

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 18, 2026

*OCTOBER,
THE MONTH OF
THE HOLY ROSARY*



Today's Readings: Isa 45:1, 4-6 Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 1 Thes 1:1-5 Mt 22:15-21

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

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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**MASS SCHEDULE
FOR THIS WEEK**

Saturday —Oct 17— (5:30 PM) † Ed & † Dawn Wrobel by Rob & Debbie Powell
 Sunday — Oct 18— (9:00 AM) † John & † Mary Ladiski by George & Paula Harris
 Wednesday—Oct 21— (6:30 PM) Jack & Lisa Phillips—40th Wedding Anniversary
 Thursday—Oct 22— (8:30 AM) † Leon Lundie, Sr. by Lundie Children
 Friday —Oct 23— (8:30 AM) † Richard Doyle by Roy & Betty Zambaise
 Saturday —Oct 24— (5:30 PM) † Patricia Rourke by the Family
 Sunday — Oct 25— (9:00 AM) † Faith Marie Rumsey by Robert & Mary Shaw

HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday—Oct 17— (4:00 PM) † Blanche Woodbury by Diane Keim
 Sunday— Oct 18—(11:00 AM) † Jane McCallister by Dan & Vickie Csapos
 Tuesday — Oct 20—(12:10 PM) People of the Parish
 Thursday— Oct 22—(6:30 PM) † James Call by Scott & Jeanie Honke
 Saturday—Oct 24— (4:00 PM) † John Bartkowiak by the Family
 Sunday— Oct 25—(11:00 AM) † Fr. Raymond Urbanek by Sid & Angie Wittenberg

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**Oct 10 & 11, 2026**

St. Isidore Offertory- \$4,711

Holy Family Offertory - \$4,055

Online Offertory: \$1,420

TOTAL: - \$10,186**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	Nancy Carbary
Ken Latz	Gloria Costello	Jamie Lester	Tuffy Wolfrom	Todd Fox	Joe Tejkl
Pam Morgan	Chris Basgall	Gary Lundquist	Nancy Kienitz	Anna Broome	Dcn. Oliver Washington
Dan Schwart	Elaine Stewart	Michelle Houska	Judy Eyde	Wayne Rodrigues	Matt Carr
Beverly Adcock	Margaret Lane	Lorie Mumby	Doug Maki	Kathy Fowler	Julie Walsh
Olivia Klein	Tamera Bodine-Wilson	June Leaf	Ken White	Mary Lauderdale	Gary Kieger
Jan Bozung	Liz Miller	Nick & Lucinda Dunay	Linda Pung	Monica Edington	
Rick Smith	Dale Coggins	Joe Lorio	Pease Family	Deacon John	
Hugh Smith	Michelle Hurst	Marie Hurst	Marina Easterbrook	Mike O'Dell	
Jan Smith	Usher Jackson	Cheryl Hurst	Joette Dennis	JD Miller	
Tammy Smith	Chuck Hazard	Jeff Watson	Rosemary Bailey	George Harris	

Notes from Fr. Anthony

I had a number of new questions come in this week and here we are going to take a look at the first of them:

What if I decide to decline treatment that would cure a newly diagnosed cancer, that has a high success rate of survival. This could mean that I would maybe die in two years, and only have an additional two years of sins to repent for in purgatory. Whereas, if I accept the treatment and live another 10-15 years, I would have an additional 10-15 years of sins to repent for in purgatory. I prefer to fast-track my time in purgatory to get to heaven earlier. Is this wrong?

We have here two different issues that need to be addressed. The first is whether or not it is morally acceptable to decline treatment for a disease or illness. The second is in relation to the time to do penance/repentance and purgatory.

When it comes to issue number 1 that deals with treatments for sickness, disease etc.. In the Catechism of the Catholic Church 2278 we find this - "Discontinuing medical procedures that are burdensome, dangerous, extraordinary, or disproportionate to the expected outcome can be legitimate; it is the refusal of 'over-zealous' treatment. Here one does not will to cause death; one's inability to impede it is merely accepted. The decisions should be made by the patient if he is competent, whose reasonable will and legitimate interests must always be respected".

What this means in relation to the question that stated the treatment could cure the cancer, is that we have to weigh whether this would fall under ordinary means or not. We can look for a clear list of things to be considered in the 1980 and 2025 set of ethical directives from the USCCB - "the type of treatment to be used, its degree of complexity or risk, its cost and the possibilities of using it, and comparing these elements with the result that can be expected, taking into account the state of the sick person and his or her physical and moral resources."

To put it plainly, if the treatment has a reasonable chance of success and we are able to undergo it without undue hardship, we should partake in it. Note this is dealing with things that directly affect life, not with shots or vaccines as those are not directly connected with prolonging life or ending life in the same manner with the same certitude. With those things a person is free to choose whether to receive or not as either way does not directly control whether one lives or dies. With the stipulation that they obviously are sourced in an ethical and moral manner. Whether or not to undergo a treatment directly connected to whether one lives or dies that has a chance of success or to continue life support are what we are dealing with. They directly affect the duration of life.

Question number 2 was the implication that one could get to heaven sooner by having less time in purgatory due to a shorter life meaning there is less possibility for sins. The short answer to this question is - no. Just because one has a shorter life does not necessarily mean one commits less sins. Now if one genuinely did look at it in that sense, yes, it could be possible to commit less sins due to the simple fact that one has less time, but that is not guaranteed. Even so, the greater issue that we are overlooking is that, while I may have less sins if I refuse the treatment in order to shorten my life and thereby hopefully spend less time in purgatory, I also have less time for atonement for sins previously committed and I would have less time to gain graces, for myself but also for other souls. Meaning less time to pray for the souls in purgatory, less opportunities to go to confession, less opportunities to go to Mass and receive communion, less time for adoration and prayer, less time for charitable works and so on.

Hopefully this helps understand some of these things better.

God love you, Fr. Anthony

All Saints' Day



Family, Faith, & Fun Night

Oct 30th, Friday, 6:00 pm at Holy Family

Trivia with Father Anthony, refreshments, All Saints Dress Up Contest, prizes, and more!

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mondays—7:30 pm—"Zoom" online Rosary
Thurs— 9:00 am—Quilting Ministry—Holy Family
Oct 18—10:30 am—OCIA at St. Isidore
Oct 18—4:00 pm—OCIA at Holy Family
Oct 19— 6:00 pm—She Shall Be Called Woman- HF
Oct 24—TMIY -7:30 am—9 am — Holy Family
Oct 26—Blood Drive- Noon—6pm—St. Isidore
Oct 30 - All Saints Day Party & Trivia with Fr. Anthony-HF
Dec 19—Parish Wide Christmas Party—St. Isidore

SAVE THE DATE

December 19

Parish Christmas Party



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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #12044

Upcoming Events:

Oct 18—Pancake Breakfast

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

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday October 26th

ST. ISIDORE CHURCH

Noon to 6 p.m.

Sponsored By: Knights of Columbus



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This weekend, Oct 17 & 18 we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Leo invites the entire church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Envelopes are in your boxed sets or in the entryway.

