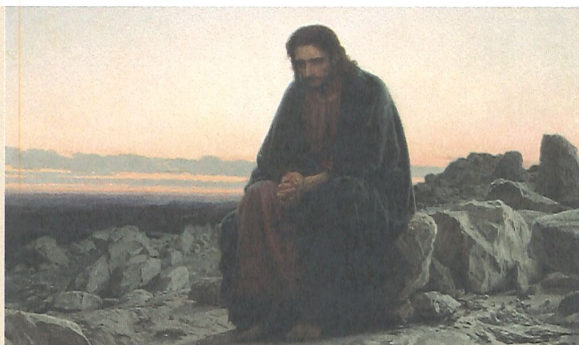


First Sunday of LENT



March 6, 2022

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.

Luke 4:1-2

In the chapter of Luke preceding today's Gospel, Jesus was baptized in the Jordan and began his adult ministry. Immediately afterward he was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tested. While this might seem almost surreal as we imagine the devil taking Jesus from place to place, it is really much more simple and common than that. For many of us, as we strive to live our lives, we deal with many temptations. Sometimes it is a matter of having the zeal and desire, but not the practical experience or knowledge to carry out a goal. Other times, we are afraid to ask for the assistance that we need to carry a project through to completion. Or we might think that we deserve more, or that our results should be happening more quickly. Our egos can be destructive.

KNOWING YOUR TOUCHSTONES

When Jesus found himself tested by the devil, he was given several different scenarios. The devil brought up situ-

ations that he knew could specifically test Jesus, but similar situations would test any of us. Physical hunger is a real need, and many of us might yearn for success, or better paying jobs, or power, or the like. The difference is that when Jesus was tempted, he had some strong "touchstones" to hold onto, secure answers to lead him. He went to simple, basic scriptures that he could call upon in his time of need. For many, one of those basics would be Jeremiah, "I know the plans I have in mind for you—plans for peace and not disaster." For another it might be the Beatitudes or the twenty-third Psalm. Whatever it may be, have ready those touchstones, those "go to" prayers or phrases that you can hold onto during the times when you are sorely tested in your life. Let those stones be your firm foundation.

Today's Readings: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

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Notes from Fr. Anthony ...

Staring is impolite – except in this one case.

We have all window shopped at one time or another and most likely still do on occasion. There is something about gazing at the object of your desire and knowing that if you save your money *or* just not pay a particular bill or debt that week – you can have it. It might be a shiny new carburetor, a beautiful dress or coat, a particular piece of furniture or some other object gripping us. The sight of it causes us to pause, gaze and even dream. Today we are going to look at one of the objects connected with exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, when staring is not only permitted but encouraged.

The **MONSTRANCE** or **OSTENSORIUM** (from the Latin *monstrare* and *ostendere* = to show) is a crucial part for exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. It traces back to the Middle Ages, around the 13th century, when Eucharistic adoration started becoming more common (*think Corpus Christi, processions etc.*). At that time there were a few various designs, but beginning around the 15th century the monstrance took on more of the standard form we usually see which is called a “**solar monstrance**”. This design is not by accident or merely for good looks, it is theological and natural in its reasoning; in order that Christ - the light of the world - be in the center, the source from which all goodness and graces radiate as the sun sends its rays to us for warmth and light - hence the designation *solar monstrance*. There should also be a visible cross, which is usually on the top. Sometimes we see different designs – in the shape of a cross, a cathedral, with the Blessed Virgin Mary or angels – those are all acceptable but not the norm. Many of the so called “modern styles” of monstrance make one shudder at the thought that someone actually paid for what looks like a welding experiment or scrap metal collection. Now that I have officially aired that grievance, we return to the topic at hand. The Monstrance – as with all liturgical vessels that touch the Sacred Species – should be made of metal, except the middle which is made of thicker glass than usual. The area surrounding the center where the glass is should be made of or at least coated by a precious metal. The monstrance itself is often made of brass and the solar center and rays are either made of or clad with silver or gold. In the center, the Body of Christ is contained in what is called a **Melchizedek** - because he brought the bread and wine to Abraham and blessed him in the name of God. Sometimes it is called a **luna/ lunette** - due to some styles being shaped as a quarter moon to grip hold the host at the bottom. As with all things that come in contact with the Blessed Sacrament, the monstrance and Melchizedek are an integral part of the practice of our faith as it allows our Lord to be seen by us and to see us, face to face.

Fr. Anthony



EASTER CHOIR

We are organizing a choir for the Easter Vigil Mass. If you would like to join us for practice, we will meet at **St. Isidore's at 6:00 PM on Sunday evenings**, starting March 6. Previous experience is not necessary. All that is required is the desire to praise God in song.



QUILTING QUIPS... Did you forget to come and check out what the quilters were doing last week? Don't despair, we will meet again this Thursday at 9 am and work on our next “masterpiece”! All are welcome!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS — FISH FRY

Stations of the Cross-6:30 pm / 5:30 pm Confessions

March 11—St. Isidore
March 18—Holy Family
March 25—St. Isidore
April 1—Holy Family
April 8—St. Isidore



Lenten Fish Fry at Holy Family—4:30—7:00 pm

March 11
March 25
April 8

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Thurs.— Quilting Ministry —9:00 am —Holy Family
 Mar. 11—Fish Fry—4:30—7pm—Holy Family
 Mar. 11 — 6:30 pm—St. Isidore—Stations of Cross
 Mar. 12 —8:00-9:30 am —TMIY at Holy Family
 Mar. 17—1 —2:30 pm—WINGS at St. Isidore
 Mar. 17—6:00 pm—St. Patrick's Dinner—St. Isidore
 Mar. 18—6:30 pm—Holy Family- Stations of Cross
 Mar. 19—6-8 pm —Youth Group at Holy Family

Religious Education Formation—REF

Holy Family—9:50—10:50 am—Sundays

St. Isidore—10:15—11:15 am—Sundays

Questions: Email—
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

March 9—Business Meeting—7:00 pm

Knight of the Month: Andrew Braun

Family of the Month: Fred & Therese Bruso

ELSIE FOOD PANTRY

Just a reminder to Holy Family members ---- We are still gathering food items for the Elsie Food Pantry for our community. The "basket" for the donated items is now located in the Church hall. Food items, personal hygiene items, paper products are all needed to support this community service. If you have any questions concerning the operation of the Food Pantry, please contact Ann Trierweiler or Vivian Durling who are both members of the Food Pantry Board. Your donations are greatly appreciated ---- Blessings to All.

ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

St. Isidore Knights of Columbus will be offering their traditional Irish dinner (corned beef & cabbage, carrots & potatoes, potato pancakes, soda bread and dessert) on St Patrick's Day, Thursday, March 17 at 6:00 pm. Dine-in or takeout will be available. All for your free will donation. Please sign up in advance at either church or on the parish website—stisidorechurch.org

Please bring old palms in to be burned for next year's ashes.



**"STIR UP ONE
 ANOTHER TO
 love and good works"**

Hebrews 10:24

DSA STARTS NEXT WEEKEND—MARCH 12 & 13

"Stir up one another to love and good works." This scripture text is a call to discipleship. St. Paul urges us to action – to reflect the light of Christ in the love and good works that we offer others today

DSA is one opportunity to exhibit discipleship, to participate personally in the many good works of our Church in communion with fellow Catholics. Our contributions are put to work, right away, in a multitude of ministries to offer direct assistance to individuals and families and to parishes, Catholic schools, and Catholic Charities agencies.

Our 2022 goal will be St. Isidore combine with Holy Family—**\$32,827**. Just a reminder that **checks must be made out to either church, NOT DSA or the Diocese.**

WINGS (Women in God's Service) will be starting their 2022 season on Thursday, March 17th at 1pm until 2:30 in the small hall. We will be learning more about St. Patrick and planning for our future meetings. Also will be sharing some green treats. Hope to see you then.

FISH FRY #1 REPORT:

The Holy Family Activities Group held their first fish fry on Feb. 25th. At the end of the night, we served 148 people! As always, everyone enjoyed a great dinner and hopefully will be back again on the 11th of March. Pass the word to friends and family to come join us for a wonderful fish dinner! We really want to serve more people! See you on the 11th! (Volunteers always welcome, see the sign up sheet by the kitchen.)



ST. ISIDORE, LAINGSBURG**MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK**

Saturday—Mar. 5—(5:30 PM) Poor Souls in Purgatory
 Sunday — Mar. 6 —(9:00 AM) † Patrick Hurst by Tom & Krys Rourke
 Wednesday— Mar. 9— (6:30 PM) † Beverly Ann Cords by the Knights of Columbus
 Thursday— Mar. 10—(8:30 AM) † Collene Smith by the Family
 Friday—Mar. 11—(8:30 AM) † Marilyn Kiel by Paul Platte
 Saturday—Mar. 12—(5:30 PM) † Russ Jorae by Don & Mary Thelen
 Sunday — Mar. 13 —(9:00 AM) † Patrick McMonagle by Robert & Mary Shaw

HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday—Mar. 5- (4:00 PM) † Dr. & Mrs. E. M. Slagh by Michael Slagh
 Sunday—Mar. 6—(11:00 AM) † Fr. Raymond Urbanek by Mike & Barb Chapko
 Tuesday— Mar. 8—(12:10 PM) † Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence White by Greg & Margaret White
 Thursday - Mar. 10 - (6:30 PM) † Paul Ladiski by George & Paula Harris
 Saturday—Mar. 12- (4:00 PM) † Bernie Mitchell 10th Anniversary by Leonard, Family & Friends
 Sunday—Mar. 13—(11:00 AM) Rosemarie Goodwin by Eleanore Schussmann

PRAYERS: PLEASE PRAY FOR Archie Schebester (Friend of Jesse Anguiano), Theresa Pickler (Friend of Jesse Anguiano), Pamela & Dan Morgan, Tori Martens, Tom & Mary Hughly (Friends of RoseMarie Thering), Janice Smith, Hugh Smith, Beth Ann Elliott (Daughter of Don & Denise), Clarence Dell, Craig & Caren Henning, (Nephew & Niece of Leonard Mitchell) Vince Minarik, (Son in Law of Leonard Mitchell), Terri Sue (Daughter-in-Law of Leonard Mitchell), Fr. Mathias Thelen, (Brother of Pam (Ryan) Fabus), Bonnie Ehlert, Gary Delaney (Nephew of Bev Delaney), Pat Spencer (Friend of Bev Delaney), Charles Oleniczak, Judith Bond, Sandy McPherson (Sister of Cooky Hawkins), Sharon Darling, Jim & John Ginther (Sons of Ron & Charlene), Ron & Charlene Ginther, Carlos Duncan (Cousin of Jesse Anguiano), Steve Butler, Sean Robinson, Chasidy Martin, (Niece of Doug & Char Angell), Jesse Loar (Great Grandson of Leonard Mitchell), Dawn Wrobel, Rosa Zamarripa, (Cousin of Jesse Anguiano), Taylor Nixon, (Friend of RoseMarie Thering), Bob Bunn (Nephew of Pat White), Bob McCue, Kathy Latz, (Daughter in Law of Pat Latz), Star McCann (Niece of Marian Horsley & Nancy Shipley), Tom Hulburt (Son of Nita Hughes), Larry Miller, Diane Mead (Friend of Joanne Evans), Gary Hrncharik, Donna Fruchey, Nancy Byrnes, Nancy Alice Carbary (Mother of Maggie Sayles), Marguerite Sarkozi, Great Aunt of Stacy Voisinet, Bob Koger, Michelle Houska, Melvia Quine, Judy Kovarik (Mother of Bill Kovarik), Eddy Trevino, Bruce Chandler (Brother of Marti Rowley), Tammy Smith, Brenda Seeley & Betty Ann Fulgaro (Both friends of the Smith Family), Gregory Acker (Brother of Angela Michels), Michelle Dell, Lucinda Shancez (Aunt of Jesse Anguiano), Shannon Strobel, Toni Doyle, Jase Ellsworth (Great-Grandson of Phyllis Hart), Dennis Schmedlen, (Friend of Terry Broome)

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

Remember our service members in your prayers:

Taylor Earl Parsons—Air Force—Space Force
 Aubrey Hurst—National Guard
 Christian Garza—Army
 Fr. Brandon Oman—Air Force
 LTC Nathan Cooley - USN
 MSGT Joshua Delaney - Air Force
 Alexandra Cultra - Navy
 Andie Ostrander—Navy (To add names, - contact the office.)
 Patrick Schiffer—Air Force

**ADORATION**

St. Isidore Church- Wednesdays
 5:30—6:20 pm Adoration & Confessions
 6:30 pm Mass
 Adoration & Confessions Following Mass
 Until 7:45 pm

Holy Family—Thursdays
 5:30—6:20 pm Adoration & Confessions
 6:30 pm Mass

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY
February 26 & 27, 2022**

St. Isidore Offertory- \$1,707
 Holy Family Offertory - \$2,014
 Online Offertory - \$1,960

TOTAL: - \$5,681