

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 2, 2023



Today's Readings: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a (97A) Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 Mt 10:37-42

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

ST. ISIDORE, LAINGSBURG

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday — July 1 —(5:30 PM) † Mary Lou Doyle by Robert Doyle
Sunday — July 2 —(9:00 AM) † Toni Doyle by Jeannette Parker
Wednesday— July 5— (6:30 PM) † Julie Bacik by Parishioners
Thursday — July 6—(8:30 AM) † Sheila Doyle by the Family
Friday — July 7 — (8:30 AM) Members of the Coe Family, Living and Deceased
Saturday — July 8 —(5:30 PM) † Vallorie Risdon by Gary Risdon
Sunday — July 9 —(9:00 AM) † Don Elliott by the Family

HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday— July 1— (4:00 PM) † Dick Ehlert by the Family
Sunday— July 2—(11:00 AM) † Geri Len by Mike & Barb Chapko
Tuesday — July 4— (12:10 PM) People of the Parish
Thursday— July 6— (6:30 PM) † Greg Smith by the Smith Family
Saturday— July 8— (4:00 PM) † Tate Ridsdale by Rick & Betty Sloat
Sunday— July 9—(11:00 AM) † Dale Constine by Jack & Diane Ostipow



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 June 24 & 25, 2023

St. Isidore Offertory- \$2,764
Holy Family Offertory - \$1,519
Online Offertory - \$1,160

TOTAL: - \$5,443



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 Henning*Olivia Klein*Barb Wright*Judy Minarik*Janet Arthur*David Hager*Mercedes, Eric & Baby Chris Martinez*Zach Koontner*Jane Timlick*Dale Trierweiler* Mike & Theresa Hegg*Frank Quine*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, Friends/Relatives 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, Friends/Relatives of Jesse Anguiano*Mark Sickler, Nephew of Bachelder's* Craig & Caren Henning, Vince Minarik, Terri Sue, Tim Minarik, Friends/Relatives of Leonard Mitchell*Nancy Alice Carbary, Mother of Maggie Sayles* Sean Palatka, Nephew 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, Adam Thering, Friends/Relatives of RoseMarie Thering* Ron & Denise Pohl, Sister & Brother-in-Law of Donna Judd*Janice Smith, Hugh Smith, Tammy Smith, Brenda Seeley, Betty Ann Fulgaro, Chris Bozung, Friends/Relatives of The Smith Family*Randy Evans, Diane Mead, Friend/Relative of Ron & Joanne Evans* Lorraine Constine*Joe Eiseler, Grandson of Jim & Joy Eiseler*Pam Morgan*Melissa Hinkley*Tony Mullen, Brother-in-Law of Marina Easterbrook*Jason Miller, Relative of Rose Thering*Joe Tejkl*Nancy Brown*Don Negus, Son of Marianne Negus-Stein*Baby Coleman Sovis*Aggie Cassady*Jesse Anguiano*Dennis Lee*Ron, Charlene & John Ginther*Tuffy Wolfrom*Joseph Caudy*Kathryn Okada, Friend of Dave & Charlene Porrell*RoseMarie Thering*Russ Mallery, Relative of Tom & Michelle Hatta



1 Peter 2, 16: *Be free, yet without using freedom as a pretext for evil...*

This week we enter into the month of July as summer is now in full swing. It is a month when many of us try to take a few days to get away and enjoy a bit of rest and a break from our labors. We try to enjoy the time that the good God has given us and the fruits of the labors He has given us the ability to fulfill. This week in particular we will celebrate the American holiday of Independence Day and while doing so we must look at where we are going as a country and if the sacrifices made by so many over the years are appreciated or were they made in vain. Freedom is a gift from God, there is no denying or disputing that fact. We know that for humans there is always the struggle between our desire to love one another and to try and subjugate them to our will. Morality brings freedom and provides it with concrete parameters to operate within to ensure it produces the most fruit and the most happiness. When the light and guidance of morality is displaced, freedom dies in the dark wasteland that is left after that. We have only to look at the fact that freedom is used as an excuse to justify evil on so many occasions now and the actual reality that this ideology and its consequences are currently playing out before our eyes. It is used to justify the taking of the lives of the innocent unborn, it is used to justify the corruption of the minds and souls of children for the sake of “tolerance”. It is used to justify public indecency and all kinds of sinful behavior. I feel like I am stating the obvious to most of you, but it is our obligation to shine a light on the darkness of sin and immorality. Evil cannot tolerate the light of truth and this is why whenever someone stands against it, there is an immediate backlash and attempt to silence that person by destroying their life or career or reputation. Evil can do us great harm, that is for certain, but we cannot live in fear of what the *devil could possibly do to us while knowing for certain what God can do for us*. Matthew 10, 26-31: ***Therefore do not be afraid of them. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father’s knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.***

Freedom is a gift, the very fact that our country exists is because God in His good providence allowed

and desired it to come into being. God, who guided the hands of the founders and framers, the pilgrims, the farmers and those on the frontiers. God who comforted the families in the wilderness in their pain and loss and sorrow. God who blessed the courage and fidelity of those who stood on the revolutionary battlefields against a superior foe. God who blessed the sacrifices of those families who put everything on the line for the sake of posterity and a future of freedom. Should we allow the enemies of God and morality and freedom triumph? Should we go down without a fight? That is hardly in the American spirit. Should we abandon the battlefield and sacrifice the truth for the sake of a few moments of false peace? Psalms 119, 43-47: ***Do not take the word of truth from my mouth, for in your judgments is my hope. I will keep your law always, for all time and forever. I will walk freely in an open space because I cherish your precepts. I will speak openly of your testimonies without fear even before kings. I delight in your commandments, which I dearly love.***

To close, let us read what that great father of our country George Washington left us with in his farewell address in 1796: ***Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness—these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens. The mere politician, equally with the pious man, ought to respect and to cherish them. A volume could not trace all their connections with private and public felicity. Let it simply be asked, “where is the security for property, for reputation, for life, if the sense of religious obligation desert the oaths which are the instruments of investigation in the courts of justice?” And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.***

God love you and may God bless America,



QUILTING QUIPS

The *Christmas in July Craft Sale* will continue until July 30th or until all items are sold! Shop early for the best selection. All proceeds will be used to improve the church grounds. Our garden has been very busy with weeding, edging, etc., there are some plants that need to be replaced. Will you be a helper? Check out all the cute items—

some old favorites and some new items made just for this summer sale!



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sundays - 8:30 am - Rosary at St. Isidore
Sundays - 10:30 am - Rosary at Holy Family
Christmas In July Sale—Holy Family—After Masses
Thurs.—9:00 am—Quilting Ministry—Holy Family
July 8 -TMIY -7:30 am- 9am—Holy Family
Sept. 9—Yard Sale—K of C 8-4pm —St. Isidore

Thank You!

Thank you to all who contributed money to the Elsie Baby Pantry . \$751.50 was donated because of your generosity.

Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee - Rock-A-Thon Tuesday, July 11th.

St. Isidore's Paula Harris is asking support as she joins in this cause. The money raised will help with the gift of time and caring support for adults with persistent health needs and their families. Please see Paula Harris or donate on line at:

www.respitevolunteers.org.

Thank you for your support.



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God Bless
AMERICA
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HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

Holy Family Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th

PILGRIMAGE TO BASILICA & NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION Sept. 19, 2023

Bus departing from Holy Family to Carey, Ohio, there are 34 seats available. Cost is \$81. Brochures, Itineraries, and Reservation Forms are available at both churches.

Down payment for bus deadline is July 15th. For more information contact Richard Theile 517-599-6113 or Carol Theile 989-395-0283.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

July 12—Business Meeting—7:00 pm

Knight of the Month: Keith Kienitz

Family of the Month: Don & Pat Brown



K of C Yard Sale

Starting July 8th, the Knights will be accepting donations of gently-used or unwanted items for their Annual Yard Sale. Donations can be dropped off in the large hall outside the door to the classrooms. Please, no clothes shoes, televisions, mattresses or hazardous materials. Proceeds from the sale support our scholarship program and many other charitable causes. If you need items picked up, contact Keith Kienitz 651-5957, Don Brown 517-290-4225, or Tom Mahoney 651-6638



Peter's Pence—July 1 & 2

This weekend, July 1 & 2 we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html

Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation



The Conventual Franciscan Friars invite you to the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation. For over one hundred forty-five years, Mary the Mother of God, has shown herself as a most loving Mother to thousands of her devoted pilgrims each year. Through Mary's intercession and prayer, the sick and afflicted have found health, comfort and consolation.

This Shrine, famous for its many miracles, continues to be a holy and powerful place of prayer for people of faith. Most Sundays, Prayers and a Blessing with the Relic of the True Cross are offered for visitors following the 11 am Mass. (This is also available any day of the week for groups who arrange in advance.)

You'll find that the Shrine and its grounds offer a quiet and sacred atmosphere in which to pray and find God's presence and voice on your journey to Faith, Hope and Healing.

Inside the Upper Basilica on the right side of the sanctuary can be found the revered statue of Our Lady of Consolation.

This statue, made in Luxembourg and brought to Carey in 1875, has always been the heart of the Shrine. The dresses for the statue, following ancient Shrine Altar custom, are all gifts of grateful pilgrims.



Around the Shrine Altar, hundreds of votive lights burn in silent vigil for the needs and prayers of our pilgrims and parishioners. Many of the lights burning here represent needs and prayers of pilgrims from all over the world. Numerous offerings and prayer requests are sent to the Shrine through the mail and our website.

In the Lower Basilica, one may prayerfully visit altars dedicated to many saints. On the east side of the Lower Basilica, a display of the Holy Relics can be found. In Here are several first class relics of saints offered for veneration.



Altar of Relics

Your Journey to Faith, Hope and Healing

Located two blocks west of the Basilica is the Shrine Park. In this thirty-acre park can be found the outdoor Stations of the Cross, the impressive Memorial Altar dedicated to the war dead, as well as several white marble statues. In the Park, the visitor is once more in an atmosphere of peace and quiet for reflection and prayer.



Shrine Park Memorial Altar

During the month of August, and in particular near the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, the Shrine is the scene of much joyful celebration. Pilgrimage groups of many nationalities return to the Shrine in celebration of the feast. Mass and service schedules are arranged to meet the needs of these many thousands of pilgrims. On the evening of August 14, a candlelight procession moves to the Shrine Park, where a Solemn Mass for the Vigil of the Assumption is celebrated.

There is also a Shrine Gift Shop located near the Basilica. Here, one may obtain a wide range of sacramental

gifts, as well as other religious items.

Shrine Gift Shop

The Shrine can be reached by
US Hwy 23 & State Routes 15 and 199

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5 PM

Sunday: 9 AM & 11 AM

Daily Masses

Monday & Saturday: 11 AM

Tuesday through Friday: 7 AM & 11 AM

Sunday Shrine Devotions

Immediately following the 11 AM Mass
Hymn to our Blessed Mother,
Enrollment into the Confraternity of Our Lady,
Litany, Individual Prayer with the
Blessing with the Relic of the True Cross

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

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