

APRIL 12, 2020 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

EXPECTING A CHILD FOR THE FIRST TIME? Your parish rejoices with you at the new life which God has blessed you to conceive. Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism for your child involves more than simply scheduling a date, and we look forward to helping you prepare for that unique and holy event. Please contact Cindy Muhlenkamp at the cluster office (419.678.4802, ext. 111) to learn how we can accompany you in welcoming your child into the family of the Church and raising your child in the Catholic faith. And, if you are preparing to be parents for the second, third or even fourth time, and you think you could use a refresher on your responsibility as parents called to share your Catholic faith with your children, we can help you with that as well. Contact Cindy for more information.

ST ISIDORE *Farming impacts all of us from the food we eat to the clothes we wear. The temporary closing of businesses and schools along with stay-at-home orders has seriously impacted supply and demand of many farm products. We pray for the intercession of St. Isidore, patron saint of farmers that we would have these issues could be quickly resolved, for favorable weather as planting season is upon us, and that all farmers and their helpers would be kept safe during this busy time.*

St. Isidore, you lived a humble life working the land. You attended Holy Mass each morning which jeopardized the employment that allowed your family to eat. The Lord repaid your love by sending his angels to plow the fields while you were at Church. Dear Isidore, ask Our Lord Jesus to place deep faith in our hearts and water it each day with your prayers that we may progress in holiness as you did. Pray that as our heart grows in love and humility, we may be a living sign of Jesus to those around us. As a farmer who used his hands to bring forth nourishing food please ask Jesus to bless us with a bountiful harvest. Pray that our hands and bodies will remain strong that we may farm the land God has given us. Ask Jesus to care for our gardens as he tends our hearts. Pray that weeds will be kept far from our fields and likewise give us an aversion to sin. Humbly we ask that you carry the petitions we hold in our heart to our most loving and generous Lord.

Novena to Our Lady, Health of the Sick

My dearest Mother Mary, I confidently invoke you as the Health of the Sick. You are the loving Mother especially of those who are blessed with a cross, particularly illness. I humbly plead for this favor: for protection of all people, especially our country, our communities, and our families from illness.

Mother of Perpetual Help, I beg you to present my petition to your Divine Son. If you will pray for me, I cannot be refused, for your prayers before God are powerful. With childlike trust, I abandon myself to God's holy Will concerning my request. Mother of Mercy, I love you; I put all my confidence in you. I offer to God through your hands every suffering that I must bear, with all the love of my heart. Make every pain an act of love for God, an act of atonement for my sins, and meritorious for the salvation of souls, especially for my own soul. Teach me patience and resignation to the holy Will of God, in imitation of you, dear Mother of Sorrows.

V/: Pray for us, Our Lady, Health of the Sick.

R/: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Grant us, Your servants, we beg You, Lord God, that we may be blessed with health of soul and body, and by the glorious intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Health of the Sick, be freed from the sorrows of this present life and enjoy everlasting bliss. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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