

# THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) JUNE 11 2023



Today's Readings: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a (167A); Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20, 1Co 10:16 - 17; Jn 6:51-58

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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

**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 —June 10—(5:30 PM) † Patrick Hurst by Rose Ann Hurst  
Sunday — June 11 —(9:00 AM) † Jamie Curtis by Curtis & Joy  
Wednesday— June 14— (6:30 PM) † Greg Smith by the Smith Family  
Thursday — June 15—(8:30 AM) People of the Parish  
Friday — June 16 — (8:30 AM) † Conrad Paull & Evelyn Paull by Dean & Linda Kiesling  
Saturday —June 17—(5:30 PM) † Shelia Doyle by the Family  
Sunday — June 18 —(9:00 AM) † Agnes Arthur by Gary & Barb Koonter

### HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday— June 10— (4:00 PM) † Sylvia McKay by Bonnie Ehlert  
Sunday— June 11—(11:00 AM) † Dale Constine by Jack & Diane Ostipow  
Tuesday — June 13— (12:10 PM) † Fr. Raymond Urbanek by Keith & Nancy Kienitz  
Thursday— June 15— (6:30 PM) † Greg Smith by the Smith Family  
Saturday— June 17— (4:00 PM) † Bob McCue by Rick & Betty Sloat  
Sunday— June 18—(11:00 AM) † Doug Angell by Gaylord & Barbara Runyon



### 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 3 & 4, 2023

St. Isidore Offertory- \$3,352  
Holy Family Offertory - \$3,693  
Online Offertory - \$1,750

**TOTAL: - \$8,795**



**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\*Robert Shaw\*Dee Bingham\*Barb Wright\*Judy Minarik\*Janet Arthur\*David Hager\*Mercedes, Eric & Baby Chris Martinez\*Zach Koonter\*Jane Timlick\*Dale Trierweiler\* Mike & Theresa Hegg\*Frank Quine\*Baby Owen Ullicki\*Gregory Acker, Brother of Angela Michels\*Napoleon Maritinez, 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 Carbarry, 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\* Matthew Rios, 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

## Notes from Fr. Anthony .....

This weekend we celebrate the great feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On this day we commemorate in a particular and public way the actual, physical presence of Christ among us. That is a point I try to drive home anytime I talk to someone about the Eucharist – it is the only place on this earth where Christ is physically present. He is present spiritually in the other sacraments, in the scriptures and in the world. The presence of Christ is stronger in the other sacraments than it is in the natural world, as all the sacraments lead to and flow from the Eucharist. The Council of Trent (1545-1563) also reminds us that: ***“The most Holy Eucharist has indeed this in common with the other sacraments, that it is a symbol of a sacred thing and a visible form of an invisible grace; but there is found in it this excellent and peculiar characteristic, that the other sacraments then first have the power of sanctifying when one uses them, while in the Eucharist there is the Author Himself of sanctity before it is used.”***

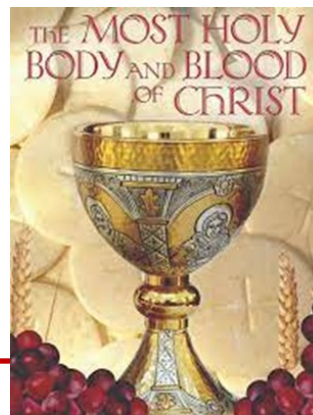
I don't think we realize the magnitude of the Holy Eucharist, which would be why so many neglect attending Mass or do not go to confession often enough or at all. If we truly grasped the words of Christ ***“this is My body... this is My blood”*** – how much more respect and awe would we have for the Blessed Sacrament. At this point we should remind ourselves of the meaning of **transubstantiation**, and we can find a good definition in the Council of Trent: ***“Because Christ our Redeemer said that it was truly his body that he was offering under the species of bread, it has always been the conviction of the Church of God, and this holy Council now declares again, that by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called transubstantiation.”***

There is a grave misunderstanding among Catholics as to the difference in the belief in the Eucharist between us and other denominations, it is a certain form of relativism. To put it simply, the Catholic Church has always and will always teach that the Eucharist is the actual physical presence of Christ. After the words of consecration are pronounced transubstantiation takes place and that which was only bread and wine is now the body and blood of Christ under the appearances of bread and wine. He is there until every single host is consumed, that He is present in the Eucharist which is not consumed immediately as well, which is why we have tabernacles and Eucharistic adoration. Other denominations believe that it is only a spiritual presence or that it is just a sign of Christ, or that He is present only at the moment of communion – not before and not after. This would be the reason why churches of other denominations do not have tabernacles. Christ is not physically present in their communion so there is no need to have a place to reserve and safeguard it. This is the reason why Catholics cannot receive communion in the services of other denominations

and why those of other denominations are not allowed to receive communion in the Catholic Church. Whenever one receives communion, one answers with an ***“Amen”***, which means that one believes what that church teaches on the Eucharist. The particular belief in the Eucharist and in transubstantiation is what primarily identifies one as Catholic or as not Catholic. If one did not believe that the Eucharist is the actual, true body, blood soul and divinity of Christ, then how could one rightly be considered a Catholic as this is one of the most central and core teachings of the Church. Let us take a look at the dogma of the Eucharist from the Council of Trent: ***“the holy council teaches and openly and plainly professes that after the consecration of bread and wine, our Lord Jesus Christ, true God and true man, is truly, really and substantially contained in the august sacrament of the Holy Eucharist under the appearance of those sensible things.”*** It is one of the central dogmas of the Faith, and as such demands our intellectual and spiritual obedience. It is not open to discussion in regards to the truth of it. One might have questions or even occasionally doubts, however, at the end of it all, the will must bow to the Faith. If the Eucharist is not really the true presence of Christ, then all the other sacraments lose the majority of their efficacy and become symbols for the most part. The Holy Mass ceases to be the sacrifice of Calvary and becomes some sort of memorial performance, holy orders ceases to become necessary as it exists primarily for the confection of the Eucharist, confession becomes nothing more than a therapy session of sorts, baptism and confirmation allow me only partly into God's family as I cannot achieve the level physical closeness to Him on this earth and anointing of the sick and last rites become unnecessary in turn.

To close, let us thank the Good God for offering us such love, that He desires to be with us in a physical way. He desires to be that close and intimate with us, His creations. John 6, 47-51: ***Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.***

God love you, Fr. Anthony



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

June 11—Corpus Christi Procession—Noon—HF  
 Thurs.—9:00 am—Quilting Ministry—Holy Family  
 June 12—15—VBS—St. Jude, DeWitt  
 June 15—WINGS—1:30 pm—Sm Hall—St. Isidore  
 June 24 -TMIY -7:30 am- 9am—Holy Family  
 June 24—Activities Group Meeting -5:00 pm- HF  
 Sept. 9—Rummage Sale—K of C 8-4pm —St. Isidore

## 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](mailto:marystevens@stisidorechurch.org)



## **ELSIE BABY PANTRY FUNDRAISER**

Please help support local families by donating to the Elsie Baby Pantry. The baby pantry serves our community by providing clothing and supplies for babies and young children. Donations of clothing especially sizes 2T-Y16 are always needed. If you need assistance in getting items to the pantry please contact, Karen Popowitz, 517-243-6895.

Placed in the back of the church from Saturday, June 10th thru Sunday, June 25th, we will be collecting spare change. Your donations can make a positive difference in another's life. If you would prefer to write a check, please make it payable to Elsie Baby Pantry. Thank you, in advance for your generosity improving a young person's life. Please pray for families in need and those that serve them.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

June 14—Business Meeting—7:00 pm

**Knight of the Month:** Dan Fickes

**Family of the Month:** George & Georgia Lehman



## **WINGS JUNE MEETING**

WINGS (Women in God's Service) will meet at 1:30pm on Thursday, June 15, 2023, in the St. Isidore Small Hall. June's program will feature Bible Trivia and the interactive 'Perfect Heart Activity.' Refreshments will be served.

All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

Anyone able to join us Tuesday mornings at St. Isidore to help weed the flower gardens would be greatly appreciated! See Aloise Bachelder with any questions.



## **QUILTING QUIPS...**

There is a need for help in improving the church grounds at Holy Family. So, the Quilters are going to have a special "Christmas in July" craft store! All proceeds will go to replace plants, flowers, etc., to beautify the grounds! The group is busy making craft items with summer in mind. Be ready for some great "Christmas" gifts in July! Anyone wishing to help make the crafts, please join us Thursdays at 9:00 am at Holy Family.

