



Thirty-Third Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

November
13
2022

“YOU WILL BE HATED BY ALL BECAUSE
OF MY NAME, BUT NOT A HAIR ON
YOUR HEAD WILL BE DESTROYED.”

Luke 21:17-18

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It may seem as though Jesus is talking directly to us in today's Gospel. While it is always true that the Gospel speaks across time and space, today's message feels particularly appropriate as we near the end of another year that has been filled with pandemic, political division, international tension, and economic concerns. Christ reigns over all these things, and as Christians, we hold firm in the belief that we will as well. We must take the long view—the truly long view of eternity—as we meet the challenges of our time. The sun of justice will arise. All will be well.

NOT A HAIR ON YOUR HEAD WILL BE DESTROYED. PERSEVERE.

The message of the Gospel is not abstract, nor are we distant hearers of its message. We face choices every day about how we will live, what we will or won't do,

how seriously we will take Christ's call to live the truth of the gospel. At times, the choices we face seem inconsequential: will we sit on the sofa night after night, or choose to spend time with family or serve in our parish? Will we get up for Mass on Sunday morning ready to praise God and be part of our faith community, or drag ourselves there, grumbling every step of the way (or not go at all)? Choices such as these are of consequence of course, not only because each decision matters, but the patterns we establish in our lives are rooted in the cumulative weight of the choices we make. We may be called upon to make harder choices and must be prepared to do so. Jesus tells us to persevere. By doing so, we will secure our lives.

Today's Readings: Mal 3:19–20a; Ps 98:5–6, 7–8, 9; 2 Thes 3:7–12; Lk 21:5–19

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Notes from Fr. Anthony ...

As I write this for the bulletin this weekend I am in the middle of my yearly silent retreat. The conferences have been enlightening and the extra time for prayer and silent meditation has been refreshing for sure. At the same time, I have a heavy heart and much sorrow after the defeat of the pro-life efforts against proposal 3. I left the retreat for a 2 hour round trip to vote on Tuesday and after sneaking a peak at the results that evening I found myself wondering if it even mattered anymore - does it make a difference whether I vote or not anymore after this? I wavered in thinking that it didn't matter anymore when 2.5 million voted in favor of this and less than 2 million voted against it. It is a horrific thing to see some celebrate this as a sort of twisted victory and brings to mind the old pagan child sacrifice rituals to Moloch and Baal in the Old Testament. The cult of self above all else. That is a major sorrow of mine at the present, I grieve for all these souls and beg God to have mercy on them and bring them to the light of true faith before it is too late. We must pray for them.

At this time, it would be easy to lose hope and abandon any chance of this "law" (I use the term loosely) being changed in the future. At the end of it all, we did what we could to support the innocent unborn children. In this case - we lost this battle not the war, so the fight continues on. It takes many battles to win a war. We can take that before God when we stand before Him, just as those who supported this or did nothing at all to prevent it will have to. Where I find my solace at the moment, in particular, is in the first letter of St. Paul to Timothy, 6, 12-16: *But you, man of God, avoid all this. Instead, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith. Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called when you made the noble confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge [you] before God, who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus, who gave testimony under Pontius Pilate for the noble confession, to keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ that the blessed and only ruler will make manifest at the proper time, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, and whom no human being has seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal power. Amen.*

So, to all those who stood in the right and prayed and were involved in any way to try and secure true justice, you have my gratitude and the knowledge that your efforts will go with you before God. Our bishop, God bless him, also tried to lead as a true shepherd so we should give thanks to God as well for him and pray for him as he was subject to much hatred for this, and as in many places the shepherds remained silent or were involved only slightly. The fact of the matter is that there will be evil consequences that we will have to suffer because of this, there is no denying that, and it will take the prayers and sufferings of many good souls to effect a change. It will take time and perseverance; it will take love and faith. It will take hope and trust. Do not give up hope! Do not let the evil one trick you into thinking that the war is over and that he won. At the end of the struggle, which will come only in God's good time, we who stood tall on the battlefield will be able to hold our heads up as we stood with the Lamb who was slain, with our Savior who died on the cross and rose again destroying death. May God grant us the grace of entering heaven with the scars of well fought battles! We must now get down to action. We have to grow stronger in our faith and be faithful in practicing it. Living our faith in our everyday lives. Obviously getting to Mass every Sunday and holy day, going to confession often and also catechizing ourselves and our families. Growing in our devotional lives and coming together to pray. If we expect to win this war, we must fully be on the side of God and doing whatever we can to grow in our relationship with Him. We have to re-Christianize our pagan society. Our homes and families must draw closer together in the faith and be lights to the world around them which is enveloped in self-imposed darkness. Soon I will be announcing the formation of possibly one or two parish groups that we may join to be able to pray together in a united way, so be on the lookout for that. We will be looking for various ways to grow in our faith and devotional lives here at our parishes. To close, as Abp. Fulton Sheen said, we must always remember that "the devil may have his hour, but God will have His day."

God bless you, Fr. Anthony

Watch for the Christmas Giving Trees next weekend.



Communion to the Homebound

If you have a friend or relative who is not able to come to Mass and receive the Eucharist, please contact Sharon in the office. Steve & Catherine Zemcik will take the Eucharist to Holy Family parishioners on Wednesdays. Deacon John visits St. Isidore Families on Thursdays.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Nov. 13—Brunch—HF—After Sunday 11 am Mass
Nov. 16— 6-8 —Women’s Bible Study—Holy Family
Thurs.—9:00 am—Quilting Ministry—Holy Family
Nov. 17—WINGS—1:00-2:30 pm—at St. Isidore
Nov. 19—TMIY—7:30-9 am—at Holy Family
Nov. 20—Pancake Breakfast —St. Isidore

WINGS MEETING

All women of the parish are invited to attend the Thursday, November 17th, meeting of WINGS at 1:00pm in the St. Isidore small hall. The program will feature a presentation of the life of Saint Maria Goretti and a spiritual presentation entitled “Perfect Heart Activity.” The November meeting is WINGS’ last meeting of 2022.

NOTICE: OFFICE CLOSED

The Holy Family Office will close at Noon on Tuesday, Nov. 15. The St. Isidore office will be closed on Wed., Nov. 16. Regular hours on Fri., Nov. 18.

NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED

As you may have heard at mass last weekend, the St. Isidore/ Holy Family Parish Council is looking for a few people whose voices will help to diversify the representation on the council. The term would be for the next four years starting in January of 2023 (our next meeting). If you are interested or have questions, please contact Lisa Kingsbury (517-899-8643) or Pam Morgan (517-803-5103). You can also reach out to Fr. Anthony with any questions.

Diocesan Catholic Social Teaching Collection

Nov 19 & 20-

Solemnity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Bishop Boyea has recently established a new Diocese of Lansing Commission for Catholic Social Teaching. The purpose of this commission is to equip the faithful to understand Catholic Social Teaching and put it into practice in light of today’s important social issues. These include the sanctity of human life and the dignity of the human person.

Bishop Boyea has also inaugurated an annual diocesan collection to assist the work of the Commission for Social Teaching. The money raised will help provide small grants for parishes and other Catholic entities within the Diocese of Lansing seeking to promote Catholic Social Teaching.

All donations should be marked “Catholic Social Teaching”

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

Nov. 20—Pancake Breakfast—

Free Will Offering Donations to local Food Banks

Knight of the Month: Will Seymour

Family of the Month: Keith, Lisa, & Kaitlyn Kingsbury

SWEATSHIRT COLLECTION

Knights of Columbus is again collecting sweatshirts for the young people that are served by Holy Cross Children’s Services. They are requesting sweatshirts with college or professional athletic logos. There is a special need for Large and X-Large sizes. Remember, often this is the only Christmas gift these young people receive. Wrap or box the shirts, label the box with the size of the shirt and if it is gender specific, with men’s or women’s.



CCHD—Campaign for Human Dev.

Please **do not** use these envelopes. The Diocese has discontinued this collection and replaced it with the updated **Catholic Social Teaching Collection**.

QUILTING QUIPS . . . OFFICIALLY OPENING this Saturday & Sunday after Mass! The Quilting “Elves” have been busy these last few months and have come up with new crafts. We will be adding more items as the weeks go by, come back often and check for new items or restocking of hot sellers. Plus, new this year is a “CLEARANCE TABLE”. Everyone loves a sale, so check out this table of GREEN STICKER ITEMS. REMEMBER --- all your generous donations will help the local food banks who are facing great needs this season.

ST. ISIDORE, LAINGSBURG

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday—Nov. 12—(5:30 PM) † Ed, Dawn, & Tom Wrobel by the Family
Sunday — Nov. 13 —(9:00 AM) † Jamie Curtis by Curtis and Joy & Family
Wednesday — Nov. 16— (6:30 PM) † Shirley Greene by Mary Lou Smith
Thursday— Nov. 17 — (8:30 AM) † Sheila Doyle by the Family
Friday — Nov. 18— (8:30 AM) † Leon Lundie, Sr. by the Lundie Children
Saturday—Nov. 19—(5:30 PM) † Jerry Barnum by Ann & Family
Sunday — Nov. 20 —(9:00 AM) † Jeff Malone by Helen Stelzer

HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday— Nov. 12— (4:00 PM) † Brenda Bartkowiak & Stephanie Harrist by Helen Farr
Sunday—Nov. 13—(11:00 AM) † Doug Angell by Gaylord & Barbara Runyon
Tuesday — Nov. 15— (12:10 PM) John Wood by the Wood Family
Thursday - Nov. 17— (6:30 PM) † Maria Jones by Carol Belford
Saturday— Nov. 19— (4:00 PM) † Collene Smith by the Family
Sunday—Nov. 20—(11:00 AM) † Fr. Raymond Urbanek 3rd Anniversary by the Joe Lorio Family

PRAYERS: PLEASE PRAY FOR Archie Schebester (Friend of Jesse Anguiano), Pamela Morgan, Tori Martens, Mary Hugly (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 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), 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 Jesse Anguiano), Dave Nickols, Jodi Barber (Friend of Tammy Smith), Tristen Henning, Teresa Arnold (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), Mary Harris, Chris Chandler, Robert Shaw

PRAYER REQUESTS

Remember to make a special prayer request to our Prayer Group: call the office, email the office, or write the request and put into the prayer box located in the St. Isidore small hall. The prayer group will then pray for the individual.

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 (To add names, - contact the office.)
Patrick Schiffer—Air Force
Kelly Brown—Navy
SPC Jared Mersino—Army

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Nov. 5 & 6, 2022

St. Isidore Offertory- \$2,558
Holy Family Offertory - \$3,540
Online Offertory - \$1,945
TOTAL: - \$8,043