

**PARISH SERVICE SCHEDULE**

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| <b>Saturday</b>       | <b>Nov. 30 - 4:00 pm</b>     |
| Lector                | Pat Elliott                  |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Pat Latz<br>Leonard Mitchell |
| Servers               | Elizabeth Chandler           |
| Usher Team            | Gary Hrncharik               |
| <b>Sunday</b>         | <b>Dec. 1 - 11:00 am</b>     |
| Lector                | Dave Raber                   |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Pam Morgan<br>Ginger Kusnier |
| Server                | Alexis Spitzley              |
| Usher Team            | Frank Quine                  |

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| <b>Saturday</b>       | <b>Dec. 7- 4:00 pm</b>            |
| Lector                | Cheryl Chandler                   |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Cindy Broome<br>Nancy Hughson     |
| Servers               | Bob McCue                         |
| Usher Team            | Gary Hrncharik                    |
| <b>Sunday</b>         | <b>Dec. 8 - 11:00 am</b>          |
| Lector                | Pam Morgan                        |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Ann Trieweiler<br>Dale Trieweiler |
| Server                | Skylar Spitzley                   |
| Usher Team            | Joe Tejkl                         |

**Counting Schedule**

Dec. 1 - Team #6  
Dec. 8 - Team #7

**Weekly Offertory Envelopes  
Nov. 23 & 24, 2019**

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| Adult (43) Envelopes | \$1,541  |
| Loose Collection     | \$362    |
| Total Offertory      | \$1,903s |



**First Sunday of Advent . . .**

Advent is our season to watch and wait. Perhaps it is fitting that December nights are so long—that gives us more time to keep vigil. But we should learn from the shrewd master of the house, who doesn't rely on the thief to drop a warning note with the time he plans to visit. Mos thieves are not so bold as to announce the appointed time to arrive,

No more does God announce the exact time of visitation to us. If there is one constant in recorded salvation history, it is that God, while being perfectly faithful to promises and to the divine character, still manages to surprise us, both in the timing and in the manner of arrival. Moses was amazed, the prophets from Samuel to Isaiah to Jeremiah were dismayed when they realized God had plans that were bearing fruit in their lives, and most of all, the people of Jesus' day had no expectation that the Messiah was about to appear—or were they ready to accept the Messiah who showed up. Saint Paul was certainly astounded and dismayed when he recognized God's presence. We should, therefore, really expect the unexpected. Let us not be surprised when God surprises us again. And the only way to expect God to show up when He comes, is to be always ready. This is our warning,

And that means, in turn, that our waiting and watching are not just sitting atop our tower, peering out into the darkness until the Christ returns. No, most of our waiting will be spent preparing, most of our watching involves learning what we must look for, so that when the Christ comes, we will be ready. For the Kingdom of Heaven is already among us for those with eyes to see. We must look for Christ's face in the guest, as St. Benedict teaches — but also in confreres, family members neighbors. More, to train and strengthen our eyes and our hearts, God can be recognized in the Scriptures and in prayer, as well as in the sacraments. Let us get busy.

—Father Boiface Muggli, OSB\*\*

\*\* In the past I have shared articles from my cousin's monastery, Assumption Abbey of North Dakota. I recently received a series of articles on Advent that I would like to share with you. I believe that they are good Advent lessons. Hope they help prepare you for the coming of Christ at Christmas. CJB

*Holy Family - St. Isidore Parish*



A merging Catholic Parish serving the Communities of Ovid, Elsie, and Laingsburg. Come join and worship with us.



**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
November 30 & December 1, 2019**

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**Parish Secretary:** Sharon Gillespie  
**Dir. Of Faith Formation:** Ginger Kusnier  
**RCIA, Altar Server, EM & Lector Training:** Vivian Durling  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays from 3 to 3:30 pm  
**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Contact Fr. Robert Bacik  
**Sacrament of Baptism:** Contact Deacon John Marsh  
**Parish Nurse:** Pat Latz **Director of Music:**

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Holy Family**  
Saturday: 4:00 pm  
Sunday: 11:00 am  
Tuesday: 12:10 pm

**St. Isidore**  
Saturday: 5:30 pm  
Sunday: 9:00 am  
Wednesday: 6:30 pm,  
Thursday & Friday: 8:30 am

Holydays: As Announced

Tuesday, 8 am to 3 pm

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Wednesday, 8 am to 3 pm  
Friday, 8 am to 3 pm

**Website:** www.stisidorechurch.org/hf/ - Bulletins posted weekly

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday - Nov. 30 - 4:00 pm**

† Dave & Irene LaPeer  
By the Family

**Sunday - Dec. 1 - 11:00 am**

† Mary Ann Hier  
By Ford & Lynn Hier

Monday - No Mass

**Funeral Mass - Dec. 3  
for Fr. Raymond Urbanek  
11:00 am**

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday - No Mass

Friday - No Mass

**Immaculate Conception of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Saturday - Dec. 7 - 4:00 pm**

† Sandra VanGeertruy  
By Dee Ritter

**Sunday - Dec. 8 - 11:00 am**

† Ray Bates  
By Gary & Barb Koonter

**PRAYERS FOR . . . . .**

.. those who long to be delivered from illness and pain especially: Fr. Ray, Pamela Morgan, Sylvia McKay, Sister Rosalyn Seda, OP (Sister of Joe Tejkl), Craig & Caren Henning (Nephew & Niece of Leonard Mitchell), Sharon & Deanna Darling, (Sister-in-Law & Niece of Art & Karen Kelley), Jennifer Feltman, Justin Cole, (nephew of Courtney & Andy Bates); Val Thelen, Connie Weller, Roberta Stanton, Shelby Porubsky, Mike Heeg, Charles Waddell Family, John Olinger, Beverly Delaney, Jeanne Alaga, Theresa Heeg, Randy Bowles (Son of Ellie Bowles), Sue Nethaway (Sister of Adrienne Bocek), Nick Dunay, Jeff Wason, Barb Rewerts, (Ginger Kusnier's Mother), Gene Schoendorf, Eileen Strickland (Friend of Rose-Marie Thering), Dale Kuenzli (Friend of Rose-Marie Thering), Mary Mapes (Mother of Mike Mapes), Jane McCallister, Blanche Woodbury, Vince Minarik (Son-in-Law of Leonard Mitchell), Robert Garcias, Maria Jones, Bob McCue

**IT WILL BE WITH DEEPEST SORROW** that we will say a final good-bye to Fr. Ray on **Tuesday, Dec. 3, at his funeral Mass at 11:00 AM.** Many of us have many memories of Fr. Ray and his time spent here at Holy Family. My most favorite and special memory of him is the homilies that he delivered at funerals. They always ended the same. So if you never had the opportunity to hear it— here is a condensed version of that ending. . . “For the older folks, you may remember a comedian by the name of George Burns. He was asked after his wife, Gracie, passed away if he missed her. He replied, yes, I miss her. But I still talk to her every day—I tell her about people I meet, a new joke I heard, what I plan on doing. And then I get up and go about my day. Because that is what she would want.” So I am asking you to remember Fr. Ray in the days to come, tell others about him and how he touched your life, and then you must get up and get on with your life — that is what Fr. Ray would want from all us. Yes we will miss him, but honor him in the best way possible by sharing what you learned from him with others, God Speed Fr. Ray, rest in peace. CJB

**Mark your calendars with the following events. . . .**

~Sunday - Dec. 1 - Confirmation Class - 9:30 am before Mass

~Tuesdays - AA Meeting - 7 pm - Church Hall

~Wednesday - Dec. 4- REF Classes - 6:00 - 7:00 pm

~Thursday - Dec. 5 - Quilting Ministry

~Monday - Dec. 9 - Movie Night - **CANCELLED** - (Moved to Jan 6th)

~Wednesday - Dec. 11- REF Classes - 6:00 - 7:00 pm

~Thursday - Dec. 12 - Quilting Ministry **CANCELLED -(Mass at St. Isidore)**

~Thursday - Dec. 12 - Christmas Mass & Potluck - 11:00 am- at St. Isidore's

~Sunday - Dec. 15 - Confirmation Class - 9:30 am before Mass

**EVENTS CANCELLED**

**NO QUILTING Dec. 12** —instead please make plans to attend Mass & the luncheon on St. Isidore's. Mass is at 11:00 with lunch to follow, Quilting will resume on the next Thursday, usual time.

**NO MOVIE NIGHT** — December Movie has been cancelled due to Fr. Ray's services. We'll show the movie in January—hope to see you then!

**CHRISTMAS POTLUCK LUNCHEON**  
At St. Isidore's  
Dec. 12th, Thursday  
Mass at 11:30 am  
Followed by Luncheon  
More Details to follow

**RETIREMENT FOR RELIGIOUS** collection will be next weekend, December 7 & 8. Envelopes are in the weekly offertory boxed sets.

**GIVING TREE** is up and ready for you to take a tag and help make Christmas a little brighter for someone else.



All gifts need to be donated by **December 15th.**

Thank you in advance for your generous support!

Fr. Raymond Urbanek  
**Visitation** at Holy Family Dec. 2 -2 - 8 pm  
**Rosary** Dec. 2 - 7:30 pm  
**Mass of Christian Burial** at Holy Family  
Dec. 3 - 11:00 am  
**Luncheon** immediately following Mass

