THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 8, 2026



Today's Readings:

Wis 6:12-16
Ps 263:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
1 Thes 4:13-18
Mt 25:1-13

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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

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

ST. ISIDORE, LAINGSBURG

Saturday —Nov 7— (5:30 PM) ✝ Barb Gialanella by the Hannibal Family

Sunday — Nov 8— (9:00 AM) ✝ Thomas Leo ✝Maria Mercedes Brown by Jose & Nancy Brown

Wednesday—Nov 11- **(NO MASS)**

Thursday—Nov 12– **(NO MASS)**

Friday —Nov 13 **(NO MASS)**

Saturday —Nov 14— (5:30 PM) ✝ Nancy Byrnes by Ron & Donna Granger

Sunday — Nov 15— (9:00 AM) ✝ Maria Mercedes Brown by Jose & Nancy Brown & Catherine Izzo

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HOLY FAMILY, OVID

First Saturday– Nov 7— (9:00 AM) In Reparation For Sin & For Souls in Purgatory -***First Saturday Devotions***

Saturday—Nov 7— (4:00 PM) ✝ Brenda Bartkowiak & Stephaine Harrist by Helen Farr

Sunday— Nov 8—(11:00 AM) ✝ Ella Kenny by Jeff & Kathy Fowler

Tuesday — Nov 10—**(NO MASS)**

Thursday– Nov 12—**(NO MASS)**

Saturday—Nov 14— (4:00 PM) ✝ Ron Ginther by Marian Horsley

Sunday— Nov 15—(11:00 AM) ✝ Jane McCallister by Frank & Melvia Quine



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 31 & Nov 1, 2026

St. Isidore Offertory- $3,611

Holy Family Offertory - $4,890

Online Offertory: $2,722

TOTAL: - $11,223

ROSARY BEFORE MASS—HOLY FAMILY

Saturdays 3:30 pm

ROSARY BEFORE MASS—ST. ISIDORE

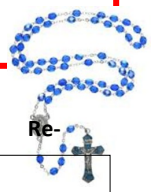
Sundays 8:30 am—Thurs. & Fri. 8:05 am

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. Re-

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

Notes from Fr. Anthony .....

The question for this week is: ***Many times, we speak of faith without good works. So that takes me to a hermit living in a cave. Are his/her prayers for others considered good works?***

The short answer is yes. But let's look a little deeper. When it comes to the relationship of Faith and works, this is something that you will not find a good understanding of outside of Catholicism. The common false accusation is that Catholics think works will save them. Well, that is simply not true. The Church has never taught that a person is saved by their works alone, it is works which come from Faith and ultimately lead back to it and help it to grow. Works are a result of and a response to the grace of God and the grace of Faith that comes from God. Anytime I do something out of love for God or for someone else, that is a work. It says in Mark 12, 29-31: **Jesus replied, "The first is this: 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"**

Christ does not say to love God only in the secret recesses of the mind or heart. He says that we must love God, and we know that love is first and foremost an action of the heart and soul – therefore it is a work of sorts. However it is not simply stopping with the thought but desires to put the thought into action. And to love with all our strength – strength is not simply a passive thing, strength implies effort and force. So in order to properly love God as commanded one must ***ACT***. This is where works come from. I do not love God or my neighbor in the mind alone, that love is shown through actions, choices, decisions – ***WORKS***. Works are appropriate actions based upon one's abilities and circumstances. For instance, a person with no money cannot give money to charity – does this mean they cannot do something charitable for someone? Or if someone is ill, does this mean they cannot do a charitable work for someone? The answer is that yes, they can, in proportion to their abilities and circumstances. A hermit, like a monk in a monastery or a nun in a convent or a sick person are often not able to physically or materially help someone, but their circumstances and abilities allow them to pray, offer up sufferings and sacrifice, which are the good works they can accomplish. And it works in full circle as those who are able to physically, monetarily or materially assist someone - like those who are poor or sick or in convents and such - use their abilities and circumstances to do so. One is able to give what one has, to accomplish whatever works are available to them. Anytime we pray for someone, it is a work. If all a person has to give is prayer, those are the works they can accomplish; if someone can give something and pray, those are the works they can accomplish. <u>Each in proportion to their means gives what they can and that is how those works are weighed in the scales of heaven.</u> The underlying principle of them all though must be the same – they are doing it out of love for God and for their neighbor. Works are the living response of a living Faith.

As in the letter authored by St. James in the New Testament - 2, 17-29: **So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. Indeed someone may say, "You have faith and I have works." Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works. You believe that God is one. You do well. Even the demons believe that and tremble. Do you want proof, you ignoramus, that faith without works is useless? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered his son Isaac upon the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by the works. Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called "the friend of God." See how a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. And in the same way, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by a different route? For just as a body without a spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.**

God love you, Fr. Anthony

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mondays—7:30 pm—"Zoom" online Rosary

Thurs— 9:00 am—Quilting Ministry—Holy Family

Nov 8—10:30 am—OCIA at St. Isidore

Nov 8—4:00 pm—OCIA at Holy Family

Nov 9— 6:00 pm—She Shall Be Called Woman- HF

Nov 14—TMIY –7:30 am—9 am — Holy Family

Nov 14—Christmas Store Open into Dec.—Holy Family

Nov 14/15—Christmas Store—St. Isidore

Nov 29—Sweatshirt Deadline—Both Churches

Dec 12/13—Christmas Store—St. Isidore

Dec 19—Parish Wide Christmas Party—St. Isidore

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: marysteimy@gmail.com



QUILTING QUIPS. . . New this year, we will have a **St. Isidore** Christmas store open for **2 weekends ONLY** - after Masses on Nov. 14th & 15th and again Dec. 12th & 13th. **Holy Family's** Store will be open every week-end, starting **Nov. 14th**. Many new items and some of the old favorites will be available. If you are paying by check, please make them payable to either the Laingsburg Food Bank or the Elsie Food Bank. Do NOT make them out to either church. These checks may not be cashed until after the first of the year. We thank you in advance for your support. Remember, ALL PROCEEDS, 100%, will go to the area food banks.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #12044

Upcoming Events:

Nov11—Business Meeting –7:15 pm

Nov 15—Pancake Breakfast

Knight of the Month: Deacon John Marsh

Family of the Month: Steve & Mary Izdebski

To become a Knight, visit kofc.org/join

T– SHIRT PICK UP.

If you ordered a parish t-shirt, they are in the hall at both churches, ready for pick.



SWEATSHIRT COLLECTION

Knights of Columbus is again collecting sweatshirts for the young people that are served by Holy Cross Children's Services. They are requesting sweatshirts with college or professional athletic logos. There is a special need for Large and X-Large sizes. Remember, often this is the only Christmas gift these young people receive. Wrap or box the shirts, label the box with the size of the shirt and if it is gender specific, with men's or women's. **Deadline: Sunday, Nov 29th.**



Catholic Social Teaching Collection

Nov 21 & 22

In two weeks, we will be taking up our annual appeal for the Catholic Social Teaching Collection. This collection supports catechetical projects which inform and inspire our practice of the Church's teaching in the world. This is distinct from the mission of Catholic Charities, which provides direct assistance to people in need. Informational brochures are in the entryways. Thank you for your generosity. Envelopes are in the boxed sets.