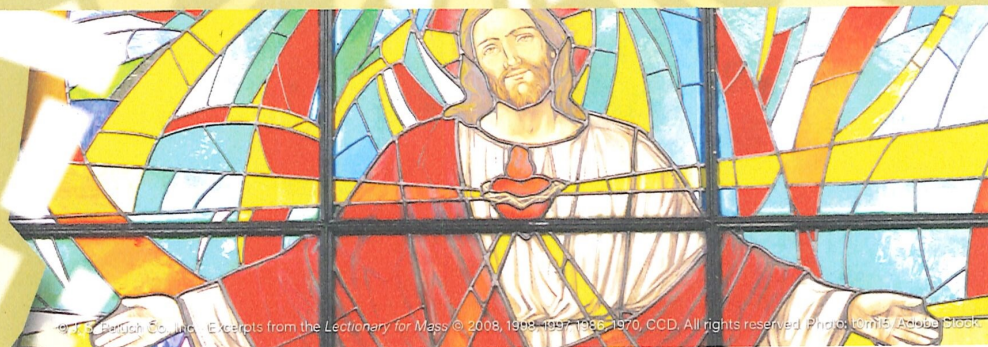


MAY 16, 2021

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

God is love,
and whoever
remains in love
remains in God
and God in them.

1 JOHN 4:16



As we near the end of the Easter season, the readings lead us to keep the big picture of Christ's Paschal Mystery—Jesus' life and ministry, passion, death, and resurrection—and the impact it is to have in our lives at the center of all that we are and do. We who have been drawn to Christ through baptism are called to take on the mind, heart, and life of our Lord. Jesus, who is God's love incarnate, shows us the extent of God's love and calls us to live this love in the world. We live in the world but do not belong to it. Ultimately, we belong to God. When we show love, especially when we sacrifice for the sake of another, we share in Christ's saving love, building a bridge between God and humanity in Christ's name.

MADE SACRED IN TRUTH

Jesus prayed to God the Father about his disciples, "Consecrate them in the truth." To consecrate is to make holy. Jesus asks God to make us holy in the truth of

God's love which is poured upon us through the Holy Spirit. Think about this: we call the moment in which the bread and wine at Mass become the Body and Blood of Christ the consecration. The bread and wine are transformed and made sacred, holy. Remember, too, that as the gifts are brought forward for consecration, we join our lives, gifts, and resources in prayer, asking God to bless us, to consecrate us as well. In baptism, we are consecrated—we are set apart in Christ's love. Knowing this should make a difference in the way we live our lives. Our consecration should be the benchmark for our attitudes and actions, the choices and decisions we make each day. What does it mean to you to be consecrated, to be called to holiness? How does this affect the way you live?

Today's Readings: Acts 1:15–17, 20a, 20c–26;
Ps 103:1–2, 11–12, 19–20; 1 Jn 4:11–16; Jn 17:11b–19

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NOTES FROM FR. BOB

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Ascension. As Jesus prepares to depart, he entrusts his mission to the disciples, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." This mission continues with each one of us today at St. Isidore-Holy Family. We proclaim the gospel by word and example to all those around us.

Mark your calendar for the upcoming outdoor masses to mark my last weekend as your pastor. I have been so incredibly blessed to have served St. Isidore-Holy Family for the past three years. As I look forward to my transition to St. Gerard, I ask for your ongoing prayers. The last weekend in June will be my last weekend with you. We have planned an outdoor mass at both Holy Family and St. Isidore for this weekend. Some form of food and fellowship will be provided following Mass; more details soon. I hope you can participate. A visiting priest will be celebrating the additional regularly scheduled Masses this weekend (i.e., Saturday 5:30 pm at St. Isidore and the Sunday 11:00 am at Holy Family)

Saturday, June 26
Holy Family, Ovid
4:00 pm Outdoor Mass, Parish Grounds

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

If the COVID-19 situation across our part of Michigan continues to improve, it is my intention to lift the dispensation from attending Sunday Mass as of Pentecost, May 22-23, 2021. The dispensation remains in place, of course, for those who have serious reasons not to attend.

To welcome you and your loved ones back to Sunday Mass, I am sending each family in the diocese a blessed candle representing, as it does, the Light of the World, Jesus Christ. I am also sending you a prayer card to help you pray with the candle in the eight days following Pentecost. *Veni Sancte Spiritus!* Come Holy Spirit!

Assuring you of my prayers, I am sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Earl
Bishop of Lansing

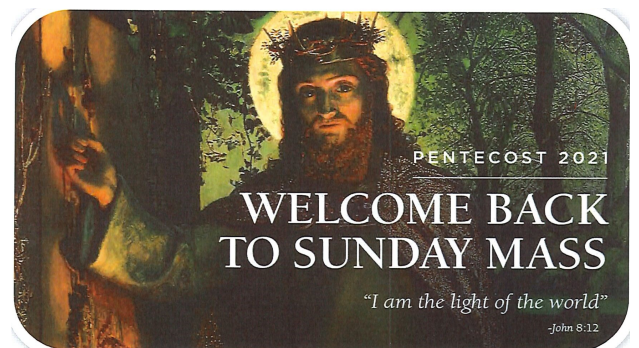
Sunday, June 27
St. Isidore, Laingsburg
10:00 am Outdoor Mass, McClintock Park

Congratulations to our young people who celebrated their First Communion this weekend and last. Our parish community is so very proud of you. We pray that you will continue to grow in your relationship with Jesus over the years. Thank you to our parents and catechists who helped prepare these six boys and girls for this beautiful day.

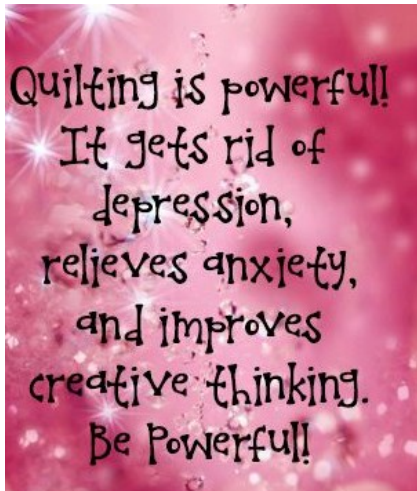
Happy Feast of St. Isidore! (May 15) From the opening prayer for Mass said on that day: "Lord God, to whom belongs all creation, and who call us to serve you by caring for the gifts that surround us, inspire us by the example of Saint Isidore to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of all people."

Have a Blessed Week!

Fr. Bob



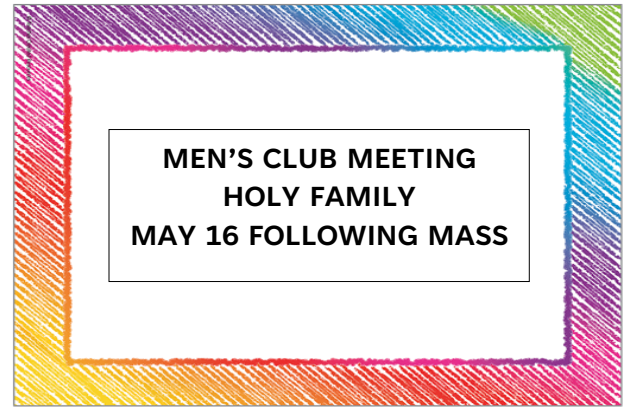
QUILTING NOTES. . . The quilting group is back and sewing. After more than a year's "vacation", the group met this past Thursday with 11 people, ready and willing to make a difference by making quilts for others! It was a joyous occasion and filled with laughter and chatter. Some work has been done on a crazy quilt, sorting of material and more. Consider this your personal invitation to join our group on Thursday mornings from 9 til noon. Call Cindy with any questions.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knight of the Month: Jim Leathers

Family of the Month: Steve & Mary Izdebski



WINGS MEETING

All women of the parish are invited to the next WINGS meeting on Thursday May 20th from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. We will be focusing on Mary since it is the month of May, and we will be taking up a collection of money to donate to Hospice House of Shiawassee Co.

College-Age Summer Small Group

Whether you are wanting to learn more about Catholicism or looking to go deeper in your relationship with Christ this small group is for you! If your interested in learning more or joining our group this summer there will be an informational meeting on Monday the 17th at 7pm in the small hall. Questions? Email Reanna Byrnes (contact office for email address)

2021 Graduation Masses

All 2021 Graduating Seniors are urged to attend the Mass wearing their caps and gowns and any honor cords, etc. Please meet in the hall 15 minutes before Mass to process in with Father Bob. There are several high schools in the area; please share the information with all Seniors and extend this invitation.

Holy Family—May 16 at 11:00 am

St. Isidore—May 23 at 9:00 am



MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

ST. ISIDORE, LAINGSBURG

Saturday—May 15 —(5:30 PM) † Ed & Tom Wrobel by the Family
Sunday — May 16 —(9:00 AM) † Bill Duso by Connie Cameron
Wednesday— May 19—(6:30 PM) † Shirley Greene by the Knights of Columbus
Thursday— May 20—(8:30 AM) † Fr. Evan Harkins by Chris & Kay Basgall
Friday— May 21—(8:30 AM) People of the Parish
Saturday—May 22 —(5:30 PM) † Harriet Delaney by Steve & Mary Izdebski
Sunday — May 23 —(9:00 AM) † Greg & Cheryl Hutchings by the Family

HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday—May 15—(4:00 PM) † Karen Quine by Frank, Meg, and Heather
Sunday—May 16- (11:00 AM) † Barb Rewerts by Jack & Diane Kusnier
Tuesday— May 18—(12:10 PM) † Frances Mazzoline by Sid & Angie Wittenberg
Saturday—May 22—(4:00 PM) † Fred & Margorie Peryer by the Smith Family
Sunday—May 23- (11:00 AM) Aunt Micky Chapko by Mike & Barb Chapko

PRAYERS: PLEASE PRAY FOR John Bachelder (Brother of Mike Bachelder), Tricia Bradfield Brown, Archie Schebester (Friend of Jesse Anguiano), Theresa Pickler (Friend of Jesse Anguiano), Lois Morris, Gene Stoner & Family, Autumn Michels, Pamela & Dan Morgan, Tori Martens, Tom & Mary Hughly (Friends of RoseMarie Thering), Charles Shipley (Brother of Marian Horsley), Janice Smith, Hugh Smith, Mike Schiffer, Beth Ann Elliott (Daughter of Don & Denise), Clarence Dell, Craig & Caren Henning, (Nephew & Niece of Leonard Mitchell) Connie Weller, Vince Minarik, (Son-in-Law of Leonard Mitchell), Terri Sue (Daughter-in-Law of Leonard Mitchell). Pat Latz, Brad Walker, Virginia Bernal (Cousin of Jesse Anguiano), Marge Martella (Mother of Mary Stevens), Fr. Mathias Thelen

Please contact the office to add or remove names from the prayer list.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY May 8 & 9 2021

St. Isidore Offertory - \$2,467
Holy Family Offertory - \$1,536
Online Offertory - \$1,540
TOTAL: - \$5,543



Remember our service members in your prayers:

Taylor Earl Parsons—Air Force—Space Force
Aubrey Hurst—National Guards
Christian Garza
Fr. Brandon Oman—Air Force
LTC Nathan Cooley - USN
MSGT Joshua Delaney - Air Force
Alexandra Cultra - Navy

(To add names, - contact the office.)



MEMORIAL FOR GREG & CHERYL HUTCHINGS Sunday, May 23

The Family of Greg & Cheryl Hutchings will have a 9:00 am Mass at St. Isidore's, followed by a memorial at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Laingsburg. There will be a small gathering in the large hall following the memorial.

