but it is not something that happens overnight, nor does it take place without effort. We are met with parables of a patient and loving God who can see a positive outcome at the end and is willing to wait and nourish us and help us all get there. The sower's seeds require a growth period and some careful sorting. To make the bread, one must knead it and wait patiently. In planting a mustard seed, something so tiny yields great results, but not until after completing a period of dormancy and waiting.

## WHAT IS OUR LEAVEN?

In our own growth, something usually spurs us on and calls us to change. For a young couple who find out they are expecting, this may be the impetus to "grow up"

and straighten out their spending habits. For another, perhaps a heart attack or prolonged illness calls one to wake up and gives one a second chance at life. Losing a job or a spouse or surviving a car accident may mean it is time for a "do-over." Isn't it amazing to realize that we are blessed with a tender, loving God who will walk through all these changes in our lives, who is cajoling us into a better self? Here is a God who doesn't pull the plug because of our sins, but is willing to wait and sort and "gather the wheat." Let us be grateful for this gift of loving mercy. Recall the simple prayer found in Psalm 86:15-16: "You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, / slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity. / Turn toward me, and have pity on me; / give your strength to your servant."

Today's Readings: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

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**Confession:** Wednesday 5:15 to 6:15 pm

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**Confession:** Saturdays 3:00 to 3:30 pm

# NOTES FROM FR. BOB



**Streaming Mass**— We need HELP!: I am looking for a few people to join our video team— volunteers that would take turns recording, editing, and uploading the 5:30 pm Saturday evening Mass at St. Isidore. Equipment and training/orientation/support will be provided. Please e-mail or call the parish office if you are interested. This would be a great experience for teens or young adults with some technical know-how.

**Open Wide Our Hearts:** In November of 2018, the Bishops of the United States released a pastoral letter against racism entitled, *Open Wide our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*. I am planning on facilitating an online **study/discussion** of this document during the month of August. This will take place on the Zoom platform and will likely consist of four sessions lasting approximately one hour each. If you are interested in participating in this online group please email me. We will discuss specifics once I get a feel for the interest.


Have a blessed week! Stay healthy, stay cool!

Fr. Bob  
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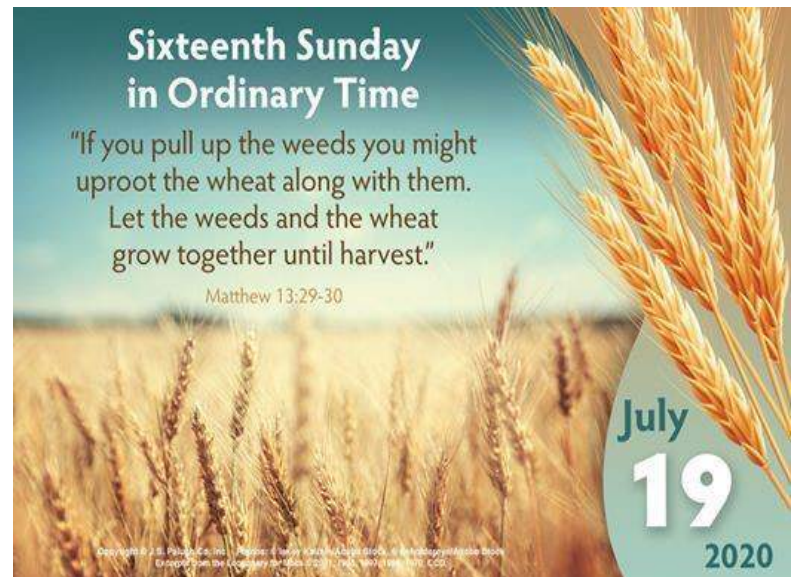

## OUTDOOR MASS

**Weather permitting the 11:00 am Sunday, Mass at Holy Family will be outdoors through the summer.**

**Please bring your own chair and practice social distancing.**



<b><u>MASS SCHEDULE</u></b>	
<b>Saturdays</b>	4:00 pm—Holy Family 5:30 pm—St. Isidore
<b>Sundays</b>	9:00 am—St. Isidore 11:00 am—Holy Family— <b>Outdoor Mass</b>
<b>Mondays</b>	No Mass
<b>Tuesdays</b>	12:10 pm—Holy Family
<b>Wednesdays</b>	6:30 pm—St. Isidore
<b>Thursdays</b>	8:30 am—St. Isidore
<b>Fridays</b>	8:30 am—St. Isidore



### 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 5:30 - 6:15pm**

**Holy Family, Ovid:**  
**Saturday 3:00 - 3:30pm**



### **GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING MASS**

Stay home if you are ill or experiencing fever, shortness of breath or cough.

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains lifted for Catholics in the Diocese of Lansing.

- ◆ Please wear a mask or face covering while in Church building.
- ◆ Respect appropriate social distancing between households.
- ◆ Sanitize hands while entering and before receiving Holy Eucharist.
- ◆ Assist our cleaning efforts by cleaning your pew section before and after use.
- ◆ Avoid use of Church bathrooms if possible.



### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)**

Virtual Vacation Bible School  
July 27—30  
10 am—11:30 am

**Registration is closed.**

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

July 20 Blood Drive (St Isidore Large Hall)  
July 22 Planning Meeting - **No Meeting**  
August 12 Business Meeting—Large Hall 7:00pm

**Knight of the Month:** Ray Raska  
**Family of the Month:** Fred & Therese Brusio  
**Family of the Year:** Mike & Aloise Bachelder

**Fall Yard Sale Cancelled** due of the risks and complications of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are canceling the September yard sale for this year. Thanks again for all of your support of yard sales over the years!

### **Thank you to Holy Family Church**

Fr. Lundsford writes: "Thank you for the congratulatory note on 60 years of priesthood. Your kind words and prayers are deeply appreciated. Know that you remain in my prayers and that I cherish many fond memories of my days with you."

**ELSIE FOOD BANK** will not be taking food donations at this time due to the virus. Monetary donations are still being accepted. Thanks for your understanding.

Elsie Food Bank  
P. O Box 311  
Elsie, MI 48817

Laingsburg Food Bank  
% Laingsburg United  
Methodist Church  
210 Crum Street  
Laingsburg, MI 48848

### **HOLY FAMILY MEN'S CLUB MEETING**

Sunday, July 26th  
Following 11:00 am Mass

The St. Isidore Gardeners wish to thank all who volunteered in the recent tree removal at the rectory. All the help was greatly appreciated!!



## **American Red Cross**

### **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

MON. JULY 20  
ST. ISIDORE CHURCH  
1:00 to 6:45 pm

Sponsored by: Knights of Columbus  
You can make a reservation by  
calling 800-733-2767 or by  
visiting <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>

### **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](http://www.stisidorechurch.org)). Envelopes can also be mailed to the parish office.

Thank you.



Online Giving

## MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

### ST ISIDORE, LAINGSBURG

Saturday—July 18—(5:30 PM) † Rev. Mark Berland by Chris & Kay Basgall

Sunday—July 19 (9:00 AM) † Jerry Goetschy by Lana Kaiser

Wednesday— July 22 — (6:30 PM) † Sheila Doyle by the Family

Thursday—July 23—(8:30 AM) † Bruce Horne by Chris & Kay Basgall

Friday—July 24 (8:30 AM) † Leon Lundie, Sr. by Mrs. Frances Lundie & Family

Saturday—July 25—(5:30 PM) † Don Smith by Rob & Debbie Powell

Sunday—July 26 (9:00 AM) † Gerald Saccucci by James Hurst

### HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday—July 18—(4:00 PM) † Julius Remenar by Rose Thering

Sunday—July 19 (11:00 AM) † Larry & Anne Byrnes by Larry & Peggy Brynes **(OUTDOOR MASS)**

Tuesday—July 21 - (12:10 PM) † Adrienne Boeck by Leonard Mitchell & Pat Latz

Saturday—July 25—(4:00 PM) † Charles & Marian Shipley by the Family

Sunday—July 26 (11:00 AM) † Shirley Palatka by Harold & Vivian Durling **(OUTDOOR MASS)**

**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), - MEREDITH MIERSEN (GRANDDAUGHTER OF RON & LANA MIERSEN), - JENN HILL MCCAUSEY, - HELEN STELZER, - JOSEPH NEUMANN— ARLENE GUTIERRES, (COUSIN OF JESSE ANGUIANO), VIRGINIA BERNAL (COUSIN OF JESSE ANGUIANO), MATTHEW BALCARCEL, (GRANDSON OF GARY & BARB KOONTER), CHARLES BERNAL (COUSIN OF JESSE ANGUIANO), - MARY CHADWICK

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), 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), BETTE ALEXANDER (FRIEND OF ROSEMARIE THERING), CHRIS CHANDLER, MILDRED TEJL, CARY LEN, LARRY HUGHES. CHERYL CHANDLER, LARRY MILLER, NANCY BEHRENS, ROBERT GALECKA

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY July 11 & 12 2020

#### St Isidore

Offertory—\$3,405  
ACH Electronic Offertory—\$845  
Online Giving—\$2,650  
Total: \$6,900

#### Holy Family

Offertory—\$1,537  
Online Giving—\$85  
Total: \$1,6226

### DSA COLLECTION STARTS -

*Happy The One Who Trusts In The Lord!*

DSA continues—Online at

**[www.dioceseoflansing.org/DSA](http://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 - \$24,610 —24% parish participation  
Holy Family - \$6,775—25% parish participation

