

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

DECEMBER 31, 2023



Today's Readings: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 (17B) Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Lk 2:22-40

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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 — Dec 30 —(5:30 PM) † Jerry Barnum by the Family
Sunday — Dec 31 —(9:00 AM) † Ken Brink by Janice Hurst
Wednesday— Jan 3— (6:30 PM) † LeAnne Powers-Lighthiser by Lee & Winnie Hendrickson
Thursday — Jan 4 — (8:30 AM) † Marilyn Kiel by Jay and Judy Ford
Friday — Jan 5—(8:30 AM) Tesa Fleming by Lisa Phillips
Saturday — Jan 6 —(5:30 PM) † Clifton Tobias by the Holy Family Choir
Sunday — Jan 7 —(9:00 AM) † William Theisen by Susan Canen

HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday— Dec 30— (4:00 PM) † Dan Morgan by Mark & Chris Cooley
Sunday— Dec 31 —(11:00 AM) † Norman Beauchamp by the Crawford Family
Monday—Jan 1—**New Years Day—(9:00 AM)** People of the Parish
Tuesday — Jan 2 —**(NO MASS)**
Thurs—Jan 4—(6:30 PM) † Julie Bacik by Parishioners
Saturday— Jan 6— (4:00 PM) † Charles & Marian Shipley
Sunday— Jan 7 —(11:00 AM) † Ed Ladiski by Mark & Kathryn Stasa

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
Donald Thelen—Army



WEEKLY OFFERTORY Dec. 23 & 24, 2023

St. Isidore Offertory- \$2,236
Holy Family Offertory - \$4,039
Online Offertory - \$1,600
TOTAL: - \$7,875

Christmas Collection

St. Isidore \$2,449

Holy Family \$4,263

ROSARY

Every Sunday Before Mass

8:30 St. Isidore

Thurs. & Fri. 8:05 am—St. Isidore

1st Wed. of Month—St. Isidore
Rosary and Litany of St. Joseph after Mass



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 Hening*Olivia Klein*Judy Minarik*Janet Arthur*Mercedes, Eric & Baby Chris Martinez*Jane Timlick*Dale Trierweiler* Mike & Theresa Hegg*Baby Owen Ulicki*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, Friend/Relative 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, Friend/Relative of Jesse Anguiano*Mark Sickler, Nephew of Bachelder's*Craig & Caren Henning*Vince Minarik*Terri Sue*Tim Minarik*Dorothy Woodworth, Friends/Relatives of Leonard Mitchell*Nancy Alice Carbary, Mother of Maggie Sayles*Christine Tejkl*Dan Schwark, Relative/Friend of Joe Tejkl*Allen Smith, Nephew of Pat Brown*Haven S. King, Niece of Barb Wright*Chasidy Martin, Niece of Doug & Char Angell*Susan Hulburt*James Lester*Kinzley Dawn Hulburt*Tom Hulburt*Alexander Augustine, Friend/Relative of Nita Hughes*Katie Florian*Mary Hughly*Theresa Arnold*Jason Miller*Taylor Nixon, Friend/Relative of RoseMarie Thering* Ron & Denise Pohl, Sister & Brother-in-Law of Donna Judd*Janice Smith*Hugh Smith*Tammy Smith*Richard Smith*Brenda Seeley*Betty Ann Fulgaro*Chris Bozong*Allysson Castonguay, Friend/Relative of The Smith Family*Randy & Karen Evans*Diane Mead, Friend/Relative of Ron & Joanne Evans*Joe Eiseler, Grandson of Jim & Joy Eiseler*Pam Morgan*Tony Mullen, Brother-in-Law of Marina Easterbrook*Joe Tejkl*Nancy Brown*Aggie Cassidy*Dennis Lee*Ron, Charlene & John Ginther*Tuffy Wolfrom*Russ Mallery, Relative of Tom & Michelle Hatta*John VanGeertruy*Mike Adanec, Friend of Paul & Linda Pung*Melissa Harden*Denise Elliott*Mark Meyers, Grandson of Barb Groom,*Tom Grettenberger*Richard Nall, Brother of Carol Theile*Irene Medina*David Grant, Friend of Theile's**



Feast of the Holy Family

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, which is the consequence of the Incarnation of Christ. After the marriage of Joseph and Mary they are a married couple, by the birth of Christ, they become a family. I think we are tempted to see the Holy Family as disconnected from reality to a certain degree - in that they were so holy and had the Son of God in their midst they wouldn't understand our imperfect lives. Let's stop for a moment and think about that and reconsider how we view them and how much we could gain by their intercession and by following their example. Remember that they began life as a fairly poor family, in a town where neither of them had grown up. While Joseph's family was from there and he likely had some relatives there - how close would they have been? Let us remember that the Christ child was born in a stable because there was no room for Him anywhere else, so we can take that possibly as a hint of how close they were not. The uncertainty in regard to their future, their lack of financial resources, the knowledge that their own political leaders not only do not have their interests at heart but also desire to murder their child, all the hardships and difficulties. Many of those concerns are shared by us today in our uncertain world, the problems we face now or are maybe afraid of facing later. How do we deal with the anxieties and worries?

Most often I think we deal with them by either falling into inordinate worry or believing that I can solve everything on my own in spite of the knowledge that there are many things beyond my ability and how often that has not panned out in the past. The Holy Family show us a different option - cooperation with God. They do not sit back and expect everything to be done for them or every hardship to be removed from their lives, they used their abilities and talents during the different times by creating a home in multiple places, working in multiple places, making do

with whatever local foods they had available, learning to do without the support of family or friends and sometimes being alone in their troubles. They cooperated and trusted God in all these things and give us the example of the way to deal with things. In our culture that can be extremely self-absorbed and very afraid - our birth control culture - where everything is doubted and there is such a distrust in God. We feel we have to do whatever we can do to secure our own future **because *God might not take care of me, He might not provide for me and my family and children***, so I better do all I can to avoid putting my plans at risk. And here we have how the devil entraps so many - fear compounded by distrust of God. It worked when pharaoh of the Old Testament ordered the killing of the Hebrew boys, it worked when Herod ordered the massacre of the children in Bethlehem, it worked when the crowd shouted for Barabbas the murderer instead of Christ the Life on that Good Friday. It works every time I choose sin over good, when I choose to try and find a way to avoid the consequences of my actions rather than changing my life and fulfilling actions that are in harmony with God's will and laws. Look at the massive worldwide industries that have grown from the desire to avoid the consequences of one's actions and how those places that try and help us avoid the actions themselves have shrunk, that is particularly visible in how many people no longer practice the faith and in how many families have broken down.

So, we see there are many things we have to take into account on this Holy Family Sunday, the number one thing though is - How can I and my family grow in our trust of God? That is the question and trying to live that trust to a fuller degree is the secret of happiness and peace. The Holy Family proves that point and calls us to imitate them in their fulfillment of it.

God love you, Fr. Anthony



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mondays—7:30 pm—“Zoom” online Rosary
 Thurs—Jan 4—9:00 am—Quilting Ministry—Holy Fam
 Jan 13—TMIY Resumes —7:30 —9am—Holy Family
 Jan 21—Pancake Breakfast—After Mass—St. Isidore

NOTICE - Holy Family

No Coffee & Donuts this week: Dec 30/31



2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new offertory envelopes are out and ready to be picked up. Holy Family—church hall. St. Isidore—Entryway. If you have had envelopes in the past and they are not there, or if you have never had envelopes and would like them, please contact the office. If you use the online offertory, please pick up your envelopes for the special collection envelopes that are inside the boxed sets.

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:
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Jan. 10 —Business Meeting—7:00 pm
 Jan. 21—Pancake Breakfast

Knight of the Month: Fr. Anthony Brooks
Family of the Year: Gary & Diana Hurst



We are sad to announce the retirement of Sue Ladisky from Holy Family's janitor. We are grateful for all the time she has spent taking care of our parish. On that note we are looking for a replacement. Anyone interested in the job please contact the office. The hours are somewhat flexible; weekly cleaning of the church, sacristy, hall, kitchen and bathrooms. Cleaning of classrooms and windows occasionally. Sue would be able help with on the job training.

Christmas Flowers In Memory or Honor of

Collene Smith
 Pat D. Schiffer
 Ginther/Earley Families
 Deceased Family & Friends
 Dan Gerger
 Bill Duso
 Rose Rodriguez
 Deceased Family Bolton
 Deceased Family Chapko
 Patrick Bisson
 Anna Carr
 Earl H. Horning
 Pamela S. Garza-Horning
 Napoleon Martinez
 Aurora Martinez
 Shipley Family
 Horsley Family
 Tony & Mary Sinicropi
 James Micka
 Terry Watson



Carol Watson
 Joe Micka
 Hilda Micka
 Arthur & Margaret Kelley
 Paul & Laura Darling
 Bernie Mitchell
 Skip & Joyce Russell
 Pat Latz
 Margaret Zimmer
 Leo Zimmer
 Jay & Jane Bonk
 Gordon & Evelyn Vanitvelt
 James Brooks
 Timothy Brooks
 Lousie Hadden
 Zemeik Family
 Janina & Jonas
 Daniel James Leathers
 Bob & Agnes Arthur
 Michael Balcarcel



Donald Miersen
 Dorothy Miersen
 Frances Coccia
 Salvatore Coccia
 Ray & Mary Mapes
 Carolyn Platte
 Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Kiel
 Kate, Norm, & Mike Wurm
 Garold Barnum
 Larry Mallory
 Charles & Dorothy Kendal
 Chuck Spiess
 Frank & Mary Kral
 Frank Kral, Jr.
 Joe & Marilyn Galecka
 Becky Scollon Butts
 Jan Weimer
 Max Delaney
 Harold Hurst

Ed & Dawn Wrobel
 Harry & Rita Ziola
 John & Betty Ziola
 John & Mary Ladiski
 Charlie Ziola
 Agnes Andres
 Al & Vicky Gialanella
 Christine Mohlman
 Joseph & Bernice Caudy

