

**Christ Summoning Saint Peter
to Walk on the Water, after 1627**
After Giovanni Lanfranco, Italian, 1582-1647
Chicago Institute of Art (COI)

Peter said to Jesus,
"Lord, if it is you, command me
to come to you on the water."

Matthew 14:28

Nineteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 9, 2020

In Matthew's Gospel, Peter often serves as a representative of Jesus' other disciples, and of all who strive to follow Jesus. When Peter desires to imitate Jesus by walking on the water in the middle of the storm, maybe wishing to show how strong his faith is, he encounters his own limitations and his need to be rescued by Jesus. Jesus then says to Peter, with tenderness as well as with challenge, "O you of little faith." Jesus accepted the fragile and limited faith of Peter and the other disciples and loved them unconditionally.

The early church identified with Peter, as people with a "little" faith. Their faith was not fully mature, nor as extraordinary as others' faith might seem to be. But they knew that their faith, however small or imperfect, was real and true. We might remember that our own "little" faith is cherished by God. God loves us as we are, and always seeks to form us toward a fully mature Christian life of faith.

GROUNDING IN GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

Today's passage from Saint Paul's letter to the Roman begins an extended reflection, in Chapters 9-11, of Paul's coming to

terms with the mixed but generally negative reception of his fellow Jews toward his proclamation of Christ. He was concerned for the Jewish people certainly, but also for the members of the early church, who were both Jew and Gentile. His primary concern was that their Christian faith should always be grounded in God's faithfulness. So Paul rejected any notion that God somehow had abandoned Israel or God's covenant with them.

As Catholic teaching confirms, especially in the Second Vatican Council, the Church shares with the Jewish people in the tradition of God's faithfulness. We are to acknowledge and repent of the Church's participation and complicity in the darkness of anti-Semitism, both in the past and today. We pray continually with and for the Jewish people as our sisters and brothers in faith.

Today's Readings: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14;
Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

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Confession: Saturdays 3:00 to 3:30 pm

NOTES FROM FR. BOB



Dear Friends,

This weekend's Gospel calls us to **TRUST in the Lord**. Trust does not mean that we do not take the dangers around us seriously. It means that in the midst of any situation we keep our eyes on Jesus, our ultimate hope. We journey on in TRUST. Keep your eyes fixed on Him.

THANK YOU! Through these difficult months, many of our parishioners have been very faithful and generous with their financial stewardship. Many have signed up for online giving, mailed, or dropped off your contribution envelope on a regular basis. We remain in a financially healthy position as a parish. A more detailed financial report with year-end figures will be provided in weeks to come.

ONLINE GIVING: Many have told me that they are very pleased with the new online platform that allows for secure online giving. Go to www.supportyourchurch.com and select St. Isidore - Holy Family. You are able to give a one time or recurring donation.

Diocesan Service Appeal: Thank you for your generosity towards this year's Diocesan Service Appeal. We were not yet merged at the beginning of the appeal so we had two separate goals. St. Isidore Church was the first in the diocese to meet their goal and now have surpassed it by \$5,000 (money which is now returned to the parish). Holy Family still has just over \$4,000 to go to meet its goal and I am hopeful that we meet the goal soon. Both churches are at about a 20% participation rate. It is vitally important that we support the mission of the wider Church of the Diocese of Lansing. If you have not yet contributed, please consider adding the DSA to your financial stewardship plans.

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!

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Because the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on a Saturday this year, the obligation to attend Mass is dropped. Yet, the Assumption is an important holy day to observe. An Assumption Mass will be celebrated at St. Isidore Parish on Friday, August 14, 2020 at 6:00 PM. By God's mercy, Mary has been assumed body and soul into heavenly glory where she prays for us unceasingly. We rejoice in God's salvation and with Mary our mother and model.

Ray Rodriguez on Concert! Following Mass for the Assumption, join your parish family for some socially distant fun at Pine Hills Golf Course in Laingsburg. Our own parishioner, Ray Rodriguez, will take the "stage" on August 14 at 7pm. Bring a lawn chair and mask. Food and beverages available for sale.

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.

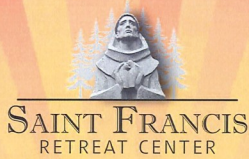
Please bring your own chair and practice social distancing.

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



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Or call St. Francis at 517-669-8321

RESPIRE — ROCK-A-THON Aug 19th—10 am to 12:30 pm

Respite volunteers of Shiawassee are having a Rock-A-Thon. St. Isidore's Paula Harris is asking support as she joins in this very worthy cause. The dollars raised will help Respite Volunteers to continue the goal of providing a gift of time and caring support to adults with persistent health needs and their families. Respite volunteers are serving over 100 families every month. Please see Paula Harris or donate online at www.respitevolunteers.org. Nonprofits are struggling during this pandemic. Thank you for your support.



Online Contributions

We invite you to use our new online platform found on our webpage (www.stisidorechurch.org) or www.supportyourchurch.com

Envelopes can also be mailed to the parish office.

Thank you.



Online Giving

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

August 12 Business Meeting—Large Hall 7:00pm

Knight of the Month: Ray Raska

Family of the Month: Fred & Therese Bruso

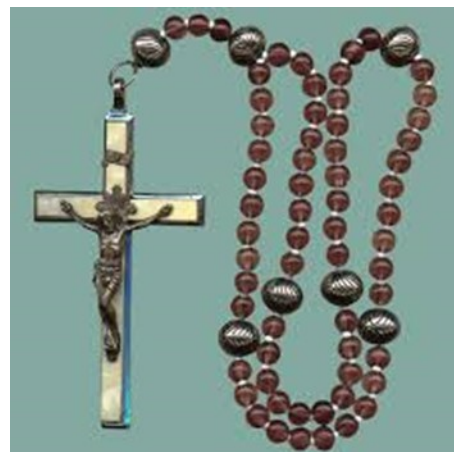
Family of the Year: Mike & Aloise Bachelder

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. 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—August 8—(5:30 PM) † Don Smith by Gerald & Barbara Gialanella

Sunday—August 9—(9:00 AM) † Shirley Greene by Gary & Barb Koonter

Wednesday—August 12—(6:30 PM) † Phyllis Izdebski by the Knights of Columbus

Thursday—August 13—**NO MASS**

Friday—August 14—**6:00 PM—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**—Leon Lundie, Sr. by
Mrs. Frances Lundie & Family

Saturday—August 15—(5:30 PM) † Steve Orlando by Jerry & Barb Gialanella

Sunday—August 16—(9:00 AM) † Karen Brown by Tim, Stacy, Jacob, & Thomas

HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday—August 8—(4:00 PM) † Fr. Raymond Urbanek by Leonard Mitchell & Pat Latz

Sunday—August 9 - (11:00 AM) † Lynn Bolton 11th Anniversary by the Family **(OUTDOOR MASS)**

Tuesday—August 11 - (12:10 PM) For the People of the Parish

Saturday—August 15—(4:00 PM) † John & Mary Ladiski by Jim & Pat Ziola

Sunday—August 16- (11:00 AM) † Creigh Bisson by the 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, - RON HART

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 GARCAS, 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, AUBREY KIEL

WEEKLY OFFERTORY Aug 1 & 2, 2020

St Isidore
Offertory—\$2,172
Online Giving—\$925
Total: \$3,097

Holy Family
Offertory—\$2,030
Online Giving—\$35
Total: \$2,065

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all who prayed and sent cards after the passing of Shirley Greene. All were very comforting to our family. ~~The Clare Greene Family

DSA COLLECTION

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

