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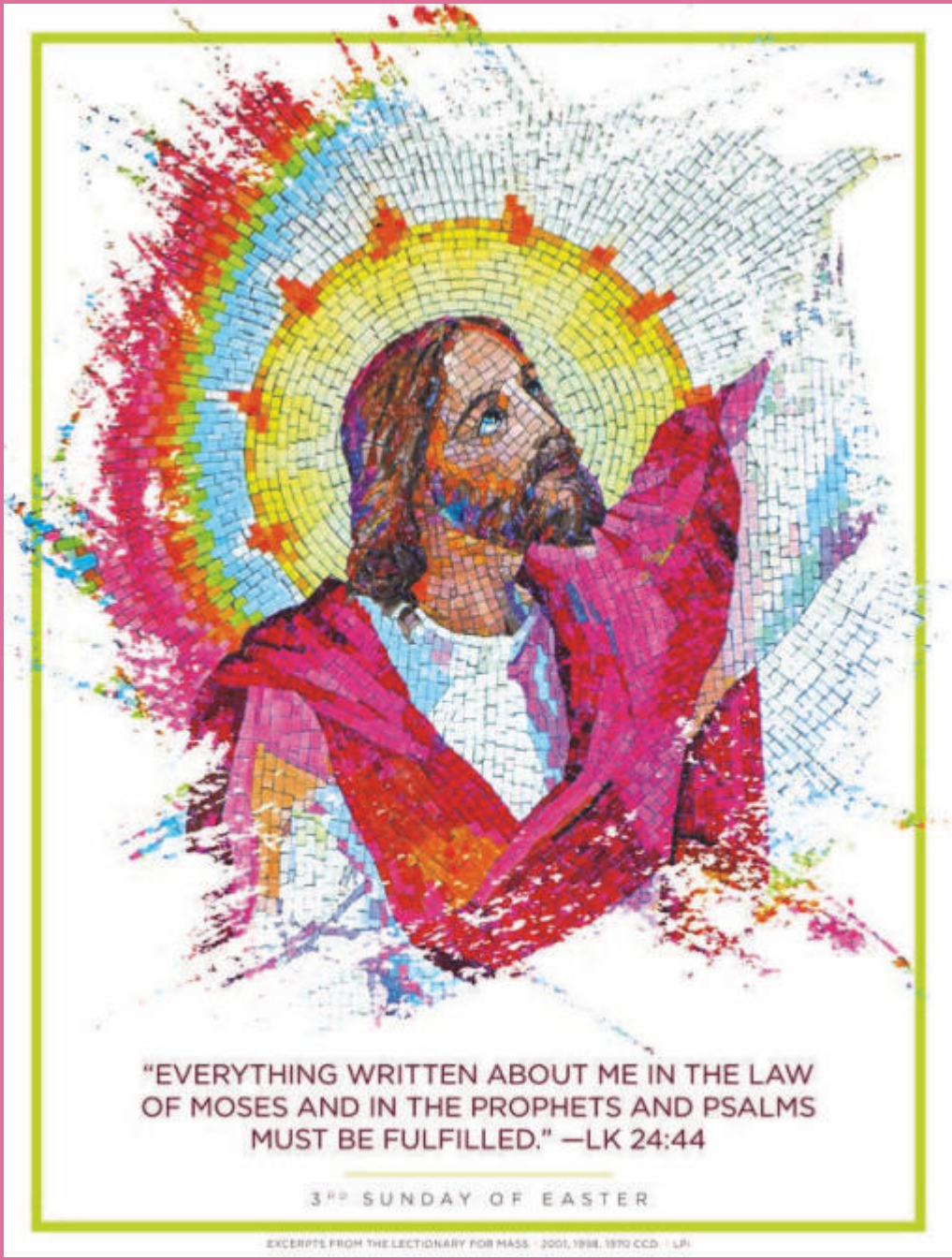

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Our St. Isidore Parish is three months and ten days today.

A few weeks ago, I informed you that in my letter of appointment as Pastor of St. Isidore Parish, the Archbishop of Boston, Sean' Cardinal O'Malley, advised: "As Pastor, you are to establish a Pastoral Council and a Finance Council" for St. Isidore Parish.

The role of the Pastoral Council is "to assist and advise the Pastor regarding the pastoral care of the Parish."

The role of the Finance Council is "to act as a consultative body to assist and advice the Pastor regarding the administration of the goods of the Parish."

I would like to express our gratitude to the members of the Interim Pastoral Council & the Interim Finance Council of St. Isidore Parish for the period they have served our Church. We hope they will continue to serve St. Isidore Parish in many other ways. I, hereby, dissolve the Interim Pastoral Council & the Interim Finance Council of St. Isidore Parish.

In line with the demand of the Archbishop, this Sunday (Divine Mercy Sunday) I announce the new members of St. Isidore Parish Councils.

ST. ISIDORE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Cathy Dolan (Vice Chairperson)

Bill Howard, Ann Heavey, Charlie Norvish, Dave Violette, Ron Millett, Gina Lewis, Ingrid McNeil, Jeannie McLaughlin, Thomas Mason, Rick Monroe, Kyle Racine, Holly Clark (ex officio), Donna Roderiques (ex officio), Michelle Sylvia (ex officio), Deacon Alan Amaral (ex officio)

Note: one more name of a youth/young Adult will be added to the Pastoral Council later.

ST. ISIDORE PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Joseph St. Laurent (Chairman)

Dave Cunningham, James Kenney, Leo Hughes, John Fleming, Bob McGee, Kevin Dolan, Donna Roderiques (ex officio)

We pray that the members of the new Councils will be helped by God in every way to serve St. Isidore Parish and to assist the Pastor. Please pray for the Staff, the Councils and for me.

Fr. JT, Pastor

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Bill Dow, Regina R. Perez, Ruth Santos, Jim Medas, Jacob Layman, Wanda Daglis, Joyce Parenteau, Elaine Tomlinson, Christopher Perry, Marie LaFrance, Marissa-Lynn, Janet Macedo, Kevin O'Hara, Melissa Hatfield, Aidan Dougherty, Joseph Drolette, Rebecca & Steven Cummings, Katie Westhaver, Bernard Moisan, Jessica Morrison, Alan Douillette, Marilyn Campbell, Maryann Wilson, Kechy Ikejiofor, Nathan Ware, William Hedlund, Jr., Kathaleen Arruda, Marianne Cokely, Claire Rousseau, Vivian Lee, Brian Martin, Mickey Clark and Eva Jackson

To be added to the prayer list please call the parish office.
Names will remain on the list for one month and will only be listed as requested by family members please.

Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

When the greeting "Peace be with you" is sincerely offered to a person, it can resonate very deep within, bringing comfort and reassurance. When someone possesses the power to bring peace, it brings us to a place of safety and fills us with joy. The resurrected Christ has this power. God can open our minds so that we can more fully understand the meaning of Sacred Scripture and God's compassionate, loving, tender, and untiring embrace constantly present and offered to people throughout history. Without the anchor of truth that only God can provide, we can easily become startled and terrified at the sight of what life brings us. Being open to God's offer of peace, we can turn away from old habits and short-sighted vision and experience the gladness and joy of God's gift. Only then can what is wounded and broken be mended and reconciliation achieved. We are the resurrection witnesses called to proclaim the Good News.

Mass Intentions—Saints Martha & Mary

Sunday, April 18th
7:30 a.m. Robert Leonard, Birthday Memorial
9:30 a.m. Miriam Kyller, Memorial

Monday, April 19th
8:00 a.m. Jack Giberti, 12th Anniversary

Tuesday, April 20th
8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 21st
8:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 22nd
8:00 a.m.

Friday, April 23rd
6:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 25th
7:30 a.m. Helen Wooten, Memorial
9:30 a.m. Steven Bois, 1st Anniversary

Mass Intentions—Sacred Heart

Saturday, April 17th
4:00 p.m. Frances Murphy, Memorial

Sunday, April 18th
11:00 a.m. Cecilia Priest, 13th Anniversary

Saturday, April 24th
4:00 p.m. John Noonan , Mary Busa and Carol Lee Busa, Memorial

Sunday, April 25th
11:00 a.m. Phyllis Norris, 4th Anniversary

Mass Intentions—St. Rose of Lima

Sunday, April 18th
8:00 a.m. Cynthia L. Swift, 6th Anniversary

Sunday, April 25th
8:00 a.m. Mary Patricia Marston, 2nd Anniversary

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Saints Martha & Mary	$3,210.00
Sacred Heart	$4,660.00
St. Rose of Lima	$545.00

Weekly Bible Study With Father JT

Thursday, April 22, 2021
Saints Martha & Mary Church Hall
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

John 12:1-11 Cost of Discipleship

Eucharistic Adoration with Mass & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Every Friday 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m.

Intention for the week of April 23rd
For Pope Francis &
for his Intentions for the Universal Church

St. Isidore First Eucharist At Saints Martha & Mary

Saturday, May 1st at 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, May 1st at Noon
Sunday, May 2nd at Noon

St. Isidore Confirmation At Saints Martha & Mary

Saturday, May 8th at 5:30 p.m.
Friday, May 14th at 5:00 p.m.
Friday, May 14th at 7:00 p.m.

FORMED

This week I recommend Part 5 of Explaining the faith: **"Why the Catholic Faith has the Fullness of the Truth".** In this apologetics talk, Fr. Chris uses history and logic to explain why the Catholic Church is the true Church of Christ. Responding to the cultural anti-Catholicism so many of us face, he lays out the case for the Catholic faith possessing the fullness of truth, responding to common Protestant objections and summoning us all to a renewed appreciation for what Christ give us through His Church.

Hey kids how about this week we watch a movie. Try the movie, **Coming Home**.
It's about a man named John, who's a hardworking man that has focused more on his career than his family. A devastating event leads him back to his hometown, he will come face to face with his choices and their impact on his family. This heartfelt story demonstrates the incredible power of prayer and how God's love can overcome all.

CCC TIMELINE PLAN FOR THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST (YoE)

Know that nothing in the plan is written on stone. Adjustments/tweaking may happen if real need arises, especially within the pandemic environment.

Sunday, April 24/25 (4th Sun): NEXT WEEKEND
Homily Topic: Eucharistic Devotions
Sunday 11am-12pm: Teaching Adoration, for Youth & Young Adults (M&M) POSTPONED

Sunday, May 22/23 (4th Sun):
Homily Topic - Eucharist & Priesthood
Monday, May 31, 5-6pm: Outdoor Rosary Procession- Bible Rosary of Luminous Mysteries (RoL)

Sunday, June 19/20 (3rd Sun) - Corpus Christi:
Closing Mass of YoE 9.30am (M&M) or 11am (SH), Followed by Parish Luncheon & Socials.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

St. Anselm, Bishop—Feast Day April 21st—Birth 1033—Death 1109

St. George, Martyr—Feast Day April 23rd—Patron of England & Catalonia—Death 303—Canonized by Pope Gelasius I

St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr—Feast Day June 25th—Death 740

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr—Feast Day April 24th—Birth 1577—Death 1622

Did You Know?

Why does the Church protect Life?

In ancient Rome, fathers had much control and say over their families. They could even take their own infants and abandon them in the woods if they didn't want them. Strangers that found them could raise them as their slaves, but most would die from being killed by animals or slowly die of starvation.

When Christianity was born it took a stand. Their catechisms forbade killing children before and after birth, some believers even rescued abandoned infants and raised them as their own children.

Fathers in the Roman Empire had the right to choose what happened to their families, but Christians said no one has the right to "choose" to directly kill another innocent human being.

Today the killing of unwanted children still takes place, not in the woods but in hospitals and clinics where it's called the "right to choose."

The Church opposes the killing of unborn human beings, and it does so with nonreligious arguments any reasonable person can appreciate.

Many say they have the right to do what they want, it's their body. But civilized people impose morality on one another all the time. We say that stealing is wrong when many shoplifters think it's not a big deal. We say child abuse is wrong on parents who think hitting their kids is, "not anybody else's business."

The church does not impose morality. Instead, it gently proposes a way to live that treats all human beings with respect and kindness.

(Trent Horn "why we're Catholic")

Setting Our Hearts Aflame

Impatient

Have you found yourself growing more and more impatient lately? In this day and age of instant communications, and world-wide-web instant knowledge, I often find myself very impatient: "Why hasn't Jane answered my e-mail yet? Where is Sam that he can't return my phone call? Why is my internet taking forever to download a song?" And do you also tend to multitask while waiting? When you are conversing with someone do you ever have the sudden urge to check your cell phone for the latest texts? (You wouldn't want to miss anything!) And as I write this I have four other programs running in the background on my laptop! Somehow, I think, if Jesus were here today, he would be turning off most of the technology. He'd probably use it to spread the good news but would turn it off to be with people face-to-face. But yet in this pandemic age we can't even be face-to-face and I am impatient with that as well.

This spring I am going to work on slowing down, having patience and maybe relax a bit. Summer is coming and we want to be rid of our manic impatience… Won't you join me in a prayer for patience this month and next?

The Greatest Prayer is Patience…
Lord, teach me to be patient – with life, with people, and with myself. I sometimes try to hurry things along too much, and I push for answers before the time is right. Teach me to trust Your sense of timing rather than my own and to surrender my will to Your greater and wiser plan. Help me let life unfold slowly, like the small rosebud whose petals unravel bit by bit, and remind me that in hurrying the bloom along, I destroy the bud and much of the beauty therein.

Instead, let me wait for all to unfold in its own time. Each moment and state of growth contains a loveliness. Teach me to slow down enough to appreciate life and all it holds. Amen.
Prayer Source: Unknown
Originally Posted on: A Catholic Life

Peace (and patience) be with you, Holly

EARTH DAY IS APRIL 22, 2021

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Al-Anon and A.A.

Al-Anon: Meets at Saints Martha & Mary downstairs in the Parish Hall every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m.

Schedule of Masses

Saturday Eve
4:00 p.m. Middleboro

Sunday
7:30 a.m. Lakeville
8:00 a.m. Rochester
9:30 a.m. Lakeville
11:00 a.m. Middleboro

Weekday
Monday—Thursday 8:00 a.m. Lakeville
Friday 6:00 p.m. Lakeville with Eucharistic Adoration & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Holy Days - As Announced

Confessions
Mondays and Thursdays 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Lakeville

For the Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage and Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office

Readings for the week of April 18, 2021

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Observances for the week of April 18, 2021
Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter
Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday: St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Administrative Professionals' Day
Thursday: Earth Day
Friday: St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

St. Isidore, Pray for Us

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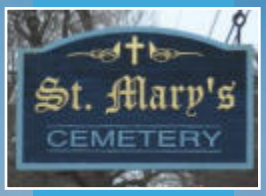

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