

It's easy to feel surrounded in our world. We have numerous technological means through which we can receive information (much of it put into circulation unfiltered). Ben Sira, author of the first reading, was in a similar situation: Israel was surrounded by much Greek philosophy and culture in addition to that of their Near-Eastern neighbors and their own. Hard to filter all that out and maintain their grounding in the covenant with God. However, Ben Sira manages to do that much-needed filtering for them, warning his students about pride (the sin of Eden). He promotes humility instead. It is an attitude of courtesy and respect to others, and *not* a mode of self-abasement. Rather, it refers to an awareness of one's role in the world, offering appropriate respect always, deference only when called for, arrogance never. The mercy of God comes from this humility.

HOW TO BE HUMBLE

Ben Sira concludes that the ears listening to wisdom will rejoice. Jesus has such wisdom to offer today on the

topic of humility. Those who hold position or riches would normally presume they were assured a good seat at the table. They are told "step back." Instead, in the spirit of Ben Sira's lesson on humility, they ought to wait to be invited up. Those schooled in the writings of Ben Sira may have nodded in agreement. Jesus then rips up the etiquette book. Do not to invite family and friends to your table, Jesus says, but welcome those who have no status, those who cannot repay you. In this way, Jesus makes the poor and outcast the ones who actually are able to exalt the humble. Luke's world was as polytheistic and multicultural as Ben Sira's, with plenty of outsiders and unclean folks to go around. Welcome these first, Jesus says, quite literally turning the table on his listeners!

Today's Readings: Sir 3:17–18, 20, 28–29; Ps 68:4–5, 6–7, 10–11; Heb 12:18–19, 22–24a; Lk 14:1, 7–14

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ST. ISIDORE CHURCH

Laingsburg, Michigan

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HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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Saint Joseph, pray for us.

Just a little reminder that at St. Isidore next Wednesday, September 7th (as it is the first Wednesday of the month) - after the 5.30 pm confessions and 6:30 pm Mass - we will say the rosary and pray the Litany of St. Joseph together before the Blessed Sacrament. Please attend if you are able as we take our petitions to our Lord through the intercession of good St. Joseph, the pillar of families and the terror of demons.



That Man is You is starting again with all new material!

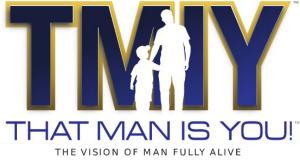
The Vision of Man Fully Alive enables men to experience authentic freedom as sons of God. Through living the threefold mission of abiding presence, joyful service and living sacrifice, their hearts and homes will experience the joy that God desires. To sustain them on their spiritual journey, the men will be led directly to the three spiritual foods that Christ himself proclaims: The Eucharist, The Word of God, and The Will of God. Join us for food, fellowship and faith Saturday mornings at 7:30 at Holy Family starting September 17th. All men are welcome. For more information contact Andrew Braun at;

AndrewRBraun@gmail.com, or contact the parish office.

REFRESH your faith journey----**RETOOL** your prayer life----**REVITALIZE** your spirit----THIS IS R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)!!

Are you interested in further exploring the teachings of the Catholic Church? Do you know of a non-practicing Catholic who wishes to return to the Church? Do you know of a person who is looking for a faith community and is interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? Are you a practicing Catholic who wants to know more about the Catholic teachings? Come and join our RCIA inquiry session which will begin in September. For more information, leave a message at the Parish Office and we will contact vou.

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MEMORIES FROM childhood. .. When we visited my grandparents and other relatives, the distance between them was often 100 miles or more. But every



time I got in the car with one of my aunts or uncles, we always started the drive with everyone praying the rosary. Miss those "group" praying times. But now with the advent of technology, you can pray the rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet by using your smart phone and

feel like you are in a group. There are many versions to chose from, you might want to try several before settling on a favorite. For the Divine Mercy Chaplet, I have been using the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception version. I like it because it can either be an audio, auto advance, or I can pray it silently and advance on each prayer. There are several Rosary apps, you have to pick which you might like — with meditation on each mystery or just announcing the mystery. I invite you to make your smart phone a little "holier" by downloading a prayer app. Just go to the Apple App Store for an iphone or Google Play for Android phones. Most of them are free, some you pay a small fee. Your choice-explore and pray while you drive instead of complaining about slow traffic. You don't have to kneel in order to pray! And hopefully you will arrive safely at your destination! —cjb

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Aug. 28—Noon-3pm –Parish Celebration at Holy Fam Thurs.—9:00 am—Quilting Ministry—Holy Family **Sept. 11—First Day of REF Classes** Sept. 11—Brunch—Holy Fam -following Mass Sept. 17—TMIY—7:30-9 am—at Holy Family Sept. 18—Pancake Breakfast –St. Isidore

RELIGIOUS ED. FORMATION—(REF)

First Day of Classes: Sept. 11

St. Isidore Sign up Aug. 27 /28—Before & After Mass Class Time: 10:15—After Mass

Holy Family Sign up Aug. 27—Before Mass Class Time: 10:00—Before Mass





Are you interested in sharing the faith with the young people of our Parish? Please contact Mary at <u>marystevens@stisidorechurch.org</u>. We would love to have 2 catechists in each classroom.

COMING BACK TO HOLY FAMILY...



Starting in September, Holy Family will host either a brunch after Sunday Mass or a light dinner after the Saturday Mass. A Sunday brunch is scheduled for Sept. 11th, immediately following Mass. Then Oct. 8th, a sloppy joe dinner will be served after the 4 pm Mass. Other

meals are scheduled for November & December. RSVP sign up sheets are at both churches. Howev-



er, if you can't sign up right now, you are still welcome to join us on the 11th! This will be a free will offering brunch. If you would like to help serve or clean

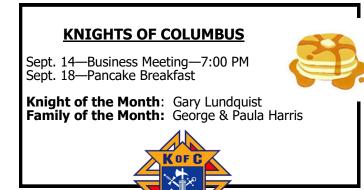
up afterwards that would be greatly appreciated! Watch the bulletin for more details and info in the coming weeks!



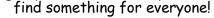


BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Holy Family is considering bringing back the blood pressure checks once a month after Mass. All records are kept personal. Need volunteers to take the blood pressures. All equipment is furnished. Please see Joe Tejkl if you can help.



QUILTING QUIPS...Fr. Anthony recently blessed 20 quilts after Tuesday Mass. (Sorry Father, so busy praying, I forgot to take a picture!) Each quilt that is made by the group is labeled and blessed before distribution. The group has also been busy cleaning our area—sorting, labeling and finding all kinds of things that we forget had been donated. Now we just need a few more helping hands to turn these forgotten items into beautiful treasures. Come join us on Thursdays from 9 til noon—no sewing experience necessary! We can







MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

ST. ISIDORE, LAINGSBURG

Saturday—Aug. 27—(5:30 PM) + Leon Lundie, Sr. by the Lundie Children Sunday — Aug. 28 —(9:00 AM) + Russ Jorae by Jeannette Parker Wednesday— Aug. 31— (6:30 PM) + Julie Bacik by Sarah Garza Thursday— Sept. 1—(8:30 AM) + Sheila Doyle by the Family Friday — Sept. 2—(8:30 AM) For Our Priest by the Basgall Family Saturday—Sept. 3—(5:30 PM) + Harriet Delaney by Steve & Mary Izdebski Sunday — Sept. 4 —(9:00 AM) + Bernard, Anna, & Dan Hurst by the Family

HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday— Aug. 27— (4:00 PM) In Gratitude from the Joe Lorio Family Sunday—Aug. 28—(11:00 AM) **†** Sylvia McKay by Irene Hunt Tuesday— Aug.30—(12:10 PM) **†** Fr. Raymond Urbanek by Holy Family Altar Society Thursday - Sept. 1- (6:30 PM) **†** John Quine, Sr. by the Family Saturday— Sept. 3— (4:00 PM) **†** Bob McCue by Leonard Mitchell Sunday—Sept. 4—(11:00 AM) **†** Gertrude Dunham by Frank & Melvia Quine

<u>PRAYERS:</u> PLEASE PRAY FOR Archie Schebester (Friend of Jesse Anguiano), Pamela & Dan Morgan, Tori Martens, Mary Hughly (Friend 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), 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), Rosa Zamarripa (Cousin of Jesse Anguiano), Taylor Nixon (Friend of RoseMarie Thering), Bob Bunn (Nephew of Pat White), Tom Hulburt (Son of Nita Hughes), Larry Miller, Diane Mead (Friend of Joanne Evans), Gary Hrncharik, Donna Fruchey, Nancy Alice Carbary (Mother of Magie Sayles), 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, Shannon Strobel, Toni Doyle, Jase Ellsworth (Great-Grandson of Phyllis Hart), Joe Rodriguez, Richard Hutchings, Phyllis Hart, Pam Hurst, Family of Richard Gray (Friends of Kathleen Zemcik), Katie Florian (Friend of RoseMarie Thering), Rebecca Crites (Friend of Bev Delaney), Micalah Brundage (Step Daughter of Mike Putnam), Lana Miersen, Napoleon Martinez, Jr. (Brother of Elodia Keys), Jim Mosley, Mike (Doc) O'Bryant, Isabelle Wesley, Don & Denise Elliott, Buz Schultz (Friend of Broome's), Anita Rios (Sister of Jesse Anguiano), Stan Beherns, Pat Shaw, Jerry Osborn (Brother-In-Law of Marian Horsley), Armando Anguiano, (Brother of Jesse), Juan Chapas, (Friend of Jesse Anguiano), Dave



ADORATION

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

Until 7:30 pm

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

Remember our service members in your prayers:

Taylor Earl Parsons—Air Force—Space Force Christian Garza—Army Fr. Brandon Oman—Air Force LTC Nathan Cooley - USN MSGT Joshua Delaney - Air Force Alexandra Cultra - Navy Andie Ostrander—Navy Patrick Schiffer—Air Force

WEEKLY OFFERTORY Aug. 20 & 21, 2022

St. Isidore Offertory- \$2,208 Holy Family Offertory - \$2,451 Online Offertory - \$1,850 **TOTAL: - \$6,509**

