

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024



**Today's Readings:** Acts 9:26-31 (53B) Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 1Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8

## **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

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 27 —(5:30 PM) † John & Helen Bartkowiak by the Family

Sunday — Apr 28 —(9:00 AM) Special Intentions of Richard Ives by Helen Stelzer

**First Wednesday**— May 1 — (6:30 PM) † Frances Lundie by Frances Birchmeier **First Wednesday Devotions**

Thursday — May 2 — (8:30 AM) People of the Parish

**First Friday** —May 3 —(8:30 AM) † Sheila Doyle by the Family **First Friday Devotions**

Saturday — May 4 —(5:30 PM) † Vallorie Risdon by the Family

Sunday — May 5 —(9:00 AM) † Dan & Stella McGrath by the Family

## HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday— Apr 27— (4:00 PM) † Bernice Caudy by Joseph Caudy

Sunday— Apr 28 —(11:00 AM) † Sylvia McKay by Allen & Michell Martin

Tuesday — Apr 30—(6:30 PM) † Suzanne Dietrich by Barb Yaich

Thurs—May 2 —(6:30 PM) † Fr. Raymond Urbanek by Lillian Bigelow

Saturday— May 4 — (4:00 PM) † Pat Latz by Allen & Michele Martin

Sunday— May 5 —(11:00 AM) † Paul Ladiski by Mike & Barb Chapko

## 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



## 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

### April 20 & 21, 2024

St. Isidore Offertory- \$2,790

Holy Family Offertory - \$2,715

Online Offertory - \$2,025

**TOTAL: - \$7,530**

## Pray 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.*

Tori Martens	Rebecca Crites	James Lester	Randy & Karen Evans	Nancy Kienitz
Judith Bond	Shawn Pardee	Kinzley Dawn Hulburt	Diane Mead	Mike Chapko
Sean Robinson	Jase Ellsworth	Tom Hulburt	Joe Eiseler	Gary Lundquist
Gary Hrncharik	Antia Rios	Alexander Augustine	Pam Morgan	Jacob Stoneman
Richard Hutchings	Armando Anguiano	Jamie Lester	Tony Mullen	Kris Hood
Phyllis Hart	Juan Chapas	Katie Florian	Mercedes, Eric & Baby	Bill Dennis
Lana Miersen	Archie Schebester	Mary Hughly	Chris Martinez	Maddie Jones
Jim Mosley	Dave Hilleker	Theresa Arnold	Nancy Brown	Judy Eyde
Stan Beherns	Mark Sickler	Jason Miller	Aggie Cassady	Beverly Adcock
Olivia Klein	Craig Henning	Taylor Nixon	Dennis Lee	Dale Coggins
Janet Arthur	Vince Minarik	Ron & Denise Pohl	Ron, Charlene & John	Harold Graber
Jane Timlick	Tim Minarik	Janice Smith	Ginther	Richard Ives
Dale Trierweiler	Dorothy Woodworth	Hugh Smith	Tuffy Wolfrom	Emily & Kelly Rocheleau
Mike & Theresa Hegg	Ken Latz	Tammy Smith	Russ Mallery	Nita Hughes
Gregory Acker	Dan Schwark	Richard Smith	Mike Adanec	Ish Patel
Napoleon Martinez, Jr.	Allen Smith	Brenda Seeley	Melissa Harden	
Bruce Chandler	Haven S. King	Betty Ann Fulgaro	Denise Elliott	
Gary Delaney	Chasidy Martin	Chris Bozung	Mark Meyers	
Pat Spencer	Susan Hulburt	Alysson Castonguay	Tom Grettenberger	

# Notes from Fr. Anthony .....

## Iconoclasm IV

In this last installment of the Iconoclasm heresy series, we will be looking at the last time it reared its head in the Church. In the Catholic Church of the 1960s we find absolute liturgical chaos and, hand in hand with that goes poor catechesis and bad praxis. The perfect storm for destruction. The Holy Mass has always been understood to be a sacrifice and a foretaste of heaven, the gift of God Himself to His people. This heavenly service is beautifully written of and described by St. John in his Apocalypse. The scene of the heavenly liturgy which we ourselves are able to have a part in by taking part in the Mass. It is no secret that many of those behind the “reform” of the Mass had the desire to make it more similar to protestant services, that is a documented fact. A consequence of this desire enables iconoclasm to attack our church once again. Think of the hundreds of millions of dollars that have been spent destroying valuable antiques and art and replacing them with whitewashed walls and churches that are stripped of any ornamentation. I visited many historical protestant areas when I was in Europe, and the striking similarity between there churches and our churches after 1964 is amazing. The best word to describe them would be “barren”.

I was at a parish in Wisconsin after ordination substituting for the pastor for a month. From the outside it was a beautiful brick, gothic church built in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, with colorful arched stained glass depicting different scenes from the life of Christ, saints, and sacraments. When I went inside, I was honestly dumbstruck. There had been originally beautiful carved wood side altars and a spectacular high altar that would have been hand carved along with a beautiful communion rail. It was all gone. The walls were whitewashed with a little stand in the center for the tabernacle to sit on since it had been connected to the wall on the high altar. The confessionals were also of carved wood, but at the top where the carved wood spires would normally have been topped by crosses, a hacksaw had been used to cut them off. Apparently, the philosophy of many in the church was that we had “too many crosses” and so they had to be removed. During my time there, I talked with some of the older parishioners about the history of the church and asked them what happened inside. Some of them remembered how the pastor in those post Vatican II years decided to “update” the church to get with the “spirit of Vatican II” (although Vatican II literally said nothing about doing these kind s of things to churches - removing communion rails, throwing out statues and so on). He had the high altar, side altars, communion rail etc.

chopped up and he burned them in the parking lot of the church.

Now you might be tempted to say that this situation wasn't common. I would beg to differ as I personally know other churches not far from us where things like this happened. I know people in the state of Michigan who retrieved life sized church statues from the dumpster or dug them back up after they had been buried in a hole during that time of “liturgical renewal”. I know people who have found first class relics of saints in antique and secondhand shops. Someday I will tell you the story of how a tabernacle with the Eucharist still in it came into my possession one day. We will finish with just one illustration of the iconoclasm of the 1960s in our church by taking a look at our cathedral of St. Mary, before and after.

To finish, God deserves the best we have to offer, the most beautiful we can give that is the least we can offer Him.

*God love you, Fr. Anthony*





## PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mondays—7:30 pm—"Zoom" online Rosary  
Thurs—**No Quilting** Ministry during construction  
May 5—1st Communion—St. Isidore & Holy Family  
May 7—Busy Mom's Group—6:00 pm—St. Isidore  
May 8—Scholarship Deadline—3:00 pm



## QUILTING QUIPS.

Excuse the mess! The Quilting Ministry is getting a new storage built for all our supplies. Please stay safe by not going into this area. We will not be quilting on Thursdays until our room is completed.

**NOTICE:** May 1st we will clear out the names on the prayer list. If you have names you would like on the list please contact the office or put a note in the offertory baskets.

### APRIL SAINT OF THE MONTH - ST. GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA

Saint Gianna Beretta Molla gave up her life to save the life of her child. She was a devout woman and pediatrician who refused a hysterectomy to remove a benign fibroid tumor in her uterus during pregnancy as the procedure would have resulted in the death of her unborn child. Her saintliness was confirmed by two medical cases. The first was a dying twenty-seven-year-old mother who needed emergency care but was in no condition to be transported. While she was being prepared for transfer to another facility, a Capuchin religious sister turned to Gianna Beretta Molla asking through her intercession that the patient be healed of the illness and thereby avoid the dangerous trip. About this time the pain disappeared completely and, upon examination, found to be completely healed. The second case is a thirty-five-year-old Brazilian woman who, during her pregnancy, suffered through many complications. Later, rupture of the amniotic membrane was confirmed. The patient was advised to abort the baby at this time, but with the advice of her bishop she turned instead in prayer to Blessed Gianna Beretta Molla. She was monitored closely, and the baby was delivered by Caesarean section.

A few of St. Gianna's quotes:

- "Love and sacrifice are closely linked, like the sun and the light. We cannot love without suffering, and we cannot suffer without love."
- "Lord, keep Your grace in my heart. Live in me so that Your grace be mine. Make it that I may bear every day some flowers and new fruit."
- "The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day."



Gianna Beretta Molla is the Patron Saint of unborn babies, mothers and physicians, **Feast Day: April 28th**

## 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)



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



May 8 —Business Meeting—7:00 pm

Knight of the Month: Jim Eiseler

Family of the Month: Eric & Melissa Jones & Family

## 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](http://stisidorechurch.org). **Deadline for submission is 3pm on May 8th.**



### Recently Deceased:

Irene Medina

To her family and friends we offer our prayers and sympathy.

Funeral—May 11  
11 am at Holy Family

