

January

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Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time



NOW I HAVE SEEN AND TESTIFIED THAT  
HE IS THE SON OF GOD.

JOHN 1:34

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In today's Gospel, John the Baptist names Jesus as the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." This name "Lamb of God" is rich in meaning, and can be interpreted in various ways. From the Old Testament, it evokes the lamb of Passover, linked to God's rescue of the Hebrew people from Egypt. It is also an image of God's faithful servant, as in Isaiah 53 as a "lamb led to slaughter."

We can notice that here Jesus is the Lamb "of God." He is God's own Lamb, belonging to God. Jesus is not a cultic sacrifice to God, or a demand from God. John is presenting a traditional image in a new way. The Lamb "takes away" our sin, both exposing the reality of our sin to us (which we often hide from ourselves), and also forgiving us our sin. This same Lamb is filled with the Holy Spirit, and shares this Spirit to heal our troubled hearts.

### LIGHT TO THE NATIONS

Today's first reading is taken from the second of four "Servant Songs" in Isaiah. This Song was written around

the time that the people of Israel were near release from their exile in Babylon. Israel, and also the author, had been traumatized by their separation from Jerusalem and their seeming abandonment by God.

At this time of great vulnerability and despair, God gives them consolation and affirmation. God gives the exiles a vote of confidence and an expansion of vision. God will heal their hearts, and give them new energy to be "a light to the nations." Their purpose is not just survival, but to be the means by which God will bring the whole world into communion and harmony with God. For us today, when sometimes our parishes and communities face challenges of shrinkage and survival, perhaps God may similarly energize us, and remind us of the dignity and breadth of our mission.

Today's Readings: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10;  
1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

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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.

### Communion to the Homebound

If you have a friend or relative who is not able to come to Mass and receive the Eucharist, please contact Sharon in the office. Steve & Kathleen Zemcik will take the Eucharist to Holy Family parishioners on Wednesdays. Deacon John visits St. Isidore Families on Thursdays.



### PRAYER REQUESTS

Remember to make a special prayer request to our Prayer Group: call the office, email the office, or write the request and put into the prayer box located in the St. Isidore small hall. The prayer group will then pray for the individual.



## Offertory

Visit our website at [www.stisidorechurch.org](http://www.stisidorechurch.org) for a convenient and easy online giving option. Click the green *Donate Here* button.

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Sign up under "St. Isidore Church, Laingsburg" and use our parish code:  
**NH8RB3**

## **PARISH ACTIVITIES**

Jan. 18— Women's Bible Study—6 –8 pm –HF  
Thurs.—9:00 am—Quilting Ministry—Holy Family  
Jan. 21—TMIY—Resumes—Holy Family— 7:30 am  
Jan. 21—Activities Group Meeting –5 pm—Holy Fam

## **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.

## **Area Food Pantries – Elsie and Laingsburg**

The local food pantries are always accepting donations. The following items are especially in need (besides food items which are always welcomed and needed):

Personal Care Items – shampoos & conditioners, hygiene items, deodorants, oral hygiene items, (both for women and men), tissue, toilet paper.

Cleaning supplies – laundry detergents and softeners, household cleaners, dish washing soap.

Spices – (example)—cinnamon, salt, pepper, and other seasonings and spices.

Condiments – catsup, mustard, cooking oils, sauces

We thank you for your generosity ---- the need is great and all you can do is truly appreciated. The collection baskets are in the front entrances at both Holy Family and 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](mailto:marystevens@stisidorechurch.org)



## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Feb. 8—Business Meeting—7:00 pm

Feb. 26—Pancake Breakfast



Thank you to all that helped take down the Christmas decorations at St. Isidore. Your help was very much appreciated.



## **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.



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

Saturday—Jan. 14 —(5:30 PM) † Jack Risch by Jerry & Barb Gialanella  
 Sunday— Jan. 15 —(9:00 AM) † Harold Hurst by Helen Stelzer  
 Wednesday— Jan. 18 — (6:30 PM) Family of Jeff Joy by Ken Brink  
 Thursday — Jan. 19 —(8:30 AM) People of the Parish  
 Friday — Jan. 20 — (8:30 AM) † Jim Shaw by Katie Grettenberger  
 Saturday—Jan. 21 —(5:30 PM) † Mary Lou Doyle by James Doyle  
 Sunday— Jan. 22 —(9:00 AM) † Dan Morgan by Robert & Mary Shaw

**HOLY FAMILY, OVID**

Saturday— Jan. 14 — (4:00 PM) † Pat Latz by Bev Delaney  
 Sunday— Jan. 15 —(11:00 AM) Special Intentions of the Jane Crawford Family  
 Tuesday —Jan. 17 — (12:10 PM) † Carily Teichman by the Smith Family  
 Thursday— Jan. 19— (6:30 PM) Special Intentions of Greg Smith  
 Saturday— Jan. 21 — (4:00 PM) Special Intentions of Greg Smith  
 Sunday— Jan. 22 —(11:00 AM) † Jurline Len 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), 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. 7 & 8, 2023**

St. Isidore Offertory- \$2,643  
 Holy Family Offertory - \$3,087  
 Online Offertory - \$1,390  
**TOTAL: - \$7,120**