

It is easy for those who do not face food insecurity or homelessness to turn a deaf ear to those who struggle for survival. We may regularly drive by the street corner and ignore the person who stands there each day asking for help. We might see the commercial on TV, hear the plea on the radio or in our churches, and yet not let the message in, ignoring not only the need, but the *people* whose needs are great. The prophet Sirach and the psalmist tell us that the Lord is not like us—God hears the cries of the oppressed, the orphan and widow, the vulnerable among us. As Christian disciples we are called to become more like our loving, compassionate God who hears the cry of the poor.

#### THE CRY OF THE POOR

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel tells the story of two people. The Pharisee is puffed up with his own importance. His prayer is more a statement of self-justification in which he positions himself as being above the rest of humanity. So much so that he prays to himself, thanking God that he is so much better than everyone else! The tax collector on the other hand raises his eyes to God and acknowledges his sinfulness. He is the one Jesus says is justified, exalted in God's sight. What about us? Are we so puffed up with our own importance, so caught up in the stuff of our daily lives that we fail to recognize our failings or to see the needs of the people around us? This week, let us ask the Lord to pierce our hearts, help us to genuinely admit our failings, and truly live as followers of the one who gave his life so that all might live life to the fullest. God hears the cries of the weakest and relies on us to respond.

Today's Readings: Sir 35:12–14, 16–18; Ps 34:2–3, 17–18, 19, 23; 2 Tim 4:6–8, 16–18; Lk 18:9–14

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## "Power of Prayer"

#### St. Isidore Parishioner Prayer Group

Prayer requests are a powerful way to seek God's assistance and be blessed with His response. Prayer intentions are offered for the benefit of those in need of immediate prayer for expected and unexpected life situations (health concerns, family challenges, employment conditions, financial stress, etc.). Our members are available to pray as soon as they receive your prayer request. All prayer requests are strictly confidential and no names are used unless the prayer is requested by and for the individual.

#### How do I make a prayer request?

 Call Sharon at the church office at 517-651-6722, Monday and Wednesday, 8 am-3 pm.
\*For <u>emergency</u> prayer requests when the church office is closed, please email Fr. Anthony at franthony@stisidorechurch.org

or

2. Write your request and leave it in the Prayer Request box located in the small hall on the bookshelf. Paper requests are collected on Monday and Wednesday during business hours.

#### Please join us!

Members receive prayer requests either by email or phone. On occasion, the prayer group meets to pray the rosary or attend Wednesday evening Mass, followed by a dessert and coffee reception in the church hall. It is an opportunity to meet new members and share our ministry. If you have questions or would like to become a member of the St. Isidore "Power of Prayer" group, please contact Winnie Hendrickson at 517-282-4811 or winirene@aol.com.

With God All Things are Possible - Matthew 19:26

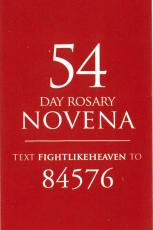
#### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY-OCT. 23 & 23

THIS WEEKEND we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.



# FIGHT LIKE HEAVEN 54 -DAY ROSARY NOVENA TEXT FIGHTLIKEHEAVEN TO 84576

Fall cemetery cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, November 5. We are requesting the Youth Group, Confirmation Students, Knights of Columbus, anyone and everyone to help rake leaves and pick up sticks before the snow flies. Bring rakes, tarps, blowers, and anything else needed to help get the job done quickly. If the leaves are late coming down or the weather doesn't cooperate, we will postpose the cleanup to November 12.



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

Thurs.—9:00 am—Quilting Ministry—Holy Family Oct. 29—TMIY—7:30-9 am—at Holy Family Oct. 26—6-8 –Women's Bible Study—Holy Family Nov 6—Activities Group Meeting –HF—After Mass

#### MITTENS FOR THE HOMELESS

It is time to start sewing the mittens again at St. Isidore. We are always in need of used sweaters. Last season we donated 900 pair of mittens and stocking caps. Please leave donations near the office door.



## CPR TRAINING

Holy Family will hold a CPR Training in early November. The class will teach the proper procedure for CPR on adults and children. A charge of \$10 per person or \$26 if you want a certification card. There are sign up sheets at both churches.



**QUILTING QUIPS**. The Christmas Elves have come up with another idea for the Holy Family Christmas store, but they need your help. Do you have a scratched or cracked CD that no longer works? We would appreciate any CD/compact discs that you can donate. (Sorry — we CANNOT use BROKEN PARTS!) Just leave them on the quilting table and then be sure to check out the Christmas Store to see how we use them!



#### **COFFEE & DONUTS**

The Holy Family Activities Group will be bringing back

Coffee & Donuts after both Masses. This will continue if there is enough interest and volunteers. Please call Steve 989-834-2589 if you can help.



#### **RELIGIOUS ED. FORMATION—(REF)**

Holy Family Class Time—Sunday: 9:50 am—Before Mass

**St. Isidore** Class Time-Sunday: 10:15 am—After Mass

More info: marystevens@stisidorechurch.org



#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Oct. 30—Corporate Communion

Knight of the Month: Clare Greene Family of the Month: Fred & Therese Bruso



#### MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

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Holy Family choir practice for Christmas will be, Sundays at 9:30 AM. No prior experience necessary. All you need is a desire to make a joyful noise to the Lord. Please join us!



Remember: Nov. 1st All Saints Is a holy day of obligation this year

### MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

#### ST. ISIDORE, LAINGSBURG

Saturday—Oct. 22—(5:30 PM) Special Intentions for the Basgall Family Sunday — Oct. 23 —(9:00 AM) † Patricia Rourke by the Family Wednesday— Oct. 26— (6:30 PM) Family of Jeff Joy by Ken Brink Thursday— Oct. 27—(8:30 AM) People of the Parish Friday — Oct. 28— (8:30 AM) † Conrad & Evelyn Paul by Dean & Linda Kiesling Saturday—Oct. 29—(5:30 PM) † Jerry Barnum by Ann Barnum Sunday — Oct. 30 —(9:00 AM) † Harold Hurst by the Family

#### HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday— Oct. 22— (4:00 PM) **†** Sandra Dolinar by RoseMarie Thering Sunday—Oct. 23—(11:00 AM) **†** Pat Latz by Frank & Melvia Quine Tuesday— Oct. 25 (12:10 PM) **†** Casimer Duletski by Terry & Cindy Broome Thursday - Oct. 27— (6:30 PM) **†** Ed Ladiski by the Holy Family Altar Society Saturday— Oct. 29— (4:00 PM) All members of the Mary & John Duleski Family Sunday—Oct. 30—(11:00 AM) **†** Janet (Kenny) Weimer by Allie, Rosie, & Vickie

PRAYERS: PLEASE PRAY FOR Archie Schebester (Friend of Jesse Anguiano), Pamela 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, 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 Angela Michels), Michelle Dell, Shannon Strobel, Toni Doyle, Jase Ellsworth (Great-Grandson of Phyllis Hart), Richard Hutchings, Phyllis Hart, Pam Hurst, 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, Anita Rios (Sister of Jesse Anguiano), Stan Beherns, Pat Shaw, Armando Anguiano, (Brother of Jesse), Juan Chapas, (Friend of RoseMarie Thering), Olivia Klein, Haven S. King (Niece of Barb Wight), Steve Bachelder & Mark Sickler (Nephews of Mike & Aloise Bachelder), Allen Smith (Nephew of Pat Brown), Michelle Hurst, Nancy Ferguson (Friend of Cindy Broome), Richard Elliott, (Son of Pat Elliott)

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 Kelly Brown—Navy

#### WEEKLY OFFERTORY Oct. 15 & 16, 2022

St. Isidore Offertory- \$2,663 Holy Family Offertory - \$2,058 Online Offertory - \$1,880 **TOTAL: - \$6,601** 

## Protect Life

## VOTE NO ON PROPOSAL 3

## ABORTION IS ON THE BALLOT IN MICHIGAN THIS FALL, AND THE STAKES COULD NOT BE HIGHER.

In the span of this election, Michigan could go from a state with laws protecting the unborn and vulnerable women from abortion to a state that permanently guarantees unlimited, unregulated abortion.

Proposal 3 goes *far* beyond just keeping abortion legal or reinstating the now overturned *Roe v. Wade* decision.

It would allow abortions to be performed by anyone, at any point in pregnancy, and for any reason. It would throw away state laws regulating quality, safety, and inspections for abortion clinics. It would remove parental consent requirement for teens seeking abortions, and also teens seeking gender reassignment surgeries.

Proposal 3 would move Michigan far from a society where human life is welcomed and where mothers do not have to turn to abortion. Voters must reject this extreme proposal and allow our state to build a culture that values all human life by supporting existing efforts led by pregnancy centers and Catholic Charities agencies to assist mothers in need.

As Catholics, we believe every person has a right to life, which is the fundamental right that makes all other rights possible. Abortion is a "preeminent" threat to the dignity of human life because it is a direct attack on life itself, "the most fundamental good and the condition for all others."

Already, millions of dollars are pouring into Michigan to get Proposal 3 passed, as this measure is seen by many across the country as a trial run for similar efforts to expand abortion in other states.

As Catholics who stand for the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death, it is time to come together and defeat this dangerous proposal. The Catholic bishops of Michigan emphatically urge a NO vote on Proposal 3 and strongly urge you to tell every person you know that this amendment goes too far on abortion, and to vote NO.

## LAWS AFFECTED BY THE ANYTHING GOES ABORTION AMENDMENT

Because Proposal 3 seeks to create a constitutional "right" to "reproductive freedom," this amendment could have negative implications for dozens of state laws protecting life and regulating abortion.

Below are examples of laws that could be revoked or limited if Proposal 3 were to pass:

- Increased penalties for later term abortions when babies are fully formed.
- Law requiring babies born alive during an abortion be protected and cared for.
- Conscience rights of hospitals and doctors who decline to take unborn human life.
- Ban on taxpayer-funded Medicaid dollars to pay for abortions.
- Ban on school employees from helping a child obtain an abortion.
- Informed consent provisions for an abortion, such as a 24-hour waiting period, information on fetal development and abortion procedures, and ultrasound viewing.

"Let's not pretend that this constitutional amendment is simply about creating a so-called right to an abortion. It goes much, much farther than that."

John Bursch Former Michigan Solicitor General