

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 1, 2024**



Advent,
Awaiting the coming of
Christ

Today's Readings: Jr 33:14-16 (3C) Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 1Th 3:12-4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

**ST. ISIDORE CHURCH
Laingsburg, Michigan**

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Saturday Mass: 5:30 pm - **Sunday Mass:** 9:00 am

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

**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
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Saturday Mass: 4:00 pm - **Sunday Mass** 11:00 am

Confession: Saturdays 3:00 to 3:45 pm and
Thurs. 5:30 to 6:20 pm

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

**MASS SCHEDULE
FOR THIS WEEK**

Saturday — Nov 30—(5:30 PM) † Jared Bird by Grandma and Mom

Sunday — Dec 1 —(9:00 AM) † Ken & † Margaret Brink by Helen Stelzer

Wednesday— Dec 4 —(6:30 PM) † Marilyn Kiel by the Family

First Wednesday Devotions

Thursday — Dec 5 – (8:30 AM) † Tony Coggins by Kirk & Marina Easterbrook

Friday —Dec 6— (8:30 AM) † Sheila Doyle by the Family

First Friday Devotions

Saturday — Dec 7—(5:30 PM) † Clif Tobias by Shirley and Family

Sunday — Dec 8 —(9:00 AM) † Allen Ferland by Chris & Kay Basgall

HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday— Nov 30— (4:00 PM) † Germaine Fleming Starkey by Mark & Chris Cooley Family

Sunday— Dec 1 —(11:00 AM) † John Quine, Sr. by the Family

Tuesday — Dec 3 — (12:10 PM) † Gene Schoendorf by Holy Family Altar Society

Thursday— Dec 5 — (6:30 PM) People of the Parish

Saturday— Dec 7— (4:00 PM) † Pat Latz by Allen & Michele Martin

Sunday— Dec 8 —(11:00 AM) † Micky Chapko by Mary Cerny

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



ROSARY BEFORE MASS—HOLY FAMILY

Saturdays 3:30 pm

ROSARY BEFORE MASS—ST. ISIDORE

Sundays 8:30 am—Thurs. & Fri. 8:05 am

MONTHLY DEVOTIONS

1st Wed. of Month—St. Isidore
Rosary and Litany of St. Joseph after Mass

1st Friday of Month—St. Isidore
Litany of Sacred Heart after Mass



WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Nov 23 & 24, 2024

St. Isidore Offertory- \$2,078

Holy Family Offertory - \$24,957

Online Offertory - \$1,530

TOTAL: - \$8,565

Prays for the Sick of our Parish

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

Names included should be parishioners, their relatives and friends. Remember all of our service members in your prayers.

Emily Rocheleau	Beverly Adcock	Tammy Smith	Elaine Stewart	Shirley Kalocy
Kelly Rocheleau	Judy Eyde	Tom Grettenberger	Joyce Enlow	Clare Greene
Nita Hughes	Olivia Klein	Napoleon Martinez, Jr.	Sandra Tejkl	Liz Miller
Russ Mallery	Bruce Chandler	Gloria Costello	Margaret Lane	Kvalevog Family
Craig Henning	Jan Bozong	Tom Hulburt	Tamera Bodine-Wilson	Dale Coggins
Ken Latz	Rick Smith	Chris Basgall	Ernest Carr	Michelle Hurst
Pam Morgan	Hugh Smith	Pam Hurst	Lesley Williams	Usher Jackson
Dan Schwart	Jan Smith	Alice Stawasz	Linda Palatka	Jeff Hampton

Notes from Fr. Anthony

As I had mentioned this last weekend, we are beginning some new spiritual initiatives at our parishes. The first is the beginning of the celebration of the first Saturday Masses. **The first Saturday Masses will begin with the first Saturday in Advent, December 7th, and the Masses will be at Holy Family at 9:00 AM.** Some might ask - why are the first Saturdays so important? The answer to that can be found in the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima. In 1929, the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Lucia after she had entered the convent in order to explain a request that she had made when appearing to her in Fatima and explaining what she meant in requesting a special devotion for reparation. Mary said to her: *“Look, my daughter, at my Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce me every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console me and say that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me.”*

The requirements for fulfilling Our Lady’s request in order to receive her promised aid for our salvation at the time of our death are:

For five consecutive first Saturdays of the month and with the intention of making reparation for the offenses against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we are asked to:

- 1 - Go to Confession (may be 8 days before or after, if you are in a state of grace)
- 2 - Receive Holy Communion (can be received at a Saturday evening anticipatory Mass)
- 3 - Pray five decades of the Rosary
- 4 - Keep Our Lady company for 15 minutes while meditating on one or more of the mysteries of the Rosary.

This devotion is a concrete way in which we can aid our own salvation, but also contribute to the salvation of others by doing reparation. It doesn’t cost us much but can make a world of difference for our souls and the souls of others on the day of judgement.

The next initiative is the founding of a Purgatorial Society at our parishes. This is an old tradition that fell out favor in many places due to the incorrect assumption that somehow everyone goes straight to heaven - which we know, and the Church has always taught - is not the case. And as a result, the souls in purgatory have been completely abandoned in many places,

left to suffer alone and in silence. While some extremely holy souls do go straight to heaven when they die, those who do not must undergo a purification (the word purgatory means to purge, or to purify) before they can spend an eternity in the presence of God. As St. John reminds us in the Apocalypse - *no unclean thing can enter heaven*. This includes those souls who either did not do sufficient penance or atonement for their sins while on this earth, or did not make sufficient use of the graces God offered in this life and still had some attachments to sin. It also includes those souls who may have led a very bad life, but at the moment of death, thanks to the grace of God and the prayers of loved ones, were able to reach out to God and receive this last outpouring of His mercy that kept them from hell. As the book of Maccabees tells us *“It is a pious and noble thought, to pray for the dead, that they may be forgiven for their sins”*.

That is the main goal of the Purgatorial Society, to pray for the holy souls and offer our prayers, sacrifices and indulgences for them. To assist them in their cleansing and speed them on their way to complete union with God in heaven. It costs us so little but can mean so much to these poor souls. Think of how many people today who never visit their departed loved ones in the cemetery and how many souls are never prayed for by those who professed to love them so much during their earthly lives, only to forget them when they leave this world. It is a small thing for us but can mean so much to the holy souls if we would pray for them.

The daily prayers would consist of a decade of the Rosary, the Litany of Loreto and a few other small prayers and actions that we can easily integrate into our lives. We are talking about prayers that can easily be added to our lives and require a small time commitment. There will be other prayers and devotions we can add at various times if we would like as well. There will also be the opportunity to learn more about purgatory, including different books and novenas we can learn about and certain spiritual benefits for ourselves. That will all be explained in more detail for those who decide to join me in this venture to assist our dearly departed in purgatory. The opportunity to sign up for the Purgatorial Society will begin next week, specifically **after the Wednesday, December 4th evening Mass at St. Isidore and the Thursday, December 5th evening Mass at Holy Family.** If you are unable to make either of those opportunities and would like to join, please let me know and we will arrange something after the weekend Masses as well.

God love you, Fr. Anthony

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mondays—7:30 pm—"Zoom" online Rosary
Thurs—9:00 am—Quilting Ministry—Holy Family
Dec 7 — TMIY—7:30 –9 am—Holy Family
Dec 9—Mitten Sewing—8 –Noon—St. Isidore
Dec 14— Faith & Family Night—6:30 –9pm—Holy Fam
Dec 13—Deadline—Keep Christ In Christmas Posters
Dec 15—Deadline-Giving Tree —Both Churches
Dec 21—Christmas Party after Mass at St. Isidore

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

POSTER CONTEST

Once again, for the KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS Poster Contest, we asking our kids (Kindergarten through 8th grade) to make their posters at home. Forms and blank posters can be found in a box by the St. Isidore parish office door, or in the hall at Holy Family. Completed posters must be **returned by December 13** and placed back in the box. We will announce the winners at Pancake Breakfast on December 15.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

St. Isidore would like help decorating the Altar for Christmas.

Decorating will be on Sunday, December 22 at 11:15 am

To volunteer or for more information please call or email the office.

517-651-6722 / office@stisidorechurch.org

ST. ISIDORE GIVING TREE

The Tree is up with tags. We will be helping families in need, all are of the Laingsburg Sch District.

Wrap gifts and tape the tag on the outside of the gift. Deadline is Dec. 15. Gifts will be picked up before Christmas break.



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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Dec 11 —Business Meeting—7:00pm

Dec 15—Pancake Breakfast

Knight of the Month: Don Brown

Family of the Month: Steve & Mary Ann Izdebski



ST. ISIDORE-HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dec 21—Following the 5:30 Mass at St. Isidore
Appetizers, Chicken, Lasagna & Beverages provided

Please bring a dish to pass

(Drop dishes to pass at kitchen before Mass)

Games, Crafts & Exciting Giveaways



HAIL MARY full of grace. . .

Interested in leading the Rosary before Holy Family's Saturday Mass? We need volunteers. You would start praying the rosary at 3:30 and it will only take about 20 minutes. Sign up sheet in the sacristy, call Sharon at the office on Tuesday or see Cindy Broome after Saturday Mass.

HOLY FAMILY GIVING TREE

The Tree is up with tags. **DO NOT WRAP** gifts for Holy Family. If you would like, donate a roll of wrapping paper. Gifts will be pick up immediately after Mass on **Dec. 15**



Join us for an evening filled with great food, laughter, fun, and good cheer.

ST. ISIDORE - HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

ALL ARE WELCOME!

*Saturday, December 21st
following the 5:30 Mass
at St Isidore in the large hall*

We will have games and crafts for the kids & exciting giveaways for the adults

Appetizers , Chicken, Lasagna and Beverages
will be provided

Please bring a dish to pass

Salads, Veggies, Casseroles or Desserts

(you are welcome to drop your dish
off to kitchen staff before Mass)





FAITH & FAMILY FUN NIGHT

MOVIE & POPCORN



JOIN US FOR CELEBRATING DECEMBER SAINT
TRADITIONS, KIDS ACTIVITIES,
HOT COCOA & MORE!



**SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 14, 2024**

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

6:30-9:00 PM

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