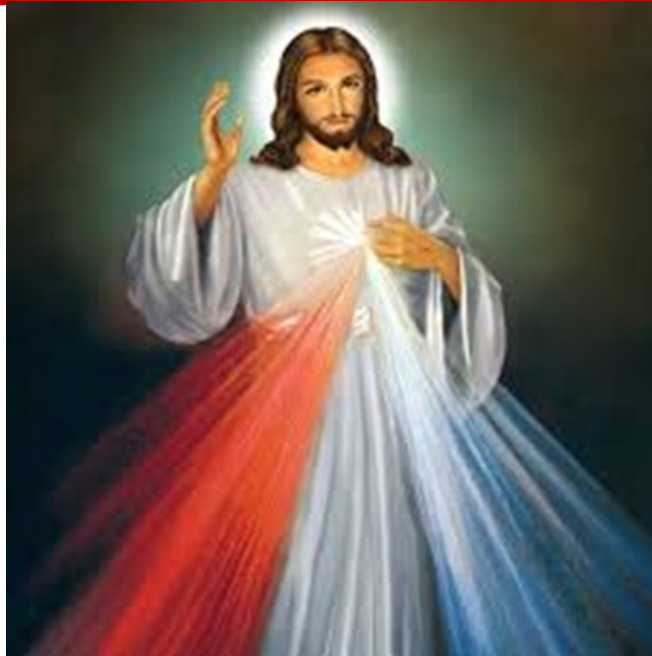


SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 7, 2024



Today's Readings: Acts 4:32-35(44B) Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31

ST. ISIDORE CHURCH

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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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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 — Apr 6 —(5:30 PM) † Parents of Fr. Bob Bacik by Chris & Kay Basgall

Sunday — Apr 7 —(9:00 AM) † Mae Theisen by Pauline Thomas

Wednesday— Apr 10 — (6:30 PM) † Joy C. Eiseler by the Knights of Columbus

Thursday — Apr 11— (8:30 AM) † Julie Bacik by Parishioners

Friday —Apr 12 —(8:30 AM) † Sheila Doyle by the Family

Saturday — Apr 13 —(5:30 PM) † Helen Bartkowiak by the Family

Sunday — Apr 14 —(9:00 AM) † Nancy Byrnes by Jeff & Doreen Byrnes

HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday— Apr 6 — (4:00 PM) † Dale Constine by Terry & Cindy Broome

Sunday— Apr 7 —(11:00 AM) † Frank & Micky Chapko by the Children and their Families

Tuesday — Apr 9—(12:10 PM) † Michael Kurzyniec by the Yaich Family

Thurs—Apr 11 —(6:30 PM) † Pat Latz by Martha Sutton

Saturday— Apr 13— (4:00 PM) † Fr. James Bozung by Jeff & Kathy Fowler

Sunday— Apr 14 —(11:00 AM) † Patrick Bisson, Sr. by Barb Bishop

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
- Andie Ostrander—Navy
- Patrick Schiffer—Air Force
- Kelly Brown—Navy
- Sergeant Jared Mersino—Army
- Donald Thelen—Army



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



WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Mar 30 & 31, 2024

St. Isidore Offertory- \$4,547

Holy Family Offertory - \$2,340

Online Offertory - \$1,456

TOTAL: - \$8,343

Please Pray for: Tori Martens*Charles Oleniczak*Judith Bond*Steve Butler*Sean Robinson*Gary Hrncharik*Shannon Strobel*Richard Hutchings*Phyllis Hart*Lana Miersen*Jim Mosley*Isabelle Welsey*Stan Beherns*Olivia Klein*Janet Arthur*Mercedes, Eric & Baby Chris Martinez*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 Bachelor's*Craig Henning*Vince Minarik*Tim Minarik*Dorothy Woodworth*Ken Latz, Friends/Relatives of Leonard Mitchell*Nancy Alice Carbury, Mother of Maggie Sayles*Dan Schwark, Relative/Friend of Joe Tejki*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*Jamie Lester, 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*Nancy Brown*Aggie Cassidy*Dennis Lee*Ron, Charlene & John Ginther*Tuffy Wolfrom*Russ Mallery, Relative of Tom & Michelle Hatta*Mike Adanec, Friend of Paul & Linda Pung*Melissa Harden*Denise Elliott*Mark Meyers, Grandson of Barb Groom,*Tom Grettenberger*Irene Medina*Nancy Kienitz*Mike Chapko*Gary Lundquist*Wendy, Daughter of Linda Smith*Jacob Stoneman*Kris Hood*Bill Dennis*Maddie Jones, Daughter of Eric & Melissa*Judy Eyde*Beverly Adcock, Relative of Mary Shaw*Dale Coggins, Uncle of Easterbrooks*Harold Graber, Father of Lisa (Shawn) Hurst

Divine Mercy Sunday

This week, on this second Sunday of Easter, we celebrate the great feast of the Divine Mercy. It falls on the last day of the Easter octave closing the official celebration of Easter Sunday. This day was already an important day on the Church's calendar and the adding of the Divine Mercy Feast emphasizes that. That particular Sunday was chosen by Christ Himself when He said to St. Faustina: **"The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy."**

While the idea of the mercy of God and devotion to it were not new in the Church, this particular form and practice of it was. In the grand scheme of things, it is a relatively newly instituted feast day, being placed on the calendar by St. Pope John Paul II on May 5th in the year 2000 after he had canonized St. Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska on April 30th. As we know, the devotion had already spread around the world by that point and the chaplet of Divine Mercy was known by a large number of people, which helped make this particular feast day so popular. The feast and the story of the Divine Mercy was propagated by many faithful souls who introduced it to our country and our own diocese many years before the formal institution of the feast which makes the USA one of the main countries where this devotion is propagated and celebrated.

This reemphasis on the mercy of God begins in the 1930s in Poland, with a simple uneducated nun who had only about 3 years of formal schooling in her life. She did many of the humble, menial tasks at the convent: worked in the kitchen, the garden and as porter. On February 22, 1931, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ appeared to this simple nun, bringing with Him a wonderful message of Mercy for all mankind. Saint Faustina tells us in her diary that on that day:

"In the evening, when I was in my cell, I became aware of the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From the opening of the garment at the breast there came forth two large rays, one red and the other pale. In silence I gazed intently at the Lord; my soul was overwhelmed with fear, but also with great joy. After a while Jesus said to me, **'paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the inscription: Jesus, I trust in You.'**" Sometime later, Our Lord again spoke to her: **"The pale ray stands for the Water which**

makes souls righteous; the red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My most tender Mercy at that time when My agonizing Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross....Fortunate is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him."

Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: **"I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish"** and **"By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls"**. The Chaplet was also given to St. Faustina with this promise: **"Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you"**. **"Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. ... Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy"**.

In 2005, Saint Pope John Paul II wrote concerning the revelations by Christ to St. Faustina in the 1930s: *This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, nazism and communism, were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies, that fact that God is mercy—the truth of the merciful Christ. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church.*

Let us not neglect to call upon the Divine Mercy of our Lord every day, to make the chaplet a part of our regular prayer routine along with the rosary, begging for the mercy of our God for ourselves and our country, to expiate for the evil and punishments that sin has called down upon us all. In His mercy we find refuge, help, protection and hope! Jesus, I trust in YOU!

God love you, Fr. Anthony



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mondays—7:30 pm—"Zoom" online Rosary
Thurs—9:00 am—Quilting Ministry—Holy Family
Apr 7—Activities Group Meeting—Holy Family
Apr 7—Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions 2-3pm—St.I
Apr 9—Busy Mom's Group—6:00 pm—St. Isidore
Apr 13—TMIY-Last Meeting—7:30—9 —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



"THE OFFERING OF
THE JUST ENRICHES
the altar"
Sirach 35:8



This years combined goal is \$39,720. Please put your DSA envelopes into the offertory baskets during the offertory collection. **Checks payable to either parish NOT the diocese.** Informational brochures and envelopes are available in the church entryways.

*We now have \$43,182 in pledges.
God Bless your generosity!*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



April 10 —Business Meeting—7:00 pm

Knight of the Month: Doug Morrill

Family of the Month: Deacon Oliver & Charlan Washington

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions

TODAY – April 7 - 2:00 – 3:00 pm

At St. Isidore

The devotions will last from 2:00-3:00 pm and will include - Eucharistic adoration, readings from some of the diary texts of St. Faustina concerning the Divine Mercy, the chaplet of Divine Mercy and the final day of the Divine Mercy novena. We will also have confessions and there will be 2 extra priests who will come to assist with making that possible for all who wish to take part in the sacrament. It is a day when we can receive a plenary indulgence if we go to confession within three weeks, receive Holy Communion and pray for the Holy Father. Please come and pray with us to honor and beg for the Divine Mercy of Our Lord, especially praying for peace and a return to God for our country, our world and all our family members and friends who have fallen away from Him.

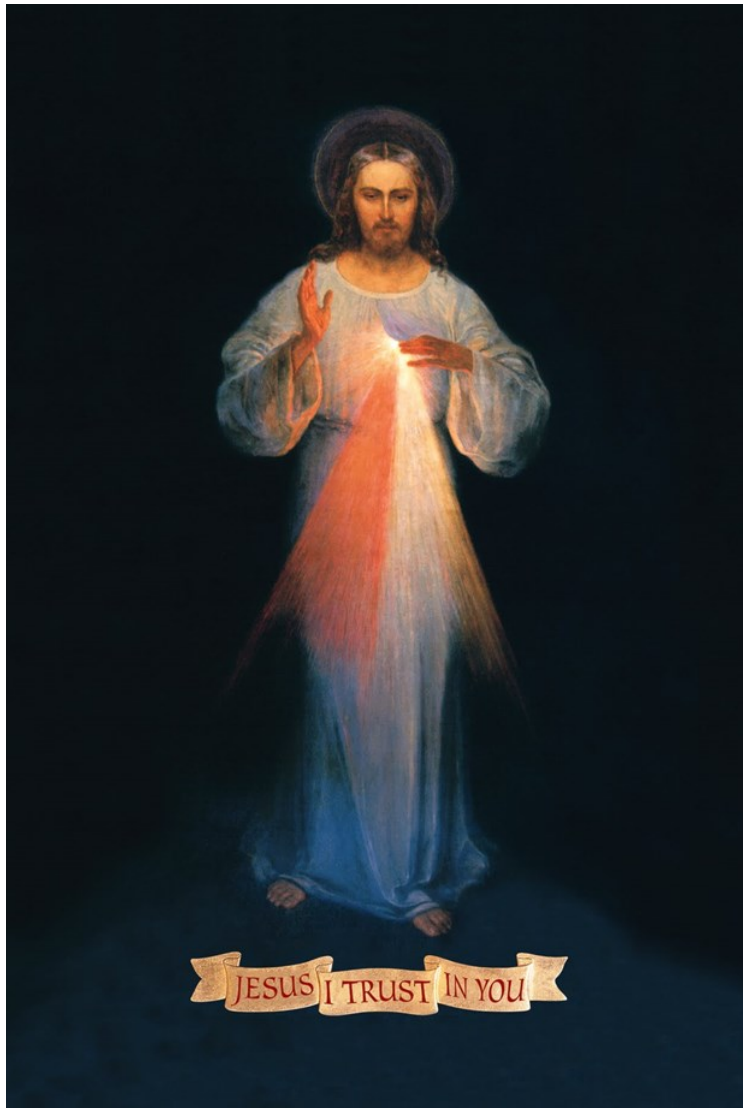
2023 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

St. Isidore parish is now accepting applications for two unique scholarships: The Giffels Scholarship and The Knights of Columbus Scholarship: Criteria for applicants will include personal and family involvement in the parish, community service, financial need, and long term potential. Applications can be found in the halls at both churches or use the online form available at stisidorechurch.org. **Deadline for submission is 3pm on May 8th.**



Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions

April 7th at St. Isidore from 2:00-3:00 pm



On Divine Mercy Sunday, which falls next weekend, we will have our devotions to the Divine Mercy at St. Isidore again this year. The devotions will last from 2:00-3:00 pm and will include - Eucharistic adoration, readings from some of the diary texts of St. Faustina concerning the Divine Mercy, the chaplet of Divine Mercy and the final day of the Divine Mercy novena. We will also have confessions and there will be 2 extra priests who will come to assist with making that possible for all who wish to take part in the sacrament. It is a day when we can receive a plenary indulgence if we go to confession within three weeks, receive Holy Communion and pray for the Holy Father. Please come and pray with us to honor and beg for the Divine Mercy of Our Lord, especially praying for peace and a return to God for our country, our world and all our family members and friends who have fallen away from Him.

As Jesus said to St. Faustina: *“Souls who spread the honor of My mercy I shield through their entire lives as a tender mother her infant, and at the hour of death I will not be a Judge for them, but the Merciful Savior. At that last hour, a soul has nothing with which to defend itself except My mercy. Happy is the soul that during its lifetime immersed itself in the Fountain of Mercy, because justice will have no hold on it.”*