

JULY
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Jesus said,
"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart;
and you will find rest for yourselves."

Matthew 11:29

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We live in an age and a society that has never been more educated or had a higher standard of living, yet never have we carried as much debt. Many are living beyond their means. We have so many resources and time-saving devices at our hands, yet our lives are more complex than ever. While many people may not engage in extreme manual labor we rarely escape our jobs. Many are connected through phones and constantly receive calls, texts, and emails. Others spend hours in traffic on their daily commutes or pack on the frequent flyer miles.

We spend hours binge-watching our favorite shows. Many children are accustomed to being in front of a screen all the time and no longer know how to play creatively. The statistics for those who continue to leave the Church and all forms of organized religion also continue to rise.

While there is no such thing as a "good old days" to return to, there was something to be said for sleeping soundly after putting in a good day's work, and for a family gathering around the table for a shared meal. For many, this model for eucharist rarely exists. Jesus knows and feels our pains, and

calls out, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

IT'S NOT ROCKET SCIENCE

So how do we declutter? Downsize? Devote ourselves again to Christ and live out our gospel calling? Sign up for a liturgical ministry, or volunteer to help with a religion program. Join a small faith group. Volunteer at a food pantry or Habitat for Humanity. Become involved as an individual, or a family. Meanwhile, back at the house, make a commitment to go through one drawer a day, and take things to your local St. Vinnie's or secondhand store. Remember meal and bedtime prayers. Find a minute to read the daily scriptures. Take many baby steps. It's not rocket science. It is a continual commitment to bring ourselves as we are, and to respond to Jesus' call to "Come."

Today's Readings: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

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Confession: Wednesday 5:15 to 6:15 pm

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Saturday Mass: 4:00 pm - Sunday Mass 11:00 am

Confession: Saturdays 3:00 to 3:30 pm

NOTES FROM FR. BOB



Happy Fourth of July: This weekend we celebrate the birth of American independence. We have inherited a wonderful gift that was built off of the determination and sacrifice of so many women and men who have gone before us. The history of our great country is marked by countless examples of the best of humanity. This same history is also marked by many grievous sins and embarrassing expressions of greed and corruption. Yet we move forward— together— working for the common good, working always to be better. Our country needs our prayers, and our country needs ordinary men and women, faithful citizens, to demonstrate the power of unity and reconciliation. God bless the United States!

Outdoors Mass (UPDATE): Weather permitting, the 11 am **Sunday Mass** at Holy Family on July 12 will be held outside. Bring your own seating and please observe and respect social distancing. The rest of the weekend’s Mass schedule will remain as usual.

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 at frbob@stisidorechurch.org. I understand that not everyone is able to use online tools such as Zoom. If there is enough interest I would be happy to offer an in-person option this Fall.



INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER

GRACIOUS AND LOVING GOD, LET YOUR SPIRIT BE WITH US TODAY. HEAR OUR PRAYERS, AND INCREASE IN US THE WILL TO FOLLOW YOUR SON JESUS. HELP US TO DRAW ON THE RESOURCES OF OUR FAITH AS WE USE THE OPPORTUNITIES OF OUR DEMOCRACY TO SHAPE A SOCIETY MORE RESPECTFUL OF THE LIFE, DIGNITY, AND RIGHTS OF THE HUMAN PERSON, ESPECIALLY THE POOR AND VULNERABLE. WE ASK THIS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.

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.



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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

Virtual Vacation Bible School

July 27—30

10 am—11:30 am

Contact Mary Stevens for sign up information
marystevens@stisidorechurch.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

July 8 Business Meeting - To Be Determined
July 20 Blood Drive (St Isidore Large Hall)

Knight of the Month: Father Bob

Family of the Month: St. Isidore & Holy Family

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!



**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/>

BABY PANTRY OF ELSIE

Asking for **laundry detergent**. Please leave your donations in the entryway of the church at Holy Family.



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.



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

ST ISIDORE, LAINGSBURG

Saturday—July 4—(5:30 PM) † Harriet Delaney by Jack & Julie Risch
Sunday—July 5 (9:00 AM) † Phyllis Izdebski by Corwin & Jeannette Parker
Wednesday— July 8 — (6:30 PM) † Leon Lundie, Sr. by Mrs. Frances Lundie and Family
Thursday—July 9—(8:30 AM) † Rev. Evan Henkins by Chris & Kay Basgall
Friday—July 10 (8:30 AM) † Theresa A. Broughan by James & Janice Hein
Saturday—July 11—(5:30 PM) † Tom Wrobel 5th Anniversary by the Family
Sunday—July 12 (9:00 AM) † Anna Hurst by Gary & Barb Koonter

HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday—July 4—(4:00 PM) † M/M Lawrence White by Greg & Margaret White
Sunday—July 5 (11:00 AM) † Fr. Raymond Urbanek by Joe Lorio Family
Tuesday—July 7 - (12:10 PM) In Honor of Fr. Bob's 5th Anniversary of Ordination by Joe Lorio Family
Saturday—July 11—(4:00 PM) † Richard Rodgers by Gale Waddell
Sunday—July 12 (11:00 AM) † Irene Lorio by Joe Lorio 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, - 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)

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), JANÉ 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 TEJKA, CARY LEN, LARRY HUGHES. CHERYL CHANDLER, LARRY MILLER, NANCY BEHRENS, ROBERT GALECKA

WEEKLY OFFERTORY June 27 & 28, 2020

St Isidore
Offertory—\$2,027
Online Giving—\$635
Total: \$2,662

Holy Family
Offertory—\$2,400
Online Giving—\$35
Total: \$2,435

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 - \$24, 235 –23% parish participation
Holy Family - \$5,105—21% parish participation

