

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 19, 2023



Today's Readings: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31(157A) Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 1Thess 5:1—6 Mt 25:14-30

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 **Ovid, Michigan**

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

Web Address: <http://stisidorechurch.org>

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

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

ST. ISIDORE, LAINGSBURG

Saturday — Nov 18 —(5:30 PM) † Jerry Barnum by Ann Barnum
 Sunday — Nov 19 —(9:00 AM) † Nancy Byrnes by George & Paula Harris
 Wednesday— Nov 22— (6:30 PM) † Greg Smith by the Smith Family
 Thursday — Nov 23 —**(NO MASS) THANKSGIVING DAY— (9:00 AM Mass at Holy Family)**
 Friday — Nov 24 — (8:30 AM) † Eunice Berland by Chris & Kay Basgall
 Saturday — Nov 25 —(5:30 PM) † Carol Slingsby by Chris & Kay Basgall
 Sunday — Nov 26 —(9:00 AM) † Russ Jorae by Rick & Adam Curtis

HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday— Nov 18— (4:00 PM) † John Bartkowiak by the Family
 Sunday— Nov 19 —(11:00 AM) In Thanksgiving by the Joe Lorio Family
 Tuesday — Nov 21- (12:10 PM) † Pat Latz by Arden & Karen Densmore
 Thurs—Nov 23— **(9:00 AM) THANKSGIVING DAY—** † Fr. Raymond Urbaneck 4th Anniversary by Joanne Evans
 Saturday— Nov 25— (4:00 PM) † Andy Hatta by Tom & Michelle Hatta Family
 Sunday— Nov 26 —(11:00 AM) † James & Timothy Brooks by the Family



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

Remember our service members in your prayers:

Taylor Earl Parsons—Air Force—Space Force
 Christian Garza—Army
 LTC Nathan Cooley - USN
 MSGT Joshua Delaney - Air Force
 Alexandra Cultra - Navy
 Andie Ostrander—Navy
 Patrick Schiffer—Air Force
 Kelly Brown—Navy
 Sergeant Jared Mersino—Army



(To add names, - contact the office.)

WEEKLY OFFERTORY Nov. 11 & 12, 2023

St. Isidore Offertory- \$3,320
 Holy Family Offertory - \$3,183
 Online Offertory - \$1,385
TOTAL: - \$7,888

ROSARY

Every Sunday Before Mass

8:30 St. Isidore — 10:30 Holy Family
 Thurs. & Fri. 8:30 am—St. Isidore

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



Please Pray for: Tori Martens*Charles Oleniczak*Judith Bond*Steve Butler*Sean Robinson*Gary Hrncharik*Eddy Trevino*Shannon Strobel*Richard Hutchings*Phyllis Hart*Lana Miersen*Jim Mosley*Isabelle Welsey*Stan Beherns*Tristen Hening*Olivia Klein*Barb Wright*Judy Minarik*Janet Arthur*Mercedes, Eric & Baby Chris Martinez*Zach Koonter*Jane Timlick*Dale Trierweiler* Mike & Theresa Hegg*Baby Owen Ulicki*Gregory Acker, Brother of Angela Michels*Napoleon Martinez, Jr., Brother of Elodia Keys*Bruce Chandler, Brother of Marit Rowley*Gary Delaney*Pat Spencer*Rebecca Crites, Friend/Relative of Bev Delaney*Shawn Pardee, Friend of Ginger Kusnier*Jase Ellsworth, Great Grandson of Phyllis Hart*Antia Rios, Armando Anguiano, Juan Chapas*Archie Schebester*Dave Hilleker, Friend/Relative of Jesse Anguiano*Mark Sickler, Nephew of Bachelder's*Craig & Caren Hening*Vince Minarik*Terri Sue*Tim Minarik*Dorothy Woodworth, Friends/Relatives of Leonard Mitchell*Nancy Alice Carbary, Mother of Maggie Sayles*Christine Tejkl*Dan Schwark, Relative/Friend of Joe Tejkl*Allen Smith, Nephew of Pat Brown*Haven S. King, Niece of Barb Wright*Chasidy Martin, Niece of Doug & Char Angell*Susan Hulburt*James Lester*Kinzley Dawn Hulburt*Tom Hulburt*Alexander Augustine, Friend/Relative of Nita Hughes*Katie Florian*Mary Hughly*Theresa Arnold*Jason Miller*Taylor Nixon, Friend/Relative of RoseMarie Thering* Ron & Denise Pohl, Sister & Brother-in-Law of Donna Judd*Janice Smith*Hugh Smith*Tammy Smith*Richard Smith*Brenda Seeley*Betty Ann Fulgaro*Chris Bozung*Allysson Castonguay, Friend/Relative of The Smith Family*Randy & Karen Evans*Diane Mead, Friend/Relative of Ron & Joanne Evans*Joe Eiseler, Grandson of Jim & Joy Eiseler*Pam Morgan*Tony Mullen, Brother-in-Law of Marina Easterbrook*Joe Tejkl*Nancy Brown*Aggie Cassady*Dennis Lee*Ron, Charlene & John Ginther*Tuffy Wolfrom*Kathryn Okada, Friend of Dave & Charlene Porrell*Russ Mallery, Relative of Tom & Michelle Hatta*John VanGeert*Mike Adanec, Friend of Paul & Linda Pung*Melissa Harden*Denise Elliott*Mark Meyers, Grandson of Barb Groom,*Tom Grettenberger*Richard Nall, Brother of Carol Theile*Irene Medina*David Grant, Friend of Theile's



I figured I would try and scribble down a few words for the bulletin this week while I am on retreat. What is a retreat? It is a time set aside for silent prayer, meditation, spiritual reading, the celebration of the sacraments and conferences meant to help one grow in the spiritual life and the knowledge and love of God. The priest retreats directed by **Opus Angelorum** are intense and not for the faint of spiritual heart (or physical for that matter). They do specific retreats for priests, for the laity and for families - where the schedules are obviously different. They are also the ones tasked with spreading devotion to the Angels and they also prepare people for the Consecration to the Guardian Angel and the Consecration to All the Angels. I have done both and I highly recommend them for everyone, including children. Those consecrations are a great help to the spiritual life at all stages.

To be honest, every year I find myself initially not looking forward to going on retreat because there are always so many things I have to do and I feel like if I had that week to do those things, I would be better off. This is not true, and after all I know it is nothing more than the devil trying to find a way to get me to put off going or not go at all because he knows how important this is for my spiritual life and my ability to faithfully live my vocation as a priest and pastor of souls. While I am extremely aware of how much I still am lacking in that vocation, every retreat helps that spiritual life to grow a little deeper and to return to the parish spiritually rested, renewed and ready to get back in the ring. The success of and the ability of the retreat to do this very much depends on how one approaches it and whether or not it is taken seriously. As I mentioned above, there is always the temptation to not go or put it off. After I heed the advice of my Guardian Angel and go, it is almost as if time slows down and grinds to halt. Although it is only 5 days, it really does feel much longer and by the third day I have this desire in my soul to just stay there forever. That is part of the battle, being able to leave and come back to everyday life. It really drives home to me how much the apostles must have loved spending time with Jesus, how hard it must have been for them when he was not physically there. Take for instance the storm on the sea when they were alone and afraid. They thought they were done for and then they see Him on the water. Or when he first appeared to

them after His Resurrection when they were gathered in the upper room with the door locked so no one could enter. Or how they pleaded with Him to stay with them when the time for His Ascension was at hand. That is what it feels like on a good retreat directed by holy priests, the desire is to not have to go back to regular life, but to just stay there with Christ in that deep union with Him in the silence. But alas, as Christ with the apostles, one has to continue on the journey that the Good Lord has started you on. One must return to the valley in order to climb the next hill and meet Him again on the next peak. Such is our pilgrim way, but each time our Good Lord gives a little deeper knowledge of Him and gives more grace to make that fire of love - which has been suffering through the constant attempts of the world to douse it - once again bright and intense. So, we move forward as good soldiers in the army of heaven. During the breaks on retreat is when I try to do some serious spiritual reading. I always read a couple of books during this time and one of the books I read this year was "**Blessed Charles of Austria, a holy emperor and his legacy**" that was a Christmas gift from my sister - it was a spectacular read and you will hear more about this amazing saint in the future. Thank you for the prayers this last week!

God love you, Fr. Anthony

Here is what they average day looks like on these retreats if anyone is curious:

- 7:00 Lauds (morning prayer) and Holy Mass
- 8:30 Breakfast
- 9:30 Conference (usually about 45 minutes to 1 hour) with an opportunity for confession after
- 11:50 Midday prayer
- 12:00 Lunch
- 2:00-3:00 Silent adoration and benediction
- 3:45 Conference
- 5:10 Vespers
- 5:30 Dinner
- 7:00 Conference
- 8:00 Rosary and compline

HOLY FAMILY GIVING TREE

This project is under the direction of the Faith Formation students. All gifts are donated to the Ovid Christmas Basket project. There will be tags on the tree with gift suggestions. **(Do Not wrap gifts!)** **Donations will be picked up on Dec. 17th.**



ST. ISIDORE GIVING TREE

We will be helping 9 or the 18 families in need this year. All are of the Laingsburg Sch District. **Wrap gifts and tape the tag on the outside of the gift. Deadline is Dec. 10.** Gifts will be picked up from the school before Christmas break.

St. Isidore-Holy Family Christmas Party

Friday, Dec. 15, 6:00 pm—Dinner beginning at 6:30pm at St. Isidore and is sponsored by WINGS.

Two meats will be provided, bring a dish to pass. Cocoa bar and beverages also provided. There will be games and crafts for the kids and door prizes for the adults. This will be an evening filled with laughter, fun, and good cheer.



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sundays—10:30 am—Mysteries of Rosary—St. Isidore
Mondays—7:30 pm—“Zoom” online Rosary
Thurs.—No Quilting Ministry on Thanksgiving
Nov 19—Pancake Breakfast—St. Isidore
Nov 20—6:00 pm—Mysteries of Rosary—Holy Family
Nov 21 —33 Days to Morning Glory Consecration
-1:00 pm—Holy Family
Nov 21—Busy Moms Group—6:00 pm—St. Isidore
Nov 25—TMIY —7:30 am– 9am—Holy Family
Dec 5—Busy Moms Group—6:00 pm—St. Isidore
Dec 15—Parish Wide Christmas Party —6pm- St Isidore
Dec 19—Busy Moms Group—6:00 pm—St. Isidore

NOTICE:

The St. Isidore office will be closed Friday after Thanksgiving.

QUILTING QUIPS...

The Holy Family Christmas Store will be open.—Come check us out after Mass. Store will be open after all Masses and during Thursday quilting times! Store will close on Dec. 21st! Remember—100% of the proceeds will be given to area food banks!



PREPARE YOUR HEARTS FOR CHRISTMAS WITH US DURING THIS UPCOMING ADVENT SEASON

Monday, November 20th from 6:00 – 7:00 at Holy Family for Mysteries of the Rosary – The Joyful Mysteries. Everyone is invited! Bring a friend. This is a beautiful video series, filmed in the Holy Land describing each Joyful Mystery. It doesn't matter if you've missed the first two. This week, our focus will be on the second joyful mystery: The Visitation. Light refreshments will be served.

When Jesus is present, miracles happen: miracles of conversion, miracles of healing, miracles of reconciliation, miracles of love. In the Visitation, Mary brings the sanctifying grace and joy of Jesus to Elizabeth and John the Baptist and both are filled with the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth exclaims, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” We will discover Our Lady as the New Ark of the Covenant and wherever she is present: blessings are poured out, battles are won, enemies are defeated and idols come crashing down. As an echo of Sacred Scripture, every Hail Mary has within it a memory of both the Annunciation and Visitation.



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

SWEATSHIRT COLLECTION

Knights of Columbus is again collecting sweatshirts for the young people that are served by Holy Cross Children's Services. They are requesting sweatshirts with college or professional athletic logos. There is a special need for Large and X-Large sizes. Remember, often this is the only Christmas gift these young people receive. Wrap or box the shirts, label the box with the size of the shirt and if it is gender specific, with men's or women's.
Deadline: Sunday, Nov 26th.



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Nov. 19—Pancake Breakfast
Dec. 13 —Business Meeting—7:00 pm



Proceeds of this weekends Pancake Breakfast benefit the local Food Bank.

Knight of the Month: Tom Mahoney

Family of the Year: Mike & Aloise Bachelder

Volunteers of the Month: The Knights are honoring all of our Religious Education Teachers at both Churches for their contributions to the spiritual upbringing of our catholic youth. They include:

St. Isidore: Lisa Kingsbury, Kaitlyn Kingsbury, Reanna Byrnes, Barb Tyler, Cory Highfield, and Mary Stevens (DRE)

Holy Family: Pam Fabus, Charity Garcia, Heidi Loynes, Melissa Jones, Rachel Remenar, Mary Jo Calkins, Dan Calkins, and Ginger Kusnier (DRE)

To Read at St. Isidore:

Please contact Lisa Phillips

and ask the details of becoming a Lector. Readers sign up only for Masses when they are available. Help spread the Word of the Lord!!

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LECTORS NEEDED

To Read at Holy Family: Please contact Vivian Durling at durlingvj@hotmail.com