

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

## JANUARY 4, 2026



*O, COME,  
LET US ADORE HIM,*

*CHRIST, THE LORD!*

**Today's Readings:** Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-6 Mt 2:1-12

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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://saintisidoreholyfamily.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**

Saturday — Jan 3— (5:30 PM) † Nancy Byrnes by Mary Lou Smith  
 Sunday — Jan 4—(9:00 AM) † Russ Jorae by Rick & Adam Curtis  
 Wednesday — Jan 7—(6:30 PM) † Gail Jorae by the Family  
 Thursday — Jan 8— (8:30 AM) † Sheila Doyle by the Family  
 Friday — Jan 9—(8:30 AM) † Thomas Grettenberger by Susan Canen  
 Saturday — Jan 10— (5:30 PM) † Keith Kienitz by Rob & Debbie Powell  
 Sunday — Jan 11 —(9:00 AM) † Michael McMonagle by Jim & Anita Leathers

**MASS SCHEDULE****FOR THIS WEEK****HOLY FAMILY, OVID**

Saturday — Jan 3— (4:00 PM) Special Intentions of Bob & Roni Vanitvelt  
 Sunday — Jan 4—(11:00 AM) † Sylvia McKay by Lisa Weber & Brenda Deliso  
 Tuesday — Jan 6— (12:10 PM) † Charles & † Marian Shipley by the Family  
 Thursday — Jan 8—(6:30 PM) People of the Parish  
 Saturday — Jan 10— (4:00 PM) Intentions of Msgr Lundsford by Sharon Walder  
 Sunday — Jan 11—(11:00 AM) † Blanche Woodbury by Scott & Ramona Smith

**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****Dec 27 & 28, 2025**

St. Isidore Offertory- \$3,745  
 Christmas: \$3,199

Holy Family Offertory - \$5,878  
 Christmas: 3,389

Online Offertory: 2,005

**TOTAL: - \$18,216**

**Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish .....**

*Names included should be parishioners, their relatives and friends.*

**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 contact the office to put names on the prayer list.

**Remember all of our service members in your prayers.**

Craig Henning	Tammy Smith	Kvalevog Family	Michelle Houska	Therese Bruso	Ken White
Ken Latz	Napoleon Martinez, Jr.	Dale Coggins	Lorie Mumby	Jim Thering	Dave Bitner
Pam Morgan	Gloria Costello	Michelle Hurst	June Leaf	Tuffy Wolfrom	Juile Wells
Dan Schwart	Chris Basgall	Usher Jackson	Nick & Lucinda Dunay	Nancy Kienitz	Linda Pung
Beverly Adcock	Elaine Stewart	Chuck Hazard	Joe Lorio	Judy Eyde	Pease Family
Olivia Klein	Margaret Lane	Jerome Smith	Marie Hurst	Doug Maki	
Jan Bozung	Tamera Bodine-Wilson	Jamie Lester	Cheryl Hurst	Ron, Charlene, John, Russ Ginther	
Rick Smith	Ernest Carr	Melissa Becker	Trenton Hurst	Steve Izdebski	
Hugh Smith	Shirley Kalocy	Gary Lundquist	Jeff Watson	Mike Balcom	
Jan Smith	Liz Miller	Mildred Tejkl	James Parros		

# Notes from Fr. Anthony .....

We have now been celebrating the Christmas season and the blessings and joys that come from the very fact that our God has decided to take on our human nature for a little over a week now. By celebrating the Nativity followed by the feast of the Holy Family and the solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, we now find ourselves celebrating the Epiphany of the Lord. The magi traveled many days in order to be able to see and adore the newborn king. We live in a time that although it has many of its own evils, we are able to find ourselves in the presence of that same king in the tabernacles of our churches. We do not have to travel weeks or hundreds of miles as the magi did. Our good God has made himself so very available to all who seek to find him. Instead of having to look to the sky for a star to show us where the Savior can be found, we simply have to enter the church and look for the red lamp burning continuously to show us - **here He dwells, with His people.** This very fact, that He dwells among us, outweighs any evil this world might throw at us and reminds us that no matter how great the devil's power might seem, Christ came to save us from Satan's power and to lead us back to the heavenly kingdom after we had gone astray. This is why we can sing "*O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant. Come and behold Him, born the King of angels.*"

A sincere and heartfelt note of gratitude to all of you for the Christmas cards and gifts. Every year I am reminded of how blessed I am to be here with you as your pastor. I continue to keep all of you in my prayers and know that not a day goes by when I don't bring to God in the silence of my personal prayers your struggles and crosses. May God continue to bless us in this beautiful season of Christmas and throughout the coming months

God love you,

*Fr. Anthony*



The Mitten Makers

are always in need of used sweaters.  
Clean out your closet and drop off any  
donations to either office

Thank you to all who bought gifts for the giving tree. Laingsburg helped 9 families with 125 gifts this year. Both churches had a great response to the Giving Tree project once again. Thank you for all your generosity in helping community members enjoy a Merry Christmas.



## QUILTING QUIPS. .

The race is over and  
the winner is. . . .

**YOU!**

Yes, you and you and everyone who made a purchase or contributed money to the Food Bank Bucket at the Christmas Store. This year, you raised \$1,737 to be split between the Elsie and Laingsburg Food Banks. It takes time, talent and generosity to make the Christmas Store a success each year. Thank you again. We look forward to having a Christmas Store again next year, but there will be some changes! Be sure to watch for more news in the coming months.

**God blesses the cheerful giver -- and everyone has blessed because of their generosity!**

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mondays—7:30 pm—“Zoom” online Rosary  
NO QUILTING—Jan. 1  
Jan 3—Blessing of Epiphany Water  
3:30 pm at Holy Family & 6:30 pm St. Isidore

## 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](mailto:marystevens@stisidorechurch.org)



### ***Stewardship for Saints and Scholars Update***

The Stewardship for Saints and Scholars campaign continues to make great progress across the Diocese of Lansing. Here at St. Isidore Holy Family, our parish has raised \$120,185 toward our goal of \$465,000.

If you haven't yet had the chance to submit your pledge card, please take a moment to prayerfully consider your gift and turn in your card. Every commitment brings us closer to strengthening our parish and supporting Catholic education, faith formation, and parish life.

Thank you for your generosity and support of St. Isidore Holy Family and the wider diocesan efforts.

**Make checks payable to:**

**Stewardship for Saints and Scholars**

**Do Not make check out to the parish.**

**Donating online:** [dioceseoflansing.org](http://dioceseoflansing.org)—click on *Stewardship for Saints & Scholars* icon.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #12044**

### **Upcoming Events:**

Jan 7—Business Meeting—7:00 pm

Jan 18—Pancake Breakfast



**Knight of the Month:** Brett Lundie

**Family of the Month:** Sharon & Bruce Gillespie

**To become a Knight, visit [kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join)**



Thank you to everyone who helped with the parish-wide Christmas Party. It was a huge success and a good time was had by all!

Special thanks to WINGS for organizing the party and for all of the decorating.

Thank you to the Knights for providing the beverages.

And a thank you to the following groups and individuals who contributed to the gift card raffle:

WINGS

Faith and Friends group

Barb and Gary Koonter

Kathy and Jeff Fowler

Rich and Carol Theile

Kathy Duso

Marjorie Amburgey

