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THOUGHTS FROM FR. DAVID

To Everything There Is A Season



*There is a time for everything under the heavens.
A time to plant and a time to harvest.
And I saw that there is nothing better for mortals than to
rejoice in their work. Eccl 3*

As the ISD wraps up our sixth year I rejoice in our labors and good works. This year in addition to our class work, we hosted two Mass Matters Parish Missions, two Ignatian Retreats, and we are about to begin a four-week series on Lectio Divina at St John the Evangelist Parish in Jackson. These activities under the heavens have been a time of planting – planting the vision and mission of the institute. The time for harvest will produce the good fruit of inspiration to those that attended our events.

AUGUST 18, 2022 ALUMNI/NEW COHORT DAY

We have a good number of inquirers looking to attend our August 18th Alumni/New Cohort Day to be held this year at St Jude Catholic Community in DeWitt -- The day to gather for peer seminars and a social gathering to welcome our new cohort 7. The day begins at 12pm with lunch, two sessions in the afternoon, Vigil Mass at 4:30, followed by a social gathering with dinner to share with the incoming Fall 2022 Cohort 7.

A TIME TO HARVEST

Our June 24-26 Ignatian Retreat at FaHoLo Retreat Center in Grass Lake produced a harvest of blessings for all who attended. Thank you, Retreat Team and Spiritual Directors for the gift of hospitality and your generous spirit! One retreatant commented:

“I was introduced to a new and better way to study - a better way to listen.”



WHAT'S IN YOUR CROCKPOT?



Tasty ingredients for your spiritual stew

The Harvest is Plentiful!

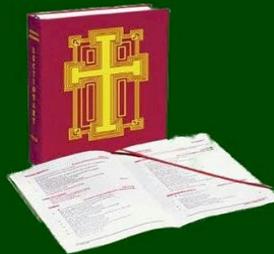
Driving around mid-Michigan over the last few weeks, the wheat fields are turning that golden color that radiates the summer sunlight. Soon the combines will be out in force gleaning the grain and pouring it into wagons, so it can be hauled away to mills where it's turned into flour and meal for food. The harvest is plentiful!

The rest of what Jesus says is that the workers are few. I am grateful that the Lord of the Harvest sends the workers. Who are the workers – and how do I get them into the fields? For those of us who remember the old shampoo commercial... *“I told two friends, and they told two friends, and so on, and so on.”* All I have to do is share my excitement with a few others, and let them know how to get involved in this movement, and the workers will be as plentiful as the harvest. I'm also reminded that Jesus says “unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.” I have to let go of the stalk, jump into the combine and allow myself to be milled. One grain of wheat milled into flour can feed a lot more people than I believe. As graduates and cohort members, participating in the Institute for Spiritual Direction, we've all got friends and family with whom to share the harvest, and we all know Jesus can multiply.

Denyse Shannon - Cohort 6

2022 Summer Series Catholicism 101 / RCIA

Praying With The Heart Of The Church



Lectionary-Based Lectio Divina

Presented at:

 **ST JOHN the
EVANGELIST**

Co-sponsored by:

**Institute for
Spiritual Direction**



Whether you are a seasoned veteran of praying with Scripture, a beginning novice, or somewhere in the middle, this 4-part summer series is for you! Hosted by St. John the Evangelist and presented by Fr. David Rosenberg, a Diocese of Lansing priest and director of the Institute for Spiritual Direction in DeWitt, we will deepen our personal relationship with God through reflection, prayer and contemplation based in His Word. Fr. David's book on lectio divina will be available for purchase.

Who: All are welcome, no pre-registration
When: July 13 & 20 and August 10 & 17; 6-8pm
Where: St. John the Evangelist Parish Center
Cost: Donations accepted

For more info, contact: Todd Gale (todd@saintjohnjackson.org)

SAINTLY INSPIRATION DOM PROSPER GUÉRANGER

Ever wonder who created our Liturgical Calendar?
Dom Prosper in the 1870s



Dom Prosper (1805-1875), Servant of God, was instrumental in founding the French Benedictine Congregation, which restored Benedictine monastic life in France

after it had been wiped out by the French Revolution. He is also credited with promoting the adoption of the liturgical books of the Roman Rite, an important element in the Liturgical Movement, which led to further development of The Revised Common Lectionary of the Mass, the readings from the Bible, making provision for the liturgical year with its pattern of observances of festivals and seasons. His influence on this aspects of the Mass of the Roman Rite was promulgated at Vatican II.

Fruit of the Harvest

The Institute has meant so much to me. I came here thinking I knew scripture. Then I took Sister's classes and Father's classes on Spiritual Direction and I have learned so much. Our cohort are mighty in faith and mighty in our love of the Lord, and I owe it all to Fr. David and Sr. Katherine and my cohort, who I loved every step of the way. I loved them all. *Nora Francis -21*



WEEKLY GOSPEL REFLECTION



A Gospel Resource for Your Spiritual Growth

Would you like to grow in your knowledge and understanding of God's Word, spoken to you every Sunday? Every week the Gospel for the following Sunday is posted on the ISD website, along with a spiritual meditation on that Word, written by Fr. Rosenberg. The Sunday Gospel is especially chosen by the Church as God's message to the whole Church. Why not take some extra time to let the Holy Spirit speak to you personally? Go to <http://isdministries.org/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

*we hope to see you at
these events*

- **Lectionary-Based Lectio Divina Lecture Series: Jul 13 & 20 and Aug 10 & 17, 6-8pm**
A lecture series to bring to life our Sunday Gospel for the full participation of the faithful in the celebration of the Eucharist. Where: St John the Evangelist, Jackson MI Parish Hall
- **Alumni/New Cohort Day: August 18, 2022**
A day for alumni to gather for peer seminar and to welcome our new cohort 7. Day includes social gathering with Mass and dinner
- **Fall Semester Begins** (see website for syllabus and details)
Tuesday 9/12 - Graduating Cohort; Thursday 9/15 - Incoming Cohort



For more information on the Institute for Spiritual Direction, on how to become a spiritual director, or how to find a spiritual director, please visit <https://isdministries.org>, or email Fr. David Rosenberg at drosenberg@isdministries.org.