

**PARISH SERVICE SCHEDULE**

**Saturday Dec. 7- 4:00 pm**  
 Lector Cheryl Chandler  
 Eucharistic Ministers Cindy Broome  
 Nancy Hughson  
 Servers Bob McCue  
 Usher Team Gary Hrncharik

**Sunday Dec. 8 - 11:00 am**  
 Lector Pam Morgan  
 Eucharistic Ministers Ann Trieweiler  
 Dale Trieweiler  
 Server Skylar Spitzley  
 Usher Team Joe Tejkl

**Saturday Dec. 14- 4:00 pm**  
 Lector Renee Cooper  
 Eucharistic Ministers Pat Latz  
 Leonard Mitchell  
 Servers Alex Houska  
 Usher Team Gary Hrncharik

**Sunday Dec. 15 - 11:00 am**  
 Lector Elaine Bartholic  
 Eucharistic Ministers Sue Ladisky  
 Ed Ladiski  
 Server Kellan Garcia / Izzy Loynes  
 Usher Team Paul Pung

**Counting Schedule**  
 Dec. 8 - Team #7  
 Dec. 15 - Team #8

**Weekly Offertory Envelopes  
 Nov. 30 & Dec. 1, 2019**

Adult (53) Envelopes	\$1,867
Loose Collection	\$343
Total Offertory	\$2,210



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT...**

God surprises us many times over the course of a day. Often God's graces are manifested to us in simple, small and, maybe, unnoticed ways. The challenge is to open our eyes and ears to that which we have been given; to truly see and experience the wonders and beauty of God,.'

In our first reading from Isaiah we are told that life will somehow spring from a seemingly dead stump, This bud will do all sorts of exceptional things: will have a spirit of wisdom and strength, will be filled with justice and faithfulness. This is followed by the wonderful image of the child playing with the lion and the cobra and that the "earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord" In this season of Advent, we know that Isaiah is telling us that Jesus is coming!

Of course, this was written with the prophecy of hope; that these events will truly happen by the actions of God. St. Paul, in his Letter to the Romans, tells us that what was written is for our instruction; that we will retain the hope that the Christ will truly come and be in our midst as was promised to the prophets.

In the gospel of Matthew, we are given the gritty and sublime teaching of John the Baptists to the people of Israel. John is asking us to open our eyes to see who is coming to redeem us. Yet as part of this preparation for the coming of the Christ we are also to prepare ourselves. We are told to repent and turn around our lives from our self-centered and petty sins. Only by putting ourselves out of our typical lives will we have the chance to really see Christ.

So, the readings today give us great joy and hope in Christ who is to come for our salvation. We are to use this joy and comfort to then change how we are living and seeing God and others. By turning around our lives we will truly be living in the faith and promise that has been foretold.

—Brother Michael Taffe, OSB\*\*

\*\*from Partners in Prayers, Assumption Abbey of Richardton, ND

*Holy Family - St. Isidore Parish*



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



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
 December 7 & 8, 2019**

**Rev. Robert Bacik, Pastor -frbob@stisidorechurch.org**  
**Deacon John Marsh**

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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:**

<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>St. Isidore</b>
Saturday: 4:00 pm	Saturday: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 11:00 am	Sunday: 9:00 am
Tuesday: 12:10 pm	Wednesday: 6:30 pm,
	Thursday & Friday: 8:30 am

Holydays: As Announced

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Tuesday, 8 am to 3 pm  
 Wednesday, 8 am to 3 pm  
 Friday, 8 am to 3 pm  
**Website:** www.stisidorechurch.org/hf/ - Bulletins posted weekly

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**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

Monday - No Mass

**Tuesday - Dec. 10 - 12:10 pm**

† Charolette Csapos  
By Kim & Cindy Fruchey

Wednesday - No Mass

Thurs. -**Mass at St. Isidore-11:00 am**

Friday - No Mass

**Saturday - Dec. 14 - 4:00 pm**

† Joe Thering  
By the Family

**Sunday - Dec. 15 - 11:00 am**

† Deceased Members of the  
VanGeertruy Family  
By Their Children

**PRAYERS FOR . . . . .**

.. those who long to be delivered from illness and pain especially: 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

*Remember all who are serving in the military or who have served!*

This past Tuesday, we said a final good-bye to our pastor, friend, and special person, Fr. Ray Urbanek. May these words help us all in the coming weeks. . .  
*"If ever there's a tomorrow when we're not together. . . there is something you must always remember. You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think. But the most important thing is, even if we're apart. . . I'll always be with you."*  
*Winnie the Pooh*

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

- ~Monday - Dec. 9 - Movie Night - **CANCELLED** - (Moved to Jan 6th)
  - ~Tuesdays - AA Meeting - 7 pm - Church Hall
  - ~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
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- ~Sunday - Dec. 15 - Confirmation Class - 9:30 am before Mass
  - ~Wednesday - Dec. 18- REF Classes - 6:00 - 7:00 pm
  - ~Thursday - Dec. 19- Quilting Ministry - 9:00 am
  - ~Monday - Jan. 6 -Movie Night

**Annual Men's Retreat**

January 31 – February 2

St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

This year's theme:

River of Life: Flowing from our Baptism

Register:

517-669-8321 or [www.stfrancis.ws](http://www.stfrancis.ws)

Suggested Offering for Weekend: \$185

**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 this 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!

**SWEATSHIRT DRIVE**  
The Laingsburg Knights of Columbus and the Holy Cross Children's Services thank you for your generosity. 26 Sweatshirts were donated for Christmas gifts.