



SECOND SUNDAY OF **Lent**

MARCH 5, 2023

From the cloud came a voice that said,
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him."

Matthew 17:5

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Have you ever taken a long trip with a family member or friend and found yourself talking about the deeper things of life? Given time, the mundane can give way to topics of meaning and purpose. We sometimes speak of our movement through life and faith as a journey. The metaphor of a journey is fitting, since we are not only to make our way from one point to another the way we take a quick trip or a walk around the block—the process of living in faith is one of growth and change over time. On the journey of life and faith, we can find the grace to talk deeply with the Lord and listen to the voice of God, who strengthens us to face the challenges of living as followers of Christ.

GOD IS WITH US

It can be hard to grasp that the God of glory and power and undying love is always with us. Truly, this is one of the great mysteries of our Christian faith. Every time we make the sign of the cross, we are reminded of the life that is brought to light in Christ. The very life, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus is evidence of the determination of God to love us through it all. Not only is Jesus proof of God's love, Christ's very presence with and within us is an outpouring of that love. This Lent, take time to listen to the Lord and allow what you hear to help you turn away from sin and toward the life and immortality of the Christian disciple.

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Today's Readings: Gn 12:1–4a; Ps 33:4–5, 18–19, 20, 22;
2 Tm 1:8b–10; Mt 17:1–9

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Via Dolorosa - The Stations of the Cross

Tradition holds that our Blessed Mother visited daily the scenes of our Lord's passion. After Constantine legalized Christianity in the year 312, this pathway was marked with its important stations. St. Jerome (342-420), living in Bethlehem during the later part of his life, attested to the crowds of pilgrims from various countries who visited those holy places and followed the Way of the Cross. The devotion continued to grow in popularity. In the fifth century, an interest developed in the Church to "reproduce" the holy places in other areas so pilgrims who could not actually travel to the Holy Land could do so in a devotional, spiritual way in their hearts. For instance, St. Petronius, Bishop of Bologna, constructed a group of chapels at the monastery of San Stefano, which depicted the more important shrines of the Holy Land, including several of the stations. When the Moslem Turks blocked the access to the Holy Land, reproductions of the stations were erected at popular spiritual centers, including the Dominican Friary at Cordova and Poor Clare Convent of Messina (early 1400s); Nuremberg (1468); Louvain (1505); Bamberg, Fribourg and Rhodes (1507); and Antwerp 1520).

Many of these stations were reproduced by renowned artists and are considered masterpieces today. By 1587, Zuallardo reported that the Moslems forbade anyone "to make any halt, nor to pay veneration to [the stations] with uncovered head, nor to make any other demonstration," basically suppressing this devotion in the Holy Land. Nevertheless, the devotion continued to grow in popularity in Europe. At the end of the 17th century, the erection of stations in churches became more popular. In 1686, Pope Innocent XI, realizing that few people could travel to the Holy Land due to the Moslem oppression, granted the right to erect stations in all of their churches. Pope Benedict XIII extended these indulgences to all of the faithful in 1726. Five years later, Pope Clement XII permitted stations to be created in all churches and fixed the number at 14. In 1742, Pope Benedict XIV exhorted all priests to enrich their churches with the Way of the Cross, which must include 14 crosses and are usually accompanied with pictures or images of each particular station.

MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

Please join us this week (even if you have missed Episodes 1 and 2). We will be watching Episode 3 on The Scourging of Jesus at the pillar.

It takes place within the context of Jesus' trial. In and out of the praetorium with Jesus on the inside and the relentless demands of the crowd on the outside, Pilate is the one in the midst of a trial. He finds no crime in Jesus, yet wishing to satisfy the crowd, he has him brutally scourged. Our Lord's pain and suffering is very real yet it points to something much deeper - an infinite love - a God who is willing to endure the deepest pain on our behalf. Encounter a love that conquers death. A love that fights - for you!

Please join us at either St. Isidore's on Sundays at 10:30 or on Mondays at Holy Family at 6:00 p.m. Bring a friend or two! Will you take an hour out of your week to learn about the love that fights for you?

GRATITUDE CORNER

Let's face it, we all love our social time as a parish family. And the best social time always includes food and drink. Our next "shout out" goes to the amazing people who get there early to set up our coffee and donuts for after Mass. We truly appreciate all that they do to make our social time a bit "sweeter". This is an opportunity that we have at both sites, and it allows us to share our lives with one another each week. However, we don't want to overtax the people who are involved in this much-appreciated act of service, and every week can get a little overwhelming. So, please, if you could help out even once or twice a year (or once or twice a month), stop in and see the people working in the kitchens after Mass, ask them how it's done, ask to shadow them for a week and give them your number so that they could contact you to take a week when they can't be there! (Holy Family has a sign up sheet for this.) Make it a goal one weekend in March to stop in! And, be sure to thank them for all they do for the sense

News from the RCIA Team

Mr. James Brimacombe is our candidate for the Easter Vigil to receive Confirmation and Renewal of Baptism vows. He participated in the Rite of Election this past Sunday with Bishop Boyea and many other candidates from various parishes within our Diocese. Please offer your prayers for him and his sponsor, wife Sandra, as he continues his journey to the Easter Vigil.

Please take note:

Disciple Maker Index Survey— The Diocese is asking all parishes to participate in an online survey. Use the link below. The information we gather will be invaluable to our parish and to our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be.

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/gkx3ag>

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross-6:30 pm / 5:30 pm Confessions

March 10—Holy Family
March 17—St. Isidore
March 24—Holy Family
March 31—St. Isidore



This year's collection will start this weekend, March 4 & 5.

Our 2023 goal will be St. Isidore combine with Holy Family—**\$36,110.**

Just a reminder that **checks must be made out to either church, NOT DSA or the Diocese.**

Tentative Holy Week Schedule
Holy Thursday—April 6— 6:00 pm—St. Isidore
Good Friday—Noon—Holy Family
Good Friday—3:00 pm—St. Isidore
Easter Vigil—Time to be announced—Holy Family
Easter Sunday—9:00 am—St. Isidore
Easter Sunday—11:00 am—Holy Family

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Thurs.—9:00 am—Quilting Ministry—Holy Family
Mar. 5 —10:30 am—Mysteries of Rosary—St. Isidore
Mar. 6—6:00 pm—Mysteries of Rosary —Holy Fam
Mar. 10—Stations of the Cross —6:30 pm- Holy Fam
Mar.11—TMIY—Holy Family— 7:30 am
Mar. 16—St. Patrick Dinner—6:00 pm—St. Isidore
Mar. 17 -Fish Fry—4:30—7 pm—Holy Family

FISH FRY DATES— Holy Family

March 17 & 31

4:30 pm—7 pm

\$16—Adult

\$8 Kids—6—12

Kids 5 & Under- Free



Holy Moments for Busy Moms

We are going to form a "moms group" for four weeks. We have studies and such that people can do in the parish. This is a short-term study/prayer/discussion group just for moms. We are only going to run for four weeks (from Feb. 28 to Mar. 21), ending before spring break. It will be Tuesdays from 6:00 to 7:45 at St. Isidore.

Knowing how busy moms are, we want to make this manageable. There will be teens to help with child care (if your teen would like to help out, let us know). We will have a light meal to take that burden off mom as well. We will have a short simple book (we will provide the book!) to start our discussions, but it's more to pray, discuss and talk as Christian moms about what is happening in our families and in our spiritual lives.

If you would like to get more information and/or to sign up (so we know how much food to make), please contact Lisa Kingsbury (lisa.kingsbury@laingsburg.k12.mi.us or 517-899-8643). **You can still attend even if you miss the first gathering.**

ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

St. Isidore Knights of Columbus will be offering their traditional Irish dinner (corned beef & cabbage, carrots & potatoes, potato pancakes, soda bread and dessert) on , Thursday, March 16 at 6:00 pm. All for your free will donation. Please sign up in advance at either church or on the parish website—stisidorechurch.org

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

March 8—Business Meeting—7:00 pm

Knight of the Month: Jim Leathers

Family of the Month: Dan & Nicole Fickes Family

The Knights and Holy Cross Services-Homeless No More want to Thank You for your generous support at last Sunday's fundraiser breakfast. Over \$1300 was raised and will certainly be put to good use by HCS to serve our Lansing area communities. Your support is greatly appreciated.



American Red Cross

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, March 13 @

ST. ISIDORE CHURCH

12:00 PM to 5:45 PM

Sponsored by: Knights of Columbus

Mittens for the Homeless

The season is winding down but we are always in need of used sweaters.



Please bring old palms in to be burned for next year's ashes.

ST. ISIDORE, LAINGSBURG

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday—Mar. 4—(5:30 PM) † Marilyn Kiel by Joel Bohil
Sunday— Mar. 5 —(9:00 AM) † Dan Morgan by Robert & Mary Shaw
Wednesday— Mar. 8 — (6:30 PM) † Jack Risch by the Knights of Columbus
Thursday — Mar. 9 —(8:30 AM) People of the Parish
Friday — Mar. 10 — (8:30 AM) † Frances Lundie by
Saturday—Mar. 11—(5:30 PM) † Yvonne O'Reilly by Mary Lou Smith
Sunday— Mar. 12 —(9:00 AM) † Nancy Byrnes by Jeff & Doreen Byrnes

HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday— Mar. 4 — (4:00 PM) † Karl Hufnagel by the Lorio Family
Sunday— Mar. 5 —(11:00 AM) † Dave & Irene LaPeer by the Family
Tuesday —Mar. 7 — (12:10 PM) Deceased Members of the Julius & Wyona Keusch Family by John & Konnie
Thursday— Mar. 9— (6:30 PM) † Sandra Dolinar by the Quilting Ministry VanGeertruy
Saturday— Mar. 11 — (4:00 PM) Deceased Members of the Lorio Family
Sunday— Mar. 12 —(11:00 AM) † Bernie Mitchell 11th Anniversary by Leonard & Family

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), 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), Tom Hulburt (Son of Nita Hughes), Diane Mead (Friend of Joanne Evans), Gary Hrncharik, Donna Fruchey, Nancy Alice Carbary (Mother of Maggie Sayles), Michelle Houska, 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, 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), 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, Armando Anguiano, (Brother of Jesse), Juan Chapas, (Friend of Jesse Anguiano), 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, Mary Harris, Robert Shaw, Kathryn Okada, (Friend of Porrell's), Donald Jacks, (Son in Law of Diane Stasa), Randy Evans (Son of Ron & Joanne Evans), Matthew Rios, (Great-Grandson of Nita Hughes), Jamie Lester, (Friend of Nita Hughes), Chris Bozung, (Friend of Smith Family), Adam Thering, Patty VanLeiw, Dee Bingham, Sue Hardaker, Greg Smith, Barb Wright, Judy Minarik, Janet Arthur, David Hager, Mercedes, Eric, & Baby Chris Martinez, Anita Leathers, Ron & Denise Pohl (Sister and Brother-in-Law of Donna Judd), Zach Koonter, Bruce & Jane Timlick, Dale Trieweiler, Mike & Theresa Heeg, Sean Palatka, (Nephew of Joe Tejkl), Frank Quine, Shawn Pard-ee (Friend of Ginger Kusiner), Baby Owen Ulicki

Prayer List needs to be updated. Please contact the office to remove names.

Remember our service members in your prayers:

Taylor Earl Parsons—Air Force—Space Force
Christian Garza—Army
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.)
Kelly Brown—Navy
Sergeant Jared Mersino—Army

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

WEEKLY OFFERTORY Feb 25 & 26, 2023

St. Isidore Offertory - \$3,246
Holy Family Offertory - \$2,711
Online Offertory - \$1,100
TOTAL: - \$7,057

Special Prayers for Annette "Toni" Doyle who passed away last week.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

FREE VBS JUNE 12-15

8:30AM-12:00PM

PRESCHOOL-5TH GRADE

SHOW JUNE 15 AT 12:00PM

VOLUNTEERS 6TH GRADE-ADULT

PM CHILD CARE 12:00-3:30PM

\$35/DAY PER KID (1ST-5TH)



REGISTER ON THE HOME PAGE OF THE PARISH WEBSITE



Register for STELLAR VBS by scanning the QR Code and filling out the registration forms at St. Jude, Dewitt. VBS is free, but if you need afternoon child care there is a charge and you'll send a packed lunch.





Again Jesus said, "Simon, do you truly love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." — JOHN 21:16

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