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*Lord make me an
instrument of peace...*



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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday - 8:00 am
Wednesday - 7:30 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday - 7:30 am

BAPTISMS - Preparation class
required for first time parents
and inactive Catholics.
Contact Lilly to schedule.

MARRIAGES - Couples anticipating
marriage must contact Lilly at least
6 months prior to wedding date.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Holy Family Elementary 785-625-3131

www/hfehays.org

Thomas More Prep-Marian 785-625-6577

www.tmp-m.org

Sunday, April 30, 2023 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. April 30	8:00 am	+Dan Pfeifer
Wed. May 3	7:30 am	+Brandon Leiker
Sun. May 7	8:00 am	+Rupert Pfannenstiel
Wed. May 10	7:30 am	+Danny Pfannenstiel, Jr.

SERVERS

Sunday, April 30	Makailyn Leiker & Trenton Staley
Sunday, May 7	Jacob Leiker & Logan Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun. April 30	John M, Lauren M, Ken R, Josh W.
Sun. May 7	Nathan L, Amy P, Wendy R, Michelle W.

LECTORS	OFFERTORY GIFTS
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Sun. Apr 30	Nathan Leiker	K of C Members
Sun. May 7	John Moeder	1st Communicants

GREETERS

Sunday, April 30	K of C Members
Sunday, May 7	Joe & Mindy Pfannenstiel

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, April 30

Wilbert Gross, David Leiker, Blake Spencer, Tony Staley

Sunday, May 7

Ernie Binder, Rexton Leiker, Tony Rohr, Darold Younker

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, April 30	Deanna Leiker
Sunday, May 7	Mark & Dora Leiker
Sunday, May 14	Jason & Rose Carter
Sunday, May 21	Glenn & Rhonda Stramel

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$2,017.00
Loose	\$168.00
Total	\$2,185.00



My Stewardship Testimony

Talent

By Father Nick Parker, Pastor Immaculate Heart of Mary

This week is the second part of a 3-part series of my story of Stewardship. This week, I will be focusing on the aspect of talent.

Talent refers to one's gifts or abilities in serving others, whether that be in the parish, in the community, or in any other capacity. It is a little odd writing about how I personally offer "talent" in Stewardship as a priest; in a sense, it is kind of my job. Nonetheless, talent doesn't always come easily or naturally, even for priests. We all had to learn this somewhere.

This began for me from the time I was a child. My mother led by example, playing the organ for Mass about twice a month (in fact, this is something she has done since she was 11 years old). My mother also gave piano lessons, and when my siblings and I were old enough, she would have us play preludes on occasion prior to Mass, and even help with music at Christmas and Easter. She also liked to bring her piano students to nursing homes on occasion, not only to give an opportunity to perform, but also to offer this as a service to the community.

After seeing the example of my mother, I would say that a big influence for me was following in the footsteps of my older brother (I have an older brother and a younger sister). As the younger brother, I often imitated my older brother. So, when my brother became an altar server, I wanted to become an altar server. When my brother helped to train younger servers, I wanted to train altar servers. When my brother became a member of the CYO, I wanted to join CYO. My motives may not have been the most genuine as far as a desire to serve the Church, but at least it helped me get started in my activity with the Church. To this day, my siblings are quite active. My brother in an EMHC in his parish and serves on his Catholic Grade School Council. My sister cantors and accompanies at Mass. They both stay involved in many other functions as well.

After high school, I became active at the Comeau Catholic Campus Center in Hays. Honestly, it was quite easy to get involved; getting involved meant I got to be around my friends! I would be an altar server at Mass, I became trained as a Lector and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and took part in several groups and activities. I also became a Knight of Columbus during my second year of college. I was mostly inspired by how the college council would visit the nursing home during Christmas, take part in Special Olympics, provide multiple services to the Church and community, and have an overall camaraderie as Catholic men. I'm still a Knight today.

When I entered the seminary, offering our talents was not only encouraged, it was required. Everyone at the seminary is eventually trained in the various liturgical ministries. Along with that, every year we had what is called "Field Work." Basically, each year, we would sign up to help with some form of service in the community, whether that was working at a nursing home, soup kitchen, homeless shelter, teaching faith formation at a local parish, etc. There were always other service groups and activities we could voluntarily take part in as well. One group I participated in for a time was a group that would pray outside of abortion clinics early Saturday mornings. It was always an eye-opening experience.

In the end, all of these experiences have helped form me in being involved in the parish and in the community. When it comes to talents, I really see two main purposes:

1) It allows the parish community to thrive! It really doesn't take much for a parish to exist – ultimately, all that is needed is a location and a priest. However, it takes much more than that if a parish wants to have more than mere existence. It takes everyone for a parish to experience the *fullness* of a life in Christ. The more people are willing to offer what they can for the community, the more our entire community benefits!

2) It gives people a place where they belong! Although we do need the talents of people to thrive, I would say this second point is the one that I hope for the most for everyone. Offering one's talents simply helps the person to have a sense of belonging. It makes the parish seem more like home! Whether that is in liturgy, faith formation, or some other activity, group, or organization, or simply being one of the friendly and familiar faces we see regularly in the pews, I want everyone to truly feel like they have a place and a part of our parish community. Being willing to offer one's talents is a great way to experience just that.

Fr. Nick Parker



Congratulations to Callen Wade Hertel, son of Jared & Alexis Hertel who will be baptized Sunday afternoon.

Religious Education: Last Class Wednesday, May 3rd
First Communion next Sunday.



Blessing of Farms: In honor of St. Isidore, patron saint of farmers and rural communities, Father Damian will bless farms upon request. Please contact Father to schedule your farm blessing.

St. Isidore Feast Day is May 15th.

Stewardship Renewal Forms: 51% have been returned. Are you part of the 51%? It is not too late to turn your forms in, if you have not already done so. **What gifts of time, talent and treasure will you share?**

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“And Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...’” Acts 2:38

The word “repent” means to turn from sin - to change our thoughts, words and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within – a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God’s help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

The Sunflower Polka Club is hosting a Polka event on Sun, April 30, Wes Windholz Band will play from 2 to 5pm, at the Hays VFW Hall. \$10.00 for non-members, open to the public. Put on your dancing shoes and join the fun!



National Day of Prayer May 4th 12pm - 1pm at the VFW Building 2106 Vine St.

First Friday Devotions: Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held on Friday, May 5th at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church from 12 to 1pm.

Adoration Under the Stars
May 5 8:30pm-10:00pm TMP Grotto
Join FHSU Catholic Tigers along with Bishop Vincke for a night of Adoration, praise & worship music, and Confession under the stars.
Bring a blanket or lawn chair

Totus Tuus Save the Date July 23-28

Totus Tuus is a week-long summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness and Eucharistic worship. Be on the lookout for more information in your upcoming parish bulletins!



Matt Shorman, Rick Werth, Carol Legleiter, Special Intentions, Helen Werth, Becky Robben, Maya Gottschalk, Stan Herrmann, Carla Meier, Terry Hauschel, Theo Leiker, Chris Brull, Carol Carter, Parishioners in Health Care Facilities. Drop requests in the collection basket or let Lilly know. *Please let Lilly know when the intention can be removed.*

The Rural Life Office invites you to participate in a Virtual Novena for St. Isidore




Join via Zoom
Registration Required
May 6-14, 7:00 PM
Scan the QR for Information
or contact the Rural Life Office
edell.david@gmail.com or 785.952.9002



CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY


Rachel Wentling, Principal
(785) 625-3131

- May 2 Teacher Appreciation Mass & Milestones
- May 4 May Birthday Mass & Lunch
- May 5 Famous Figures
1st Friday Prayer Circles & May Crowning
3rd Gr. Field Trip to Smoky Hill Museum

Holy Family Elementary that will serve 3 & 4-year-old students in the Precious Creations Early Childhood program <https://www.hfehays.org/o/hfe/page/precious-creation>


M-F 7:45 am to 4:00 pm, August to May. A successful candidate is a Christian who seeks to work in an environment of spiritual formation and enjoys working with young children. Employees at Holy Family Elementary are expected to develop caring relationships with students that allow them to demand excellence.

Hourly pay will be based on experience. The work schedule follows the traditional school calendar, from August to May with holiday breaks as scheduled on the school calendar. Full benefits include Single Health Insurance Plan, Life Insurance Policy for \$10,000, Long-Term Disability Plan, 6.5% contribution to Retirement, 10 Sick Days, 2 Personal Days, and 1 Professional Day; Professional Development, Discounted Preschool Tuition, After School Care until 4:30 pm every day, and Lunch is provided each day. Questions may be emailed to rwentling@hfehays.org and the application is available at <https://www.hfehays.org/o/hfe/page/employment-opportunities>.




Catholic Charities Baby Bottle Campaign: Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas will be conducting their 12th Annual Baby Bottle Campaign from Mother's Day weekend, May 13-14th to Father's Day weekend, June-17-18th. This campaign provides support to mothers in our communities facing economic struggles, giving them access to critical resources so they can provide for their babies.

Your contributions support: Pregnancy Services that Include Emergency Assistance, Counseling Support, Adoption Guidance Several other options are also available to participate:



Mail a check: Catholic Charities C/O Baby Bottle Campaign P.O. Box 1366 Salina, KS 67402-1366

If you prefer, you can donate via venmo by scanning this QR code by visiting our venmo account at @catholiccharitiesofnk. Please be sure to include "Baby Bottle 23" in the description of your transaction. You can also give online at cnks.org/babybottle.



All money stays local and helps people who need our services the most. Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas – serving those of ALL faiths for over 60 years!



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

Bob Leikam, Jr. High Assistant Principal
(785) 625-6577

- May 1 Health Fair 1 - 3 pm
- May 3 Spring Sports Pep Rally 2:40pm
- May 5 Adoration Under the Stars 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm
- May 6 Prom - Grand March 5:30 pm Dreiling Theater
Prom - 7:30 pm—10:30 pm

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Mission Statement:

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is built on a foundation of faith. We continue that spirit by welcoming all people to participate in our spiritual growth. As we are called to love God and and be examples of his teachings, we strive for unity through fellowship and participation in all areas of the Catholic faith.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING is HUMAN SLAVERY

Learn More: Victoria High School Auditorium
Wednesday: May 3, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

All high school students and adults are welcome.

WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING? ...a modern-day form of slavery involving the buying and selling of persons; the fastest growing criminal industry in the world. It is based on recruiting, harboring, and transporting people for the purpose of exploitation.

There are multiple ways persons are used as products or merchandise, including:

- Organ trafficking
- Forced marriages
- Mail order brides
- Children as soldiers
- Debt bondage

This multi-billion-dollar business is sustained by the GREED of traffickers and the PLEASURE of buyers.

VICTIMS - Trafficking victims can be anyone. They can live in small towns or large cities; economically well off or poor. They may be US citizens or come from any country in the world. Victims are persons who are often deceived by grooming, a technique, used by pimps to establish a relationship, ultimately leading to exploiting persons for sex, labor, or ways of making money.

Most vulnerable:

- Runaways
- People living in poverty
- Refugees who do not know our language
- Children from dysfunctional families
- People who identify as LGBTQ
- Children in the foster and juvenile system

SPEAKER: Margaret Nacke, a Sister of St. Joseph of Concordia, KS., founded U S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking ten years ago, a faith-based national network that offers education, supports access to survivor services, and engages in advocacy to end modern-day slavery. Recently Sister received the Radical Abolitionist Award from the S.O.A.P. project (Save our Adolescents from Prostitution), a project committed to survivor-centered approach to ending human trafficking. Sister Nacke has educated the public about the way people are bought, sold and discarded as human beings.

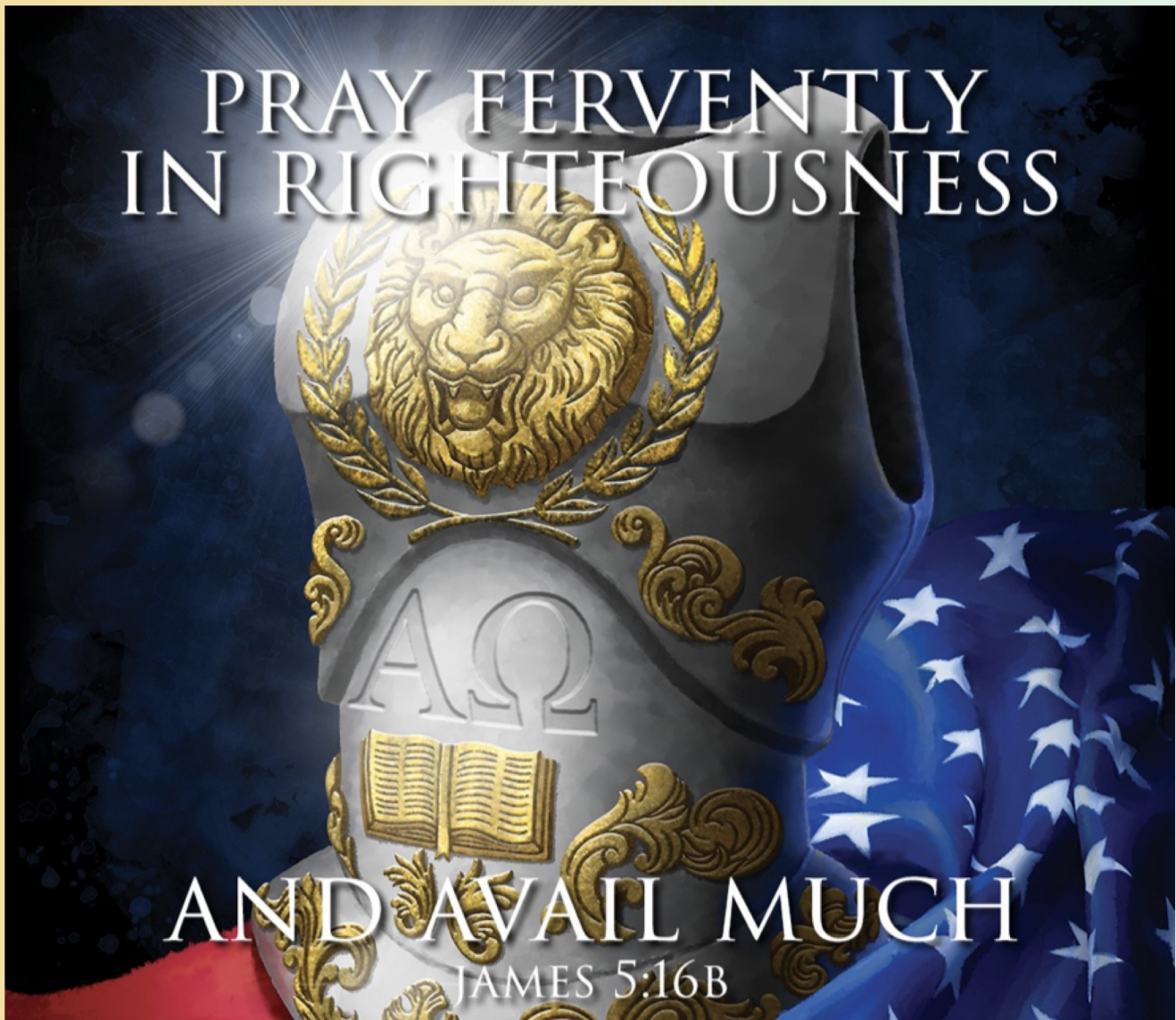
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Sponsors: St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society
Knights of Columbus St. Fidelis Council #1867

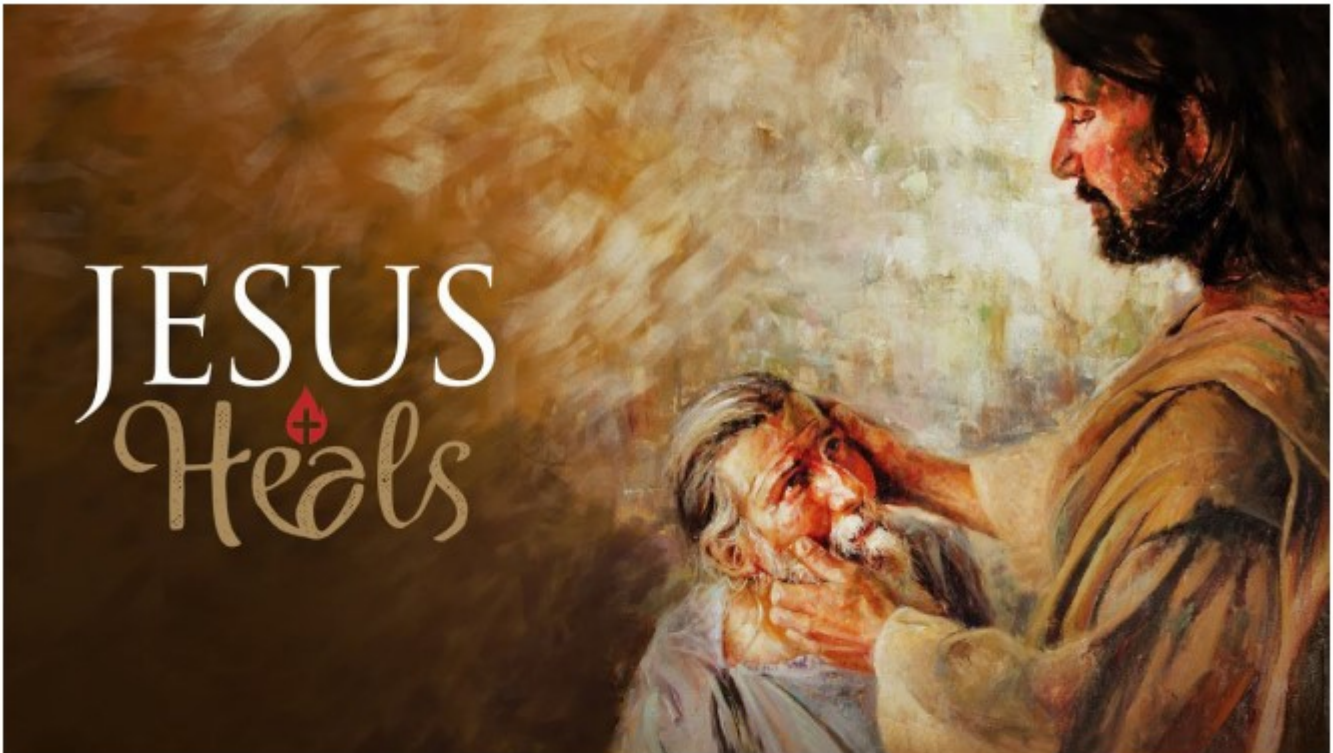
Sunday, April 30, 2023 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

National Day of Prayer May 4, 2023, 12-1pm

Let's come together as a nation to pray for our nation



At VFW Building
2106 Vine St, Hays



NIGHT OF HEALING FAITH

“Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” —James 5:14-16

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023

Father James Thomas C.M.I. with Father Leo Blasi and Priests from the Diocese of Salina

Sacred Heart Catholic Church • 202 South Cottonwood • Park, KS 67751

6:00PM Mass • 6:30PM Exposition and Adoration/Confessions

7:00PM Reposition and Healing Service for the Sick and those in Physical, Emotional, or Spiritual Need

Light Refreshments and Conversation to Follow

For more information, call (785) 673-9775



NOVENA TO ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER FOR RAIN

How to Pray the Novena

Begin with the Sign of the Cross. Read the daily scripture verse (and spend a few moments meditating on it. Pray the daily novena prayer followed by the prayer in honor of St. Isidore and the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be **three times** for the intention of the Holy Father. Conclude with the Prayer for Rain and the Sign of the Cross.

Prayer in Honor of St. Isidore

O God, who taught Adam the simple art of tilling the soil, and who through Jesus Christ, the true vine, revealed Yourself the husbandman of our souls, deign, we pray, through the merits of Blessed Isidore, to instill into our hearts a horror of sin and a love of prayer, so that, working the soil in the sweat of our brow, we may enjoy eternal happiness in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Rain

O God, in Whom we live and move, and have our being, grant us rain, in due abundance, that, being sufficiently helped with temporal, we may the more confidently seek after eternal gifts. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST DAY: PARTNERSHIP WITH GOD (Genesis 1:25 and 2:15)

Prayer: Grant, we beseech You, merciful Lord, through the intercession of Blessed Isidore, farmer and confessor, not to let us be vain with the wisdom of the world, but by his merits and example, let us in all humility always do what is pleasing to You. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SECOND DAY: FAMILY LIFE IN CHRIST (Psalm 26:4-5)

Prayer: We offer the sacrifice of praise, O Lord, and humbly pray that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, Mother of God, and of St. Joseph, You may establish our families in peace and grace. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THIRD DAY: *LOVE OF NEIGHBOR* (Romans 12:9-12)

Prayer: O God, You who make all things work together unto good for those who love You, give to our hearts an abiding love for You: so that the desires we conceive by Your inspiration may ever remain unchanged in spite of every temptation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOURTH DAY: *DIGNITY OF WORK* (2 Thessalonians 3:8-12)

Prayer: O Lord, let us follow the blessed farmer Isidore's example of patience and humility, and walk so faithfully in his footsteps that by his intercession in the evening of life, we can offer You a rich harvest of merits and good works. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIFTH DAY: *WALKING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD* (1 Timothy 4:15-16)

Prayer: Breathe into our hearts, we beseech You, O Lord, a desire for heavenly glory, and grant that we may pass, bearing in our hands the sheaves of justice, to where the Blessed Isidore is resplendent with You in glory. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SIXTH DAY: *STEWARDSHIP OF THE SOIL* (James 5:7-10)

Prayer: Pour down Your blessing, we beseech You, O Lord, upon Your people, and upon all the fruits of the earth, so that when collected they may be mercifully distributed to the honor and glory of Your holy name. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SEVENTH DAY: *RURAL WORKS OF MERCY* (Matthew 6:19-20)

Prayer: May the grace of the Holy Spirit, we beseech You, O Lord, enlighten our hearts, and refresh them abundantly with the sweetness of perfect charity. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EIGHTH DAY: *TRUST IN PRAYER* (Philippians 4:4-7)

Prayer: O Lord Jesus Christ, Who has said: Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you; grant, we beseech You, to us Your supplicants, the gift of Your most divine love, so that we may love You with our whole heart and in all our words and works, and never cease praising You. Who live and reign world without end. Amen.

NINTH DAY: *SACRIFICE OF PRAISE* (Hebrews 10:12-14)

Prayer: Protect us, O Lord, who offer holocausts to You, and sear our hearts with the flame of Your divine charity, so that they may be ever more fervently prepared for sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Isidore, Pray for us!