

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 12, 2024



Today's Readings: Acts 1:1-11 (58B) Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Eph 1:17-23 Mk 16:15-20

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Confession: Saturdays 3:00 to 3:45 pm and

Thurs. 5:30 to 6:20 pm

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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 — May 11 —(5:30 PM) † Ed & Dawn Wrobel by the Family
 Sunday — May 12 —(9:00 AM) † Robert & Marie Davidek by the Family
 Wednesday— May 15 — (6:30 PM) † Roy Steinbock by Barbara Yaich
 Thursday — May 16 — (8:30 AM) † Paul Swartz by the Chris Fry Family
 Friday —May 17 —(8:30 AM) † Joy Eiseler by the Eiseler Family
 Saturday — May 18—(5:30 PM) † Jack Risch by the Family
 Sunday — May 19 —(9:00 AM) † Daniel Gerger by the Family

HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday— May 11 — (4:00 PM) † Helen Bartkowiak by the Family
 Sunday— May 12 —(11:00 AM) † Ed Ladiski by Dale & Sue Ladisky
 Tuesday — May 14—(12:10 PM) † Raymond Urbanek by Tom & Mary Urbanek
 Thursday—May 16 —(6:30 PM) People of the Parish
 Saturday— May 18 — (4:00 PM) † Karen Quine 25th Anniversary by Meg, Heather, & Frank
 Sunday— May 19 —(11:00 AM) † Dan Morgan by Pam Morgan



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

May 4 & 5, 2024

St. Isidore Offertory- \$3,097

Holy Family Offertory - \$5,039

Online Offertory - \$2,145

TOTAL: - \$10,281

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.

Emily & Kelly Rocheleau	Ken Latz
Nita Hughes	Pam Morgan
Ish Patel	Dan Schwart
Russ Mallery	Armando Anguiano
Mary Hughey	Beverly Adcock
Craig Henning	Judy Eyde
Dorothy Woodworth	

Please contact the office to put names on the prayer list. As of May 1st the list has been cleared.

Notes from Fr. Anthony

The Cathar or Albigensian heresy

This week we move on to our next heresy. After jumping around through the centuries with iconoclasm, which began in force in the 8th century, we now move up in history to one of the first great heresies of the Middle Ages – the Cathar heresy, commonly called Catharism or sometimes called the Albigensian heresy. This heresy begins in the 11th century and reaches its peak in the 12th century. The word “Cathar” is taken from the Greek and means “pure, or - to purify”. This is how they saw themselves, much like the Gnostics of old, that they were the pure ones and possessed the knowledge to attain perfection.

This particular heresy has ties to the Gnostic heresy of the 1st and 2nd centuries. During this time in the Middle Ages there were still various sects around that held some Gnostic or Manichean and dualist beliefs and these sowed the seeds for what became Catharism in western Europe. The Cathar heresy, in summary, is a heresy that teaches that all matter is evil. A neo-Manichean or neo-Gnostic dualism; the idea that there are two principles in the universe, one good and one evil. The Cathars believed in reincarnation and that human reproduction was an evil thing, as it prolonged the evil material world in which man is but a sojourner or alien. They were strict vegetarians and abstained from all meat as well. They rewrote the entire story of creation into an elaborate mythology and for the most part did away with the majority of the Old Testament. They refused to accept the dogma of the Incarnation of Christ and viewed Him as simply an angel and His death and suffering was just an illusion. They taught that the resurrection was not an actual rising from the dead, but rather reincarnation. We see how serious and dangerous some of their teachings were. By the middle of the 12th century this heresy had coalesced into a fairly visible structure, appointing its own bishops, forming dioceses and parishes and a form of doctrine. Besides the beliefs already mentioned, the Cathars were divided into two groups – the perfect and the believers. The perfect had undergone an initiation into the “mysteries” of their beliefs and were held to a higher standard of perfection than the believers.

Now besides the severe doctrinal errors and damage done to

the Church and the Faith, this heresy also causes problems in civil society. At this time, the Faith is one of the main unifying factors in the western world, especially with onslaught of Islam. It is the basis for the laws and functioning of society and since the Cathars have such radically different views, the problems soon begin and they see themselves as bringing freedom and relief through their beliefs, which at the end of the day, were stricter than the laws already in force. This leads to a clash, not only with the Church, but also with the various rulers. There were attempts by Pope Innocent III to bring them back into the Church by sending St. Bernard of Clairvaux to preach and catechize and he met with some success. Also, we have St. Dominic appearing in this time and founding the Dominicans to preach and teach and convert the Albigensians. One of the things that St. Dominic fought most rigorously in the heresy was the denial of the Incarnation and the elimination, basically, of the Blessed Virgin Mary from salvation history. At the end of it all, those who refused to recant the heresy were excommunicated from the Church.

The Cathars in some areas were led into this rebellion by their leaders, rogue bishops and nobles who resented the authority of the Pope and the Church. In response to the heresy and its rapid growth, a crusade is organized in the year 1215, with military action happening on and off until the year 1255. The crusade brings out much cruelty on both sides, but as with the other crusades, it is also the victim of extreme exaggeration about the cruelty of the Church and the soldiers fighting for her. While there were some instances of extreme cruelty by certain individual leaders, that is an exception rather than a norm. There were instances of Cathars being burned at the stake for heresy or thrown in jail if they refused to recant and persisted in the heresy. These were civil penalties, not just Church penalties. We have to keep in mind that a heresy affected not only the Church, but the entire community. By the end of the 13th century, it has pretty much vanished with just a few isolated pockets here and there. And on that, we will close for this week.

God bless, Fr. Anthony

*Happy and Blessed Mother's Day to
all the Mothers of our Parish.*

Thank you for all you do!!



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mondays—7:30 pm—“Zoom” online Rosary
Thurs—**No Quilting** Ministry during construction
May 16—WINGS—1:00 pm—St. Isidore
May 19—Pancake Breakfast—St. Isidore
May 25—TMIY—7:30 –9 am—Holy Family
May 28—Busy Mom’s Group—6:00 pm—St. Isidore



That Man is You Summer Program

Our That Man is you Men’s group is starting a summer bible study program. We will be working our way through some of the smaller epistles in the New Testament starting with the letter of Jude. We will meet on the second and fourth Saturdays from 7:30 – 9:00 am, Starting May 11th.

QUILTING QUIPS. . .

Construction on the spectacular storage room is almost finished. Many thanks to Jeff Mysinger and his helper, Diane. A fantastic job is almost finished. Watch for updates when we can resume quilting. For now -- we are still under construction. Thanks for everyone’s patience.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



May 19—Pancake Breakfast
June 12 —Business Meeting—7:00 pm

Knight of the Month: Andrew Braun
Family of the Month: Roger and Shirley Hughes

WINGS Meeting

The next meeting of WINGS will be Thursday May 16. Our program will be a talk by Father Anthony about the sacrament of Penance. His talk will start at 1:30 pm, a free lunch will be served starting at 1:00 pm. Attendees are requested to bring a donation for Catholic Charities of canned fruit or jelly. See you then.



SAINT OF THE MONTH - OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Our Lady of Fatima, Feast day May 13th, The Three Secrets of Fatima

Our Lady of Fatima revealed three secrets to the three shepherd children. These secrets were not immediately made public.

1. A vision of Hell.
2. A prediction of the end of World War I and a prediction of the beginning of a worse war (understood as World War II), as well as a call to consecrate Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary as a way to bring peace.
3. A vision of the Pope, along with other bishops, priests, religious and lay people, being killed by soldiers. The Church has taken this not as specific prophesy which has or will come true but, in the words of Pope Benedict XVI, a vision speaking “of dangers and how we might be saved from them.” He said, “it is meant to mobilize the forces of change in the right direction.”

The third secret was only revealed by Lucia when she was directly ordered to do so by her bishop and was not made public until 1960.





May is the month when we turn our thoughts to mothers and especially our Blessed Mother. Each of us are always held in her motherly gaze of love and protection. As Mother Mary reaches out to help each of us, let us extend her love and compassion and reach out to help other mothers in need.

During the month of May, we will be doing a diaper and wipe drive at BOTH Churches. There will be designated totes in the entrances at each church. Please place your donations in the totes and they will be collected each week. At the end of May, they will be donated to the Elsie Baby Pantry.

There is an urgent need! Any diaper brand, any size welcome, including pull-ups. Currently there is a greater need for the larger diapers, sizes 4 & 5 and pull-ups.

Please put this insert on your refrigerator, desk, etc. as a reminder. Let us do what we can, to help these momma's.

Thank You in Advance. May God Bless You.



ACTIVITIES GROUP MEETING

Holy Family

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN THE GROUP!

What our group does: Lenten fish fry dinner, Outdoor improvements around the church grounds, replacing gutter guards on eaves troughs, landscaping, paying for religious education needs, including Confirmation students attending a required retreat, helping with the church picnic, and more!

Why should you join? You can come to one meeting or all the meetings. Your presence is always welcome.

We need your opinions. We would love you to volunteer for activities, but it is not necessary or required as part of the group.

New ideas are very important, and we want to grow as a group and a parish. Please consider stopping by and seeing what the group is all about.

Anticipated next meetings, subject to change. Please check the bulletin for updates.

May 4th 5 pm	June 2 nd 12 pm	July 13 th 5 pm	August 4 th 12 pm
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ST. ISIDORE GARDENS

Gardening has begun. As always, the more gardeners we have, the lighter the work for all of us. We need and appreciate whatever time you have to offer. **Green Thumbs come in various shades. Not required!** Some tasks are actually light, while others are aerobic.

This spring, the gardeners are in need of 4 simple wood planters to set on each side of the grotto (on top of the 4 existing concrete steps.) This will complete the facelift that began last summer.

Please call the office or Aloise Bachelder. We are typically in the gardens on Tuesday mornings depending on weather. Seriously, we really could use more people.

