



FIRST SUNDAY OF Lent

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

At that time Jesus was
let by the Spirit into the desert
to be tempted by the devil.

Matthew 4:1

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Lent is a season in which we resolve to turn away from sin and turn toward Jesus. Turning away from sin requires us to admit that we miss the mark and fail to live as God desires. The first Sunday of Lent always includes a gospel account of Jesus facing temptation in the desert. Notice that it is not generic temptation Jesus meets, nor do we. Our temptations are personal, areas of particular weakness, situations in which, like Eve and Adam, we may rationalize and give in to sin rather than holding firm to what we know is right and just. Jesus gives us a model for meeting temptation: draw on the wisdom and truth found in sacred scripture and the teaching tradition of the Church to know what we must do or not do. Be strong and know that the Lord is with you as you resolve to be faithful.

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TRUST IN GOD'S MERCY

"Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned." The refrain of today's Responsorial Psalm gives voice to our conviction that God is good and reminds us that we can trust in God's mercy as we face our sin, seek forgiveness, and resolve to avoid sin in the future. The more deeply we grow in relationship with Christ, the more sure of God's love we become. Rooted in this love, we can admit our failings and trust that God always desires to be close to us, drawing us into abundant life. Lent is a good time to seek God's mercy and forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation. We can take heart in the assurance that forgiveness awaits our repentant heart.

Today's Readings: Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12:17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

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Notes from Fr. Anthony ...



Lent has now begun, and we find ourselves celebrating this first Sunday of Lent today. It is an opportunity for us to grow in faith and understanding of our Blessed Lord's passion and His love for us. If you haven't read it, I would heartily recommend the book by Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich *The Life of Jesus Christ and Biblical Revelations*. It is really a great read and contains, in my opinion, one of the best and most descriptive presentations of the life and passion of Christ. It is definitely worth the time. Other things we can do during lent in particular is expose ourselves and family to some time together and quality films. A few I would recommend: *The Cardinal (1963)*, *Joan of Arc (1948)*, *I Confess (1953)*, *The Bells of St. Mary's (1945)*, *The Ten Commandments (1956)*, *The Reluctant Saint (1962)*, *The Keys of the Kingdom (1944)*, *Lilies of the Field (1963)*, *Miracle of Marcelino (1955)*, *The Song of Bernadette (1943)*, *The Robe (1953)*, *For Greater Glory (2012)* and obviously *Jesus of Nazareth (1977)* and *The Passion of the Christ (2004)*. Those are just a few. Religious, in particular Catholic movies and films, are something I grew up enjoying and over the years have acquired quite a collection of them myself. It is amazing when you think of the fact the Hollywood actually produced a lot of Catholic movies back in the day and that you could actually watch a whole movie, newly released, with the whole family and not have to turn away from or fast forward or skip scenes. What has happened to the entertainment industry since then? It wasn't necessary to show all the things they feel they need to now. And the language?! Don't even get me started. It leaves quite a wide field for us as Catholics to work on. We need to support those


things that are favorable to Faith and not support those things that aren't. One of the nice things about exposing ourselves and families to good, quality, Catholic books and movies is that it is very visually stimulating and seeing things before my eyes can help give a good picture of those different realities of our faith and provide food for thought later. What seeds I sow in my mind and subconscious will determine what grows there.

On a different note, we are beginning our DSA this week as mentioned previously, our parish goal this year is **\$36,110**. The official kick off is next weekend, March 4 & 5. As a parish, we were one of the first to meet our DSA goal last year. I would like to thank you for your continued support for the DSA, I know how difficult it can be sometimes with all the other expenses in life. Know that I am aware and truly grateful for your generosity!

An important moment this last week was when we received a very beautiful monstrance for use during Eucharistic adoration at Holy Family. It was donated to the parish and we are extremely grateful for it. It is absolutely stunning and very worthy of holding our Blessed Lord during adoration. St. Isidore already had a beautiful antique monstrance. Both are viewable during Eucharistic adoration.

Don't forget about our weekly Stations of the Cross. We rotate back and forth between our two churches. This Friday will be at St. Isidore and the next week back at Holy Family and so on. Confessions start at 5:30 and Stations at 6:30.

God love you, Fr. Anthony



Pilgrim Icon Program

The Laingsburg Knights of Columbus Council 12044 is sponsoring a Pilgrim Icon Prayer Service in Honor of St. Joseph. The event will be held following the 6:30 pm mass on Wednesday March 1st, at St. Isidore. Keep an eye on the bulletin for further updates.



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/d/gkx3ag>




This year's collection will start next 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.**

LENTEN SCHEDULE

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

February 24—Holy Family
 March 3—St. Isidore
 March 10—Holy Family
 March 17—St. Isidore
 March 24—Holy Family
 March 31—St. Isidore



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
Feb. 26—Pancake Breakfast —After Mass/St. Isidore
Feb. 26 —10:30 am—Mysteries of Rosary—St. Isidore
Feb. 27—6:00 pm—Mysteries of Rosary —Holy Fam
Mar. 1 —Pilgrim Icon Prayer —After Mass/St. Isidore
Mar. 3—Fish Fry—4:30—7 pm—Holy Family
Mar.4—TMIY—Holy Family— 7:30 am

FISH FRY DATES— Holy Family

March 3, 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).

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

Feb. 26—Pancake Breakfast



Knight of the Month: Jim Leathers

Family of the Month: Dan & Nicole Fickes Family

The K of C pancake breakfast on Sunday Feb 26th will be a Free Will offering in support of **Holy Cross Services-Homeless No More** fund drive.(See insert) Your support would be greatly appreciated. Checks should be made out to K of C #12044 with a note in the memo line "HCS-Homeless no More".

GRATITUDE CORNER

Over time we have had a variety of groups designed to increase the depth and understanding of our faith within the St. Isidore/ Holy Family community. From our RCIA instructors who have a very specific mission to the leaders of bible studies, That Man Is You and our new mysteries of the rosary group and so many others in between, we have wonderful volunteers who make our faith community so much richer. Thank you to all who take the time to study and deepen their own faith and then choose to share that in a very real way with all of us. The best way for all of us to express our gratitude is by **participating!** The work that goes into preparing for those groups brings personal growth to the leaders, but the sharing is what is really fulfilling. Find a group and try it out! We have some amazing people ready to share and grow with all who wish to show up. Thank you for the example you set and the beauty of the faith you share.

MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

St. Isidore: Sundays at 10:30 am thru Lent

Holy Family: Mondays at 6:00 pm thru Lent

TheRosarySeries.com

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

Saturday—Feb. 25—(5:30 PM) † Russ Jorae by Jeannette Parker Family

Sunday— Feb. 26 —(9:00 AM) † Violet O. Raska by the Family

Wednesday— Mar. 1 — (6:30 PM) † Jack Risch by Chris & Amy Wilson

Thursday — Mar. 2 —(8:30 AM) † Sheila Doyle by the Family

Friday — Mar. 3 — (8:30 AM) Pray for Holy Souls

Saturday—Mar. 4—(5:30 PM) † Marilyn Kiel by Joel Bohil

Sunday— Mar. 5 —(9:00 AM) † Dan Morgan by Robert & Mary Shaw

HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday— Feb. 25 — (4:00 PM) † Tony Audia by the Lorio Family

Sunday— Feb. 26 —(11:00 AM) † Barb Rewerts by Joelle Mulder

Tuesday —Feb. 28 — (12:10 PM) People of the Parish

Thursday— Mar. 2— (6:30 PM) † Karen Abnet by the Smith Family

Saturday— Mar. 4 — (4:00 PM) † Karl Hufnagel by the Lorio Family

Sunday— Mar. 5 —(11:00 AM) † Dave & Irene LaPeer by the 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, 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), 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 Rose-Marie 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, 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, 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 Pardee (Friend of Ginger Kusiner)

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

Patrick Schiffer—Air Force

Kelly Brown—Navy

Sergeant Jared Mersino—Army

(To add names, - contact the office.)

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 18 & 19, 2023**

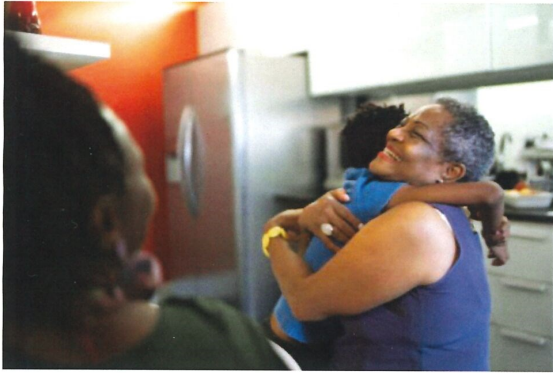
St. Isidore Offertory- \$5,077

Holy Family Offertory - \$3,502

Online Offertory - \$1,395

TOTAL: - \$9,974

About the New Hope Community Center



For decades, the New Hope Community Center (“New Hope”) has been a pillar for people experiencing homelessness in Lansing. At the request of the community, Holy Cross Services assumed operations of the facility in 2018. Today, New Hope is one of the region’s largest homeless shelters and is the area’s only “low-barrier” facility – meaning we eliminate as many barriers as we can to ensure all neighbors have access to emergency shelter.

Every year, New Hope needs nearly \$500,000 in donations to keep the shelter operational. With these funds, New Hope is able to keep families together, offer emergency care and nourishment for children, adults, and veterans experiencing homelessness, and help our unhoused neighbors find permanent housing. Through the 2023 Homeless No More event, New Hope hopes to raise \$400,000 toward its annual fundraising target.



There are several programs that operate within the New Hope Community Center, each serving the greater Lansing community:

Community Kitchen	<i>Serving warm breakfast, lunch, and dinner for anyone in the community who needs help</i>	69,000 Meals Served
Day Center	<i>Offering a warm and safe space to rest, recharge, and access case management</i>	
Emergency Shelter	<i>Providing overnight sheltering for individuals with nowhere to turn</i>	118,000 Bed Nights
Family Sheltering	<i>Ensuring families with children remain together during an episode of homelessness</i>	
Veterans’ Housing	<i>Sheltering and supporting veterans experiencing homelessness to transition to permanent housing</i>	100% Veteran success rate



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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