

THE BULLETIN



St. Therese
OF LISIEUX

July 16, 2023
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MUSINGS + MESSAGES

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What kind of soil are you? In other words, how receptive are you to the Word of the Lord? Do you allow the Word of God to take root within you? Or do the problems of life prevent you from fully immersing yourself in God?

Yet, even if we aren't receptive to God's word, it is always living and

effective. The first reading from Isaiah reminds us that God has a plan and a purpose. As God says, "My word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it."

Our task is to cooperate with God's will in being open to hearing and implementing the Word in order

that we might be converted and be an instrument of converting others to Christ.

This week, ask yourself, "how receptive am I to the Word of God? Do I nurture the Word in order that it may bear fruit in the world?"

Have a great week.

Connecting Point

Fr. Ron Victor - St. Isidore frron@stisidore.church

► How can I make my life like good soil?

This Sunday's Gospel is the familiar parable of The Sower and the Seed. The seed that falls on the path, on rocky ground, and amid the thorns, is not received by the soil and does not grow. That sown on good soil is received and produces a harvest of a hundred-, sixty-, or thirty-fold.

Although four possible people are envisioned, it is more realistic to understand each seed as belonging to every person. We are all different soils at different times in our lives. At one time, or another, every person loses their seed (the word of God) to the evil one; is enthusiastic, but not persevering; pursues riches at the expense of the soul; and also bears abundant fruit. At times, we all do great things.

The key to being the good soil is being receptive to the word of God.

Receptivity to the word of God is the willingness to allow ourselves to receive the word of God, to be influenced by that word, and even to be transformed by that word. It is the willingness to be challenged and stretched by the word of God. The word of God comes to us through the words of scripture, the words of the liturgy, the words of the sacraments, the traditions of the community, and other ways, as well, such as people who challenge us.

When we are open to God's word, and allow ourselves to be transformed by it, our lives are like good soil that produces an abundant harvest.





DISCIPLES
UNLEASHED

Summer Family Night

MONDAY, AUGUST 7 • 6-8 PM

at St. Therese of Lisieux • 48115 Schoenherr, Shelby Twp.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Petting Zoo • Inflatables • Games • Scavenger Hunt
Photo Booth • Kona Ice Truck • Prizes & More!

BBQ + BEVS

Once you're done having fun head over to Monsignor John's house for a backyard BBQ and some adult beverages. Lemonade and water will also be available.

Register at disciplesunleashed.org/summer-night

Disciples Unleashed is the Family of Parishes of St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Isidore, & St. Francis-St. Maximilian

CALENDAR

JULY 16 - 23

SUN **16** MON **17** TUE **18** WED **19**

9 AM OFFICE HOURS

8 AM **MASS**
9:45 AM **MASS**
11:45 AM **MASS**
1 PM **BAPTISM**
1:30 PM **SENIOR CARD GROUP**

9:30 AM **STRETCH & STRENGTH**
2 PM **ROSARY**

8:30 AM **MASS**
1 PM **CIRCLE OF FRIENDS**
6:30 PM **SVDP MTG**
7 PM **K OF C LADIES OF THE ASSEMBLY**
7 PM **K OF C SACRED HEART ASSEMBLY**

8:30 AM **MASS**
9:30 AM **STRETCH & STRENGTH**
10 AM **LITTLE WAY ROSARY MAKERS**
5:30 PM **CHOIR REH**
7 PM **K OF C PROGRAM DIRECTORS MTG**

THU **20** FRI **21** SAT **22** SUN **23**

8:30 AM **MASS**
9 AM **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**
3 PM **CONFESSIONS**
6:30 PM **SUMMER YOUTH SERIES MTG**

OFFICE CLOSED
8:30 AM **MASS**
9:30 AM **STRETCH AND STRENGTH**

3 PM OFFICE HOURS
4:30 PM **MASS**

9 AM OFFICE HOURS
8 AM **MASS**
9:45 AM **MASS**
11:45 AM **MASS**

► Spiritual Messages From the Garden: Plant Intelligence

Studies exist on plant intelligence and can be regarded with a sense of humor or skepticism. Yet, intelligence is the ability to take



information, from various sources, synthesize that information and react in a way that demonstrates understanding. Plants are extremely adept at this process. Consider a bean plant and how

it will react to conditions in the environment. The plant will send specific signals via fungi and root chemicals into the soil when other bean plants are growing nearby. Those signals transform available nitrogen into a resource used only by bean plants to provide optimum nutrient absorption. A garden is a vast network of plants that are affected by environmental conditions and share information organically to influence the growth and nutrition



of plants around them. As part of the vast garden of humanity, we can find intelligent ways to share our faith organically with those around us. A quote attributed to St. Francis reminds us of this practice: "Preach the gospel at all times, and if necessary, use words." Be like plants in your garden and influence the environment around you through daily life and actions.

► Knights of Columbus News

The Knights of Columbus fraternal year ended on June 30th and what a year it was! Our accomplishments could not have been possible without your help and generosity. Here are just a few examples:

- Baby bottles filled with coins, cash, and checks allowed us to write a check for \$5,000 to Gianna House, who supports pregnant women and at-risk mothers.
- The Lenten Fish Fries, with the help of many volunteers and our parishioners, were greatly successful and allowed the Knights to present the parish with a check for over \$13,000.
- Over 1,000 coats were collected

for kids and taken to Holy Trinity Church and the Capuchin Service Center for distribution to the needy.

- Money collected from the Tootsie Roll Drive went to eight local organizations that support our special needs citizens.
- Proceeds from the Antonio Vittorini Memorial Pasta Dinner for Vocations provided tuition assistance for eight seminarians and two sisters.

Hard work from both long-time and new knights is required to make the council's activities happen. We are happy to announce that the following men joined the Knights of Columbus

or are Knights who transferred to our council this year: Steve Chaney, Sean Cooper, Dan Dilay, John Hanus, Bruce Hutcheon, Joe Klakulak, Gabriel Kozak, Isaac Kozak, Ted Lang, Franki Manni, Pietro Mocerri, John O'Gorman, Jim Primeau, Colin Ritter, Fr. Peter Ryan, Michael Samulak, Dennis Schnabel, and Carl Sowerby. These men are making their presence felt and we will be looking for more like them in the coming year.

The Knights of Columbus at St. Therese would like to thank everyone for their support, and we look forward to working with you in the year ahead.

EVENTS



THUR | JUL 20 | 7 PM | ST. FRANCIS / ST. MAX

ENCOUNTERING CHRIST

We are happy to welcome Fr. William Promesso as our guest speaker. Fr. Bill earned a Doctorate of Ministry in Preaching from the Aquinas Institute of Theology. Come and be

transformed by God's grace through uplifting praise and worship music, powerful witness and preaching, adoration, confession, benediction, and silent prayer.



SAT | JUL 22 | AFTER 4:30 PM MASS

TACOS LA FAMILIA FOOD TRUCK

Join us for some Mexican cuisine after the 4:30 Mass on Saturday, July 22, as we welcome the Tacos La Familia food truck. The truck will

be parked onsite, offering tacos, tortas, tostadas, burritos, and more authentic Mexican food for purchase!



MON - FRI | JUL 24 - 28 | 9:15 AM - 12:30 PM | ST. ISIDORE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

Registration for VBS is Now Open!

- \$20 per child
- All forms are available on the KIOSK in the Gathering Space or in the Parish Office.

Our younger kids look to you for assistance with their adventures for the week. To join, go to signupgenius.com and search under faithformation@stisidore.church or fill out the Volunteer Form and turn it in to the St. Isidore parish office.

Teen Volunteers Needed!

Teens, we want to invite you to join in this "out of this world" event.



SUN | JUL 30 | 12 - 4 PM | ST. ISIDORE

FOSTER DREAMS FAMILY FUN DAY

St. Isidore will host, with DHHS of Oakland and Macomb Counties, a fun day-event for all who would like to attend (need not be a parishioner). Foster care families and their children will also be invited. This free event includes: bounce house, petting zoo, face painting, age-appropriate arts and crafts, DJ

music, and food and drinks. Please come and support the foster care families and find out more about the needs and programs available in our area through DHHS. For more info: stisidore.church/foster-dreams-family-fun-day



MON | AUG 7 | 6 - 8 PM

SUMMER FAMILY NIGHT

Bring your family and come join us for a fun night with lawn games, activities, inflatables, a scavenger hunt, petting zoo, and so much more. Once you're done having fun, head over to Monsignor John's house to continue the party for a backyard BBQ and some adult beverages;

lemonade and water will also be available. This event is open to the entire community; you do not have to be a parishioner. So, invite your family and friends! More info and registration:

disciplesunleashed.org/summer-night



NOW THROUGH AUGUST 11

BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

Please help us support the kids in Pontiac and surrounding communities through Catholic Charities *La Casa Amiga* program with new backpacks and school supplies. We are accepting donations until August 11 and are looking for: backpacks, #2 pencils, colored

pencils, crayons, washable markers, glue sticks, scissors (blunt tip), pocket folders, and spiral notebooks. Please return donations to the brown container in the gathering space. Contact John Karski at (586)-254-4433 x302 or johnk@stol.church with questions.

► Walking the Path

Discipleship Formation | 👤 Peggy Casing, D.F. Director 📧 peggyc@stol.church

In these articles, lately, I have been talking about some of the ways adults can grow in their understanding of the faith. This week, I want to take the opportunity to share with you an entirely new way of forming children in the faith and their parents, as well! I do this so you can have a full understanding of the concept and implementation of the program, in case you hear someone talking about it or asking any questions. If so, you'll be informed and able to share a bit about the program. Here we go!

In case you haven't heard: Parishes are now gathered into groupings called "families." These groups are designed to encourage collaboration among neighboring parishes. St. Francis - St. Maximilian, St. Isidore, and St. Therese of Lisieux are now joined together to form the "Disciples Unleashed Family of Parishes."

One of our first initiatives is aimed at providing families with more options for children's formation. Parents are encouraged to consider whether they'd prefer to have their children participate in their own

parish, or if they'd like to participate in one of our other parishes, so they can take advantage of a different type of learning experience. (More information is available on the Disciples Unleashed website under "Discipleship Formation.") What makes this different is participants can now seamlessly attend classes in a different parish, or at home, while still celebrating sacraments at their home parish!

Another thing we developed is a type of formation for students in grades 1-6 to address the needs of busy families. This program, called "Living Faith," focuses on participating in Mass, and in other prayer, service or social events at church. About ten hours, each year, will be completed at home in order to prepare for upcoming events, but the remaining twenty hours are focused on learning by doing, fulfilling the Archdiocesan requirement for thirty contact hours each year. For example, families might watch a video that explains what the Stations of the Cross are, and then go to a Stations event in their parish to reinforce that learning. Most educators would agree that involvement in an activity is far more

impactful than just talking about it, but the thing that makes this program even more special is that activities can be done as a family. Rather than time in a classroom, it is our hope that participation in this program will provide families with the incentive for more time together, focused on meaningful, faith-filled activities. Families tailor their participation to their interests and schedules, involving them in the life of their parish on their own terms.

As you can see, there are some new things in the works, especially in the Discipleship Formation Offices at our Disciples Unleashed parishes! Spread the word! Registration for all of our programs, family-wide, is available online at the same spot: disciplesunleashed.org/formation. Also, if you want more information, or have any questions, feel free to reach out to me at (586) 254-4433 or peggyc@stol.church. Encourage others to do so as well. No family will be turned away due to financial concerns. We are here to help families in their understanding and participation of the faith. We hope to build bridges, not barricades.

► Successful Baby Bottle Collection

This past spring, our Parish Christian Service Commission, along with the support of the Knights of Columbus, sponsored another successful Baby Bottle Drive.

The beneficiary of this year's collection was: Gianna House.

We are happy to announce that \$5,000 was raised, and we hope this will help the organization with its restoration project, as their building endured water damage in late December 2022.

Thanks to all who participated and

may God continue to bless you for your generosity!

Christian Service Commission and the Knights of Columbus

► AED (Automatic External Defibrillator)

Health Ministry | 👤 Marilyn Cito, Parish Nurse ✉ marilync@stol.church

Have you ever noticed the AED in the Emergency Equipment Supplies area in the Gathering Space while passing on your way into church? Do you know what this piece of equipment is used for? Just a couple of weeks ago, we used our AED during an emergency situation, and it worked beautifully! If you have not noticed it there in the past, I urge you to take a couple of minutes to check it out. You never know if someone in church, or taking part in a social event, might need one!



AED is an acronym for an automated external defibrillator. An AED is a small, portable device used to correct abnormal activity in the heart by delivering an electrical shock to certain cardiac rhythms. The device analyzes the heart rhythm to determine if the rhythm can be corrected by defibrillation. If the rhythm is shockable, the machine will deliver a shock. If no shock is needed, it will alert the user.

Although an AED is very easy to use, I thought I would take a few moments to tell you a few things about it. If there is a medical emergency and an AED is needed, open the metal case it is enclosed in. A loud alarm will sound once the door is opened, but that is okay. It will let others in the building know there is an emergency and to call 911. Take the AED out of the secured metal enclosure and open the lid. All you need to do is hit the “on” button, and the AED will then voice-instruct you to do the rest. It will tell you to perform a series of actions by talking to you in the same way the iPhone’s Siri talks to you. All you have to do is listen and follow the instructions. If you can do that, you can help save someone’s life.

AEDs are frequently placed in public areas such as sports venues, shopping malls, airports, airplanes, businesses, convention centers, hotels, schools, and doctors’ offices in case of emergency. AEDs should be located in any public or private place where large numbers of people gather, or where people are at high risk for heart attacks.

AEDs should be used on victims “at risk” of sudden cardiac arrest. You do not need to be trained, licensed, nor certified in any way to be able or eligible to use this device, but it is very helpful if you have been trained.

Our St. Therese of Lisieux Health Ministry members have been trained on our AED, and we have provided training to staff, other ministries, the ushers, and the K of C. Whenever we teach a CPR class, AED training is included. We have also placed two short instructional videos of the AED on the St. Therese of Lisieux website, in the Health Ministry section. If you have some time, I would recommend you watch them. They demonstrate how to use the AED and address some common questions people may have regarding their use. On Sunday, October 15, 2023, from 1 PM-3 PM, we have scheduled a Family and Friends CPR class, which demonstrates how to perform CPR and use an AED. Details about the program will be published at a later date.

You never know when an emergency might occur and you might be in a situation where you can help save someone’s life! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Marilyn Cito, RN, the Parish Nurse, at (586) 254-4433 Ext #320.



For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, ... plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope.

Jer 29:11

Attention high school teens! Opportunities for faith, fun, and friendship. In community, learn why our faith is relevant, how to become a friend, and have fun in the process.

Life is more enjoyable with a company - please invite your friends. For teens 14 - 17 years old.

► Featured Events



Mercy Tree Adventure SAT, AUGUST 19

Provides an experience where the Lord speaks to His people via Sacred Scripture, adventure, and prayer!
mercytreeadventures.org

► Meetings

Thurs, Jul 20 // 6:30 Mtg

Thurs, Aug 3 // 6:30 PM Mtg

Thurs, Aug 17 // 6:30 PM Mtg

Sat, Aug 19 // Mercy Tree Adventure

Thurs, Aug 31 // 6:30 PM Mtg (Tentative)

Join us on BAND to be up-to-date:
Questions? Contact Veronica at:

✉ veronical@stol.church
🌐 stol.church/youth-ministry



Ministry Schedule

SAT | JULY 22
4:30 PM

Lector 1: Volunteer Needed

Lector 2: Volunteer Needed

Altar Servs: Evan K., Audrey M., Danielle M.

Usher Team 3: Matt Stephan

SUN | JULY 23
8:00 AM

Lector 1: Janet Webster

Lector 2: Marilyn Kylmala

Altar Servs: Sarah H.

Usher Team 4: Tomaz Dopico

SUN | JULY 23
9:45 AM

Lector 1: Volunteer Needed

Lector 2: Janis Fick

Altar Servs: Makaela R.

Usher Team 1: Ann King

SUN | JULY 23
11:45 AM

Lector 1: Jim Biske

Lector 2: Bernie Biske

Altar Servs: Anne Marie O., Joe W.

Usher Team 2: Sam Guzzardo

► We pray for the sick...

Asterisk denotes newly added name.

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| Abood, John | Dilullo, Dannette | Lieder, Lynn | Sandstrom, Patricia |
| Adhikary, Erica | Fisher, Rick | McGuire, Kim* | Schafran, Barb |
| Adhikary, Holden | Flis, Larry | Mackowiak, Elaine | Schrock, Karen |
| Baby Scarlett | Fox, Doies | Madaus, Mike | Shock, Payton Hope |
| Bacheldor, Mary | Fuelling, Ethan | Maliskey, Barb | Shumaker, Natalie |
| Baranski, Joyce | Goodman, Debbie | Maliskey, Larry | Silvio, Reba |
| Barfield, Cheri | Graziani, Michael | Marino, Susan | Snodgrass, Doris |
| Beaulieu, Michael | Graziani, Laura | Mattei, Ronald | Snyder, Francis |
| Beaulieu, Ted | Greathouse, Diana | Mooney-Hill, Marilyn | Sorel, Jason |
| Beaulieu, Don | Greathouse, Paul | Morais, Sandra | Spencer, Jeanne |
| Belkowski, Pat | H. Ann | Moreno, Nancy | Sterling, Carol |
| Beninati, Patricia | Haigh, Jim | Novak, Anthony* | Sterling, George |
| Best, Ann | Henig, Louise | Okon, Mary Anne* | Tiedt, Tom |
| Binkowski, Madeleine | Horn, Fr. Joe | Oliver, Clare | VanDerhagen, Barbara |
| Biske, Jim | Jachcik, Bradley | Osantowski, Rick | VanDerhagen, Rich |
| Boddy, Dorothy | Jachcik, James | Pakledinaz, Cheryl | VanDerhagen, Rick |
| Bova, Rick | Jachcik, Nancy | Patterson, David | Victor, Fr. Ron |
| Brady, Jim | Jachcik, Shirley | Pazin, Delphine | W. Patricia |
| Bufaline, Andrew | Jerzak, Pat | Pelc, Jeff | Walter, Albert |
| Butkus, Jim | Johnson, Brenda | Polidori, Santino | Weaver, Diane |
| Callan, Jim | Kessler, Shirley | Poma, Teresa | Wigginton, Jim |
| D. Rose Ann | Kneebone, Raymond | R. Todd | Zuzga, Bob |
| D. Steve | Kremer, Paul | Ritter, Maryann | |
| Davis, Mila | Kmiec, Eileen | Roselli, Nancy | |
| Denton, Eden | Leo, Norman | Sabo, Nicole | |

► and for those serving in the military

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| SrA Thomas Barone, Air Force | Ensign Matthew Gordon, Navy | CPT Keith Trojniak, Marines |
| 2nd Lt., Michaela Biske Army | LT David Grzywacz, Navy | Dante Vanuck, Army |
| PVT Jonathan Bulter, Marine | Andrew Hall, Navy | SFC Cally Wood, Army |
| HMI Christopher Burley, Navy | PFC Killian Hannon, Army | SFC Olivia Wood, Army |
| SGT Andrew Chapoton, Army | CPT. Megan K. Hardesty, Army | Andrew Zalewski, Navy |
| Michael Chmielewski, Navy | Robert Kaljved, Army | SGT Bill Zatek |
| Lt. Col. John Cisco, Marines | LT. COL. Chris Kean, AF | |
| Major Anthony D. Corsi, Army | Andrew Larsen, Marines | |
| Leonard Cox, Army | Zoe Lowe, Army | Lord, hold our troops in Your loving |
| Ranger Nic Cucchiara, Army | MSGT Eric McCulley, AF | hands. Protect them as they protect us. |
| SGT Christian Jose Curtis, Army | Captain James Miller, Space Force | Bless them and their families for the |
| LCPL Matthew DeLaney, Marine | Nick Radwick, AF | selfless acts they perform for us in our |
| Jerry Delia, Airforce | Staff Sgt. Drew Reynolds, AF | time of need. Give us peace. Amen |
| PVT David Dimattia, Army | Derek Skorupski, Army | |
| PVT Jacob Earehart, Army | CPL. Nathan Taylor, Marine | |

► Mass Intentions

SAT. JUL 15 4:30 PM

- † Frank Rossio
- † Deacon Jerome Campernel
- † Frank Recchia
- † Joe Basirico
- † Alfred Saam
- † Joseph & Nina Salomone
- † Leonard Grammatico
- † Robert Flynn

SUN. JUL 16 8:00 AM

- † Clara Konopka
- † Mark Selmani
- † Mrie Selmani
- † Richard & Wanda Bonkowski (Wed Anniv)
- † Paul Grivas
- † Gary DeBano (52nd Anniv)
- † Holly Bobola Roberts (34th Anniv)

SUN. JUL 16 9:45 AM

- † Lauretta & Antonio Antonucci
- † George & Peggy Ciolli
- † John W. Gerard (6th Anniv)
- † Michelle Trosper
- † Theresa Brouckaert
- † Joe Castiglione
- † Ben and Helen Candela
- † Michael Hiddings

SUN. JUL 16 11:45 AM

- † Mary Jo Marchione
- † John & Theresa Berd
- † Dennis Berd
- † Vicky Berd
- † John & Pauline Poma
- † John & Ann Rein
- † Carolyn Gambino
- † Emilio Rocca

TUES. JUL 18 8:30 AM

- Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
- † Jack Kuptz (birthday)

WED. JUL 19 8:30 AM

- † Allen Pugliese
- † Phillip DeChambeau
- † Helen Blaisdell (37th Anniv)

THURS. JUL 20 8:30 AM

- † Joseph Serra
- † Howard Jarvis

FRI. JUL 21 8:30 AM

- † Jerry Kennedy

SAT. JUL 22 4:30 PM

- † Miguel Galang
- † Joe Basirico
- † Alfred Saam
- † Leonard Grammatico
- † Robert Flynn
- † Jack Potter
- † David J Kane
- † Domenico Siciliano

SUN. JUL 23 8:00 AM

- † Gjyste Shkreli
- † Rachel Lemmon
- † Christopher Ballinger
- † Tim Lachowski

SUN. JUL 23 9:45 AM

- † Carmine Russo
- † Francis Szatkowski
- † Lilo and Louis Nardi
- Alexis Pickard
- Kenneth Szatkowski
- † Wanda Samelak
- † Gerald McWilliams
- † Laureta Antonucci

SUN. JUL 23 11:45 AM

- Cynthia Czach (birthday)
- † Robert Flynn
- † Jason Cross
- † Carmelita Vincencio
- † Nick and Maria
- † Stephan Raffert
- John and Barbara Hanus (66th Anniv)

Readings

SUNDAY

Is 55:10-11;
Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14;
Rom 8:18-23;
Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9

MONDAY

Ex 1:8-14, 22;
Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8;
Mt 10:34-11:1

TUESDAY

Ex 2:1-15a;
Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34;
Mt 11:20-24

WEDNESDAY

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12;
Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7;
Mt 11:25-27

THURSDAY

Ex 3:13-20;
Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-27;
Mt 11:28-30

FRIDAY

Ex 11:10-12:14;
Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc,
17-18;

Mt 12:1-8

SATURDAY

Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17;
Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9;
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

SUNDAY

Wis 12:13, 16-19;
Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16;
Rom 8:26-27;
Mt 13:24-43

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