

The kingdom of heaven is like  
a merchant searching for fine pearls.  
When he finds a pearl of great price,  
he goes and sells all that he has  
and buys it.

MATTHEW 13:45-46



## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 26  
2020

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Jesus is speaking in parables and offers three different images for the kingdom of heaven. Remember that popular line from a phone commercial: "Can you hear me now?" Jesus is trying to teach and basically says, "Do you understand me now? Do you get it now? Then let me explain it another way." He is shedding light on just how very important his mission is, that the kingdom of God is the most important thing, and that we must make every choice, every effort to strive for it. To use a sports metaphor, Jesus is telling us we must not look for immediate satisfaction, but we must "play the long game" because in the end, this is the only thing that really matters.

### GIVING UNDERSTANDING TO THE SIMPLE

This message again seems very countercultural. We live in an age of instant gratification. Consumer debt is

at an all-time high. Houses get bigger and bigger and more luxurious. Instead of saying "I can't afford a new car," people stretch payments out over six or seven years in an attempt to afford the unaffordable. Today we are called to put it all in perspective, to follow the "pearl of great price," to put all things aside that we might seek the kingdom of God and reach our heavenly goal, our salvation. This may require a paradigm shift and making radical changes in our lifestyle, in how we spend our time, our money, our energy, how we define what is important to us. May each of us find the wisdom of Solomon to guide us in making the right choices.

Today's Readings: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

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Confession: Saturdays 3:00 to 3:30 pm

# NOTES FROM FR. BOB



Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that you are knocking on the door of the month of August! I hope you are finding new ways to enjoy the beauty of this summer season. Perhaps our current restrictions can be an invitation for us to take closer notice of the countless simple blessings we experience day-to-day.

**Monday Night Rosary:** Our Knights of Columbus have organized a Monday evening zoom rosary for all members of the parish. What a great way for us to join together in prayer in our time of need. Please consider joining in — every Monday night in August, 7:30 pm. See the bulletin for more information. Unable to use zoom? No problem... pray the rosary wherever you are at 7:30 pm!

**Virtual VBS:** I am very impressed by the work of Mrs. Mary Stevens and staff members from surrounding parishes who have teamed up to offer a virtual Vacation Bible School for our young ones. This will take place via zoom this week. I look forward to joining in the fun. Thank you to those of you who registered!

**Realignment of Resources for Mission:** You may recall reading about the Diocese of Lansing's 'Realignment of Resources for Mission' committee — a 14-member committee charged with reviewing how the resources of the Diocese of Lansing can best be used to better serve and evangelize all those who live within the bounds of the diocese. I am one of the 5 priests that serve on this committee. Over the next year, we will work to gather information and discern how parishes might be able to work together more effectively. Please keep this process in your prayers and look for future opportunities to provide input and feedback. I will be offsite the following two Thursdays for meetings of this committee (notice no daily Mass on these days).

God's continued blessings!

Fr. Bob Bacik

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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.**



### **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturdays**— 4:00 pm—Holy Family  
5:30 pm—St. Isidore

**Sundays**— 9:00 am—St. Isidore  
11:00 am—Holy Family-**Outdoor Mass**

**Mondays**— No Mass

**Tuesdays**— 12:10 pm—Holy Family

**Wednesdays**—6:30 pm—St. Isidore

**Thursdays**— 8:30 am—St. Isidore

**Fridays**— 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.



**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

### **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.



### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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 Bruso  
**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!

### **ROSARY MINISTRY—Mondays 7:30 pm**

Our Knights of Columbus will sponsor a weekly online **Rosary Ministry** on Mondays at 7:30pm starting on August 3. We will be using the ZOOM video conferencing app for this. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, you can sign up on our website, [stisidorechurch.org](http://stisidorechurch.org). We are also looking for individuals and/or families to lead specific decades of the rosary. If you're interested, please put an \*asterisk\* after your last name in the sign up. Prior to each weekly event, you will receive an email which will include the link to the ZOOM meeting as well as instructions for using ZOOM and praying the rosary (including prayers, mysteries, and prayer intentions). If you have any questions about this ministry, please call the office.





## MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

### ST ISIDORE, LAINGSBURG

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

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

Wednesday— July 29 — (6:30 PM) † Harriet Delaney by Bruce & Barbara Martin

Thursday—July 30—**NO MASS**

Friday—July 31 (8:30 AM) † Fr. Mark Berland by Chris & Kay Berland

Saturday—August 1—(5:30 PM) † Deceased Members of the Burgess Family

Sunday—August 2 (9:00 AM) Special Intentions of the Basgall Family

### HOLY FAMILY, OVID

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**)

Tuesday—July 28 - (12:10 PM) **NO MASS**

Saturday—August 1—(4:00 PM) † Sandy VanGeertruy by the Family

Sunday—August 2 (11:00 AM) † Deceased Members of the VanGeertruy Family (**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, - CATHERINE FLORIAN

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 TEJCL, CARY LEN, LARRY HUGHES. CHERYL CHANDLER, LARRY MILLER, NANCY BEHRENS, ROBERT GALECKA, AUBREY KIEL

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY July 18 & 19, 2020

**St Isidore**  
Offertory—\$1,690  
Online Giving—\$1,200  
Total: \$2,890

**Holy Family**  
Offertory—\$2,450  
Online Giving—\$35  
Total: \$2,485

### 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 - \$25,055 —25% parish participation  
Holy Family - \$7,128—27% parish participation

