



“But I say to you, love your enemies
and pray for those who persecute you.”

Matthew 5:44

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When Paul writes “you are the temple of God,” note that he uses the plural form of “you.” He was speaking about the community at Corinth as a temple. For Paul, a temple is where God dwells. God abides, and is active within, the shared life of the community. Paul speaks at length about the divisions within the Corinthian community. These divisions were seen as a defilement of God’s temple.

We encounter divisions in our own Church today, sometimes accompanied by a troubling lack of humility and charity. Often the conflicts revolve around establishing markers of true discipleship, with some emphasizing personal faith and morality, and others emphasizing justice and the Church’s social teachings. Perhaps the Spirit, active in the temple of our shared life, points toward Jesus’ command “love your enemies.” Perhaps we best exhibit discipleship in the charity we extend, and our capacity for dialogue, with those who disagree with us or who are unkind to us.

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THE SERMON

Today we conclude the series of Sunday Gospel passages from the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew’s chapters 5–7. Having proclaimed the coming of the Kingdom, Jesus extensively described to his new community what life is like in this new realm, and the inner dispositions needed to enter into it. He exposed hidden places of the heart, especially those places that needed to be healed.

The Sermon is a huge challenge for us today. The Sermon pushes against our attempts to compromise what God summons us to be and to do. It challenges our deep desires to see ourselves as virtuous, and to resist God’s desire to transform us. It reminds us that we are both loved by God and in need of God’s help. As we anticipate the season of Lent, consider prayerfully reading the Sermon as a whole. We are invited to carefully explore our deeper motivations, to allow God to uncover and to heal our fears and our wounds.

Today’s Readings: Lev 19:1–2, 17–18; Ps 103:1–2, 3–4, 8, 10, 12–13; 1 Cor 3:16–23; Mt 5:38–48

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“Offer to God
a sacrifice of
Thanksgiving”
Psalms 50:14



Each year, the **Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA)** unites all 72 parishes of our diocese drawing us together to achieve far more than any individual or any single parish could accomplish alone.

This year’s collection will start 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.**

Please take note:

Disciple Maker Index Survey—
The Diocese is asking all parishes to participate in an online survey. The link below will become active, Feb. 22. Fr. Anthony will have more details at all Masses this weekend.

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/gkx3ag>

Everyone is invited to join St. Martha Church in Okemos for The Parable Project, on Sunday, March 12th at 2 pm . The Parable Project uses drama, improv, and audience participation to bring the stories that transform our hearts alive. There is no cost, just come with hearts open to receive God’s message to you.



ASH WEDNESDAY - STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Ash Wednesday—February 22

Noon— Holy Family
6:30 pm—St. Isidore

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—St. Isidore
Good Friday—Noon—Holy Family
Good Friday—3:00 pm—St. Isidore
Easter Vigil—Time to be announced—Holy Family

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Thurs.—9:00 am—Quilting Ministry—Holy Family
Feb. 19 —10:30 am—Mysteries of Rosary—St. Isidore
Feb. 20—6:00 pm—Mysteries of Rosary —Holy Fam
Feb. 25—TMIY—Holy Family— 7:30 am
Feb. 26—Pancake Breakfast —After Mass/St. Isidore
Mar. 1 —Pilgrim Icon Prayer —After Mass/St. Isidore
Mar. 3—Fish Fry—4:30—7 pm—Holy Family

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).

We are so blessed to have a new baby joining the church. Baby Ladiski to Randy and Ana Ladiski. Randy fills our Masses with so much joy with his beautiful music. So, lets help celebrate his new family addition. We will have a card box in the back of Holy Family for baby cards, well wishes or monetary gifts.



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

For years we have enjoyed a solid financial foundation in our parish. We are grateful to ALL OF YOU for your continued support of our parish activities. In recent years we have seen some wonderful changes in our facilities that have everything to do with your generosity. However, in order to make such projects happen and indeed in order for anything to happen here at St. Isidore-Holy Family, we have to take care of the money you so generously provide.

Each week there is a dedicated group of volunteers at both sites who count and make our offertory deposits. It is a job done when no one is around to see their hard work. Thank you to all who help with this necessary task. Then, we have a parish finance council who analyze our status and help Fr. Anthony make decisions on budget and projects to advance our parish mission and goals. We are very grateful to all who serve on the finance council as well.

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

Saturday—Feb. 18—(5:30 PM) † Parents of Fr. Bob Bacik by Chris & Kay Basgall

Sunday— Feb. 19 —(9:00 AM) † Dan Morgan by Robert & Mary Shaw

Ash Wednesday— Feb. 22 — (6:30 PM) † Mary Lou Doyle by Rob & Debbie Powell

Thursday — Feb. 23 —(8:30 AM) † Nancy Byrnes by Dean & Linda Kiesling

Friday — Feb. 24 — (8:30 AM) † Jim Shaw by Lana Kaiser & Dennis Story

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

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

HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday— Feb. 18 — (4:00 PM) † Judy Crawford by the Crawford Family

Sunday— Feb. 19 —(11:00 AM) † Suzanne Nethaway by Ford & Lynn Hier

Tuesday —Feb. 21 — (12:10 PM) People of the Parish

Ash Wednesday—Feb. 22—(Noon) - † Dan Morgan by Randy & Ana Ladiski

Thursday— Feb. 23— (6:30 PM) † Karen Abnet by the Smith Family

Saturday— Feb. 24 — (4:00 PM) † Tony Audia by the Lorio Family

Sunday— Feb. 25 —(11:00 AM) † Barb Rewerts by Joelle Mulder

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

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
Feb 11 & 12, 2023**

St. Isidore Offertory- \$2,679
 Holy Family Offertory - \$3,038
 Online Offertory - \$1,440
TOTAL: - \$7,175

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



What is this about?

Mysteries of the Rosary is made up of a seven 30-35 minute videos (one video per week) which will focus on the Sorrowful Mysteries. The first video is an introduction to the series. Then each of the five mysteries will have an entire episode dedicated to it. Finally, the last episode will serve as a conclusion to bring the series to a close.

Will we be praying the Rosary?

No. *Mysteries of the Rosary* is a reflective deep dive into each Sorrowful Mystery. It is a great tool which can be used to deepen your understanding and prayer based on each mystery, but the series itself does not pray the Rosary or teach specifically how to pray the Rosary.

Who is this for?

Everyone! Families, single people, younger adults, older adults, and high school aged. Men, this includes *YOU* too. You do not have to know how to say the Rosary to come. If you frequently pray the Rosary, this should be an opportunity to enhance your experience. If you feel the Rosary is not for you, this may very well change your mind! Feel free to invite others.

St. Isidore: Beginning Sunday, February 19 @ 10:30 a.m. in Small Hall (30-35 minute video with time for discussion to follow). This is a 7 week series ending April 2nd. (Follows coffee and donuts or pancake breakfast.)

Holy Family: Beginning Monday, February 20 @ 6:00 p.m. at Holy Family (30-35 minute video with time for discussion to follow). This is a 7 week series ending April 3rd. (Light refreshments will be served.)

For more information contact:

St. Isidore:
Roger Hughes
Shirley Hughes

Holy Family:
Richard Theile
Carol Theile

(Contact Sharon in the office for phone numbers.)