



# THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 22, 2023

**“COME AFTER ME,  
AND I WILL MAKE  
YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”**

Matthew 4:19

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Today's Gospel from Matthew sketches the initial movements of Jesus' public ministry. The arrest of John the Baptist signals that Jesus' time has come. His first actions include the call of his first disciples, and proclaiming the reign, or kingdom, of heaven. Jesus first gathers a community, which he can gradually form to become living evidence of this coming reign. His preaching, which begins just a few verses later in the Sermon on the Mount, is not just essential guidance for each individual life, but for life within a community of his followers.

It can be very challenging for most of us, who live in a highly individualized society, to hear this story of being summoned into community, committed to learning together and from each other. Our parishes and Christian communities need to be safe places so that we can open our hearts to each other, learning the Way of Jesus, and sharing this Way with others.

## UNITED IN CHRIST

In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul addresses many pastoral issues, and begins with questions of division over leader-

ship. We hear of rival camps of loyalty for various leaders and preachers: Paul himself, Apollo, or Cephas. Paul fears that the community has lost the center of the faith, that is, Christ himself. The community is to be united in mind and purpose under Christ.

Many today experience in a very similar division. Some Christians will in effect say: "I belong to . . . (fill in the name of your favorite preacher, theologian, or leader), and those who don't are not to be trusted." Diversity of thought and background are essential to the vitality of Christian community, but here Paul describes a division that hides the message of Christ. It hides Christ's call to charity and forbearance toward all. This division hides the truth that we are all at the foot of the cross, a cross that reveals our own brokenness and our need for mercy.

Today's Readings: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13–14; 1 Cor 1:10–13, 17; Mt 4:12–23 [12–17]

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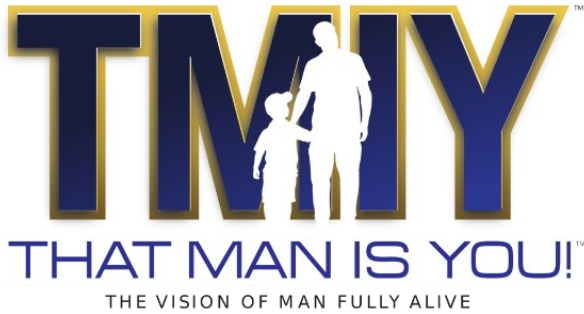
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**That Man is You, The Vision of Man Fully Alive, is coming back soon!**

The Vision of Man Fully Alive enables men to experience authentic freedom as sons of God. Through living the three-fold mission of abiding presence, joyful service and living sacrifice, their hearts and homes will experience the joy that God desires. To sustain them on their spiritual journey, the men will be led directly to the three spiritual foods that Christ himself proclaims: The Eucharist, The Word of God, and The Will of God.

Join us for food, fellowship, and faith Saturday mornings at 7:30 AM at Holy Family starting January 21<sup>st</sup>. This is a great time to join us, all men are welcome! For more information contact Andrew Braun at; [AndrewRBraun@gmail.com](mailto:AndrewRBraun@gmail.com), or contact the parish office.



**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS:**

The Parish Council was very pleased with the response we received to our appeal for new membership. We retired three members this year and had more than enough to fill those spaces with some in reserve as we retire members in the next few years. Thank you to all who are and have been willing to serve our parish in this way. Our Parish Council now consists of:

Fr. Anthony & Dcn. John

a representative from the Finance Council (currently Fred Brusco)

Lisa Kingsbury

Andrew Braun

Stacy Voisinet

Aloise Bachelder

Courtney Bates

Vivian Durling

Larry Kusnier

Pamela Morgan

Marilyn VanAntwerp

Brett Lundie

Ronni Klein

Angela Porta

Please remember that the Parish Council is meant to be the voice of the parish so feel free to let us know your thoughts and ideas and pray for us as we work for the good of the parish.



**PARISH COUNCIL REPORT**

Our new Parish Council met this week. We got updates on all of our building projects: The hall and bathroom projects at St. Isidore, some new statues donated for Holy Family, the plans for the roofs at both sites, work on the sound system at Holy Family, etc. There is a lot happening and a lot more in the works for this coming year.

We also started planning some of our activities for this year. Mark your calendars! We are planning on having a procession on the grounds at Holy Family for Corpus Christi (June 11th after the 11:00 am Mass). We are planning another parish picnic for the end of summer (August 27th). We had a great turnout last year, and we want to see that continue.

We also want to offer a bit of gratitude. First, thank you to the ladies who are responsible for the funeral luncheons in both locations. They are doing a great job. Our finances are in great shape due to your continued generosity. We officially do a parish count in October, and we are growing and our number are going up. Thank you to all for your evangelization by word and example in our communities. One of our goals for the next year is to increase the spirituality of our parish through some new/old opportunities..... stay tuned!

## **PARISH ACTIVITIES**

Jan. 25— Women's Bible Study—6 –8 pm –HF  
Thurs.—9:00 am—Quilting Ministry—Holy Family  
Jan. 28—TMIY—Holy Family— 7:30 am

## **2022 CONTRIBUTION REPORTS**

The contributions reports have been printed and are ready to be picked up. These reports reflect the offertory envelopes that were used. Any online offertory has been sent to your email. If you used both, envelopes & online, you will receive two separate reports.

**Remember:** If you have not already please pick up your 2023 offertory envelopes. If you do not see your envelopes or are new, please contact the office.

**HELP IS NEEDED.** . . You don't have to join any club, attend any meetings, or make phone calls. The Counting Teams at both churches need your help when you fill out envelopes. Here are a few simple rules that we ask you to follow:

1. If you missed a week, please just put the missed contribution in one envelope. We do not need all the missed envelopes.
2. If you are contributing for more than one thing, i.e., Mass Offering, Special Collection, etc., **DO NOT** write one check for all these items. This can cause mistakes as we must keep all monies separate (weekly offering, special collection, Mass intentions, etc.) The counters have to divide this money up into each pile and this usually causes a mistake.
3. It is not necessary that you put your name on the outside of the envelope—your choice, but it is **extremely important that you write the amount** that you are contributing on the outside of the envelope!

These sound like minor things, but when you are counting money and it must all added up before depositing . . . well you get the idea! One mistake can turn a volunteer's job into a nightmare!

**Thanks for your contributions and your help in this matter!**



## **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](mailto:marystevens@stisidorechurch.org)



## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Feb. 8—Business Meeting—7:00 pm

Feb. 26—Pancake Breakfast

**Knight of the Month:** Jerry Gialanella

**Family of the Month:** Eric and Mary Lefevre Family

## **MITTENS FOR THE HOMELESS**

The Mitten Makers are still sewing and donating mittens to the homeless and are in need of sweaters. Please them drop off at the office door.



**WE MISSED YOU.** . . At the Saturday Night dinner after Mass last week-end at Holy Family. We had approximately 25 people stay for dinner. These dinners are being offered to you for a chance to visit after Mass with your fellow parishioners. This will be the last dinner on Saturday until the fall. Should we continue having them or discontinue them? It's up to you — we would really like to see more people stay for coffee and donuts and the dinners. Let us know if we should keep them or not on the Saturday schedule! You can just drop a note in the collection basket with your YEA or NAY VOTE! And by the way — \$95 was donated for the dinner—all of it (the supplies for the dinner was donated so no cost was incurred) was given to the Holy Family Activities Group to help purchase supplies for the Lenten fish fry..

**ST. ISIDORE, LAINGSBURG****MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK**

Saturday—Jan. 21 —(5:30 PM) † Mary Lou Doyle by James Doyle  
 Sunday— Jan. 22 —(9:00 AM) † Dan Morgan by Robert & Mary Shaw  
 Wednesday— Jan. 25 — (6:30 PM) † Tony Audia by the Family  
 Thursday — Jan. 26 —(8:30 AM) People of the Parish  
 Friday — Jan. 27 — (8:30 AM) † Yvonne O'Reilly by Katie Grettenberger  
 Saturday—Jan. 28—(5:30 PM) † Tom Bacik—(Dad of Fr. Bob)— by Chris & Kay Basgall  
 Sunday— Jan. 29 —(9:00 AM) † James Rowley 4th Anniversary by the Family

**HOLY FAMILY, OVID**

Saturday— Jan. 21 — (4:00 PM) Special Intentions of Greg Smith  
 Sunday— Jan. 22 —(11:00 AM) † Jurline Len by the Family  
 Tuesday —Jan. 24 — (12:10 PM) † Mary Sinicropi by the Family  
 Thursday— Jan. 26— (6:30 PM) † Fr. Raymond Urbanek by Lillian Bigelow  
 Saturday— Jan. 28 — (4:00 PM) † Doug Angell by Sid & Angie Wittenberg  
 Sunday— Jan. 29 —(11:00 AM) Special Intentions of Jack Crawford by the Crawford 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), 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, 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

*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  
 Kelly Brown—Navy  
 SPC 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  
Jan. 14 & 15, 2023**

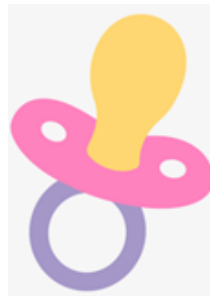
St. Isidore Offertory- \$2,222  
 Holy Family Offertory - \$3,723  
 Online Offertory - \$1,155  
**TOTAL: - \$7,100**

# WHAT IS THAT DRESSER IN THE CHURCH ENTRANCE FOR??

Many women with an unexpected pregnancy find themselves feeling scared and alone. They are searching for answers and support. In our area there are pregnancy crisis centers and a baby pantry that these women can turn to. We as Christians can help support women choosing life with our prayers and providing items that they need for their new baby. There will be a dresser in the back of each church that we as a parish can fill for a new mother in need. The Deadline to fill the dresser is February 12<sup>th</sup>. These items should be new. If you have lightly used baby items that you would like to donate, please contact Karen Popowitz at 517-243-6895 or the Elsie Baby Pantry at 989-640-1492. We would also accept donations of dressers for future dresser projects, even if it needs minor repair.



Baby Food (plastic containers)  
Baby monitor  
Bibs Cloth/Plastic  
Blankets  
Books (ages 0-24 months)  
Bottles (Plastic)  
Bottle Brush  
Bottle Cooler Bag  
Bottle Warmer/Sterilizer  
Booties  
Boots (toddler size)  
Burp cloths  
Clothing (0 – 2 years)  
Coat, mittens, gloves, hats  
Changing pads (waterproof)  
Crib pads (waterproof)  
Crib sheets  
Diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6)  
Diaper bag  
Diaper pail  
Infant bathtub  
Infant spoons  
Nursing pillow  
Pacifiers  
Quilt  
Receiving blanket



Safety items  
Socks (infant -24 months)  
Sleep sac  
Snack bowls  
Sippy cups  
Snowsuit (toddler size)  
Teethers  
Towels/Hooded Towels  
Toys (0-24 months)  
Onesies (0-24 months)  
Washcloth  
Toiletries  
Baby shampoo  
Baby wash  
Baby lotion  
Baby oil  
Baby powder  
Brush/comb  
Diaper Cream/ointment  
Nail care items  
Nursing pads  
Q-tips  
Thermometer  
Baby wipes

