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Time

CARVING OUT SMALL SEGMENTS OF TIME, GIVING BACK TO GOD

A few minutes a day can change our lives



YOUR HAND

By Dorothy Jaskey

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Look at your hand (left or right). What a wonder it is and can be. Metaphorically and biblically, the hand is power and strength. With your hand you can hold, write, gesture, eat, take a pledge, and some of us even use our hand when talking. But above all, with your hand you can offer to help.

Helping Hands Ministry offers a helping hand to those people with money burdens by paying gas, electric, water, rent or mortgage bills. At times, we have all felt financial burdens that restrict us, but many more people today are faced with tremendous monetary challenges.



The Helping Hands ministry truly needs your hand to offer cash or a check to help people in need. There is a small (but oh so big) wooden box in the narthex awaiting your donation.

As you enter the narthex, it is located to the left, around the corner from the wall of pastors. You can drop your donation into this box or in the collection baskets. Be sure to indicate on the check 'HELPING HANDS' or if you put your cash in an envelope, write 'HELPING HANDS'.

Any amount your heart tells you to give will be deeply appreciated and sorely needed. Look at your hand – will it be a Helping Hand?

The nicest place to be is in
someone's

THOUGHTS!

The safest place to be is in
someone's

PRAYERS!

And the best place to be
is in

GOD'S HANDS!

ST. ISIDORE AND KIDS AGAINST HUNGER

local volunteers help children and families worldwide

By Penni Cannova

Many of you know and respect the work of Feed My Starving Children. Well, now our parish family has embraced the humanitarian non-profit Kids Against Hunger (KAH) which is dedicated to the same goal of packing fully nutritious food to distribute to suffering children and families around the world from right here at Stratford Square Mall.

The Harvester spoke with Ann Kennedy, a 30 year parishioner, who coordinates all volunteers for *Kids Against Hunger*. As their main contact and our parishioner, Ann described vividly the benefits of packaging food locally to help those in dire need far away. Founded by Richard Proudfit, *Feed My Starving Children* focuses on centralized packing sites. Mr. Proudfit then wished to extend the reach out to people who wish to join in this work and founded *Kids Against Hunger*. By choosing a decentralized, locally-based network of satellite sites, *Kids Against Hunger* means to engage more people in their own communities to make a difference for those suffering from starvation.

In 2007, Darrel and Karen Malcom founded *KAH of Fox Valley*, the origin of our local chapter. After operating out of a warehouse in Roselle donated by BMO Harris Bank, the organization moved to 110 Stratford Square Mall last January. They began to get the word out to the public for more volunteers last summer.

Volunteer Karen Wonak, member of the Focus on Hunger Ministry, was glad to become involved with *Kids Against Hunger*. She had volunteered with *Feed My Starving Children* at her former parish in Elk Grove Village and became aware of *Kids Against Hunger* upon joining St. Isidore. A group of 15 volunteers from our parish sign up, meet at Stratford Square and pack individual meals, like the packing effort at *Feed My Starving Children* – but right here in Bloomingdale. The group packs a rice-soy casserole in individual meals. Two groups can work at a time, and she estimates that the group will spend about an hour and 15 minutes packing for their shift.

By making relationships with faith-based groups and clubs such as Kiwanis and Rotary, *Kids Against Hunger* engages more people to make a difference in combating world hunger. This model also provides for future expansion in both packing capacity and engagement of more volunteers. And, by building the relationship with St. Isidore, now more of our parishioners can volunteer to tangibly help children and families worldwide right in their own backyard.

Please call Ann Kennedy, 630.373.4759, or email her at info@kah-fv.org, to volunteer or for more information.



PLEASE RISE: The Postures of the Community During Mass

By Michael Fassbender

Churchgoers know when we're expected to stand, sit or kneel during Mass. We recognize the sanctity of the Consecration, but in other cases the reason is not so clear. Each posture carries its own significance.

Sitting has only been included for roughly five hundred years. It fosters listening and contemplation. Standing served as the normal posture for prayer since Jesus' time, making it the natural choice for communal prayers. At the same time, standing demonstrates respect and readiness, and it even evokes the Resurrection, in rising to a standing position. Finally, kneeling here is about adoration more than penitence. As Pope Emeritus Benedict explained in "The Spirit of the Liturgy," we kneel in emulation of the angels, who are described in Revelation as kneeling before God.

Two other factors play a crucial role. One is that the priest is acting in Jesus' place; the community stands when it is interacting with him as a gesture of respect. The other is the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, which requires a heightened demonstration of reverence. The Eucharist is shown to us three times before we receive Communion: during the Consecration, at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, and then after the Lamb of God. We kneel for all three occasions.

Seen this way, the cycle makes sense. We sit before Mass, preparing ourselves. We stand for the Procession, showing respect but also participating, and we remain standing through the opening prayers. We sit for the readings, when we listen and contemplate their meaning. We stand for the Gospel because it brings us Christ's teachings, and then we sit again as we listen to the homily and consider its meaning. We stand for the Creed and the Petitions, when we speak as a community, and then sit for the Offertory as the Gifts are prepared. We stand as we provide our responses at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist but then we kneel through the entire Eucharistic Prayer, when Christ comes into our midst. We rise for the Our Father and the Sign of Peace, but then we kneel again after the Lamb of God, when the Eucharist is again displayed. After Communion, we kneel until we stand for the final prayers, although we may sit briefly during the announcements.

Eagle-eyed readers may have noticed that another position exists: that of lying prostrate. It connotes total dedication to God. This is never done by the laity; it is done by the clergy and other religious in specific contexts, such as the Rite of Ordination.



PHOTO WAS TAKEN BY BILL ARCHER AT THE GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY OF FR. MATTHEW MANIAMPRA AND DEACON DON RANDOLPH IN 2005

PEOPLE

OF the four Gospels include the Passion and Resurrection narratives and the following people are mentioned. Find them in this name search.



PASSION AND RESURRECTION

- BARABBAS
- CAIAPHAS
- HEROD
- JOANNA
- JESUS
- JOHN
- JOSEPH
- JUDAS
- MARY
- NATHANAEL
- NICODEMUS
- PETER
- PILATE
- SALOME
- SIMON
- THOMAS

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WHAT DO YOU WANT OF ME, *Lord*

By Angela Orlando

When you attend Sunday Mass or Weekday Mass, do you give of your talents? No, we don't mean your treasure.

There are over a hundred parishioners who help you celebrate Mass and you probably don't even think of them as ministers to you. They are the **Mass Coordinators** (who set up and clear up the altar), the **Lectors** (those who proclaim the sacred scripture), and the **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion** (EOM - they help the priest and/or deacons distribute the Eucharist). They are part of the assembly; they sit with you in the pews. Commissioned every few years, they are scheduled every couple of weeks to serve. With their help, they are the living body of Christ.



PREPARING TO PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD TO THE CONGREGATION IS LECTOR, PATRICK DEVITT.

Mass Coordinators arrive at church about a half hour before the scheduled celebration. They prepare for the Mass in their own order but they really do need to pay attention to what they are doing. First things first. Let there be light, yep, they turn on the church lights. The coordinator starts assembling a tray. *Which priest is celebrating?* Each has their own Chalice. *Is a Deacon assisting?* Their chalice is also placed on the tray. Then they check on the hosts available in the Reservation Chapel Tabernacle to estimate how many hosts will need to be consecrated. (Yes, we've all received a broken host at times when they run low.) *How much wine will be ready?* A purificator for each chalice is placed on the tray. Part of the Mass, originally called the Lavabo, is the washing of the hands. This is a continuation of our Jewish heritage when you would not eat without first purifying. The finger washing bowl is added to the tray as well as a small hand towel. These are carried out to the table behind the Presider chair. Finally, the candles are lit on the altar. After Mass, these items are returned to the cabinets in the back sacristy.



MASS COORDINATOR, MARYJO STASZAK, ASSEMBLES THE PAGES IN THE ROMAN MISSAL FOR THE PRESIDER'S USE DURING THE SACRIFICE OF THE MASS.

The *Lectors* or Proclaimers of the Word are members of the assembly who are trained (and continue to learn) to proclaim the Sacred Scriptures. Lectors are encouraged to start reading the scripture early in the week and continue to read those scriptures out loud daily so when they proclaim, there is no doubt in their proclamation of the story of our faith. They arrive at church about 20 minutes before the start of the Liturgy to set up the Lectionary to the correct page and place the book on the ambo. If there is no Deacon, the Lector must also check the petitions and practice the pronunciation of any deceased parishioners' names. A few minutes after the Mass begins, the presider will read the Collect (the opening prayer) and then the Lector proceeds to the ambo. After the Psalm is sung or recited, the second reading is proclaimed. After the Homily and the recitation of the Creed, the Lector again returns to the ambo and reads the petitions. The Lectionary and Book of the Gospels are returned to their respective places after the celebration.



PRIOR TO DISTRIBUTING COMMUNION, EUCHARISTIC MINISTER, MARY JANE DEUTSCHLE, SANITIZES HER HANDS.

WHAT DO YOU WANT OF ME,

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (EOMs) are encouraged to arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of the celebration. After the Consecration and Our Father, the EOMs are called on to extend the ministry of the clergy. One of the EOMs is designated as Captain who makes sure all assigned ministers are present and finds subs if someone is not there. The Captain goes to retrieve consecrated hosts from the tabernacle in the reservation chapel and returns any not consumed after distribution. Each EOM has an assigned station. Carefully distributing the consecrated hosts and blessing those children who approach is one of the blessings of this office we share with the clergy.

When we review our Time, Talent and Treasures each fall, these are members who have found the answer to the question, "What do you want of me, Lord?" Have you?



Knights in Service

Our Knights of Columbus donated their time for Feed my Starving Children.



A small contingency of our KofC and PLAM group joined with Corpus Christi KofC to participate in the 40 Days for Life "Banners Over Bridges" initiative.

Pictured here are Mark Osburn, Jim Olsta, Ed Hauser, Ken Voelker, and Bill from Corpus Christi, during two shifts on Friday morning. Ben Pyzdrowski, not shown, also assisted. Thanks Gents for braving the chilly and windy morning session along North Avenue!



CCW: More Than Service



In keeping with their January movie night tradition, in place of the monthly meeting, the women of CCW met in the Fr. Guiney Room this year. They put on some comfy clothes, grabbed their favorite snack and drink and joined the fun of viewing a movie. This year a light hearted rom-com. Who doesn't like that, to take the chill off a typically cold January.

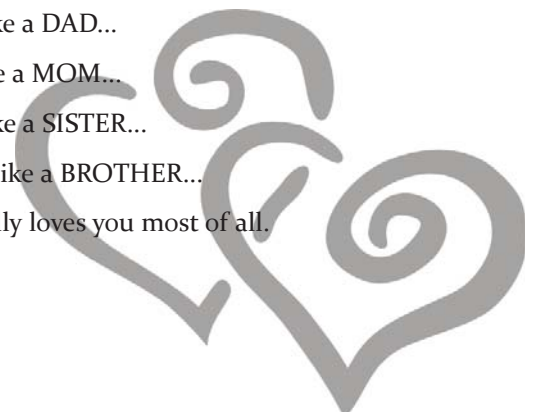


Friends ... They love you, But they're not your lover
 They care for you, But they're not from your family
 They're ready to share your pain, but they're not a relative.
 They are ... FRIENDS!!!!



A True friend...

Scolds like a DAD...
 Cares like a MOM...
 Teases like a SISTER...
 Irritates like a BROTHER...
 And finally loves you most of all.



Prayer Team

The power of prayer is a beautiful thing. If you or anyone you know can use some extra thoughts and prayers, we have a few resources here at our parish.

One resource is our Prayer Tree. Please visit our St. Isidore Parish website at www.stisidoreparish.org and click the green button on the homepage that reads "Prayer Intentions" / "Las Intenciones De Oracion". Here you can fill out a form detailing for whom or what you would like prayers and a brief description. Your request will then be emailed to a distribution list, where others will be asked to join in your prayer. As other intentions

are received by the parish, you may request to be sent emails for those intentions as well.

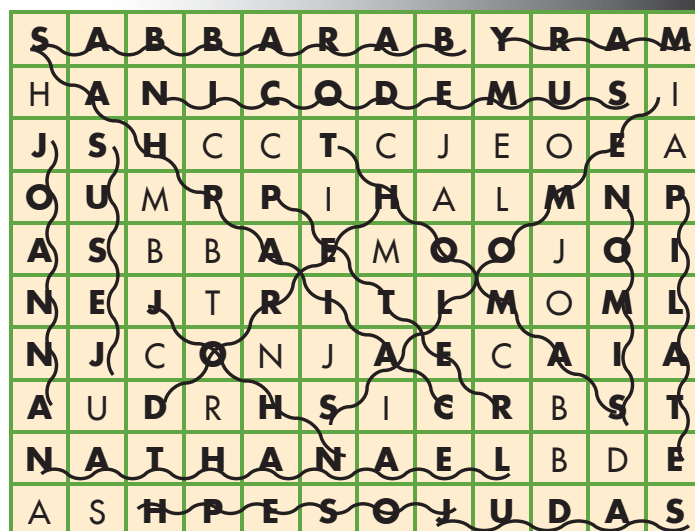
Another way to submit your prayer request intention is to call the parish office at (630) 529-3045 and ask that your intention be added to our Prayer List in the bulletin. That list will be in the bulletin every weekend. This list is updated every three months, and you can call the parish office to add or remove a name.

Both of these options are amazing ways to join fellow parishioners in prayer. If you have any further questions, please reach out to the parish office.



Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer

Word Search





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FATHER JOHN GUINEY COUNCIL #8522



On September 18th, 2021, SICS embarked on their Centennial year!

And on Saturday February 26th, the most memorable birthday celebration was hosted at the beautiful Belvedere in Elk Grove, Illinois. And what a celebration it was! 200 of our beloved parish and alumni families and friends joined us in toasting to this momentous occasion. The evening was filled with raffles and winnings, toasting and feasting, dancing and fellowship, and an incredible Live auction segment by famed auctioneer, Jim Miller. Father Matthew Nathan even made a cameo appearance! And for those of you who know, he left the dance floor on fire!!!

The Your St. Isidore Legendary Gala marked 100 years of time honored tradition that evening, while looking ahead with great hope to the next 100 years.

Pre-Covid St. Isidore Catholic School set a preliminary 3 year Advancement Strategy. One of the pillars within the plan was to attain the elite certification status of Microsoft Showcase School (MSS) by 2023. However, the pandemic had plans to derail our goal and focus; but it did not succeed. It only helped to further our dedication to the journey ahead.

At the Gala, a new strategy and plan to help us back on the road to this status was revealed. This year the Fund the Future plan embodies the spirit to meet every student exactly where they are: Academically, Spiritually and Socially. Through the addition of Flexible Learning Spaces throughout the campus and in the future St. Isidore Innovation Center, we will be one step closer to attaining MSS certification and leading the way in diversified and individualized student instruction.

You may be wondering, why Flexible Learning Spaces?

First, it is one of the boxes which need to be checked off in the process of becoming a Microsoft Showcase School. However and secondly, it truly is the future for flexible and adaptable instruction needed; as it empowers each student to learn and collaborate more efficiently, while providing diversified and individualized instruction. This is how we further meet the needs of each student. This is how we innovate! Many of you may currently utilize flexible seating in your workplaces and possibly even in your homes.

Our hope is for each and every one of our students to be fully funded into the 22-23 school year to realize this goal. In order for us to launch into the next 100 years of learning and innovation, we need YOU!! Your family, your friends, your neighbors, your co-workers. Anyone you touch can support our incredible school in meeting this goal. Each workstation is roughly \$1000 per student; and with over 200 students, you can do the math...but this goal is not impossible! There is strength in numbers, and with you alongside of who you know, we can have an incredible impact on this goal! Together, we can do it!

Will you help us leave a Legacy?
Into the next 100 years with great hope!

Gloria Lorusso



Gloria Lorusso is the Director of Advancement for St. Isidore Catholic School and a proud alumni parent.

For more information on how you may "Leave a Legacy", email her glorialorusso@saintisidoreschool.org

Were you not able to attend this year's Legendary Gala? You can still share in the memories made by visiting the "Spotlight on St. Isidore" section of the St. Isidore Catholic School website here: www.stisidoreparish.org/school

Let's Party

