

FEBRUARY 12, 2023  
SIXTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME



*"Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away,  
not the smallest letter or the  
smallest part of a letter will pass from the law."*

MATTHEW 5:18

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Matthew continues Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in today's Gospel, which is Jesus' extended teaching on the central theme of his ministry, the Kingdom of Heaven. Matthew highlights Jesus as a teacher like Moses, and who is rooted in the law of Moses. Jesus interprets the law by intensifying its meaning, by going to the root values behind the specific teachings in the law. These include reconciliation with others; mutual care for all persons as sacred, especially women; and being trustworthy and honest.

The Kingdom of Heaven is described as both in the present and in the future. When these values are lived out in daily life within the community, the Kingdom becomes present there and demonstrable to others. Jesus also spoke about life in the future, when God fulfills the divine promises to establish fully justice and peace on earth. The reconciliation, care, and trust experienced now will reach their fullness in the promised Kingdom.

### WITH EACH OTHER

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount today turns to the relationships within the community. Jesus understands the traditional teach-

ings about relationships in light of the coming Kingdom. He describes a deep trust and accountability among members of the community. Not settling for meeting minimum requirements, he points his new community toward an intimate knowledge and caring for each other, so that all may flourish as individuals and as a whole.

Although he highlights the dignity of each individual person, Jesus also envisions a community life where there is both a responsibility for each other and an accountability to each other. Members are to attend to each other's struggles and sorrows. Members become aware that their individual choices and lifestyle will be an example to others. We are to work out how to follow Jesus together in community, not only as individuals. We discern and live out our community's vocation, not only our own. Our unity with God is also with each other.

Today's Readings: Sir 15:15–20; Ps 119:1–2, 4–5, 17–18, 33–34; 1 Cor 2:6–10; Mt 5:17–37 [20–22a, 27–28, 33–34a, 37]

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# Notes from Fr. Anthony ...



We know that in our relationships with people we truly love, we desire to be near them. Have you ever in your life been homesick? Have you ever had a sleepless night or difficult day when you or someone you love is away? How do we feel when we are away from spouses, siblings, children or grandchildren? As human beings, we are creatures that desire, even need, certain relationships as they give us the ability to share our gifts and talents, in particular they make it possible for us to love. To give that part of us that we hold dear to someone else that we desire to place there, to carry with us always. We are capable of making great sacrifices out of love for others in our lives. Now, what if I were to tell you that the love we feel can be magnified, purified? That the desire to share with others that deepest part of ourselves can be truly sacrificial? That our relationships can be slowly perfected and free of the stain of self-interest?

I am sure most of us would be more than open to those possibilities. We would eagerly pursue the chance to build deeper and more loving relationships.

There is a way and there is nothing this material world can do to even come close to comparing with it. It is not some magic formula or pill or self-help program, it is not some form of exercise or breathing in a particular way, **it is not about losing oneself in the creation surrounding us. It is about drawing closer and finding oneself in the Creator.** The whole thing is based upon one question: *How much time have we spent in Eucharistic adoration over the past month?* Little time spent here means little change in the world around me. All the other good works in the world are a grain of sand next to being in the physical presence of our Lord. As we know, Eucharistic adoration is time spent before the Blessed Sacrament while in

the monstrance on the altar. At St. Isidore we have Eucharistic adoration every week on Wednesday starting at 5:30 pm. At Holy Family it is every Thursday at 5:30 pm. When was the last time we found ourselves there at that time? A common reason for not going to Eucharistic adoration is that we say don't have time. 20-30 minutes or an hour a week is not that much time in reality, especially when we think of how many hours a week we spend doing things that are of no benefit at all. Some may say that they wouldn't know what to do during the time. We can say the rosary, we can read a spiritual book we can just sit or kneel there and speak to our loving Lord from our hearts, all the things we are carrying with us: all our desires, fears and joys, pain and love. We could also spend some time just listening to what our good Lord has to say to us. We live in a loud, lost world that does anything to prevent silence. The evil one knows that in silence, first and foremost, we hear God the clearest. What are we doing to grow closer to God, in a concrete way? After the Sacraments, Eucharistic adoration is the next most beneficial form of prayer as we are placing ourselves in the literal, physical presence of God in the Blessed Sacrament. I pray that more of us here at the parish take up our Lord's invitation to *"come to me all you who labor and are weary"*. If we are looking for solutions to problems, comfort, clarity, peace. If we are truly looking to make the world a better place. If we truly desire the good of those we love and their eternal salvation - anything at all that is good - it will be found at the foot of the altar. Our Blessed Savior waits for us in His love. Will we find the time to return that love?

*God love you, Fr. Anthony*



## Pilgrim Icon Program

The Laingsburg Knights of Columbus Council 12044 is sponsoring a Pilgrim Icon Prayer Service in Honor of St. Joseph

The event will be held following the 6:30 pm mass on Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup>, at St. Isidore. Keep an eye on the bulletin for further updates.



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

Feb. 12 –Activities Group Meeting– After Mass– HF  
Feb. 15 Women’s Bible Study—6 –8 pm –HF  
Thurs.—9:00 am—Quilting Ministry—Holy Family  
Feb. 17—Fish Fry—4:30—7 pm—Holy Family  
Feb. 18—TMIY—Holy Family– 7:30 am  
Feb. 18—Youth Group Meeting—5:30—7:30p –HF  
Feb. 26—Pancake Breakfast –After Mass/St. Isidore

## RELIGIOUS ED. FORMATION—(REF)

### **Holy Family**

Class Time—Sunday: 9:50 am—Before Mass

### **St. Isidore**

Class Time-Sunday: 10:15 am—After Mass

More info: [marystevens@stisidorechurch.org](mailto:marystevens@stisidorechurch.org)



## **FISH FRY DATES— Holy Family**



Feb. 17  
March 3, 17 & 31  
4:30 pm—7 pm  
\$16—Adult  
\$8 Kids—6—12  
Kids 5 & Under- Free

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Feb. 15—Business Meeting—7:00 pm

Feb. 26—Pancake Breakfast



**Knight of the Month:** Jerry Gialanella  
**Family of the Month:** Eric and Mary Lefevre Family

**QUILTING QUIPS.** . . Mistakes\*\* happen and my deepest apologies to one of our very active quilters: Jeannie Duggan. She surprises us every week with some quilt, wall hanging or table runner that she just “whipped up” at home. She does a fantastic job of making something special to donate and shares her quilting knowledge with all of us. She often takes material home to make a quilt and when she returns the following Thursday, instead of one quilt, she comes back with 3 or more. And if someone has a problem, it is often heard on Thursdays, “go ask Jeannie, she knows how!” No matter what the question, she seems to have the answer. She is one of our St. Isidore ladies that joined us just about the time the Quilting Ministry started. Thanks Jeannie for all you do.

\*\*I wrote this article back in Oct. 2022. I just realized that it never did get put into the bulletin—so my apologies to Jeannie! cjb

Quilting is powerfull!  
It gets rid of  
depression,  
relieves anxiety,  
and improves  
creative thinking.  
Be Powerfull!

Plus it  
cleans out  
the fabric  
stash!

We are so blessed to have a new baby joining the church. Baby Ladiski to Randy and Ana Ladiski. Randy fills our Masses with so much joy with his beautiful music. So, lets help celebrate his new family addition. We will have a card box in the back of Holy Family for baby cards, well wishes or monetary gifts.



## GRATITUDE CORNER

This week we'd like to thank our catechists & religious ed coordinators. There is no doubt when we look at our catechists with the kids that this is a labor of love for them. They are shining their light for some of our most precious parishioners--our children. Thank you to all of you! And a special thank you to Mary Stevens and Ginger Kusnier for all your work in running the program. We are all part of the formation of our children--by the examples we set, the smiles we share and the encouragement we offer to the kids we see every week at Mass. We are always looking for more help in the program. If you are interested in helping out a little more, please consider becoming a substitute (once in a while our teachers can't make it in:) or just volunteering to help out in a classroom, especially if they are doing a special project or some crafting or volunteer work. There is nothing quite like watching a child's faith grow and flourish. You can contact Mary Stevens or Ginger Kusnier directly, or you can also call the parish office.

## **YOUTH GROUP MEETING**

We will be having our next youth group meeting Feb 18th at Holy Family Church. 5:30-7:30. We will be making dog treats to sell and raise money for a local dog rescue. Kids can bring a friend. Middle school to high school ages welcome. Church families please be on the look out for dog treats for sale in the back of church.

**Baby Dresser -Deadline: Feb. 12**

**ST. ISIDORE, LAINGSBURG****MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK**

Saturday—Feb. 11—(5:30 PM) † Dale Arpin by Chris & Kay Basgall  
 Sunday— Feb. 12 —(9:00 AM) † Ron Hart, Sr. by Helen Stelzer  
 Wednesday— Feb. 15 — (6:30 PM) † Charles & Dorothy Kendall by the Family  
 Thursday — Feb. 16 —(8:30 AM) People of the Parish  
 Friday — Feb. 17 — (8:30 AM) † Leon Lundie, Sr. by the Lundie Children  
 Saturday—Feb. 18—(5:30 PM) † Parents of Fr. Bob Bacik by Chris & Kay Basgall  
 Sunday— Feb. 19 —(9:00 AM) † Dan Morgan by Robert & Mary Shaw

**HOLY FAMILY, OVID**

Saturday- Feb. 11 — (4:00 PM) † Doug Angell by Pat & Sandy Bisson  
 Sunday— Feb. 12 —(11:00 AM) † Gary Schrauben by the Smith Family  
 Tuesday —Feb. 14 — (12:10 PM) † Karen Abnet by the Smith Family  
 Thursday— Feb. 16— (6:30 PM) † Sylvia McKay by Kevin VanGieson & Bill  
 Saturday- Feb. 18 — (4:00 PM) † Judy Crawford by the Crawford Family  
 Sunday— Feb. 19 —(11:00 AM) † Suzanne Nethaway b For & Lynn Hier

**PRAYERS: PLEASE PRAY FOR** Archie Schebester (Friend of Jesse Anguiano), Pamela Morgan, Tori Martens, Mary Hughly (Friend of RoseMarie Thering), Janice Smith, Hugh Smith, Beth Ann Elliott (Daughter of Don & Denise), Craig & Caren Henning, (Nephew & Niece of Leonard Mitchell) Vince Minarik, (Son-in-Law of Leonard Mitchell), Terri Sue (Daughter-in-Law of Leonard Mitchell). Fr. Mathias Thelen (Brother of Pam (Ryan) Fabus), Gary Delaney (Nephew of Bev Delaney), Pat Spencer (Friend of Bev Delaney), Charles Oleniczak, Judith Bond, Sandy McPherson (Sister of Cooky Hawkins), Sharon Darling, Carlos Duncan (Cousin of Jesse Anguiano), Steve Butler, Sean Robinson, Chasidy Martin (Niece of Doug & Char Angell), Rosa Zamarripa (Cousin of Jesse Anguiano), Taylor Nixon (Friend of RoseMarie Thering), Bob Bunn (Nephew of Pat White), Tom Hulburt (Son of Nita Hughes), Diane Mead (Friend of Joanne Evans), Gary Hrncharik, Donna Fruchey, Nancy Alice Carberry (Mother of Maggie Sayles), Michelle Houska, Melvia Quine, Judy Kovarik (Mother of Bill Kovarik), Eddy Trevino, Bruce Chandler (Brother of Marti Rowley), Tammy Smith, Brenda Seeley & Betty Ann Fulgaro (Both friends of the Smith Family), Gregory Acker (Brother of Angela Michels), Michelle Dell, Shannon Strobel, Toni Doyle, Jase Ellsworth (Great-Grandson of Phyllis Hart), Richard Hutchings, Phyllis Hart, Pam Hurst, Katie Florian (Friend of RoseMarie Thering), Rebecca Crites (Friend of Bev Delaney), Lana Miersen, Napoleon Martinez, Jr. (Brother of Elodia Keys), Jim Mosley, Mike (Doc) O'Bryant, Isabelle Wesley, Don & Denise Elliott, Anita Rios (Sister of Jesse Anguiano), Stan Beherns, Armando Anguiano, (Brother of Jesse), Juan Chapas, (Friend of Jesse Anguiano), Jodi Barber (Friend of Tammy Smith), Tristen Henning, Teresa Arnold (Friend of RoseMarie Thering), Olivia Klein, Haven S. King (Niece of Barb Wight), Steve Bachelder & Mark Sickler (Nephews of Mike & Aloise Bachelder), Allen Smith (Nephew of Pat Brown), Michelle Hurst, Richard Elliott, (Son of Pat Elliott), Mary Harris, Robert Shaw, Kathryn Okada, (Friend of Porrell's), Donald Jacks, (Son in Law of Diane Stasa), Randy Evans (Son of Ron & Joanne Evans), Matthew Rios, (Great-Grandson of Nita Hughes), Jamie Lester, (Friend of Nita Hughes), Chris Bozung, (Friend of Smith Family), Adam Thering, Patty VanLeiw, Dee Bingham, Sue Hardaker, Greg Smith, Barb Wright, Judy Minarik, Janet Arthur, David Hager, Mercedes, Eric, & Baby Chris Martinez, Anita Leathers, Ron & Denise Pohl (Sister and Brother-in-Law of Donna Judd)

*Please contact the office to add or remove names from the prayer list.*

**Remember our service members in your prayers:**

Taylor Earl Parsons—Air Force—Space Force  
 Christian Garza—Army  
 Fr. Brandon Oman—Air Force  
 LTC Nathan Cooley - USN  
 MSGT Joshua Delaney - Air Force  
 Alexandra Cultra - Navy  
 Andie Ostrander—Navy (To add names, - contact the office.)  
 Patrick Schiffer—Air Force  
 Kelly Brown—Navy  
 Sergeant Jared Mersino—Army

**ADORATION****St. Isidore Church- Wednesdays**

5:30—6:20 pm Adoration & Confessions  
 6:30 pm Mass  
 Adoration & Confessions Following Mass  
 Until 7:30 pm

**Holy Family—Thursdays**

5:30—6:20 pm Adoration & Confessions  
 6:30 pm Mass

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY  
Feb 3 & 4, 2023**

St. Isidore Offertory- \$3,095  
 Holy Family Offertory - \$3,896  
 Online Offertory - \$1,535  
**TOTAL: - \$8,526**



### **What is this about?**

*Mysteries of the Rosary* is made up of a seven 30-35 minute videos (one video per week) which will focus on the Sorrowful Mysteries. The first video is an introduction to the series. Then each of the five mysteries will have an entire episode dedicated to it. Finally, the last episode will serve as a conclusion to bring the series to a close.

### **Will we be praying the Rosary?**

No. *Mysteries of the Rosary* is a reflective deep dive into each Sorrowful Mystery. It is a great tool which can be used to deepen your understanding and prayer based on each mystery, but the series itself does not pray the Rosary or teach specifically how to pray the Rosary.

### **Who is this for?**

Everyone! Families, single people, younger adults, older adults, and high school aged. Men, this includes *YOU* too. You do not have to know how to say the Rosary to come. If you frequently pray the Rosary, this should be an opportunity to enhance your experience. If you feel the Rosary is not for you, this may very well change your mind! Feel free to invite others.

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**St. Isidore:** Beginning Sunday, February 19 @ 10:30 a.m. in Small Hall (30-35 minute video with time for discussion to follow). This is a 7 week series ending April 2<sup>nd</sup>. (Follows coffee and donuts or pancake breakfast.)

**Holy Family:** Beginning Monday, February 20 @ 6:00 p.m. at Holy Family (30-35 minute video with time for discussion to follow). This is a 7 week series ending April 3<sup>rd</sup>. (Light refreshments will be served.)

For more information contact:

**St. Isidore:**  
Roger Hughes  
Shirley Hughes

**Holy Family:**  
Richard Theile  
Carol Theile

(Contact Sharon in the office for phone numbers.)