

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 23, 2026

AUGUST
*Month of the
Immaculate Heart
of Mary*



Today's Readings: Is 22:19-23 Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 Rom 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20

ST. ISIDORE CHURCH **Laingsburg, Michigan**

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Religious Ed. Formation (REF) – Mary Stevens-
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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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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 —Aug 22— (5:30 PM) Chris & Kay Basgall 55th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday — Aug 23— (9:00 AM) † Bruce Chandler by the Family

Wednesday—Aug 26— (6:30 PM) Living & Deceased Members of the Audio Family

Thursday—Aug 27— (8:30 AM) People of the Parish

Friday —Aug 28— (8:30 AM) † John Wood by Katie Grettenberger

Saturday —Aug 29— (5:30 PM) † Richard Doyle by Jim Doyle

Sunday — Aug 30— (9:00 AM) † Jane McCallister by George & Paula Harris

HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday—Aug 22— (4:00 PM) † Sandra Dolinar by Jerry & Lois Boone

Sunday— Aug 23 —(11:00 AM) † Sylvia McKay by Frank & Melvia Quine

Tuesday — Aug 25—(12:10 PM) † Sharon Eubank by Terry & Cindy Broome

Thursday—Aug 27—(6:30 PM) For the Healing of Alaina Kachnovich by the Smith Family

Saturday—Aug 29— (4:00 PM) † Suzanne Nethaway by Leonard Mitchell Family

Sunday— Aug 30—(11:00 AM) † Dan Morgan by Randy & Ana Ladiski

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**Aug 15 & 16, 2026**

St. Isidore Offertory- \$3,857

Holy Family Offertory - \$3,994

Online Offertory: \$1,490

TOTAL: - \$9,341**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.

Remember all of our service members in your prayers.

Craig Henning	Napoleon Martinez, Jr.	Chuck Hazard	Cheryl Hurst	Joette Dennis	Monica Edington
Ken Latz	Gloria Costello	Jerome Smith	Jeff Watson	Rosemary Bailey	Deacon John
Pam Morgan	Chris Basgall	Jamie Lester	Therese Bruso	Mike Jones	Mike O'Dell
Dan Schwart	Elaine Stewart	Gary Lundquist	Tuffy Wolfrom	Todd Fox	JD Miller
Beverly Adcock	Margaret Lane	Mildred Tejkl	Nancy Kienitz	George Gates	George Harris
Olivia Klein	Tamera Bodine-Wilson	Michelle Houska	Judy Eyde	Anna Broome	Nancy Carbay
Jan Bozung	Ernest Carr	Lorie Mumby	Doug Maki	Richard Tejkl	Joe Tejkl
Rick Smith	Liz Miller	June Leaf	Ken White	Wayne Rodrigues	
Hugh Smith	Dale Coggins	Nick & Lucinda Dunay	Linda Pung	Kathy Fowler	
Jan Smith	Michelle Hurst	Joe Lorio	Pease Family	Ron Kruzman	
Tammy Smith	Usher Jackson	Marie Hurst	Marina Easterbrook	Mary Lauderdale	

Notes from Fr. Anthony

This week, as I mentioned at Mass previously, we are attaching a short rundown of the finances of the parishes from the last year. We once again finish the year in the black, in spite of how the totals appear on the sheet. The expenses were higher than the income, however much of the funds used for expenses were previously saved up and didn't come from the income of the last year, so in reality we have come out ahead again this year. This is all thanks to the generosity of each of you. I am continuously amazed by how generous our parishioners are in spite of the rising costs of everything in our world right now, the weekly collections of the parishes have also gone up. I thank you for your sacrificing so much to ensure our parishes are able to continue to grow and improve in many ways.

Every year I offer a little summary of all the major projects we have accomplished at the parishes over the year, to give everyone a picture of how the donations and such are being used. This last year was a big one for projects at both parishes.

At Holy Family: we were able to remodel the second set of bathrooms, fix the damaged concrete in the parking lot and restripe it, install a new updated sign for the Church closer to the road, and finally - the really big project was redoing all of the flooring in the hall, classrooms and sacristy. Some really major changes took place.

At St. Isidore it was also a year of major changes: some more work has been done on the rectory, the cemetery project was finished, we just installed a new well at the church, and the complete remodel and renovation of the sanctuary.

All in all, there were some very dramatic and large-scale projects taken on during the last year and they have really changed how things look and how we feel in our churches. I am extremely pleased with how everything has come out so far - especially the sanctuary update at St. Isidore. Our churches are being updated and beautified for all of us and for the coming generations who will worship God and form bonds with other believers in those places.

For the coming year, we are looking at a couple more projects that we can hopefully check off our list. At Holy Family, there may possibly be some updates

made in the Church, but nothing is set in stone at the moment. At St. Isidore, we are making the old day chapel into a "cry room" since we have so many more children than previous years and we are working on getting the church entry doors and the main hall outside door replaced. Lastly, we have been looking at two projects that are connected - the parking lot and the garage. Many feel the parking lot is something that needs to be done soon. Unfortunately, years of neglected maintenance and really a poor job from the beginning have left the parking lot in such a way that it must be totally removed and re-graded with new drainage patterns before we can put a new one in. Along with that it would be nice to have a garage that I and whoever follows after me might be able to actually use. The garage that is currently there is only sufficiently sized for a compact car or a model t, and any work that we could do to make it actually usable to park in would end up costing almost as much as building a new one, which is basically what it would end up being anyways. It wouldn't make any financial or construction sense to try and make it workable when we can just put something a little bigger in its place and have the assurance also that it is done properly and will outlast my time. In all honesty, since I am living half the week at St. Isidore, it would be nice to have a place to park inside during the winter months and also have a place to work on some projects. Right now, I cannot park in the garage or even open the door up on my truck with it pulled partially in. The garage would not be a huge barn, just something a little bigger than what is there now. All total, these two projects - especially with the total redoing of the parking lot - would cost around \$180,000. When discussing this with the finance council it was suggested that we present this project to the parish as there may be some who would like to donate to it, in order that we can get it done as soon as possible and not have to take the money completely out of the parish budget. If you would like to give towards this project, which would be greatly appreciated, please feel free to let myself or Sharon know that way any money that is received is earmarked for those specific things.

Thank you for another wonderful year at the parish,

God love you, Fr. Anthony

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mondays—7:30 pm—"Zoom" online Rosary
Thurs— 9:00 am—Quilting Ministry—Holy Family
Aug 30—6:00 pm—OCIA at Holy Family
Sept 13—Noon—Parish Picnic after Mass—Holy Fam
Sept 20—10:30 am—OCIA at St. Isidore
Sept 21—She Shall Be Called Woman—(9 Wks) - HF

ANNUAL MISSIONARY APPEAL — AUG 29 & 30

Next weekend, Rev. Raju Pilla will be speaking about the works and the needs of the Latin Archdiocese of Trivandrum in India. Trivandrum has about 2,80,000 Catholics. 90% of the people belongs to fishermen community, majority of whom depends on fishing for their livelihood. 10% are farm workers who are recent converts from low caste Hindus. Unemployment and poverty are most rampant in the communities. The archdiocese depends on outside contributions to support its clergy, seminarians, catechists, and the humanitarian projects of the homes for the orphans, aged and destitute, which provide food, shelter, medicine, and education. In 2021, Hurricane "Tauktae" left hundreds of families homeless. Monsoon sea-erosion each year, destroys several homes of the fishermen who live near the sea and make a living from fishing. The archdiocese tries to provide a few most deserving families with housing every year. We humbly request your generous contribution to the second collection. Your sacrifice for the Missions is deeply appreciated. May God bless you.

RELIGIOUS ED. FORMATION—(REF)

Holy Family

First Class: Sept 13

Class Time—Sunday: 9:30 am—Before Mass

St. Isidore

First Class: Sept 13 (10:15—11:00)

Class Time-Sunday: 10:15 am—After Mass

Registration: Aug 30 & Sept 13 after 9 am 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:

Sept 9—Business Meeting—7:15 pm



Knight of the Month: Don Brown

Family of the Month: Burton, Kristee, Brandt, Kennadie, & Klara Welte

To become a Knight, visit kofc.org/join

CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES!!

Are you looking for a place to fellowship with other area Homeschool families? The Holy Family Home-school Coop has a few openings. We meet roughly three Tuesdays a month at Holy Family Parish in Ovrid. We start with Mass at noon, enjoy lunch together, and then have a couple different enrichments opportunities. We are tentatively planning to learn about some saints together, and exploring conversational Spanish. Other ideas are in the works. We have groups from preschool to High School.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact us by email.

Angela Porta: theportapack2011@gmail.com

Kelli Porter: kelli08porter@gmail.com

St. Isidore - Holy Family

Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026 Financial Report

	2025-26
Administration	
Salaries & Benefits	\$133,309
Contract Services	\$14,140
Diocesan Assessment & Tuition Assistance	\$54,483
Insurance	\$14,063
Household (St. Isidore Rectory Refurbish)	\$3,137
Postage, Phone & Internet	\$4,052
Misc. (Equipment, Bank, Seminars, other)	\$12,406
Faith Formation	
Evangelization (Books, Retreats, Hispanic Ministry...)	\$16,796
OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation)	\$1,226
Youth Ministry	\$2,413
Facility Operation & Maintenance	
Contract Services (Cleaning, Trasn, Mowing, Snow removal)	\$53,780
Equipment	\$21,266
Renovations - Sanctuary, Cemetery, Bathroom	\$271,165
Maintenance	\$3,505
Supplies	\$4,522
Utilities	\$35,848
Worship	
Contract Services	\$2,702
Music	\$24,060
Supplies (Candles, Flowers, Workbooks...)	\$18,905
Publications & Periodicals	\$6,005
Miscellaneous	\$754
Equipment	\$7,063
Parish Life	\$5,480
Total Expense (2024 - 2025: \$529,251)	
Income	
Offertory Collection	\$518,759
Other (tuition, rentals, interest, etc.)	\$28,504
Bequests and Other Donations	\$52,047
Total Income (2024 - 2025: \$551,718)	

An Invitation to join OCIA

Are you looking to deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith? Do you have questions about God, Jesus, or the Church that you are longing to explore? Have you felt a calling to become part of the Catholic community? If so, we warmly invite you to join the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) at St. Isidore-Holy Family.

OCIA is a faith journey designed for those considering joining the Catholic Church or wanting to learn more about it. This program is open to:

- Those who are not baptized
- Those who are baptized in another Christian tradition and wish to become Catholic
- Catholics who were baptized but did not receive further formation or sacraments

Through OCIA, you will have the opportunity to explore the teachings of the Church, engage in meaningful discussions, and grow spiritually in a supportive community. The program includes weekly sessions where we cover a variety of topics related to faith and practice, as well as opportunities for prayer and reflection.

If you are interested in joining OCIA or have any questions, contact:

St. Isidore Church – Roger & Shirley Hughes, OCIA Directors
ocia@stisidorechurch.org
Or call Parish office at 517-651-6722

OCIA at St. Isidore begins September 20, 2026 at 10:30 am

Holy Family Church – Richard & Carol Theile, OCIA Directors
Call or text Richard at 517-599-6113 or Carol at 989-395-0283
Or call Parish office at 989-834-5855

OCIA at Holy Family begins August 30, 2026 at 6:00 pm

We are here to support you every step of the way. We look forward to walking this faith journey with you and helping you discover the richness and depth of the Catholic faith.