

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## DECEMBER 24, 2023



**Today's Readings:** 2Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16(11B) Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38

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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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**Religious Ed. Formation (REF)** Ginger Kusnier

**O.C.I.A. Dir.:** Vivian Durling

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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

## ST. ISIDORE, LAINGSBURG

## MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday — Dec 23 —(5:30 PM) † Charles & Dorothy Kendall by the Family  
Sunday — Dec 24 —(9:00 AM) † Patrick McMonagle by Ken & Pat White  
Sunday—**Dec 24—Christmas Eve Vigil—(6:00 PM)** People of the Parish  
Monday—**Dec 25—Christmas Morning—(9:00 AM)** Living & Deceased Members of the Church  
Wednesday— Dec 27— (6:30 PM) † Greg Smith by the Smith Family  
Thursday — Dec 28 — (8:30 AM) † Julie Bacik by Parishioners  
Friday — Dec 29—(8:30 AM) † Sheila Doyle by the Family  
Saturday — Dec 30 —(5:30 PM) † Jerry Barnum by the Family  
Sunday — Dec 31 —(9:00 AM) † Ken Brink by Janice Hurst

## HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday— Dec 23— (4:00 PM) † John & Helen Bartkowiak by the Family  
Sunday— Dec 24 —(11:00 AM) † Sylvia McKay by Dale & Lorraine Constine  
Sunday—**Dec 24—Christmas Eve Vigil—(4:00 PM)** People of the Parish  
Monday—**Dec 25—Christmas Morning—(11:00 AM)** Living & Deceased Members of the Church  
Tuesday — Dec 26 —(12:10 PM) † Marian Shipley by the Family  
Thurs—Dec 29—(6:30 PM) † Eleonore Schussman by Rosemarie Goodwin  
Saturday— Dec 30— (4:00 PM) † Dan Morgan by Mark & Chris Cooley  
Sunday— Dec 31 —(11:00 AM) † Norman Beauchamp by the Crawford Family  
Monday—Jan 1—**New Years Day—(9:00 AM)** People of the Parish

### 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  
Donald Thelen—Army



### WEEKLY OFFERTORY Dec. 16 & 17, 2023

St. Isidore Offertory- \$2,049  
Holy Family Offertory - \$2,867  
Online Offertory - \$1,415  
**TOTAL: - \$6,322**

### ROSARY Every Sunday Before Mass 8:30 St. Isidore

Thurs. & Fri. 8:05 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\*Judy Minarik\*Janet Arthur\*Mercedes, Eric & Baby Chris Martinez\*Jane Timlick\*Dale Trierweiler\* Mike & Theresa Hegg\*Baby Owen Ulicki\*Gregory Acker, Brother of Angela Michels\*Napoleon Maritinez, 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 Henning\*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 Bozong\*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 Cassidy\*Dennis Lee\*Ron, Charlene & John Ginther\*Tuffy Wolfrom\*Russ Mallery, Relative of Tom & Michelle Hatta\*John VanGeertruy\*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**

## Notes from Fr. Anthony .....



As we celebrate the last Sunday of Advent this weekend, we also begin our preparations for the celebration of the Lord's Nativity. This has been the shortest Advent possible and it has flown by on top of that.

Christmas is a beautiful season of year when we get to see ourselves and those around us trying to rekindle the joy and love that has waned as the year progressed with its ups and downs. We get worn down and beaten up by all the things we have had to deal with, expected and unexpected, and then the celebration of Christmas comes along and breathes a fresh breath of new life into us and our lives. We find ourselves being happier and more friendly in responding to those around us, we wish people a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with more feeling and hopefulness it seems than our usual good morning or good afternoon. It is all due to the coming of Christ, the hope stirred that is down in the soul of every man and woman created by God. It is awakened and grown through the very knowledge of the fact of the Incarnation of Christ. We come face to face with the fact that no matter how bad things may seem, we have God with us, that no matter how much the world despises or hates us, God loves us this much. We have Christ with us always in the Holy Eucharist, we have only to go to our Churches to find the Baby born in Bethlehem with us in our tabernacles. This is a gift we can never show enough gratitude for.

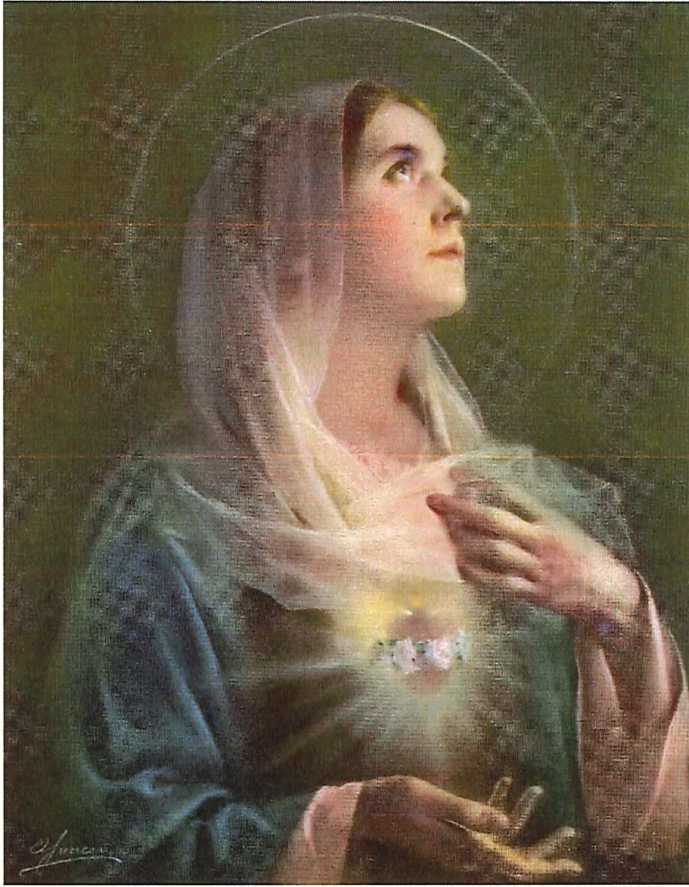
As we contemplate how much our Good Lord has given us this Christmas season, let us ask ourselves: what we are giving Him? What am I offering to my Lord for His birthday? Will I give Him a heart that has been purified through the sacrament of Confession? Will I give Him some more of week in prayer and Eucharistic adoration? What will I bring before the manger for my King?

To close, I would like to wish you all a peaceful and blessed Christmas, may the newborn Savior of the world be in your heart and home throughout the year to strengthen your faith, grow your hope and deepen your love. I would like to thank all of you for your kindness and generosity towards the parish and myself throughout this past year. In a particular way I thank you for all the cards and gifts I have received during this season. Thank you and God bless you! Merry Christmas!!

*God love you, Fr. Anthony*

P.S. —On Wednesday, Dec. 27, is The Feast of St. John the Apostle. On that day the church has a special blessing for wine that can then be used for family get togethers, or in times of illness. After the Wednesday evening Mass at St. Isidore, we will be blessing wine. If you would like to have some blessed, please bring it that evening.





We fly to thy protection, O holy Mother of God. Despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. **AMEN**

My Queen, My Mother, I offer myself entirely to thee. And to show my devotion to thee, I offer thee this day, my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole being without reserve. Wherefore, good Mother, as I am thine own, keep me, guard me as thy property and possession. **AMEN**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. **AMEN**



O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires.

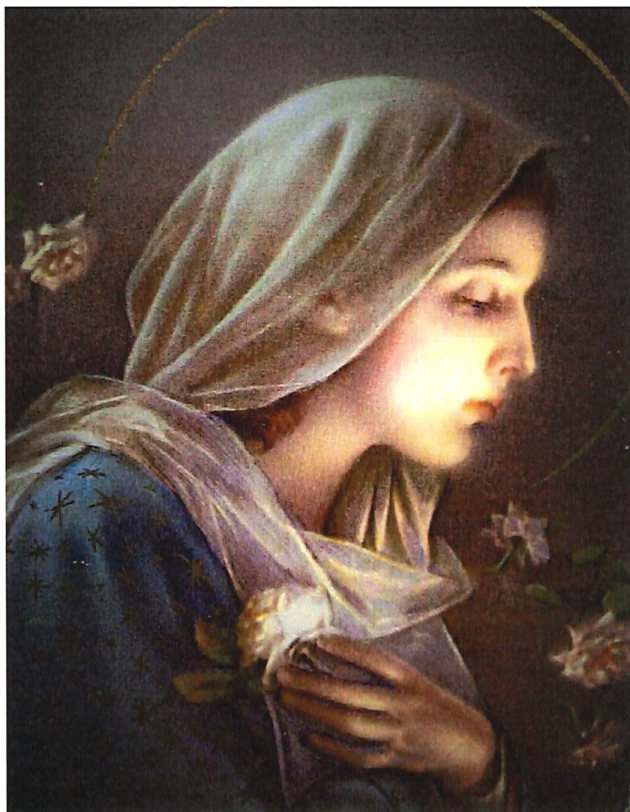
O St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

O St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him close in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. **AMEN**



Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us!

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!



St. Joseph, pray for us!

Protector of Holy Mother Church, pray for us!



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mondays—7:30 pm—“Zoom” online Rosary  
 Thurs—NO Quilting—Dec 28  
 Thurs—Jan 4—9:00 am—Quilting Ministry—Holy Fam  
 Jan 21—Pancake Breakfast—After Mass—St. Isidore

### NOTICE - Holy Family

No Coffee & Donuts for the next two weeks: Dec 23/24 and Dec 30/31



### NOTICE FROM POST OFFICE:

**Please do not block the mailbox, even on Sundays. - Thank you!**

### 2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new offertory envelopes are out and ready to be picked up. Holy Family—church hall. St. Isidore—Entryway. If you have had envelopes in the past and they are not there, or if you have never had envelopes and would like them, please contact the office. If you use the online offertory, please pick up your envelopes for the special collection envelopes that are inside the boxed sets.



## 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



Jan. 10 —Business Meeting—7:00 pm

Jan. 21—Pancake Breakfast

**Knight of the Month:** Fr. Anthony Brooks

**Family of the Year:** Gary & Diana Hurst



## *Christmas Flowers In Memory or Honor of ....*

Collene Smith  
 Pat D. Schiffer  
 Ginther/Earley Families  
 Deceased Family & Friends  
 Dan Gerger  
 Bill Duso  
 Rose Rodriguez  
 Deceased Family Bolton  
 Deceased Family Chapko  
 Patrick Bisson  
 Anna Carr  
 Earl H. Horning  
 Pamela S. Garza-Horning  
 Napoleon Martinez  
 Aurora Martinez  
 Shipley Family  
 Horsley Family  
 Tony & Mary Sinicropi  
 James Micka  
 Terry Watson



Carol Watson  
 Joe Micka  
 Hilda Micka  
 Arthur & Margaret Kelley  
 Paul & Laura Darling  
 Bernie Mitchell  
 Skip & Joyce Russell  
 Pat Latz  
 Margaret Zimmer  
 Leo Zimmer  
 Jay & Jane Bonk  
 Gordon & Evelyn Vanitvelt  
 James Brooks  
 Timothy Brooks  
 Lousie Hadden  
 Zemicik Family  
 Janina & Jonas  
 Joseph & Bernice Fowler  
 Daniel James Leathers  
 Bob & Agnes Arthur



Michael Balcarcel  
 Donald Miersen  
 Dorothy Miersen  
 Frances Coccia  
 Salvatore Coccia  
 Ray & Mary Mapes  
 Carolyn Platte  
 Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Kiel  
 Kate, Norm, & Mike Wurm  
 Garold Barnum  
 Larry Mallory  
 Charles & Dorothy Kendal  
 Chuck Spiess  
 Frank & Mary Kral  
 Frank Kral, Jr.  
 Joe & Marilyn Galecka  
 Becky Scollon Butts  
 Jan Weimer  
 Max Delaney  
 Harold Hurst

