HARVEST NEWS

St. Isidore CHURCH

September 20, 2026
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



CONNECTING POINT

Chris Kozlowski - Mission Support Director chris@stisidore.church

When I was in middle school, I remember wishing I had the same talents as another kid on my travel soccer team. He had incredible ball control, always seemed to make the right pass, and scored great goals. Outside of soccer, we were also classmates, and I found myself trying to imitate many of the things he did. I tried to stand like him, answer questions the way he did, and generally carry myself like him, but it didn't work, obviously, because I wasn't him. I was me. I was one of the fastest kids and one of the grittiest players on the team. Where he had more flash, I had toughness. Where he brought one set of talents, I brought another. Both were important to our team's success.

At some point, I needed to stop focusing on what I wasn't and start recognizing what I was. I needed to replace comparison with gratitude. When I began focusing on the gifts God had given me, rather than wishing I had someone else's, I found peace.

Today's Gospel gives us a powerful question from the landowner: "Are you envious because I am generous?" God's grace is beyond human calculation, and it is not a limited resource. We sometimes look at

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Calendar

SEPTEMBER 20 - 27

SUN 20

7:30 AM **MASS** CH
9:30 AM **MASS/CLW** CH
11:30 AM **MASS/CLW** CH
5:30 PM **MASS/CLW** CH

MON 21

8 AM **MASS** CH
5 PM **DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION** CH
6:30 PM **DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION** CH

TUE 22

6:30 AM **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** VIR
8 AM **MASS** CH
9 AM **ADORATION** RC
9 AM **TUES BIBLE STUDY - ACTS** CR9
1 PM **COMFORT CRAFTERS** SH
5 PM **DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION** CH
6:30 PM **DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION** CH

WED 23

8 AM **MASS** CH
9:30 AM **SCRIPTURE GRP** RC
2 PM **FORGOTTEN HARVEST** PL
5 PM **JOYFUL NOISE - CHILDREN'S CHOIR** MR
6 PM **YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY** SH
7 PM **YOUNG ADULTS (YCS)** SH
7 PM **WED BIBLE STUDY - ACTS** RC
7 PM **CHOIR REHEARSAL** MR

THU 24

8 AM **MASS** CH
1:30 PM **SVDP MTG** ECR
6 PM **MINDFULNESS CLASS** YR
6:30 PM **TOASTMAST** CR9
6 PM **GRIEF SUPP** ECR
7 PM **HISPANIC ROSARY** FCR
7 PM **K OF C OFFICERS MTG** RC
7:30 PM **TEEN ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL** CH

FRI 25

7 AM **ADORATION** CH
8 AM **MASS** CH
8:45 AM **FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP** SH

SAT 26

3:15 PM **CONFESSIONS** CH
4:30 PM **MASS** CH
6 PM **OKTOBERFEST** SH

SUN 27

7:30 AM **MASS** CH
9:30 AM **MASS/CLW** CH
10:30 AM **OCIA** ECR/CR9 & 10
11:30 AM **MASS/CLW** CH
5:30 PM **MASS/CLW** CH

A-Atrium, CH-Church, CR-Classrooms, CY-Courtyard, ECR-Executive Conference Room, FCR-Front Conference Room, FO-Front Office, GS-Gathering Space, K-Social Hall Kitchen, MR-Music Room, PL-Parking Lot, OS-Off Site, RC-Resource Center, REC-Rectory, SH-Social Hall, YR-Youth Room, VIR–Virtual, HSW-Holy Spirit Wing, HFW-Holy Family Wing

How many times must we forgive?

Fr. John Bettin frjohn@stisidore.church

You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.

Matthew 20:4

The "you" to whom Jesus is speaking in this week's Gospel reading is you and I. God has blessed each and every one of us with great gifts, talents, and skills. These blessings are not to be kept for ourselves, or for a select few, but are meant to be shared among all of our brothers and sisters for the building up of the Kingdom of God here and now – this is especially true in the ministry of evangelization where we use our "labors" to attract and invite others to develop their own personal relationship with Jesus Christ. And when we use these gifts appropriately, God will reward us richly in many ways, paying us according to what He deems just. Often times when we use our God-given gifts we look for immediate repayment, assigning a value according to what we think is a just payment. But aren't all of our talents, skills, material goods, etc. gifts from God to begin with? Then why should we assign the value, or ask for payment at all, when we are returning to God or neighbor that which God gave us in the first place? Don't worry about what or how God will pay you for your service to Him or your neighbor. God is just, kind and merciful – He will pay you justly for the labor you do for Him or for your neighbor in His name, if not in this life then in the life to come. In any case, don't worry about what blessings God pours upon others, but give thanks to God for all the blessings He has and will bestow upon you. Those who always look at how others are "compensated" (i.e. blessed) will never be happy with the blessings that God has bestowed upon them!

Have a blessed week filled with the joy of Christ!

K of C Monthly Recognition

Brian McAleer - K of C

The St. Isidore K of C Council monthly recognizes a "Knight of the Month" and a "Family of the Month" for their efforts in serving the council/parish/community. Shown is James Callahan receiving a certificate for September's Knight of the Month from Grand Knight Patrick Lang at the September General Membership Meeting. No K of C Family of the Month was selected.





Please note that our Sunday office hours have changed. Beginning immediately, the parish office will be open on the second and fourth Sunday of each month.

We appreciate your understanding and look forward to serving you during these hours.

EVENTS



STARTING TUE, SEP 22 AT 1 - 2:30 PM | ST. THERESE

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP SERIES

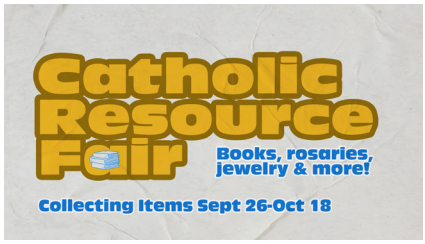
The next St. Therese of Lisieux Grief Support Group Series will run from September 22 through November 17 on Tuesdays from 1:00-2:30 PM. If interested, please contact St. Therese's Parish Office at 596-254-4433. New or previous attendees are welcome.



SAT | SEP 26 | 6 - 10 PM

OKTOBERFEST

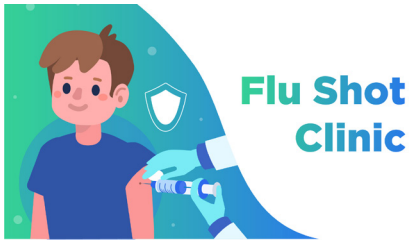
Join us for a festive Oktoberfest celebration which features live music, authentic German food, and a variety of beers to enjoy. Don't miss our exciting raffles, including a 50/50 drawing and gift baskets. Show off your strength in our Men's and Women's Stein Holding Competition, or test your skills in our no-hands donut eating contest. Have fun with Fowling, Cornhole and other games for the whole family.
Cost: $5/person, children under 14 free



DONATIONS ACCEPTED: SAT, SEPT 26 - SUN, OCT 18

CATHOLIC RESOURCE FAIR

Do you have gently used or new Catholic books, rosaries, medals, statues, or religious jewelry that need a new home? Help us pass on the faith! We are collecting items Sept. 26 - Oct. 18. Please drop your donations in the designated boxes in the Gathering Space. Then, join us for the Catholic Resource Fair on Nov. 7–8 before and after all Masses. Everyone is welcome to browse and take items at no cost. Free-will donations are gratefully accepted and will support our parish Evangelization initiatives.



SUN | SEP 27 | 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM | ST. THERESE

FLU VACCINE EVENT

St. Therese's flu vaccine event will be administered by Kroger before and after Masses. They will also be offering additional vaccines including the Shingles, Pneumonia, Hepatitis, and COVID. You can register with St. Therese's office at 586-254-4433. Walk-ins will also be accommodated.

Many insurance plans pay for the annual vaccination, and older adults covered under Medicare Part B can get the vaccination free with no copay or deductible. Bring your insurance cards. There is an associated cost if you do not have insurance.



FRI | OCT 2 | 6:30 PM DOORS OPEN

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

Join St. Isidore's Ladies Altar Society for a fun and friendly Euchre Tournament. The cost is $20 per person, with tickets available at the office, before Mass the weekends of Sept 19 and 26, or at the door if available. Enjoy an evening of cards, fellowship, and friendly competition. Attendance is limited to 132 players. For details, contact Cheryl Shabro at 586-747-4173.



REGISTER HERE

SAT | OCT 3 | 5:30 PM

APPLE PIE BAKE-OFF

Put your baking skills to the test in our Apple Pie Bake-Off! Bake your favorite homemade apple pie and bring it to the parish for judging after the 4:30 PM Mass. Whether your recipe is a treasured family tradition or a new creation, we'd love to have you participate. Register online or at the parish office to reserve your spot. Additional details and contest guidelines will be provided after you register.



SUN | OCT 4 | AFTER ALL MORNING MASSES

K OF C PANCAKE BREAKFAST

A delicious pancake breakfast will be held on October 4 after all morning Masses and includes pancakes, sausage links, applesauce, coffee, milk, and orange juice still at the very low cost of $6. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship!



THU | OCT 8 | 6 - 8 PM

EUCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS WITH CONFESSION

As part of our participation in the National Eucharistic Rosary Congress, on Thurs., Oct. 8, from 6-8 PM, there will be Eucharistic Adoration, recitation of the Rosary at 6 and 7 PM, and Confessions from 6-8 PM, with special prayers for the Church, the Nation, and the Archdiocese restructuring. Please join the St. Isidore family in this important worship and prayer opportunity.



MEN'S AND WOMEN'S WEEKENDS AVAILABLE | HOLLY, MI

CURSILLO FALL WEEKEND RETREATS

Step out in faith and attend an inspirational, fun and deeply spiritual 3-day Cursillo (**cursillodetroit.com**) weekend at beautiful Maryville Retreat Center in Holly, MI. In His love and wisdom, God gives people just what they individually need! You will never regret this special experience of God's grace in tandem with fellow Catholics. The next men's weekend is scheduled Oct. 8-11, followed by a women's weekend scheduled for Nov. 12-15. Materials with details are available in the Front Office. Call ambassadors Dan & Kathy Banas to have all your questions answered: 586-764-9402.



SAT | OCT 10 | 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM | ST. ANASTASIA, TROY

TOGETHER IN HOLINESS CONFERENCE FOR COUPLES

The St. John Paul II Foundation and the Archdiocese of Detroit will host the fifth annual Together in Holiness Conference at St. Anastasia Church in Troy. This conference inspires couples within the diocese to grow together in holiness and empowers and equips parents to form their children in the Catholic faith. On-site childcare and sponsorships are available. To learn more and register, visit togetherinholiness.org/detroit.



REGISTER HERE

SAT | OCT 17 | 9 AM - 1:30 PM

HARMONY & HOPE: A DEMENTIA SEMINAR

Caring for the whole person – body, mind & spirit. This inspiring seminar will explore the physical, mental, and spiritual dimensions of dementia through expert presentations, practical caregiving strategies, community resources, and faith-filled encouragement. Whether you are living with dementia, caring for a loved one, serving in healthcare or ministry, or simply want to learn more, you are warmly invited. Registration is required.
For more information or to register, use the QR Code or stop in at the St. Isidore Parish Office.



REGISTER HERE

SUN | OCT 18 | 2:30 - 4 PM

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Trunk-or-Treat is back! Join from 2:30–4:00 PM for an afternoon of costumes, candy and family fun! Trick-or-treat from creatively decorated vehicles, grab a drink from the coffee truck, and check out vehicles from the Macomb County Sheriff's Department including SWAT vehicles and ATVs! Want to join the fun? We're looking for volunteers to decorate their vehicles and pass out candy. Whether you're decorating or attending, please register in advance to help us plan!



REGISTER HERE

SUN | OCT 25 | NOON - 3 PM | DE LA SALLE

DE LA SALLE OPEN HOUSE

De La Salle Collegiate is calling all 5th-8th grade students and their families to join us for our annual Open House on Sunday, October 25 from Noon-3 PM. Come check out our state-of-the-art Business Bloomberg Center, new Steve and Kathy McShane STEM Center, learn more about our Dual Enrollment courses, and so much more. Please use the QR Code to register.



FRI - SUN | NOV 6 - 8 | CAPUCHIN RETREAT HOUSE

MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

Consider joining a quiet weekend retreat for men at the beautiful Capuchin Retreat House in Washington Twp. There will be opportunities for receiving the sacraments of the Eucharist, Reconciliation, and Healing along with several thought-provoking breakout sessions and prayerful reflection. You will have plenty of time to enjoy the 90 acres of wooded pathways throughout the grounds. Total weekend cost: $300 (includes $100 deposit). On-line Registration and payment is available at **capretreat.org**. For more details contact Dave Bisdorf: 586-202-7000 dbisdorf@aol.com.



REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER OR DONATE

SAT | NOV 7 | 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

KIDS COALITION AGAINST HUNGER

Answer Christ's call to feed the hungry by joining us on Saturday, November 7, as St. Isidore hosts Kids Coalition Against Hunger. Together, we'll work toward our goal of packing 125,000 meals for families in need both locally and around the world. This joyful, family-friendly event welcomes volunteers of all ages. Meal costs have increased to $0.42 each, so financial support is also needed to reach our goal of $52,500. Use the QR Code to register and/or donate.



MORE INFO

TUE - THU | APR 6 - 15, 2027 | FRANCE & SPAIN

FR. JOE DAILEY - PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE AND SPAIN

Join Fr. Joe on a pilgrimage through France and Spain, following in the footsteps of St. Mary Magdalene and other great saints. The trip includes stops at: the sacred Basilica of Saint Mary Magdalene, the Grotto of Sainte-Baume, Avignon, Barcelona's Sagrada Família, and the holy sites of Montserrat and Manresa. This journey offers opportunities for prayer, daily Mass, fellowship, and spiritual renewal. Use the QR Code to access additional information.

Eucharistic Adoration - New Location

Amy Righi - Music & Liturgy Director

Beginning Tuesday, October 6, Eucharistic Adoration will be moved from the Resource Center to the Church.

The hours will remain the same:

- Adoration will begin immediately following the Tuesday morning, 8:00 AM Mass, and conclude with Benediction at 4:00 PM
- NOTE: In the event that a funeral is scheduled for a Tuesday, Eucharistic Adoration will be moved back to the Resource Center for that day.

We will continue to offer Eucharistic Adoration every Friday morning, beginning at 7:00 AM and concluding with Benediction at 7:45 AM, followed by Mass.

Special Week of Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary

Amy Righi - Music & Liturgy Director

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked parishes across the nation to offer as many hours of Eucharistic Adoration as possible during the week of October 3–9, accompanied by the Rosary prayed aloud at the top of each hour for the intentions of our Church and Nation. The Archdiocese of Detroit has also requested prayers for the intention of the restructuring of our archdiocese.

To participate in this nationwide call to prayer, our parish will offer the following opportunities:

Tuesday, October 6

- Eucharistic Adoration Immediately following morning, 8:00 AM Mass, until 4:00 PM
- The Rosary will be prayed aloud at the top of each hour during Adoration

Thursday, October 8

- 6:00–8:00 PM: Evening Eucharistic Adoration and Confession
- 6:00 PM: Rosary led by the Knights of Columbus
- 7:00 PM: Rosary led by the Altar Society
- Confession: available throughout the two-hour period
- 8:00 PM: Benediction, conclusion of Adoration, and confessions

Friday, October 9

- 7:00–7:45 AM: Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:00 AM: Rosary
- 7:45 AM: Benediction
- 8:00 AM Mass follows

Please try to attend one—or even all three—of these wonderful opportunities to spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Let us unite our hearts in prayer for the needs of our Church, our Nation, and the restructuring of our Archdiocese.

"Comfort Crafters" Prayer Blanket/Shawl Ministry

Pat Schmeiser 586-286-1700

"Take every opportunity to connect with others. The power of a handshake, a hug, a phone call, or a pat on the back can bring hope, happiness, and love to a discouraged person. Let us use the same personal touch that Jesus used."
(Adapted from an email sent by Retired Pastor Mike Lutz)

A "really good" way to bring Jesus to others is with one of our blankets or shawls. Get one of our caring compassionite items (free of charge) in the church office.

Thank you for helping us help others.

The Comfort Crafters

Help Us Create a Beautiful Advent & Christmas!

Amy Righi - Worship Committee

Interior Design Professional Assistance Needed

Do you have a passion for interior design, decorating, and creating beautiful sacred spaces? We are looking for a parishioner with an eye for beauty and creativity to assist us in designing and decorating our church for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Working alongside our Liturgy and Music team, you'll help develop a beautiful, prayerful visual environment that reflects the spirit and symbolism of these sacred seasons.

Whether you have professional interior-design experience or simply a gift for creating beautiful spaces, we would love to hear from you!

Interested? Please contact amy@stisidore.church to learn more and become part of this exciting ministry of beauty and worship.



Harmony & Hope: Registration Deadline Extended to October 11

Mike Aprile - Evangelical Charity Coordinator

There's still time to join us for Harmony & Hope: A Dementia Seminar on October 17. We have extended the registration deadline through Sunday, October 11.

If you or someone you love has been affected by dementia—or if you simply want to better understand and support those who are—Harmony & Hope will bring together practical information, professional expertise, community resources, and spiritual encouragement in one morning.

Dementia affects more than memory, it impacts individuals, caregivers, relationships, families, and faith. While many resources address the physical or mental aspects of dementia, Harmony & Hope is intentionally designed to address the physical, mental, AND spiritual needs of those living with dementia and those who care for them.

Come seeking answers, resources, encouragement, or greater understanding—and leave better equipped for the journey ahead Don't miss out! Register by Sunday, October 11.

Use the QR Code for more information or to register, or go to **stisidore.church/harmony-hope-a-dementia-seminar/** or stop in at the St. Isidore Parish Office.



Upcoming Events

- Sept 21 & 22 – First Classes for Discipleship Formation
- Oct 8 – Reconciliation & First Communion PARENT ONLY mtg. 6 PM
- Oct 18 – Trunk-or-Treat – 2:30 to 4:00 PM in Romeo Plank Parking Lot
- Oct 22 – 7th Grade students Confirmation Student & Parent mtg. 6 PM
- Oct 25 – Austin Catholic High School Open House 1:00 – 3:00 PM



The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
It doesn't matter if we are the first or the last. We are all loved by God and do not have to earn God's love like a prize.

Family Time Fun
Find a local Fall Festival to visit or head out to the Cider Mill and enjoy the beauty of the fields. Happy start of Fall everyone.

Help Us Pack 125,000 Meals - We Need You!

Mike Aprile - Evangelical Charity Coordinator

Our Kids Coalition Against Hunger (KCAH) meal-packing event is getting closer, and we need your help to reach our goal of 125,000 meals!

This is more than a meal-packing event. It's a wonderful opportunity for children, teens, adults, and seniors to serve side by side, enjoying the fellowship and joy that comes from working together to help others. The meals we pack will provide much-needed food to people around the world and right here in our local communities.

We Need Volunteers
Hundreds of helping hands-on are needed November 7 to pack 125,000 meals! You can also volunteer to help set up on Friday, November 6, or clean up after the event. There is a way for almost everyone to participate.

We Need Donations
Each meal now costs $0.42, and we must raise $52,500 to fund all 125,000 meals.

$42 = 100 meals | $210 = 500 meals | $420 = 1,000 meals
Every donation, large or small, moves us closer to our goal.

Volunteer, donate—or do both!
Use the QR Code to sign up and donate today!

Come experience the joy of serving together and help us turn our faith into action.

> *Jesus has no hands, no feet on earth but yours.*
> St. Teresa of Avila

Power in Prayer

Sue Rebits - Evangelization Committee

This Week's Intention: Self Control

Suggested Prayer:

Heavenly Father, hear the prayers that we make in the name of your Son, and give us the Paraclete whom he promised he would send. May your Holy Spirit cleanse our hearts and strengthen our bodies. May the purity of our lives bear witness to the power of your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

> ***Freedom is not the ability to do whatever you want. Freedom is the strength of character to do what is good, true, noble, and right.***
> Matthew Kelly

Sacred Seeds

Worship Commission

Question: What is the Liturgy of the Word?
(Answer on page 14)



Did You Know?
Free Will

We were made in the image of God. This truth manifests itself in our lives a thousand times a day. God took an enormous risk giving us free will. And how many times have we rejected His love and broken His heart?

It would have been simpler for God to create perfectly obedient beings with no choice but to live in harmony with His beautiful divine plan. So why didn't He? Why did God take the risk?

The same reason we take the risk. Love. Love is only possible with freedom. Freedom is a prerequisite for love.

Love is life's great joy and her greatest lesson. Love is the essence of life. Love is the one task worthy of the sacred intent of our humanity. God, in His perfect wisdom, deemed that all the evil and suffering we would inflict on this world with our freedom was worth it because that freedom made love possible.

Creatures designed to be perfectly obedient could never receive God's love and return it to Him. They could not freely choose to share that love with other people. But we can. This is a great miracle and a great responsibility.

(Matthew Kelly - "33 Days of Miracles, Wonders, and Grace")

St. Vincent de Paul

conference621@gmail.com 586-745-9513

The Catholic Church remembers Saint Vincent de Paul, patron saint of Catholic charities on Sunday, September 27.

Pope Benedict XVI praised St. Vincent de Paul for his keen awareness of the gap between the rich and the poor and his ability to organize lasting charitable services, all of which were inspired by the love of Christ. As we celebrate St. Vincent de Paul on his Feast Day next week Sunday, we thank you, our parishioners, for advocating for the poor, the way he did, with your very generous contributions and donations. You simply amaze us!

Please keep financial contributions and the food pantry in mind as you shop in stores or on-line this week. The pantry is in need of these items listed below:

- ☐ $25 Gift Cards – Meijer, Kroger, Walmart
- ☐ Cash Donations – Blue Envelopes Located on SVdP Bins
- ☐ Tomato Soup
- ☐ Chicken Noodle Soup
- ☐ Ravioli
- ☐ Spaghetti Sauce – Cans & Jars
- ☐ Penne & Elbow Pasta
- ☐ Canned Chicken
- ☐ Canned Fruit – All Kinds
- ☐ Mashed Potato Pouches
- ☐ Jiffy Muffin Mix
- ☐ Shampoo
- ☐ Cereal

We are excited to announce that our community partner, Meijer, has once again selected SVdP at St. Isidore as a recipient of their “Simply Give” program. More information will become available in the Bulletin very soon.

God Bless you for loving our neighbors,
St. Vincent de Paul Society

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Donating to CSA remains the best way to support St. Isidore. Any excess CSA funds beyond our goal are not subject to the 7% assessment and will not be included in future CSA assessments (14.5%), making them extremely valuable to our parish. The 2026 CSA campaign started on May 1. All donations received between May 1, 2026, and December 31, 2026, will count towards the 2026 CSA campaign. *(Please note this year's season has changed from the typical May to April time frame, to the new May to December time frame. Gifts received in 2027 will be applied to the 2027 campaign.)* Your generosity enables our parish to thrive. Thank you!

Visit stisidore.church/give for the safest and easiest way to support St. Isidore

How to Donate to St. Vincent de Paul

We use all donations to help our neighbors who are in financial distress with rent, utilities, and food. All donations are tax-deductible.

To make a donation, put cash or a check (to St. Isidore SVdP) in one of the blue envelopes located at church entrances, and place in the collection basket at Mass.

Baby Pantry - Request List

babypantry@stisidore.church 586-745-9501

A new baby is like the beginning of all things.

The baby pantry provides support to qualifying families on a monthly basis. Families in need of essential supplies for babies newborn through age three should call (586) 745-9501 to review program requirements.

Parishioners, if you know of a family in need, have them call the Baby Pantry.

The Baby Pantry is in need of the following items:

- Dreft baby washing soap
- Individually wrapped Goldfish or animal crackers
- Goodnights, large
- Oatmeal cereal
- Jar food – meat, stage 2 and 3
- Pouches
- Sensitive baby wash (i.e. Aveeno/Aquaphor/Cetaphil)
- Packing bags with handles
- Diapers, size 6
- Pull ups, boys size 2T-3T
- Socks, girls 2T-4T
- Socks, boys, newborn to 4T

Donated items may be placed in the “Pac 'n' Play” outside the office door or in the office lobby. Monetary donations may be placed in an envelope, labeled “Baby Pantry” and left in the weekend collection baskets, or dropped to the office during business hours.

The Baby Pantry volunteers appreciate your kindness.

Connecting Point (Con't)

another person’s life and wonder why they seem to have more, whether it be talent, success, recognition, opportunities, or even blessings. However, someone else’s gifts do not diminish our own.

Every one of us has been given gifts and blessings, whether society values them or not. Our responsibility is to recognize those gifts, be grateful for them, and use them to build God’s Kingdom here on earth. When we become discouraged because someone else appears to have “more” than we do, perhaps the answer isn't to focus on what we're missing. Instead, we can pause and take inventory of what we have been given.

As a youth minister, I used to offer young people a simple exercise when they were struggling with their self-worth. I encouraged them to make a list of the people who love them each night before going to bed. The exercise was simple, but it helped them recognize something they could easily overlook: They were surrounded by love.

We can do something similar with the gifts God has given us. Make a list. What are you good at? Who has God placed in your life? What opportunities have you been given? What experiences have shaped you? What strengths do others see in you that you may overlook? Recognizing what we have can free us from constantly comparing ourselves to what others have, restoring the joy comparison steals.

So today, I challenge each of us to look for places in our lives where God is inviting us to replace comparison with gratitude.

Maybe it is in our friendships.
Maybe it is at work.
Maybe it is within our families.
Maybe it is with our neighbors.
Maybe it is simply in the way we see ourselves.

Instead of asking, “Why don't I have what they have?” perhaps we can begin asking, “What has God given me, and how can I use it for Him?” Gratitude for our gifts and, above all, gratitude for God’s grace can help us let go of comparison, recognize our own blessings, and discover the peace that comes from knowing God has given each of us exactly what we need to play our part in His Kingdom.

Mass Intentions

SAT. SEP. 19 4:30 PM
✝ Jim McIntosh, Family
✝ Schang Family, Family
✝ Larry Prudhomme, Wife, Sherrie
✝ Gladys Dorich, Husband, Michael
✝ Ronald Sloan, Sloan Family
✝ John Czulinski, Family
✝ Len Sitek (8th Anniv), Family
✝ Greg Deakin, Family
✝ Bonnie Novak, Family
✝ Rose Anaigboso, Family
✝ Augustine Ani, Family

SUN. SEP. 20 7:30 AM
✝ Remo Spalvieri, Sister
✝ Patrick Ziemba, K of C
✝ Joe Laczek, K of C

SUN. SEP. 20 9:30 AM
✝ Noranda Gelardi, Eric & Wendy
✝ Dan Baker, Family
John & Nancy Pomper (50th Wed Anniv), Family
✝ Greg Pomper, John & Nancy Pomper
✝ Mary Topp, John & Nancy Pomper
Theresa & John Switalski (50th Wed Anniv), Family
Roy and Michael Paoletti, Family

SUN. SEP. 20 11:30 AM
✝ Alice O'Donnell, Family
People of St. Isidore Parish
Success of Parish Mission Initiatives

SUN. SEP. 20 5:30 PM
✝ David Placke, Family
✝ Delbert Asbury, K of C
✝ Rose Anaigboso, Family
✝ Augustine Ani, Family

MON. SEP. 21 8:00 AM
Noah and all sick children, Danski Family
✝ Shawn Lechner, Susan Lechner
Cam Marrs, Arlene and Sally
✝ Virginia Silvestri, Friend
Vivian Koss (Bday), Richard & Jeannie Koss

TUE. SEP. 22 8:00 AM

WED. SEP. 23 8:00 AM
✝ Helen Lia, Carmen and Family

THU. SEP. 24 8:00 AM
✝ Domenico Natuzzi, Daughter
✝ Marissa Alaina Kaiser (Bday), Family

FRI. SEP. 25 8:00 AM
✝ Domenica Heimes, Daughter, Christine
✝ Robert Gentry, Family
✝ Irene Boscaglia (Bday), Richard & Jeannie Koss

SAT. SEP. 26 4:30 PM
✝ Tommy Schang, Family
✝ Greg Deakin, K of C

SUN. SEP. 27 7:30 AM
✝ Annette & Mike LaLama, Family
✝ Andrea Fliger, Mom
✝ William J. Haener, Gasparovich Family
Rita & Walter Kachorek, Pietras Family

SUN. SEP. 27 9:30 AM
✝ Joseph Twoney, Family
✝ Sam Ciaramitaro, Wife and Family
✝ Maurice Hellebuyck, K of C
✝ Vincenzo Esposito, Family
Roy and Michael Paoletti, Family
St. Vincent de Paul Feast Day and for Members
Kimberly Kane, Kimberly Menard
Sara Mandeville, Kimberly Menard
Christopher Mikszan, Kimberly Menard

SUN. SEP. 27 11:30 AM
✝ Raffael Scenna, Friend
✝ Robert Spence, K of C
✝ Martha Mironski, Elaina & Don Hoffman
✝ Delbert Asbury, Friend

SUN. SEP. 27 5:30 PM
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Sacred Seeds

Readings

SUNDAY
Is 55:6-9;
Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18;
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a;
Mt 20:1-16a

MONDAY
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13;
Ps 19:2-5;
Mt 9:9-13

TUESDAY
Prv 21:1-6, 10-13;
Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44;
Lk 8:19-21

WEDNESDAY
Prv 30:5-9;
Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163;
Lk 9:1-6

THURSDAY
Eccl 1:2-11;
Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc;
Lk 9:7-9

FRIDAY
Eccl 3:1-11;
Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4;
Lk 9:18-22

SATURDAY
Eccl 11:9-12:8;
Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17;
Lk 9:43b-45

SUNDAY
Ez 18:25-28;
Ps 25:4-9;
Phil 2:1-11;
Mt 21:28-32

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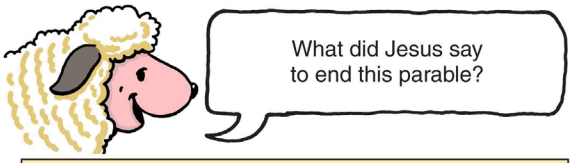
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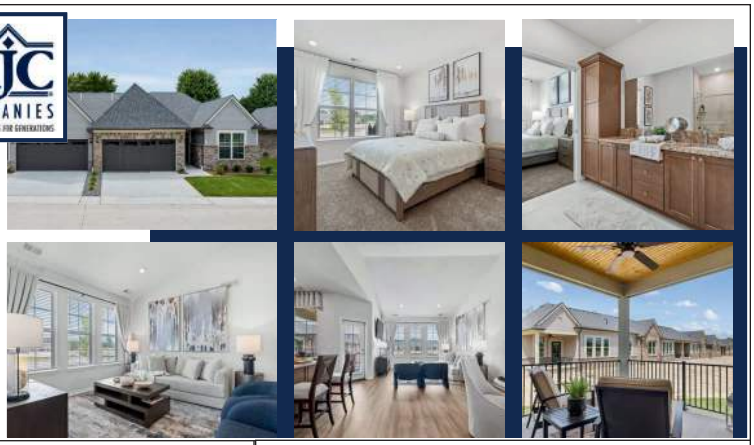
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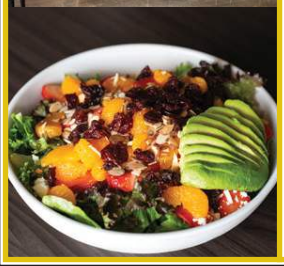
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