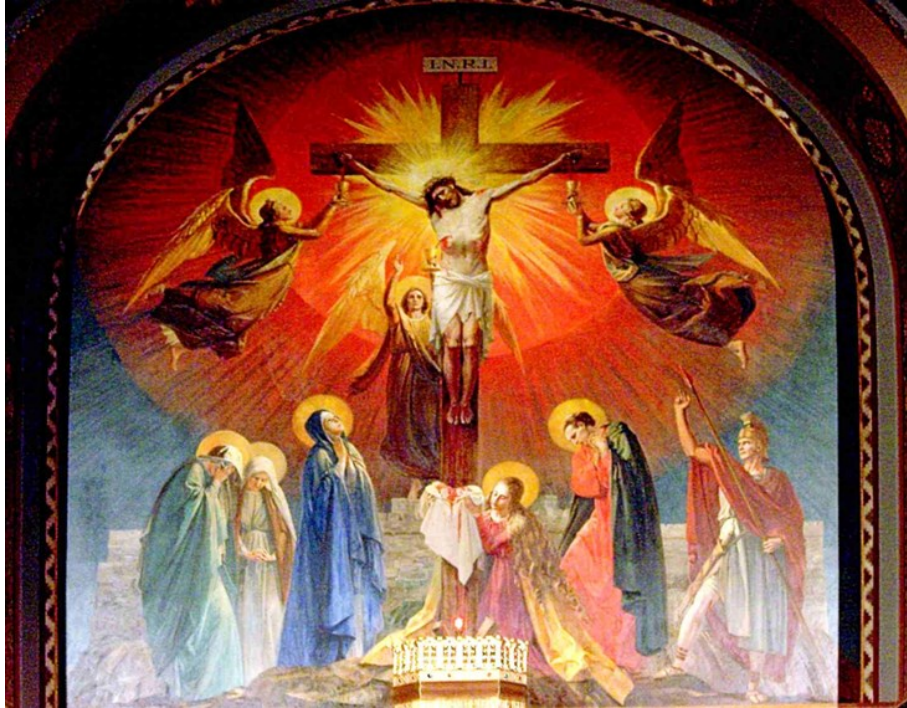


FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 7, 2024



Today's Readings: Ez 2:2-5(101B) Ps 123:1-2, 3-4 2 Cor 12:7-10 Mk 6:1-6a

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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

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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

MASS SCHEDULE

FOR THIS WEEK

ST. ISIDORE, LAINGSBURG

Saturday — July 6—(5:30 PM) † Joe & Frances Voisinet by George & Cheryl Gates

Sunday — July 7—(9:00 AM) † Larry Stelzer by Helen & Family

Wednesday— July 10—(6:30 PM) † Paul Knasinski by Jerry & Barb Gialanella

Thursday — July 11 – (8:30 AM) People of our Parish

Friday —July 12—(8:30 AM) † Dan Kiesling by Dean & Linda Kiesling

Saturday — July 13—(5:30 PM) † Richard Santowski by Tom & Ann Kreft

Sunday — July 14—(9:00 AM) † Hal Bauman, Jr. by the Family

HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday– July 6 — (4:00 PM) † Greg Smith by the Smith Family

Sunday– July 7 —(11:00 AM) † Mr. & Mrs. Timothy & Yvonne Porta by the Porta Family

Tuesday — July 9—(12:10 PM) † Deceased Members of the Julius Keusch Family by John & Konnie VanGeertruy

Thursday– July 11—(6:30 PM) † Fr. Raymond Urbanek by Paul Platte

Saturday– July 13 — (4:00 PM) † Joseph Caudy by Janice Bozung

Sunday– July 14 —(11:00 AM) † Patrick Bisson, Sr. by Sandy Bisson



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

ROSARY BEFORE MASS—ST. ISIDORE

Sundays 8:30 am—Thurs. & Fri. 8:05 am

MONTHLY DEVOTIONS

1st Wed. of Month—St. Isidore

Rosary and Litany of St. Joseph after Mass

1st Friday of Month—St. Isidore

Litany of Sacred Heart after Mass

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

June 29 & 30, 2024

St. Isidore Offertory- \$2,668

Holy Family Offertory - \$3,941

Online Offertory - \$1,275

TOTAL: - \$7,884



Prays for the Sick of our Parish

Names included should be parishioners, their relatives and friends. Also, remember all of our service members in your prayers.

Emily Rocheleau	Ken Latz	Bruce Chandler	Napoleon Martinez, Jr.
Kelly Rocheleau	Pam Morgan	Chris & Jan Bozung	Gloria Costello
Nita Hughes	Dan Schwart	Rick Smith	Tom Hulburt
Russ Mallery	Beverly Adcock	Hugh Smith	
Mary Hughey	Judy Eyde	Jan Smith	
Craig Henning	Susan Hullburt	Tammy Smith	
Dorothy Woodworth	Olivia Klein	Tom Grettenberger	

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

Notes from Fr. Anthony

The month of the Precious Blood of Jesus.

As we know the month of July is devoted to the Precious Blood and it follows on the heels of June which is the month of the Sacred Heart. As many of us might not remember why July is dedicated to the precious Blood, a quick reminder would be helpful. It finds its beginnings with the feast of the Precious Blood in the years 1849-1850 when the Italian states were revolting against the papal rule and Pope Pius IX was driven out of Rome by the revolutionaries. He escaped in the disguise of a regular priest to the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies. The revolution was not merely political, it also was spurred on by the involvement of the freemasons in Italy who were desirous of destroying the Church. That is a well-documented fact. What better way to do that than drive the pope from the seat of the Church, the place where St. Peter gave his life, the place that Christ had called him to? After the driving out of the Pope from Rome, there was an attempt to set up a new country called "the Republic of Rome". At its heart it was an anti-Catholic idea and system that would later cause the complete overthrow of the papal states and the creation of the new country of Italy.

"A Roman Republic was declared in February 1849. The Pope responded from his exile by excommunicating all active participants. The Republic was openly hostile to the Catholic Church, celebrating Good Friday with huge fireworks on Saint Peter's Plaza and desecrating Saint Peter's Basilica on Easter Sunday with a secular Republican victory celebration." (Schmidlin, Josef. *Papstgeschichte*. Munich: Köstel-Pusztet.(1934))

We see in this behavior echoes of the same intentions behind the revolution in France 50 years before this, the desecration of churches and persecution of religious and the suffering of faithful Catholics. At this point in time however, France had begun to correct many of the excesses and mistakes of the revolution and the faith had begun to flourish again - although it would never reach the level it had prior. It was France who came to the aid of the pope at this time, for mostly political reasons, as they didn't want the unrest to cause them problems. They defeated the new "Republic of Rome" and so allowed the return of the pope.

By 1860 all the papal territories in Italy besides Rome were lost and in 1870 France went to war with Prussia so they recalled their armies back from Rome and then the revolutionaries entered into Rome and took over the city. ***"Catholic convents, churches and hospitals were seized for barracks, government offices and stables. While the person of the sovereign Pontiff was solemnly declared sacred and inviolable, the residence of Pius IX was surrounded by armed soldiers, who would not permit the Pope to show himself in public."*** (Shea, John Gilmary (1877). *The Life of Pope Pius IX*. New York). Pope Pius IX declared that he was now a prisoner being held in the Vatican and that the government soldiers would not allow him to leave Vatican territory. He died in 1878 at the age of 85. He is now Blessed Pope Pius IX after he was beatified in year 2000.

The feast of the Precious Blood was first proposed during his exile and when he was able to return to Rome in 1850, he instituted the feast of the Precious Blood of Jesus on the first Sunday in July. The feast was later moved to July 1st by St. Pope Pius X. It was on the Church calendar until 1969, and it was removed when the calendar was *reformed* (or *butchered* would be the word I would use to accurately describe what they did) after Vatican 2. As you can see, I am still pretty sore about this. We lost a large number of beautiful feast days from the calendar for no particularly good reason and great harm was done to the devotional life of the Church and the faithful by this.

So, with that being said, we can hopefully understand some of the trials and sufferings our Church has undergone up until today at the hands of politics and policies and people which seek to remove God and the Faith from society and from those within the Church herself who cooperate and even support such things. And we now have an idea how July came to be the month dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus. What special prayers will we add to our daily ritual to celebrate this? Look up the ***Litany of the Precious Blood*** if you would like to have a prayer devoted particularly to the Blood of Christ.

Precious Blood of Jesus, Save us!

God love you Fr. Anthony



WHAT A TURNOUT we had for both Saturday and Sunday dinners last weekend at Holy Family . Thanks to everyone who stayed and enjoyed the dinner and got a chance to visit and talk with your fellow parishioners. Also, thanks to all the workers who served —especially our "ice cream dippers"! They made sure everyone got the Sundae of their choice. Next big gathering will be our annual End of Summer picnic in August. Watch the bulletin for more information!

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mondays—7:30 pm—“Zoom” online Rosary
Thurs—9:00 am—Quilting Ministry—Holy Family
July 13—TMIY—7:30 –9 am—Holy Family

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



July 10 —Business Meeting—7:00 pm

Knight of the Month: Clare Greene

Family of the Month: Keith & Nancy Kienitz

JULY SAINT OF THE MONTH - ST. MARIA GORETTI - Feast Day July 6, 1902

Immediately after the brutal assault on young Maria Goretti, Alessandro was imprisoned and went on trial. After vehemently denying his guilt, he finally broke down in the face of overwhelming testimony. Since he was a minor, he was sentenced to only 30 years hard labor.

A priest came to see him soon afterward, and he turned on the cleric in rage, howling like a maniac, and lunging at him. In the days which followed, Alessandro lost his appetite and grew nervous. After six years in prison, he was near the brink of despair. Then one night, Maria appeared to him in his cell and forgave him. She smiled at Alessandro and was surrounded by lilies, the flower symbolic of purity. That act of mercy and forgiveness, an act of love, filled Alessandro with contrition for his crime. It was a turning point for him where grace entered his heart. From that point on, he lived a beautiful and converted life of holiness. After serving his sentence, he took up residence at a Capuchin monastery, working in the garden as a Franciscan lay brother. Alessandro also asked pardon of Maria's mother and accompanied her to Christmas Mass in the parish church where he spoke before the hushed congregation, acknowledging his sin and asking God's forgiveness and the pardon of the community. To be continued next week.



"That Man is You" Bible study group will resume on July 13th and continue meeting every second and fourth Saturday of the month.

There will NOT be a Knights of Columbus yard sale this year. Please share this information.



WINGS PICNIC

WINGS will be sponsoring a picnic at McClintock park for all the ladies of the parish on Thursday July 18th from 12 to 2 pm. This is a potluck. Please RSVP including what you would like to bring to Marilyn VanAntwerp at 5176516452 or at mkv1006@gmail.com before July 15th. Hope to see you there.

