

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MARCH 24, 2024



Today's Readings: Mk 11:1-10 (37B) Is 50:4-7 (38ABC) Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-77 Mk 14:1-15:47

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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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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 — Mar 23 —(5:30 PM) † John Wood by the George Family

Palm Sunday — Mar 24 —(9:00 AM) † Clif Tobias by Shirley & Family

Wednesday— Mar 27 — (6:30 PM) Living & Deceased Members of the Earley & Ginther Families

Holy Thursday — Mar 28— **No Mass**

Good Friday —Mar 29—(3:00 PM) Liturgy followed by Stations of the Cross ,1st Day Divine Mercy Novena & Confessions

Holy Saturday — Mar 30 —(**8:45 PM**) For Those Entering the Church

Easter Sunday — Mar 31 —(9:00 AM) † Harold Hurst by the Family

HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday— Mar 23 — (4:00 PM) † Skip & Joyce Russell 15th Anniversary by Leonard & Family

Palm Sunday— Mar 24 —(11:00 AM) † Ed Ladiski by Mike & Barb Chapko

Tuesday — Mar 26 —(12:10 PM) † Mark Zbikowski by Ziegler Family

Holy Thurs—Mar 28 —(6:30 PM) † M/M Timothy & Yvonne Porta by the Porta Family

Good Friday—Mar 29 (Noon) Liturgy followed by Stations of the Cross, 1st Day Divine Mercy Novena & Confessions

Holy Saturday— Mar 30 — **No Mass**

Easter Sunday— Mar 31 —(11:00 AM) All Families of our Parish



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
- Andie Ostrander—Navy
- Patrick Schiffer—Air Force
- Kelly Brown—Navy
- Sergeant Jared Mersino—Army
- Donald Thelen—Army



WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Mar 16 & 17, 2024

St. Isidore Offertory- \$3,120

Holy Family Offertory - \$2,513

Online Offertory - \$1,570

TOTAL: - \$7,203

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*Shannon Strobel*Richard Hutchings*Phyllis Hart*Lana Miersen*Jim Mosley*Isabelle Welsey*Stan Beherns*Olivia Klein*Janet Arthur*Mercedes, Eric & Baby Chris Martinez*Jane Timlick*Dale Trierweiler* Mike & Theresa Hegg*Baby Owen Ulicki*Gregory Acker, Brother of Angela Michels*Napoleon Martinez, 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 Henning*Vince Minarik*Tim Minarik*Dorothy Woodworth*Ken Latz, Friends/Relatives of Leonard Mitchell*Nancy Alice Carbarry, Mother of Maggie Sayles*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*Jamie Lester, 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 Bozung*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*Nancy Brown*Aggie Cassidy*Dennis Lee*Ron, Charlene & John Ginther*Tuffy Wolfrom*Russ Mallery, Relative of Tom & Michelle Hatta*Mike Adanec, Friend of Paul & Linda Pung*Melissa Harden*Denise Elliott*Mark Meyers, Grandson of Barb Groom,*Tom Grettenberger*Irene Medina*Nancy Kienitz*Mike Chapko*Gary Lundquist*Wendy, Daughter of Linda Smith*Jacob Stoneman*Kris Hood*Bill Dennis*Maddie Jones, Daughter of Eric & Melissa*Judy Eyde*Beverly Adcock, Relative of Mary Shaw*Dale & Janet Coggins, Relatives of Easterbrooks**

Notes from Fr. Anthony

I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation for your prayers this last week when I was sick. The fact that I was able to recover so quickly shows the power of prayer, as I have not felt that poorly in a long time yet was able to get back so soon. Thank you for all your care and concern, it means much to me and I am grateful for all of you.

For this week's bulletin, I am reprinting this article I authored a few years back to help remind everyone of the history of covering images and crucifixes in the Church.

God love you, *Fr. Anthony*

Professor Marvel

PAY NO ATTENTION TO THE MAN BEHIND THE CURTAIN! This is one of my favorite lines from the movie *The Wizard of Oz*. Anyone who spends time in my presence on a semi-regular basis has heard me use this line. It is one of my favorites and as we know, this doesn't have much bearing on the world at large. Now that the random, semi-useful knowledge has been offered, we move on to the subject for today: **The veiling of crucifixes, statues and images on the 5th Sunday of Lent - traditionally known as Passion Sunday and the beginning of Passiontide.**

The reason for veiling of the crucifixes, images and statues is not so that we pretend they are not there or not pay attention to them; it has a connection to history and the liturgy. The history of veiling goes back many centuries and there are more than a few theories as to where and when it came into being and we will look at the main ones.

One theory is that it began in Germany in or around the 9th century and was called a "*hunger cloth*", which covered the entire altar area with only a small opening in the middle. It was hung during the entire Lenten season and was connected with the ritual of expelling public penitents from the church until Easter and was removed on Wednesday of Holy Week when the gospel was read. The gospel was the passion accord-

ing to St. John and at the words "*the veil of the temple was rent in two*" the veil was removed. The statues or images were not veiled.

Another theory is that it is Gallican in origin dating to before the 7th century and was not connected with public penance - but with Lent - and statues, crucifixes and images were covered.

In the 17th century Bishops' Ceremonial the practice of veiling crucifixes, statues and images is listed as something done during Lent.

Now the next theory (to which I subscribe - .02 cents please) is that the practice of veiling the crucifixes, statues and images dates back to before the 5th century and was begun in the papal chapel in the Vatican. The veiling took place on the 5th Sunday of Lent (**Passion Sunday**) and occurred during the liturgy when the deacon of Mass chanted the concluding words of Passion Sunday's gospel from John 8:59 "*Jesus hid himself and went out of the Temple*". This Gospel was removed from use during Lent in the new form of the Mass; however the traditional form of the Mass has still kept it on the 5th Sunday of Lent. After the second Vatican Council there was an attempt to downplay the passion centered spirituality and there were those who attempted to even push a ban on veiling, which thankfully did not happen, but this is why it is not done in some places. After a closer look we see how the veiling is intimately connected with the liturgy itself in a very visible and physical way. On a theological level it is joined to the understanding of the Passion and the fact that our Lord sacrificed Himself on a cross for our salvation and the fruit of the sacrifice was and is the impetus and source of eternal life for the saints, the Church and hopefully ourselves; the fact that He was rejected by His own and His Divinity was and is still denied by so many. And during Passiontide we are called to reflect more deeply on the physical and spiritual journey of our Savior during those last weeks that concluded with a crucifixion and resurrection. The fruit which makes sinners saints and the dead live.

Holy Thursday— March 28— 6:30 pm—Holy Family—Followed by Adoration (No Mass at St. Isidore)

Good Friday—March 29

Noon—Holy Family—Followed by Stations of the Cross, 1st Day of the Divine Mercy Novena & Confessions

3:00 pm—St. Isidore—Followed by Stations of the Cross, 1st Day of the Divine Mercy Novena & Confessions

Easter Vigil—March 30

Easter Sunday—March 31

No Mass—Holy Family

9:00 am—St. Isidore

8:45 pm—St. Isidore

11:00 am—Holy Family

*Easter Triduum
Schedule*

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mondays—7:30 pm—“Zoom” online Rosary
Mar 28 —NO Quilting Ministry
Mar 30—TMIY—7:30—9 am—Holy Family

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



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This years combined goal is \$39,720. Please put your DSA envelopes into the offertory baskets during the offertory collection. **Checks payable to either parish NOT the diocese.** Informational brochures and envelopes are available in the church entryways.

Thanks to your generosity , so far, we have had \$27,600 in pledges.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



April 12 —Business Meeting—7:00 pm

Knight of the Month: Doug Morrill

Family of the Month: Oliver & Charlan Washington

NO COFFEE & DONUTS

HOLY FAMILY

Easter Weekend

March 30 & 31



QUILTING QUIPS. . .

In preparation for Easter, the wonderful quilters will NOT meet on March 28th. Have a Blessed Easter and see you on April 4th.



We have a Senior Citizen in need of a ride to Sunday Mass at St. Isidore. She lives in town with her daughter who works on Sunday. If you are willing to transport her, call Deacon John at 651-6685 for details.



PALM SUNDAY



Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe for our Country

It was during an age much like our own when Our Lady first appeared to Saint Juan Diego some 500 years ago. Again, we are contending with disease, war, and deep spiritual confusion. Again, many poor souls are tempted to fear that all hope is lost.

But Our Lord has not called us to fear. No matter the darkness of our age, men and women of faith are not without the truth and love of Christ, nor the faithful care of His mother. Through Saint Juan Diego's humble and courageous cooperation with grace, Our Lady's intercession transformed the world and brought millions of souls to Christ. It is this same maternal care and protection that we seek today—a care and protection that she will grant us, should we earnestly ask for it.

Our Lady has not forgotten her children: her care for us is as strong today as it was 500 years ago.

There is real, miraculous, and transformative peace in the protection of Mary's Mantle. To this end, Cardinal Burke is calling upon all Catholics to join him in a significant Novena seeking Our Lady's

intercession. Those who sign up to accompany the Cardinal in this urgent effort can expect short video reflections from His Eminence each month, in addition to regular written reflections and prayers. The novena ends on December 12th, 2024, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. You can find more information and daily reflections on the website: <https://novena.cardinalburke.com>

Please join me, as your pastor, and millions of other Catholics praying for our country which is in the thick of the battle of good and evil, morality and immorality, to go toward God or away from God and for the respect and protection of the family and the innocent, in particular the unborn. Will we fight to be one nation under God? Or will we let ourselves become a nation gone under?

Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and of the unborn, pray for us!



The novena prayer, to be said everyday:

O Virgin Mother of God, we fly to your protection and beg your intercession against the darkness and sin which ever more envelop the world and menace the Church. Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, gave you to us as our mother as He died on the Cross for our salvation. So too, in 1531, when darkness and sin beset us, He sent you, as Our Lady of Guadalupe, on Tepeyac to lead us to Him Who alone is our light and our salvation.

Through your apparitions on Tepeyac and your abiding presence with us on the miraculous mantle of your messenger, Saint Juan Diego, millions of souls converted to faith in your Divine Son. Through this novena and our consecration to you, we humbly implore your intercession for our daily conversion of life to Him and the conversion of millions more who do not yet believe in Him. In our homes and in our nation, lead us to Him Who alone wins the victory over sin and darkness in us and in the world.

Unite our hearts to your Immaculate Heart so that they may find their true and lasting home in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Ever guide us along the pilgrimage of life to our eternal home with Him. So may our hearts, one with yours, always trust in God's promise of salvation, in His never-failing mercy toward all who turn to Him with a humble and contrite heart. Through this novena and our consecration to you, O Virgin of Guadalupe, lead all souls in America and throughout the world to your Divine Son in Whose name we pray. **Amen.**