Prior to this week's Gospel, great crowds were beginning to follow Jesus. Excitement was building, as there were whispered conversations wondering if this were the long-awaited King that the Hebrews were hoping for. The crowds' idea of a king was very different, however, from what Jesus was offering. The king they were waiting for was a high priest, a Messiah. This was not the kingdom that Jesus was preaching, but rather one of pain, of carrying one's cross and burdens—a kingdom that one must not approach lightly, but make serious plans and efforts to help build. Too often we see this passage, thinking it harsh and referring only to those called to religious life. The truth is that we are all called to charity. Taking up our cross is not a call to suffer for the sake of suffering, but to pursue goodness and righteousness.

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

The Cost of Discipleship is the name of the powerful book written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the theologian who was killed in a Nazi death camp. Today we see breakdowns in family relationships over religion and politics. We see those who forget how to forgive, and those who were never taught how to love. Bonhoeffer offered a message that could be applied to any story right out of the evening news. He said that Christian love doesn't distinguish between enemies, except that those who hate more bitterly are in greater need of love. Indeed, they should expect only unqualified love from a Christian. Bonhoeffer concludes that if one is not willing to love indiscriminately as a disciple of Christ, then one is not a Christian at all. When Jesus asks us today to take up our cross, he is asking us to take up the discipline of Christian love.

Today's Readings: Wis 9:13–18b; Ps 90:3–4, 5–6, 12–13, 14 and 17; Phlm 9–10, 12–17; Lk 14:25–33

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Notes from Fr. Anthony ...

The parish picnic was a great success! It was a beautiful day and God sent us good weather to celebrate together. I would like to thank all of the volunteers who spent so much time preparing everything – the logistics, food, games, music, set up and clean up and working to make sure everyone had a good time. May God bless you for that and know that you have my gratitude. I would also like to thank all of you who came out to spend time together as a parish family, the turnout was good, especially for our first time and I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did. I think we might make this an annual event for our parishes God willing.

Thank you and God bless!

Fr. Anthony

PRAY & FAST FOR OUR SUPREME COURT JUSTICES:

As a matter of urgency, the diocese has asked all Catholics to please pray and fast for the seven justices of the Michigan Supreme Court who look set to decide upon the fate of proposed extreme pro-abortion constitutional amendment within the coming days. On August 31st, Michigan's Board of State Canvassers refused to certify the proposed ***"Reproductive Freedom for All"*** amendment to Michigan's constitution after it was highlighted the text of the pro-abortion ballot petition contains 60 typos thus, it was argued, potentially inserting "gibberish" into the state constitution. The final vote on the board was 2-2. Now the matter looks set to go before the Michigan Supreme Court for final adjudication on or before Friday, September 9. **Keep in mind, that this is the *most* radical pro-abortion law attempting to be put on the books in our country. It exceeds even those put forth in California and New York.** The name of the amendment is itself deceiving as it effectively eliminates any and all regulations on abortion in our state, making it possible at any time and for any reason. Every day between now and that Supreme Court decision, please pray the following prayer for our seven Supreme Court justices while also offering up mortifications for them, especially fasting on a Friday. Let us pray:

Almighty ever-living God, you bestow the gift of life as you form each of us in our mother's womb.
Look on our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart reverence for life. Protect our state from unjust laws. In your Name, bring to defeat every attack against the sacredness of life.
Safeguard the rights of parents, whom you have entrusted with the care and formation of their children. Help all who believe in Jesus to proclaim the Gospel of Life to their neighbors. Dispel every anxiety and fear. Strengthen the bond between parents and their unborn child.
May mothers and fathers accept and nurture the gift of life made in your image and likeness.
In your mercy, move the hearts of the justices of the Michigan Supreme Court to reject the ballot initiative which would confuse our laws and harm the unborn. Bring our state closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life.
Our Lady, Queen of the Family, pray for us!
St. Michael the Archangel, pray for us!
St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!

PARISH ACTIVITIES

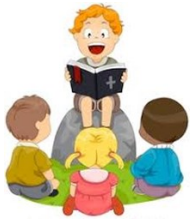
Thurs.—9:00 am—Quilting Ministry—Holy Family
Sept. 11—First Day of REF Classes
Sept. 11—Brunch—Holy Fam -following Mass
Sept. 15 –WINGS—1 pm Movie—at St. Isidore
Sept. 17—TMIY—7:30-9 am—at Holy Family
Sept. 18—Pancake Breakfast –St. Isidore

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 marystevens@stisidorechurch.org. We would love to have 2 catechists in each classroom.

Sept. 11, After Mass at Holy Family
RSVP sign up sheets are at both churches. However, 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sept. 14—Business Meeting—7:00 PM
Sept. 18—Pancake Breakfast

Knight of the Month: Gary Lundquist
Family of the Month: George & Paula Harris

WINGS—MEETING

The next meeting of WINGS will be Thursday, Sept 15th at 1pm. We will be watching the movie Cokeville Miracle with pizza and popcorn. Anyone interest in watching this movie is welcome.

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.

Holy Family Catholic Homeschool CO-OP

We are proud to announce a homeschool co-op will be hosted here at Holy Family on Tuesday mornings from 9 am till 2:30pm. If you or someone you know would love to join us for a day of fun classes including Breakfast with Virtues, Science, Latin, Music and best of all Holy Mass please contact Kelli Porter at 989-627-1242. Fr. Anthony will also be joining us each week with his wisdom and talents as well.

We are seeking volunteers that would enjoy sharing their talents and skills with our young people. We will be referring to these sessions as "Specials". Specials can be a onetime class or several weeks long featuring skills such as sewing, woodworking, cooking, painting, etc. The list of possibilities is endless. Please consider participating, our children need to learn so many lost skills.
Contact Kelli Porter at (989)627-1242 with questions or to sign up.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

ST. ISIDORE, LAINGSBURG

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
Wednesday— Sept. 7— (6:30 PM) Living & Deceased Member's of the Coe Family
Thursday— Sept. 8—(8:30 AM) People of the Parish
Friday — Sept. 9—(8:30 AM) Eunice Berland by Chris & Kay Basgall
Saturday—Sept. 10—(5:30 PM) ✝ Marilyn Kiel by Joel Bohil
Sunday — Sept. 11 —(9:00 AM) ✝ Annie Hurst by Janet Rourke

HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday— Sept. 3— (4:00 PM) ✝ Bob McCue by Leonard Mitchell
Sunday—Sept. 4—(11:00 AM) ✝ Gertrude Dunham by Frank & Melvia Quine
Tuesday— Sept. 6—(12:10 PM) ✝ Sylvia McKay by Bonnie Ehlert
Thursday - Sept. 8- (6:30 PM) ✝ August & Frances Dunay by Greg & Margaret White
Saturday— Sept. 10— (4:00 PM) ✝ Gene & Mary Jane Schoendorf by Ron & Sarah Maynard
Sunday—Sept. 11—(11:00 AM) ✝ Andy Hatta by Dan & Vickie Csapos

PRAYERS: **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 Maggie 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, Armando Anguiano,** (Brother of Jesse), **Juan Chapas,** (Friend of Jesse Anguiano), **Dave Nickols, Jodi Barber** (Friend of Tammy Smith), **Tristen Henning, Teresa Arnold** (Friend of RoseMarie Thering), **Linda Weller** (Sister of Fr. Pamment), **Olivia Klein**

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

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

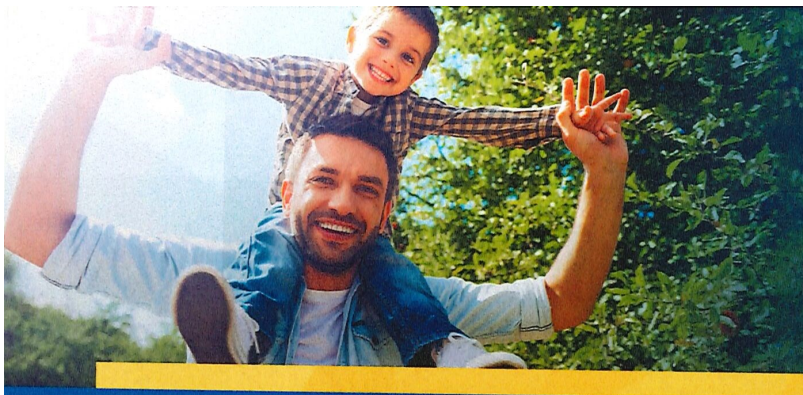
Remember our service members in your prayers:

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

(To add names, - contact the office.)

WEEKLY OFFERTORY
Aug. 27 & 28, 2022

St. Isidore Offertory- $1.729
Holy Family Offertory - $2,247
Online Offertory - $1,635
TOTAL: - $5,611



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DR. JOHN CAVADINI
CONSULTANT TO THE USCCB

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JOHN SABLAN
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JOHN PRIDMORE
FORMER LONDON MAFIA ENFORCER

STEVE BOLLMAN
FOUNDER AND DEVELOPER, TMIY

DCN. RICHARD GRANT
TMIY CORE TEAM LEADER

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Saturday Mornings
7:30 - 9:00 AM
Holy Family Catholic Church
Beginning September 17

SCHEDULE:

7:30 Breakfast
8:00 Presentation
8:30 Group Discussion
9:00 Dismissal

REGISTRATION:

For more information or to register, please contact Andrew Braun at (269)535-3973 or AndrewRBraun@gmail.com

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