

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 4, 2026

*OCTOBER,
THE MONTH OF
THE HOLY ROSARY*



Today's Readings: Isa 5:1-7 Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43

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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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

Web Address: <http://saintisidorehollyfamily.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

Saturday—Oct 3— (5:30 PM) † Carol Platte by the Family

Sunday — Oct 4— (9:00 AM) Intentions of Tesa Fleming by Lisa Phillips

First Wednesday—Oct 7— (6:30 PM) † Joy Eiseler by David & Ruth Estrada **First Wednesday Devotions**

Thursday—Oct 8— (8:30 AM) † Sheila Doyle by the Family

Friday —Oct 9— (8:30 AM) † Armando Anguiano by Katie Grettenberger

Saturday —Oct 10— (5:30 PM) † George Lehman by Mike & Vicki Jackson

Sunday — Oct 11— (9:00 AM) Special Intentions of Julie Walsh by Robert & Mary Shaw

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday—Oct 3— (4:00 PM) † Joseph Caudy—3rd Anniversary by Jeff & Kathy Fowler

Sunday— Oct 4—(11:00 AM) † Lynn Bugess by Mike & Barb Chapko

Tuesday — Oct 6—(12:10 PM) † Stanley "Skip" Pruss by Pat & Debbie Thiede

Thursday- Oct 8—(6:30 PM) People of the Parish

Saturday—Oct 10— (4:00 PM) † Thomas Geer by Marian Horsley

Sunday— Oct 11—(11:00 AM) † Tom Hughson by Mike & Barb Chapko

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

Sept 26 & 27, 2026

St. Isidore Offertory- \$4,280

Holy Family Offertory - \$4,019

Online Offertory: \$1,405

TOTAL: - \$9,704

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—6:30 PM

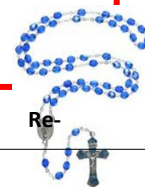
Rosary and Litany of St. Joseph after Mass

1st Friday of Month—St. Isidore—8:30 AM

Litany of Sacred Heart after Mass

1st Saturday of Month—Holy Family

Litany of Loreto after 9:00 AM Mass



Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Names included should be parishioners, their relatives and friends.

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

Craig Henning	Napoleon Martinez, Jr.	Jerome Smith	Therese Bruso	Mike Jones	JD Miller
Ken Latz	Gloria Costello	Jamie Lester	Tuffy Wolfrom	Todd Fox	George Harris
Pam Morgan	Chris Basgall	Gary Lundquist	Nancy Kienitz	George Gates	Nancy Carbary
Dan Schwart	Elaine Stewart	Michelle Houska	Judy Eyde	Anna Broome	Joe Tejkl
Beverly Adcock	Margaret Lane	Lorie Mumby	Doug Maki	Richard Tejkl	Charlotte Lauro
Olivia Klein	Tamera Bodine-Wilson	June Leaf	Ken White	Wayne Rodrigues	Dcn. Oliver Washington
Jan Bozung	Liz Miller	Nick & Lucinda Dunay	Linda Pung	Kathy Fowler	Matt Carr
Rick Smith	Dale Coggins	Joe Lorio	Pease Family	Mary Lauderdale	Julie Walsh
Hugh Smith	Michelle Hurst	Marie Hurst	Marina Easterbrook	Monica Edington	
Jan Smith	Usher Jackson	Cheryl Hurst	Joette Dennis	Deacon John	
Tammy Smith	Chuck Hazard	Jeff Watson	Rosemary Bailey	Mike O'Dell	

Notes from Fr. Anthony

This week's questions: Why did God have so many rules for Israel to follow, especially the nonreligious or moral rules? What should we make of them?

This is a fairly common question and point of contention that gets twisted against Catholics whenever we express opposition to something by citing scripture. Someone will always retort: "it says this and this as well in the Bible, why aren't you doing that etc.." Generally something from Leviticus, like the prohibition against eating shellfish, and the fact that many Catholics might enjoy eating shellfish is used as an ignorant and failed "gotcha" moment. The simple fact is that there are different laws in scripture. The basis of everything starts with the natural law – do good and avoid evil. This is the beginning and we see that in Genesis. Moving on, we have the 10 commandments, which are short summarizations of moral and religious laws. Later, we find what are called Levitical laws and the other societal laws for the Jewish people of the Old Testament. There is a difference between laws concerning eating, style of dress and other outward things and laws that deal with the religious practices and laws that deal with behaviors and moral attitudes.

If we wonder why the laws in the Old Testament were so far reaching and governed almost every aspect of their lives, we have to remember that this is a people that had been in Egypt and amongst pagans for almost 500 years by that point. They had begun to assimilate some of those behaviors and attitudes. The Egyptians and many others of that time were known for having many immoral and even evil behaviors that were not only tolerated in their societies but also were integrated into many religious practices. The Jews were a people that very easily fell back into the idolatrous and immoral ways of paganism – think of the golden calf and such on the journey from Egypt. So, it is necessary for the Lord to be very strict with them about many things for those purposes. He Himself told Moses in Leviticus 18,3: ***"You shall not do as they do in the land***

of Egypt, where you once lived, nor shall you do as they do in the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you; do not conform to their customs."

The departure from many of these laws happens when St. Paul brings to the forefront the problems that are faced by the newly converted gentiles in regard to the laws of the Old Testament. It wasn't that a level of moral conduct was being insisted upon and that one's dress and behavior and choices should give an image of propriety. Those things were required by the ten commandments which were before Levitical laws. One issue was the thought process of keeping these laws only out of the desire to separate oneself from the gentiles and the idea that the laws gave salvation – you were saved by the law, not the source of the law. The problem was not that for them pork was unclean for instance, but that they considered those gentiles who raised or ate pork to be practically subhuman in the time of New Testament. In some areas of the gentile world, that was their main food. See how they looked down on shepherds of sheep even in Israel in the time of Christ. When St. Peter makes the decision for the early Church to formally depart from some of the Old Testament laws, notice that it is not the moral laws, but laws dealing purely with outside things – foods, fabrics etc. St. Paul himself still insisted upon morality and even called us to a higher level of moral behavior. The only laws that were set aside were those which were meant to keep the Jewish people isolated from other cultures, as God's plan had required until then to ensure that the Messiah would come from a race that was not governed by the modes and caprices of the pagan world. When He came, that task was finished and that separation ceased to be important as He came to call from all nations.

If you have a question you would like to send in, my email is in the bulletin.

God love you, Fr. Anthony

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mondays—7:30 pm—"Zoom" online Rosary

Thurs— 9:00 am—Quilting Ministry—Holy Family

Oct 4—Fill the Dresser Deadline

Oct 4—10:30 am—OCIA at St. Isidore

Oct 4—4:00 pm—OCIA at Holy Family

Oct 5— 6:00 pm—She Shall Be Called Woman- HF

Oct 8—NO QUILTING

Oct 10—TMIY —7:30 am—9 am — Holy Family

Oct 11—T-Shirt Orders Due

Oct 11—Chili Cook-Off—Holy Family

Oct 15—WINGS—1:30—Cookie Exchange —St. Isidore

Oct 30 - All Saints Day Party & Trivia with Fr. Anthony-HF

RELIGIOUS ED. FORMATION—(REF)

Holy Family

Class Time—Sunday: 9:30 am—Before Mass

St. Isidore

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

Any students who have been confirmed are invited to join a youth age group to further study the life of Jesus and the tenets of our faith.

More info: marystevens@stisidorechurch.org



LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP for the soup & chili cook-off at Holy Family. Sign up sheets are posted in the hall by the kitchen. So far --- NO ONE, NADA, ZIP, ZILCH has signed up for the cook-off. If at least 8 people sign up, we will hold the event. Otherwise, it is canceled. If you were thinking of signing up, please do so now! Or call Cindy Broome at 989-834-5793 and she can take your information. Are there even eight cooks interested in this contest?



WINGS will meet at 1:30pm on Thursday, October 15, 2026, in the St. Isidore Small Hall. Our October activity will be a Cookie Exchange, which will also serve as refreshments. Everyone attending will bring two dozen cookies to share. We will also collect various needed items for the Elementary School. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

Adorers Needed

The Diocesan-wide Eucharistic Rosary Congress is the first full week in October and both parishes will be participating again this year. We are looking for adores from both St Isidore and Holy Family to commit to an hour of prayer on our assigned days. We have sign-up sheets in the back of both parishes.

While assigned adorers are needed to commit to an hour of time, everyone in the parish is encouraged to stop by and spend some time in prayer before the blessed sacrament.

St Isidore: Wednesday, October 7th from 9:30 am to 7:30pm

Holy Family: Thursday, October 8th from 9:30 am to 6:30pm



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #12044

Upcoming Events:

Oct 9 & 10 Tootsie Roll Campaign

Oct 14—Business Meeting—7:15 pm

Oct 28—Planning Meeting —7:15 pm



Knight of the Month: Evan Lefevre

Family of the Month: Mike & Aloise Bachelder

To become a Knight, visit kofc.org/join

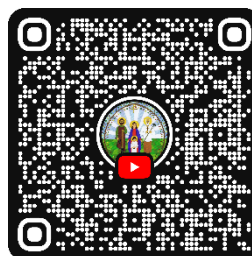
TOOTSIE ROLL CAMPAIGN—Oct 9 & 10

The Knights of Columbus and their supporters will be at four sites in our communities to collect donations to aid special needs people.

The Knights will have sign up volunteers after Masses. We appreciate all people in the parish who can support us in this drive.

Did you know St. Isidore - Holy Family has a YouTube channel? Many of Father's homilies can be found there.

[Saint Isidore - Holy Family - YouTube](#)



CHILDREN JOIN US FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION

It is wonderful to see the growth of both our parishes and see the kids and new families joining us at Mass. We would love to see more K-8th grade kids join us for our religious education classes. Growing in faith and growing a friend group of faith-minded peers needs to be a priority in these formative years.

The Baltimore Catechism states in the first lesson that "To gain the happiness of heaven we must know, love, and serve God in this world." In our parish Religious Education programs, our kids get to know and love God, and create friendships in the process.

We are in need of parent helpers in the classrooms. Please contact the parish office.

Please come check us out on Sunday mornings at 10:15-11:30 (after Mass) at St Isidore or 9:30-10:45 (before Mass) at Holy Family, or call the office if you have any questions.



**T-Shirt Order Forms
are due by Oct 11. Drop
them off at the office or
place them in the offer-
tory basket at Mass.**

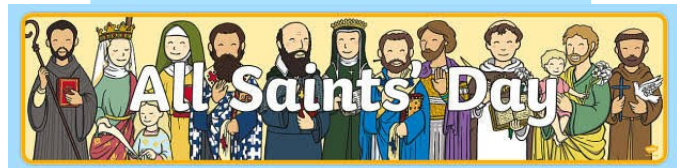


SAVE THE DATE

OCT 30 - 6 PM at Holy Family

Join us for an All Saints Day
Party and Trivia Night with

Fr. Anthony.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday Oct 26th

ST. ISIDORE CHURCH

Noon to 6:00 pm

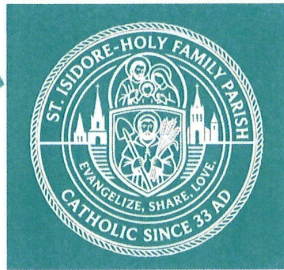
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ST. ISIDORE-HOLY FAMILY PARISH T-SHIRT ORDER FORM



Parishoner Information

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Address:

Size	Qty	Price/Item	Subtotal
XS		\$12.00	
S		\$12.00	
M		\$12.00	
L		\$12.00	
XL		\$12.00	
XXL		\$12.00	
3XL		\$12.00	
			Total

T-Shirt Information

- Unisex Sizes, 50/25/25 polyester/cotton/rayon
- Sizes XS-3XL
- Cash or Check made payable to St. Isidore-Holy Family Parish

ORDERS DUE BY 10/11/26

Bring orders forms and payment to Parish Office during open office hours or drop payment and order form in an envelope together in the collection at either church during Mass times.

Sizing info can be found at www.sanmar.com/p/7462_EuclptusBI/specSheetMeasurements