

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## FEBRUARY 1, 2026



**Today's Readings:** Zep 2:3, 3:12-13 Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 1 Cor 1:126-31 Mt 5:1-12

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**Confession:** Wed. 5:30 to 6:20 pm & after Mass until 7:30

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**Confession:** Saturdays 3:00 to 3:45 pm and

Thurs. 5:30 to 6:20 pm

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Sacrament of Baptism  
Sacrament of Matrimony  
Anointing of the Sick  
Last Rites

Please contact the office  
For emergencies call the Rectory at  
517-651-6617

**ST. ISIDORE, LAINGSBURG**

Saturday — Jan 31— (5:30 PM) † Marianne Stein by the Family

Sunday — Feb 1 —(9:00 AM) † Patrick Fales by Mike Mapes

**First Wednesday—Feb 4—** (6:30 PM) People of the Parish - ***First Wednesday Devotions***

Thursday—Feb 5—(8:30 AM) Intentions of the Basgall Family

**First Friday —Feb 6—** (8:30 AM) Living & Deceased Members—Mallory & Kendall Families-***First Friday Devotions***

Saturday —Feb 7 — (5:30 PM) † Dawn Wrobel by Janice Hurst

Sunday — Feb 8 —(9:00 AM) † Michael McMonagle by Robert &amp; Mary Shaw

**MASS SCHEDULE****FOR THIS WEEK****HOLY FAMILY, OVID**

Saturday—Jan 31— (4:00 PM) Special Intentions of Bob &amp; Roni Vantivelt

Sunday— Feb 1—(11:00 AM) † Richard Grinnell by Frank &amp; Melvia Quine

Tuesday — Feb 3 — (12:10 PM) † Irma Farner by Tammy Smith

Thursday—Feb 5—(6:30 PM) † Bill Csapos by Dan &amp; Vickie Csapos

**First Saturday— Feb 7—** (9:00 AM) In Reparation For Sin & For Souls in Purgatory— ***First Saturday Devotions***

Saturday—Feb 7— (4:00 PM) † Blanche Woodbury by Terry &amp; Cindy Broome

Sunday— Feb 8—(11:00 AM) † Pat Latz by Mike &amp; Barb Chapko

**ADORATION****St. Isidore Church- Wednesdays**5:30—6:20 pm Adoration & Confessions  
6:30 pm MassAdoration & Confessions Following Mass  
Until 7:30 pm**Holy Family—Thursdays**5:30—6:20 pm Adoration & Confessions  
6:30 pm Mass**WEEKLY OFFERTORY****Jan 24 & 25, 2026**St. Isidore Offertory- \$2,777  
Holy Family Offertory - \$2,596  
Online Offertory: \$1,500**TOTAL: - \$6,874****Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish .....**

Names included should be parishioners, their relatives and friends.

Remember all of our service members in your prayers.

Please contact the office to put names on the prayer list.

**MASS SCHEDULE****FOR THIS WEEK****ROSARY BEFORE MASS—HOLY FAMILY**

Saturdays 3:30 pm

**ROSARY BEFORE MASS—ST. ISIDORE**

Sundays 8:30 am—Thurs. &amp; Fri. 8:05 am

**MONTHLY DEVOTIONS****1st Wed. of Month**—St. Isidore—6:30 PM  
Rosary and Litany of St. Joseph after Mass**1st Friday of Month**—St. Isidore—8:30 AM  
Litany of Sacred Heart after Mass**1st Saturday of Month**—Holy Fam-  
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Litany of Loreto after 9:00 AM Mass

Craig Henning	Napoleon Martinez, Jr.	Michelle Hurst	Nick & Lucinda Dunay	Judy Eyde	Marina Easterbrook
Ken Latz	Gloria Costello	Usher Jackson	Joe Lorio	Doug Maki	Mary Lewis
Pam Morgan	Chris Basgall	Chuck Hazard	Marie Hurst	Ron, Charlene, John, Russ Ginther	Greg & Cynthia Cross
Dan Schwart	Elaine Stewart	Jerome Smith	Cheryl Hurst	Steve Izdebski	Joette Dennis
Beverly Adcock	Margaret Lane	Jamie Lester	Trenton Hurst	Mike Balcom	Rosemary Bailey
Olivia Klein	Tamera Bodine-Wilson	Melissa Becker	Jeff Watson	Ken White	Mike Jones
Jan Bozung	Ernest Carr	Gary Lundquist	James Parros	Dave Bitner	Todd Fox
Rick Smith	Shirley Kalocy	Mildred Tejkl	Therese Bruso	Juile Wells	George Gates
Hugh Smith	Liz Miller	Michelle Houska	Jim Thering	Linda Pung	
Jan Smith	Kvalevog Family	Lorie Mumby	Tuffy Wolffrom	Nancy Kienitz	Pease Family
Tammy Smith	Dale Coggins	June Leaf			

# Notes from Fr. Anthony .....

## Beautiful looking apples sometimes have worms

The heresy of Modernism can find its first fruitful seeds going back to the French Revolution which began in 1789. There has been this tendency to glorify the revolution as the “people rising up” or demonize the monarchy as the source and root of all the problems of the society. While there were most definitely problems there and the need for serious reform, this was never really the goal of the revolution. We hear often trumpeted the values of “fraternity” and “liberty” that it proclaimed and ushered in. Those were only available to the people who sided with it and followed their lead. It was not liberty from all the problems; it was liberty from the Faith and the Church that were on the forefront. It was fraternity for those who despised the Bride of Christ. It is no secret that one of the primary goals of the philosophy that spurred on the revolution was to completely eliminate any authority or effect the Catholic Church had on that society and eventually to eliminate the Church completely. That is why they directed some of their most demonic fury against the Church and the faithful. Keep in mind, that during that revolution, ***all church property*** – churches, monasteries, convents, chapels, hospitals and schools were confiscated by the revolutionary government. Many of them were destroyed outright, others were turned into dance halls, prisons, stables, military barracks or bars. Some, such as the famous Notre Dame cathedral in Paris, were ransacked and dedicated as the new “temple of reason” by the building of an idol of sorts on the altar complete with the celebration of demonic and pagan freemason rituals which happened there and in many of the other famous churches of France (an interesting side-note is that Notre Dame and the majority of historic churches in France are still owned by the government, they just allow the Catholic Church to still use some of them sometimes). Any relics of saints or sacred things that were found were publicly blasphemed and destroyed. In order for a church to remain open one had to sign an oath of loyalty to the revolutionary government and speak on things they desired and teach as they desired as well (give up objective truth for the sake of subjective truth). Refusal to do so meant you were an enemy

of the state and the society; therefore, you deserve to die. If a lay Catholic went to a secret Mass or hid a priest, it also meant you were an enemy of the revolution. The penalty was death.

The basis of the modernist heresy had to be laid in country that up until that time had been a bastion of the Faith and one of the major sources of missionaries throughout the world. As I say on occasion - the devil is evil, but he isn’t stupid. He knows where to attack first. The heresy had to begin in the political and social realm before it could directly attack the Faith. ***“Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.”*** (1 Peter 5, 8)

This gives us an idea of how the heresy began to slowly reveal itself. Now we can look at how the modernist movement within the Church itself began to appear. It was something like a snowball that slowly grew and took more and more to itself. We can say that under Pius IX (pope from 1846-1878) its tendency was politico-liberal, under Leo XIII (pope from 1878-1903) and Pius X (pope from 1903-1914) social; later, under Pius X, its tendency became avowedly theological.

**The main contention of modernism as such is that the Church and Her teaching are to be examined solely through the subjective lens of the individual and the here and now.** There are no revealed eternal moral truths that are to be always followed, and the Church herself is not the main arbiter of knowledge of God and moral law. It is purely the individual/society that does so while looking at everything through the lens of the current times and issues. It is your feelings, ideas or thoughts that dictate what is true. It pushes the primacy of current science over all things and the primacy of the individual conscience over the revealed and eternal truths of the Faith. With modernism, everything is subjective and always to be graded, understood and practiced purely in the lens and light of the particular area or time. Well, I have run out of space this week.

Until next time,

*God love you, Fr. Anthony*

## **PARISH ACTIVITIES**

Mondays—7:30 pm—“Zoom” online Rosary  
Thurs—9:00 am—Quilting Ministry—Holy Family  
Feb 1—Activities Group Meeting—Holy Family  
Feb 7—TMIY—7:30—9:00 am—Holy Family  
Feb 12—WINGS Meeting—1:30—St. I— All Ladies Welcome  
Feb 13—4:30—7 pm—1st Lenten Fish Fry— Holy Family  
Feb 27—4:30-7pm— Lenten Fish Fry—Holy Family  
March 13—4:30-7pm— Lenten Fish Fry—Holy Family  
March 27—4:30-7pm— Lenten Fish Fry—Holy Family  
Apr 10—4:30-7pm— **LAST** Lenten Fish Fry—Holy Family

## **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)



## **2025 CONTRIBUTION REPORTS**

The reports can be found at both churches, near the 2026 offertory envelopes. If your report is not there and you would like it, please contact the office. The report will be ready for pick the following weekend. . . The online electronic offertory reports were emailed from the ParishSOFT online platform.

You are welcome to join us in the large hall on February 14th from 1:00pm-4:00pm celebrating Janice Hurst's 90th Birthday.



## **WINGS FEBRUARY MEETING**

Attention, chocolate lovers! WINGS' pre-Valentine's Day, pre-Lenten, and pre-Mardi Gras "Fat Thursday" Buffet of Scrumptious Chocolate (featuring our members' favorite chocolate desserts and treats) will take place at 1:30pm on Thursday, February 12, in the St. Isidore Small Hall (a week earlier than usual this month). All women of our parish are welcome to participate.



## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #12044**

### **Upcoming Events:**



Feb 11 —Business Meeting—7:00 pm



Feb 22— Pancake Breakfast

**To become a Knight, visit [kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join)**

That Man is You! is back this winter/spring, and we move into the theme *The Pathway to the Kingdom*. Mark Hartfiel reminds us that holiness demands resilience and a clear sense of direction. We are challenged to aim high toward heaven as life's ultimate mission. The fruits of the Spirit, daily prayer, sacraments, and virtue will anchor your heart in hope and strengthen you to rise above the world's distractions. Join us Saturday mornings at Holy Family from 7:30 - 9:00 am, and bring a friend for another great semester!

