



FIFTH Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2023

**"Your light must shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your heavenly Father."**

Matthew 5:16

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Following last week's passage from Matthew with the Beatitudes, today we continue Jesus' Sermon on the Mount with his images of salt, light, and a city. Jesus moves from describing the core identity of the community he has gathered to considering its impact on the world. He wanted his community not just to claim its identity, but to live it out. He wanted his community to journey with him, to fully learn what this might mean.

For us, being salt for others may mean engaging and enriching the lives of our neighbors. Being light may mean illuminating and addressing the world's systems that sustain social sins of violence, racism, and vast inequalities of wealth and opportunity. Being a city set high may mean holding to high standards of transparency, respect, and care for each other. Like Jesus' first followers, we are invited to travel the difficult and joy-filled road of learning and re-learning how to be the Church.

CROSS-SHAPED MINISTRY

Saint Paul, in today's passage from First Corinthians, admits he is not a salesman. He did not come to Corinth

with a sales pitch, with skilled rhetoric and worldly wisdom. Paul says that he simply came to speak of Christ crucified. For Paul, the cross is God's primary self-revelation, and the whole life of following Christ is marked by it. Paul describes this cross-shaped ministry by how he first preached it: with humility and fear. He was a messenger who looked weak by the standards of society, in order that the Spirit might break through to his listeners.

We may know or have read of those who spoke or lived with a cross-shaped presence. Perhaps a missionary who humbly served a community while preaching Christ. Or a group of protesters against injustice, who faced violent resistance with dignity and persistence. They open a space for the Spirit to transform hearts. Paul suggests that making ourselves vulnerable makes love possible.

Today's Readings: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

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Notes from Fr. Anthony ...



This week, I wanted to give you an update about some of our parish projects. At St. Isidore, our bathroom remodeling is practically done. That was a big project as it was all 4 bathrooms and has made a huge difference in our buildings. The parish hall has been repainted and the old, tattered blinds removed. A new drinking fountain is being put in also. We still have a number of things we want to get done there and it will be a step-by-step process. In the near future we are looking to get water softeners installed as well. We are also looking into getting plans drawn up to do an update/beautification in the sanctuary area. When that happens, we will make sure the ideas are put out for everyone to see.

At Holy Family, we recently put a furnace and ac unit in the parish office. We are in the process of getting the roofs on the rectory and garages replaced. They will be metal shingle roofs that have a 50 year warranty, so it should not be a concern for us for quite some time after. In the summer we are getting

the church roof coated which also has a 50 year warranty and will seal it completely and also help with the insulative capability. We recently put in the church two statues that were donated - Our lady of Good Success of the Purification and a statue of the Guardian Angel. I have heard back from the sound system company, and we are trying to get a date scheduled when they can come and begin working on updating and improving our sound system. I am looking forward to that and I think most of you are as well. It is the same company that did the system at St. Isidore, so we know that they are good at tailoring a system to the space. There are still a number of things that have been done and will be done in the future, however I just wanted to give a little update on some of our current projects. Thank you all for your generous support for our parishes, it would not be possible without you!

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.



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Feb. 8— Women's Bible Study—6 –8 pm –HF
Thurs.—9:00 am—Quilting Ministry—Holy Family
Feb. 11—TMIY—Holy Family— 7:30 am
Feb. 12 –Activities Group Meeting— After Mass— HF
Feb. 17—Fish Fry—4:30—7 pm—Holy Family
Feb. 26—Pancake Breakfast –After Mass/St. Isidore

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



HAVE YOU SIGNED UP? If you haven't signed up yet to work the fish fry dinners or donating a dessert — please sign up now. We can always use volunteers and desserts (we are bringing back homemade desserts). Pick the time or date that works best for you. Just one dessert or one volunteer will help!



First Dinner: Feb. 17th!
Will you be that volunteer?



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Feb. 15—Business Meeting—7:00 pm

Feb. 26—Pancake Breakfast



Knight of the Month: Jerry Gialanella
Family of the Month: Eric and Mary Lefevre Family



FISH FRY DATES— Holy Family

Feb. 17
March 3, 17 & 31
4:30 pm—7 pm
\$16—Adult
\$8 Kids—6—12
Kids Under 5 Free



QUILTING QUIPS... The group is back in full swing after the holidays. We always welcome new faces to our group. This past fall, we welcomed Margaret Remenar to our group. She joined at the urging of another member, RoseMarie, who took off for warmer weather. Margaret has stayed behind and became a very busy member of the group. She has donated more than just her time — she joined right in helping to sew on the labels that go on every quilt made, made craft items for the Christmas Store, brought us several ideas for next year's store and often brings a sweet treat to enjoy with our morning coffee break! With her ready smile and helping hands, we are so grateful that she has continued to come each week! Come and say "Hi" to Margaret.

Thank you to Fr. Anthony who stayed after Tuesday Mass to bless the latest finished quilts made by the group. They are now ready for distribution.



Gratitude Corner

We would like to take some time each week this winter/spring to acknowledge the amazing things the people of our parish do to make this a wonderful community. We are so grateful for all the service our people offer. Some are very visible and some are totally unseen, but we are so blessed for the ministry of so many in our parish. Thank you to all!

This week our "shout out" is to our music ministry. We all appreciate and enjoy good music in our services. To those who volunteer their time and talent to make our Mass richer--thank you so much! They take the time to rehearse and get to experience the Mass in a new and beautiful way each week. If you have ever thought about helping us to "make a joyful noise", please feel free to talk to Melissa Hinkley (St Isidore) or Mark Cooley (Holy Family). They'd love to have more voices. Melissa did share that reading music is NOT a requirement (she even said you don't have to be in tune:). Maybe this is where you are called to serve in our community? Thank you again to all who offer this for us!

Baby Dresser -Deadline: Feb. 12

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

Saturday—Feb. 4—(5:30 PM) † Parents of Fr. Bob Bacik by Chris & Kay Basgall
 Sunday— Feb. 5 —(9:00 AM) † Jim M. Hurst by Helen Stelzer
 Wednesday— Feb. 8 — (6:30 PM) Special Intentions of Clare Greene by the Family
 Thursday — Feb. 9 —(8:30 AM) † Mary Lou Doyle by Ike & Mary Hunt
 Friday — Feb. 10 — (8:30 AM) People of the Parish
 Saturday—Feb. 11—(5:30 PM) † Dale Arpin by Chris & Kay Basgall
 Sunday— Feb. 12 —(9:00 AM) † Ron Hart, Sr. by Helen Stelzer

HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday- Feb. 4 — (4:00 PM) † Dan Morgan by Randy & Ana Ladiski
 Sunday— Feb. 5 —(11:00 AM) Rosemarie Goodwin by Eleonore Schussmann
 Tuesday —Feb. 7 — (12:10 PM) † Charolette Csapos by Dan & Vickie Csapos
 Thursday— Feb. 9— (6:30 PM) † Pat Latz by Gerald & Margaret Horak
 Saturday- Feb. 11 — (4:00 PM) † Doug Angell by Pat & Sandy Bisson
 Sunday— Feb. 12 —(11:00 AM) † Gary Schrauben by the Smith 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), 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 Fulguro (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, Judy Minarik, Janet Arthur

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
 Sergeant Jared Mersino—Army

ADORATION**St. Isidore Church- Wednesdays**

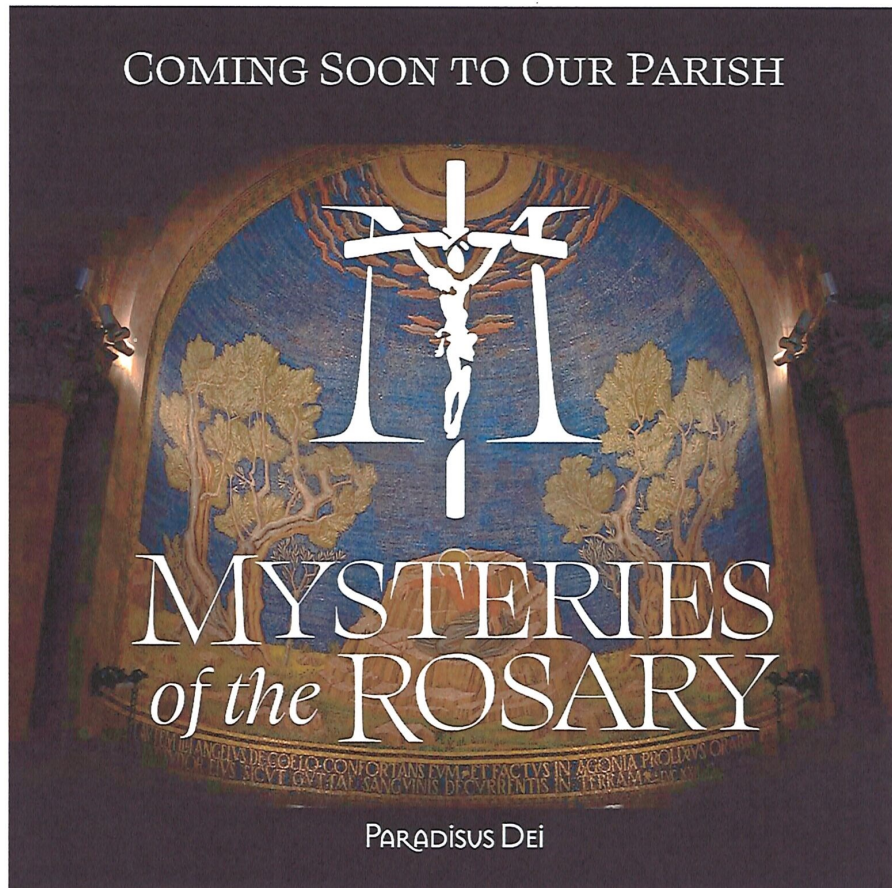
5:30—6:20 pm Adoration & Confessions
 6:30 pm Mass
 Adoration & Confessions Following Mass
 Until 7:30 pm

Holy Family—Thursdays

5:30—6:20 pm Adoration & Confessions
 6:30 pm Mass

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY
Jan. 28 & 29, 2023**

St. Isidore Offertory- \$1,658
 Holy Family Offertory - \$6,473
 Online Offertory - \$1,855
TOTAL: - \$10,061



Jesus is at the Center of the Rosary!

Explore the MYSTERIES of the ROSARY and get closer to Jesus.

Lent begins Wednesday, February 22nd. This Lent, perhaps instead of "giving up something," choose to draw closer to and be shaped by God. Allow yourself time to reflect on sacred scripture, which is life-giving and transformative. Join fellow parishioners in this season of reflection and repentance to go deeper in your spiritual journey, no matter where you are along the way. The 7-week series, *Mysteries of the Rosary*, which was filmed in the Holy Land, will be available at both St. Isidore and Holy Family this Lent. Sign-up and details to follow soon. Will you make this Lent a time of spiritual growth? Watch the trailer at: <https://youtu.be/IA0Rr0aoduc> (Link available on St. Isidore-Holy Family Facebook page)

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