



Sunday, July 12, 2020
15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12 July 2020

Isaiah 55:10-11. Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14. Romans 8:18-23. Matthew 13:1-23. **Bearing Fruit.** The plantings in our gardens weeks ago are already bearing fruit. We have vegetables aplenty (we hope), enough to share (we are urged). All because of the goodness and bounty of God. How is my life rooted in “rich soil”, tilled and nourished by God? What are the “fruits” of my life, of my very self that I can share? How can I nourish life (God’s goodness) in my family, in my neighborhood, in my place at work?

<u>Our Lady of the Holy Spirit</u>	<u>Mass Intention</u>
Sunday, July 12	
10:30 am	Sanctity of Life
5:30 pm	All Parishioners
Monday, July 13	
8:00 am	Declan Nashland
Wednesday, July 15	
5:30 pm	Mr./Mrs. Lester Johnston
Thursday, July 16	
8:00 am	Declan Nashland
Friday, July 17	
8:00 am	Special Intention
Sunday, July 19	
10:30 am	Norma Schmerge
5:30 pm	The Maskell Family

<u>St. Isidore</u>	<u>Mass Intention</u>
Sunday, July 12	
8:00 am	Ben Stepp
Tuesday, July 14	
8:00 am	All Parishioners
Saturday, July 18	
8:00 am	Special Intention
Sunday, July 19	
8:00 am	Ben Stepp

OLHS now has a Friday 8:00 am Mass and St. Isidore now has a Saturday 8:00 am Mass which will be in Latin. Join us!

NOTE: DAILY MASS TIMES ARE BACK. No need to sign up for daily masses at this time as attendance will stay within guidelines. We will practice Sunday Mass directives.



The Pastor's Corner

Praying Twice

There are plenty of things that famous people "said," except they didn't. "I cannot tell a lie..." "Let them eat cake." "He who sings, prays twice." Yes, St. Augustine did not say, "He who sings, prays twice." I have even seen it done into Latin (the language St. Augustine wrote in)--on a T-shirt, no less--as "Qui bene cantat, bis orat." "He who sings well, prays twice." When I saw that, the organist and choirmaster in me immediately thought, What if you don't sing well? Do you pray only once? Or do you cancel out someone else's prayers?

I have met only a handful of people who cannot sing and mustn't even try. As for everyone else, they can sing: some well, some decently, but they can sing and give glory to God by their singing, even if they need a little guidance and a little confidence-building.

Someday, we will get our choir back. And when we do, I hope that you will consider joining as part of your stewardship of time and talent. How well do you have to be able to sing? Perhaps not as well as you think. Have you ever noticed that nobody wants to be the first person on the dance floor? But once someone goes first, everyone else gets enough confidence to dance. It is the same with singing. The sopranos, the altos, the tenors, and the basses each need at least one person who can sing their part well and confidently: the first person out on the dance floor. Maybe you can't be that person, but can you be the second or third person out on the floor?

There are spiritual benefits to singing in the choir, aside from the whole business of praying twice (or not). Of course, there is the "stewardship" angle. God asks for a "return on His investment," so to speak, not because he needs it but because we need to give it. Singing in the choir is an excellent way to "give back." Moreover, singing in the choir is an act of charity toward our neighbor. The choir has its own proper function in the liturgy, and part of that function is to help everyone else to lift their hearts and minds to God by what the choir sings. Finally, to sing in the choir can open the way to our own spiritual growth. If you are willing to take direction from the choir director, then you know, "it's not all about me." If you are willing to go through a little difficulty out of charity for God and neighbor, then you are learning how to bear the cross. Maybe you are praying twice, after all.

~ Rev. Jason Stone

LOOLK

PSR Registration forms and the calendar are on the website: www.mtzolhs.org under the tab Religious Education. Feel free to drop them off in the locked brown box outside the office with your enrollment check.

MASS SIGN UP is available by NOON on Mondays via the links on Facebook and the App. or by calling 864-3467 voicemail 2. Please include your name and number attending (including kiddos).

Our Lady of the Holy Spirit and St. Isidore Facebook pages are your source for information. The Bishop has continued the dispensation for attending mass until further notice. Stay connected with Facebook, the parish app on your phone, or feel free to call the office. The parish office is OPEN for business from 8:30 until Noon this summer. You are also welcome to use our voicemail system on the parish phone at 864-3467 or email pastor@mtzolhs.org or secretary@mtzolhs.org

Little Doves Preschool for 3 and 4 yr olds at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit is NOW ENROLLING FOR FALL 2020!



Call the office at 864-3467. Only ~~10~~...3 spots from 8-11am and 10 spots for Noon to 3pm.



Ever wondered what Mass would be like in LATIN? Venture out to St. Isidore on Saturdays at 8:00 am and enjoy. The physical address to enter into your GPS is 364 CR 2000N, Bethany Illinois. See you there!

Note from St. Isidore Parish: Anyone wishing to still contribute to the St. Isidore 'Father Arisman gift' can do so via the collection. Please mark Father Arisman gift in the memo line. Thank you



TELL one, TELL ALL, your families, your neighbors, everyone...we need goods to help the Women's Council rebuild their piggy bank! Our Lady of the Holy

Spirit CCW will be holding the annual rummage sale AUGUST 13th, 14th, & 15th. We have the ok from the diocese and will adhere to CDC guidelines. Clean out those closets, garages, knick knacks, and furniture. They want to make this a BIG SALE! Watch for drop off times soon

Parish Connections and Suggestions

Mobile App: Our Lady of the Holy Spirit

Website: www.mtzolhs.org

Facebook: Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Catholic Church and St. Isidore Catholic Church – Bethany

FORMED.org The Catholic Faith on Demand. Go to www.mtzolhs.formed.org. It will take you directly to create your account.

Are you new and need to fill out parishioner forms?

Packets are in the vestibule. They can also be found under the Contact/Join Our Parishes dropdown tab on the website: www.mtzolhs.org

Life threatening emergencies please call 217-264-2868.

Parish Council What is it? Who are the representatives?

A pastoral/parish council is a consultative body that serves to advise the parish about pastoral/parish issues. The voting members are: Father Jason Stone, Marie Baker, Mary Ann & Tom Beck, Laurie Bolsen, Steve Bowman, Sergio Casillas/President, Jill Driscoll, Kevin Fritzsche, Derek Green, Cayla Hittmeier. Non-voting members: Owen Baker, Mandy Hoffman, Donna Myers, Karen Rossi, Katelyn VanDyke, Carol Waller. If you have something that you feel needs attention or is concerning, please go through one of these people and it will be presented to Father Arisman.

ONLINE GIVING Go to our church website at www.mtzolhs.org and set up online giving. Or go to OLGapp.com and click on the app store for your device. There is a video that walks you through how to set up one-time or recurring online giving for general tithing or Capital Campaign. The link address is: <https://youtu.be/kWls4AvfMo4>

A locked dropbox is located by the parish office door for 24/7 drop off of paperwork, registrations, collection envelopes, etc.

Please consider including Our Lady of the Holy Spirit or St. Isidore in your bequests, trusts, beneficiary of insurance, wills or financial plans. Provide a gift that will witness the importance of your Catholic faith and help sustain our mission for generations to come.

Some Tidbits from the Diocese:

A message of thanks: Bishop Paprocki would like to thank the faithful, parish response teams, and all the priests, deacons, and religious of our diocese for their patience, sacrifice, and hard work during this COVID-19 pandemic.

Clinical expert's advice on raising families: Dr. Ray Guarendi, a Catholic clinical psychologist, author, professional speaker, and national radio and television host, joined families across the diocese in June for a virtual event called "Quarantine, Quarrels, and Quality Time." If you missed it, you can hear Dr. Guarendi on replay discuss topics that can help parents bring all things back to the family, standing strong as a parent, the importance of discipline, how to discipline, and learning the logic of being Catholic. Go to dio.org/drray.



Find Peace and Healing: Pope Francis says, "God is always waiting for you." If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child or children to abortion, come and experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on our weekend retreat. To find information about the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat August 7-9 go to: www.dio.org/plasm/project-rachel.html, call 217-217-698-4456, or email projectrachel@dio.org. Scholarships are available.

Biking for Babies is a pro-life organization that is sending out young adults from all sides of the country to spread awareness and fundraise for pregnancy resource centers in America. Join the cyclists at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Friday, July 17th, for 5:15 pm Mass. Testimonies from the cyclists will be live streamed at 6:15 pm via dio.org/live or [Facebook.com/diospringfield](https://www.facebook.com/diospringfield). A flyer for the event is on the diocesan <http://dio.org/plasm/events.html>. Donations can be made at: www.bikingforbabies.com/give.

Below is a list of some great resources to check out to help deepen your spiritual life:

FORMED: Simply put, it's a "Catholic Netflix" with a huge library of great movies, bible studies, books, reflections, Mass recordings, documentaries, youth programs, and much more! We highly recommend it! Parishioners of OLHS or St. Isidore only as the fee is paid for by the KCs and CCW of our parish. www.mtzolhs.formed.org

EWTN: "The Eternal Word Television Network plays an important role in Catholic education. Whether you're seeking to strengthen your faith or striving to increase your devotion, you'll find a wealth of credible resources, from historical Faith documents to guidance on current Catholic issues." <https://www.ewtn.com/>

Catholic Answers: "Search the world's largest database of answers about the beliefs and practices of the Catholic faith. Learn more about Catholicism through articles, books, videos and more." <https://www.catholic.com/>

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website: Includes the full text of the Catechism and the daily readings for the whole liturgical year. <http://www.usccb.org/>

Catholic Podcasts to listen to:
"Catholic Stuff you should know"

<http://catholicstuffpodcast.com/>

Dynamic Catholic:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/DynamicCatholic>

The Word of God is available 24/7 on Decatur Catholic Radio

