



September  
**11**  
2022

“REJOICE WITH ME  
BECAUSE I HAVE  
FOUND MY LOST SHEEP.”

LUKE 15:6

## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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In the seventies there was a popular Folk Mass song by Joe Wise, “Take All the Lost Home.” It is like our Gospel reading today. For truly, we’ve all had moments when we have lost our way and needed others to get us back on track. Perhaps this means reconnecting with someone we once knew and making amends, or seeing a therapist to make things right. Maybe it means finally seeking help to stick with the diet and exercise plan, or joining a 12-step program to deal with an addiction. Could it be time to meet with a financial expert to manage credit card debt, or go to confession or meet with a spiritual director to find your way home spiritually? It is hard to ask for help or admit we are lost. We dread the reactions of others, thinking they will be angry, hurt, or defensive. We feel shame. Sometimes people hold grudges for years because neither they nor another will break down and make the first move. We feel fear. This sets us up for the classic story of the prodigal father, where we see two possible outcomes.

### WELCOME HOME

The son returns home and, expecting the worst, confesses his sinfulness. His brother has an angry, self-righteous response, but the Father is full of joy and mercy. Such is the case in all the Gospel parables today. We hear God say, “You are the one who is important.” There is another poignant song by Brian Flynn entitled “The Prodigal Father” that presents the perspective of the parent waiting and worrying about their lost child, watching the road and praying for the child’s return. And if for some reason your own family will not accept you, you will find that there are many intentional families, friends, and parishes waiting with open arms to welcome you. Or perhaps you can offer the same welcome to another returning soul.

Today’s Readings: Ex 32:7–11, 13–14; Ps 51:3–4, 12–13, 17, 19;  
1 Tm 1:12–17; Lk 15:1–32 [1–10]

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# Notes from Fr. Anthony ...



It is hard to believe it is already September, it seems as though August really flies by and all the plans that were laid to get things done during August now become - What do I do with all the things I planned on getting done that I didn't get done? Thankfully it wasn't a complete missed opportunity though and some of the plans did come to fruition. One of the big plans at the parish was the beginning of what I hope will become an annual parish picnic. The plan is to have the parish picnic every year at the end of August from here on out.

The reality we now deal with is the ending of summer, the settling back down into our routine and going through each day as we slowly make our way into fall. Most family vacations are over now besides a day or two here and there. School is back in session and college classes continue while the trade schools also start moving at full swing, I think we should all take a moment to stop this week and really look at a few things:

**1.** How much time do we or our children spend on extra-curricular activities? How many hours a month in sports or drama or watching tv and so on? Then compare that with how much time we spend together in prayer or in church. How often are we ok with letting Sunday Mass or prayer time slide but find ourselves thinking that this practice or meeting or time planned for whatever else we want - that those would be impossible to let go, those things we have to do. What do I give to God? The best or the leftovers? There is enough time to do everything that needs to be done if I put God first. Are we forming the souls as much as we try to form the character or the body?

**2.** How often do we ask each other about how the day went? Are we interested in the lives of those around us, in our homes in particular? Especially the younger ones, do we ask them how school went, what they learned, if anything happened today and so on? Are we interested in what is being read or watched? Do we remember the things that we got involved in that have caused us hardship over our lives and do we have a desire to help them avoid those hardships? Are we involved in the formation of their thought processes and what value do we place on their

growth in faith? Many times, children and young people fall away from the faith because they do not know how to understand what our Church teaches or why or how to answer the accusations of those around them. Often they turn to the internet or something else that is often less than knowledgeable on the subject or truthful for that matter. The world is hostile to the Faith, that is nothing new. We know this and have had those in our lives who helped us navigate it - or as we look back - we see those who failed to help us, who made it harder on us. Think about the struggles the young people go through today, just as they are forming their minds and solidifying a hierarchy of values in their lives. If we do not become interested in their lives, it cannot come as a shock when they stop believing, when they conform their values to the world and not God, when they cast aside all we believed in and hoped they would believe in - faith, morals etc. Let us heed what St. Paul writes in the second letter to Timothy, for he writes it to us as well:

*I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching. For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine but, following their own desires and insatiable curiosity, will accumulate teachers and will stop listening to the truth and will be diverted to myths. But you, be self-possessed in all circumstances; put up with hardship; perform the work of an evangelist; fulfill your ministry.*

*For I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.*

*God Love you, Fr. Anthony*

There are many stepping stones that need new homes from the St. Isidore gardens. Some are very nice, matching sets of stones. Other are pretty, individual pieces of art. For a donation, you may choose as many as you wish. Money will be used for the gardens.

You may call Aloise Bachelder @ 517-675-2023 or stop in on Tuesday mornings at St. Isidore to see what is available.



## 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 Tejki if you can help.



## **PARISH ACTIVITIES**

Thurs.—9:00 am—Quilting Ministry—Holy Family  
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  
Sept 29—Bible Study—6:30pm—8:30—St. Isidore



Are you interested in sharing the faith with the young people of our Parish? Please contact Mary at [marystevens@stisidorechurch.org](mailto:marystevens@stisidorechurch.org). We would love to have 2 catechists in each classroom.



### **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

### **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.

## **RELIGIOUS ED. FORMATION—(REF)**

**First Day of Classes: Sept. 11**

### **Holy Family**

Class Time—Sunday: 10:00—Before Mass

### **St. Isidore**

Class Time-Sunday: 10:15—After Mass



## **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



### **Support Michigan's pro-life movement**

All donations for our first Knights of Columbus Breakfast on September 18<sup>th</sup> will go to support the purchase of an ultrasound machine for a pregnancy help center in Mid-Michigan. Come out, enjoy a good breakfast, and support the pro-life movement!



## **Being Pro-Life After Dobbs:**

### **What the Catholic Tradition Has to Say About What Should Come Next**

St. Gerard Church  
Saturday, September 24, 2022 6pm



**Speaker- Dr. Charlie Camosy**

## MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

### ST. ISIDORE, LAINGSBURG

Saturday—Sept. 10—(5:30 PM) † Marilyn Kiel by Joel Bohil  
 Sunday — Sept. 11 —(9:00 AM) † Annie Hurst by Janet Rourke  
 Wednesday— Sept. 14— (6:30 PM) People of the Parish  
 Thursday— Sept. 15—(8:30 AM) † Collene Smith by the Family  
 Friday — Sept. 16—(8:30 AM) † Rose Nohel by Katie Grettenberger  
 Saturday—Sept. 17—(5:30 PM) † Yvonne O'Reilly by Steve & Mary Izdebski  
 Sunday — Sept. 18 —(9:00 AM) Special Intention for Fr. Bob's Birthday

### HOLY FAMILY, OVID

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  
 Tuesday— Sept. 13—(12:10 PM) † Michael Elliott 3rd Anniversary by the Family  
 Thursday - Sept. 15— (6:30 PM) † Sandra Dolinar by Terry & Cindy Broome  
 Saturday— Sept. 17— (4:00 PM) † Collene Smith by the Family  
 Sunday—Sept. 18—(11:00 AM) † Fr. Raymond Urbanek by Doug & Jane McCallister

**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 Carbarly (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, Haren S. King (Niece of Barb Wight), Steve Bachelder & Mark Sickler (Nephews of Mike & Aloise Bachelder)

*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  
 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

### Recently Deceased We Remember Richard Doyle

**Visitation-** Sept. 12, Mon.— 5 –8 pm  
at Watkins Bros. Funeral Home

**Rosary**—Sept. 12, Mon.—7:30 pm  
at Watkins Bros. Funeral Home

**Funeral Mass**—Sept. 13— Tues. 11:am  
at St. Isidore Church



To their family and friends we offer our prayers and sympathy.

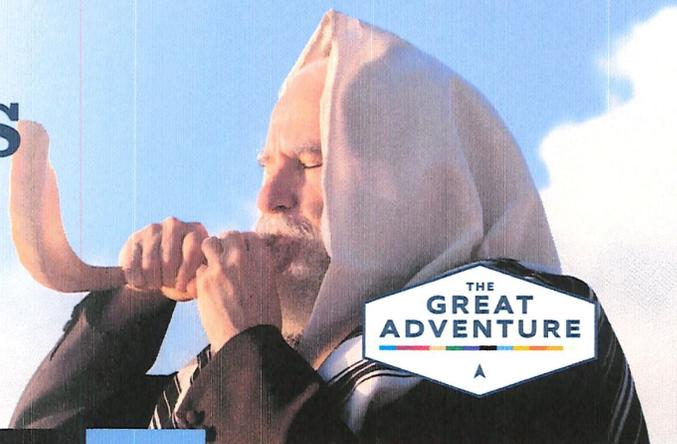
### WEEKLY OFFERTORY Sept. 3 & 4, 2022

St. Isidore Offertory- \$3,269  
 Holy Family Offertory - \$3,680  
 Online Offertory - \$1,520  
**TOTAL: - \$8,469**

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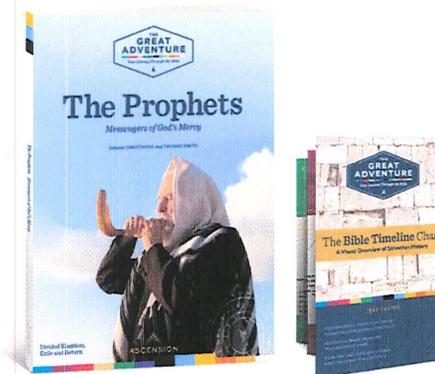
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**PROGRAM INFORMATION:**

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:**

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