

JESUS SAID, "MY SHEEP HEAR  
MY VOICE; I KNOW THEM,  
AND THEY FOLLOW ME."

JOHN 10:27

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Today's passage from the Acts of the Apostles is one of several turning points in the self-understanding of the early Church. Paul evokes the image of "A light to the Gentiles." Some thought that Gentiles, non-Jews, were somehow marginal in God's eyes. The Gentiles in Paul's audience rejoice, because they now see that they are not "second class" members of God's family, but fully part of God's beloved people. The story continues by noting the resistance from those who enjoy "first class" status in the community, as inclusion of the Gentiles was perceived as a threat to their self-image and privilege.

The book of Acts continues to challenge today's societies, churches, and organizations. Luke's vision of God's family, united as equal heirs to the Kingdom of God, confronts our many barriers of wealth, race, gender, and much more. We are invited to give witness to this vision in our life together as the Church.

## WHITE ROBES

Our reading from the Book of Revelation presents the image of God's people before God's throne, wearing robes

that are washed white in the blood of the Lamb. A robe, especially when worn in God's presence, is meant to express the real truth about the person. A white robe indicates their purity. The washing in the blood of the Lamb (Jesus) suggests that the people have met much suffering, and in some manner, have participated in the suffering of Jesus.

These passages were written to a people experiencing great tribulations in living their faith. But the author of Revelation does not suggest that anyone should seek out suffering for its own sake. He does not make suffering somehow a necessary entry pass for salvation. Our sufferings come from many sources, and suffering is a profound mystery. The image of washing in blood suggests that God is present within our suffering. God accompanies our suffering, leads us toward refreshment, and will wipe every tear from our eyes.

Today's Readings: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5;  
Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

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# Notes from Fr. Anthony ...



Two weeks in a row now I have prepared something for the parish paper and I am already imagining you are all tired of reading things from me. Anyways, this week we have seen a few startling pieces of news that deserve a closer look, one of which is the actual possibility for the supreme court to overturn Roe vs Wade. I find it puzzling that at the moment this came out, the news media and many politicians - who have been calling for weeks for aid for the families and children of the Ukraine and the refugees from there (which is a good thing), demanding that we hold Russia accountable for the loss of innocent life - immediately pivoted to talk about how this possibility of overturning Roe is the greatest threat to democracy and how much harm this would do and so on. In one night, that very same news media and many politicians went from calling for ***an end to war in order to save innocent lives to attacking and condemning a possible decision that may do just that*** - saving the most innocent, the unborn child. This is not in some war-torn wasteland or third world country, but in the *civilized* western world. The level of a society is determined by how it treats its most vulnerable. What kind of country do we desire to have? Is this good? Someday I will tell you about the times a few of us seminarians would go visit and spend time at an orphanage in Poland. It was one of those experiences of seeing those who in many cases were abandoned by their own families but were cared for and loved by others in their place. Never once did I hear those children talk of being regretful for being alive, even those among them who were severely disabled. So, the question arises: What difficulties justify the taking of defenseless human life? What criteria do we use to determine which lives are valuable? What limits does personal freedom have? And most importantly, what is in accord with the laws of God? We need to pray! To pray for the Supreme Court justices and for all people touched by this issue. That the hearts of all open to God and really make this world a better place for all to live in, *especially* the most innocent. That we remember as Abp. Fulton Sheen used to say, that ***life is worth living***.

Another thing we can do is try to be of assistance for those who are struggling, who may be tempted to turn to abortion. We need to be the support group that helps them to choose life and we need to be willing to support them through the process. To that end, if you know of someone - a mother or family who is struggling - be it a crisis pregnancy or some other issue, as a parish we are willing to help in whatever way we can. Also, I will be contacting a few pregnancy resource centers that help before but also after childbirth and asking them for lists of things they might need to help the young mothers and parents and will try to work out having a monthly list in the parish paper for those who wish to support these good initiatives.

All of us who can read this can do so because we are alive, something we owe in a particular way to our mothers, whose special day we celebrate today. They said yes to God in the awesome act of bringing new life into the world, of participating in the act of creation begun by God at the beginning of time. To bring anew the image and likeness of the Holy Trinity into the world, to bring childlike innocence and love once again into a world that becomes so very easily jaded. Our mothers are/were not perfect people, we know that, and some people sadly were not given the blessing of a loving mother for instance or had that relationship cut short in some way. This is a pain that is felt deeply. However, many of us were given both of those things and *all* of us were given life, so there is always something to be thankful for. To the mothers who are no longer on the earth, we send our thanks and prayers. To those who are with us, we extend our thanks and gratitude. While we may have been a cross sometimes and a struggle to bear, we might have caused you to give up on some of your own desires or dreams even - we are grateful to you and God, that you said yes to His calling to you. Happy Mother's Day! May God bless you and reward you.

God love you, **Fr. Anthony**

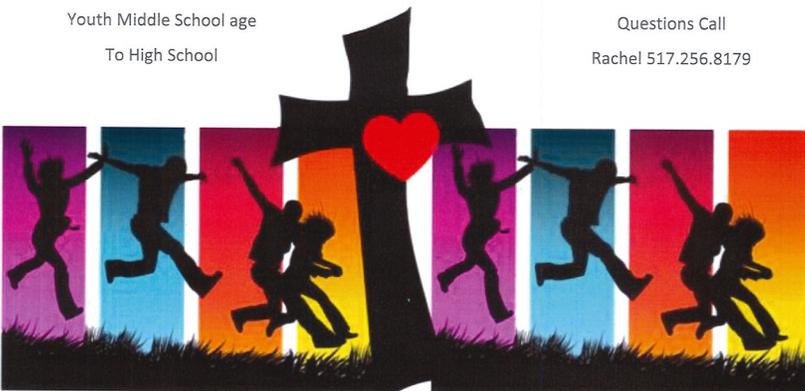
## May 14<sup>th</sup> Youth Group Meeting

At Holy Family Catholic Church Ovid

6-8 pm Bring a friend, Fun, Food, and games!

Youth Middle School age  
To High School

Questions Call  
Rachel 517.256.8179



HAPPY  
*Mother's Day*



Third announcement of the bans of marriage between Taylor Busse and Benjamin Price. If any of you know cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, ye are to declare it.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

May 9—6 –8 pm—Women’s Study Group at HF  
Thurs.—9:00 am—Quilting Ministry—Holy Family  
May 14—6-8 pm—Youth Group at Holy Family  
May 19 –1pm—WINGS meeting at St. Isidore

## Religious Education Formation—REF

Holy Family—9:50—10:50 am—Sundays  
St. Isidore—10:15—11:15 am—Sundays  
Questions: Email—  
marystevens@stisidorechurch.org



## WINGS MEETING

All women of the Parish, both worship sites, are invited to our next meeting of WINGS on Thursday May 19 at 1pm in the small hall. Our guest speaker will be Father Anthony, discussing the time that he spent in Poland. In honor of that, we will have a sampling of a few Polish food items.

For this event we are requesting RSVP to Marilyn VanAntwerp at [mky1006@gmail.com](mailto:mky1006@gmail.com) or at 517-651-6452. Hope to see many of you there.

If you would like, bring some plants or flowers from your garden, to be exchanged with someone else.



**All ladies of the parish who have helped in any way to make the life of others better— children, spouse, friends! Enjoy your day! Don't forget to get your flower given to you by the St. Isidore's Knights of Columbus!**

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

May 11—Business Meeting—7:00 PM  
May 15—Pancake Breakfast

**Knight of the Month:** Tom Mahoney  
**Family of the Month:** Jack & Julie Risch  
**Family of the Year:** Roger & Shirley Hughes

Would you like to help lead singing at a mass at St. Isidore? No experience necessary, only the love of music and a few good notes.

Melissa, Shirley and Maggie are happy to work with you for practice time, song list, and other support that may help you feel more comfortable.

Please contact Melissa Hinkley 517-242-2218, or Maggie Sayles 517-285-1530.



**DONUTS & COFFEE/JUICE** anyone? Would you like to see this fellowship brought back after week-end Masses at Holy Family? If you say yes - would you volunteer to be in charge of one week-end Mass (either Saturday or Sunday)? Duties would include getting donuts (or other dessert, ie cookies, pie, cake etc.) and juice, making the coffee, serving and cleaning up afterwards. If so, please call Andrew Braun at (269)35-3973 or Cindy Broome at (989)834-5793. If no answer, please leave a message with your name and number and they will get back to you with arrangements! Thanks for your volunteering!



## 2022 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

St. Isidore and Holy Family are now accepting applications for two unique scholarships:

**The Giffels Scholarship:** Open to parish members pursuing any advanced education or vocational or technical training schools. One or more scholarships will be awarded.

**The Knights of Columbus Scholarship:** Offers one \$1,000 scholarship to parish graduating seniors pursuing 2 & 4 year college education.

Criteria for applicants will include personal and family involvement in the parish, community service, financial need, and long term potential.

Please contact either parish office for the link (url) to the online applications. Printed applications are outside the St. Isidore office. **Deadline for submission is May 18th at 3:00 pm**

## ST. ISIDORE, LAINGSBURG

## MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday—May 7—(5:30 PM) † Leon Lundie, Sr. by the Lundie Children  
Sunday — May 8 —(9:00 AM) † Patrick McMonagle by Stephen & Pauline Thomas  
Wednesday— May 11— (6:30 PM) John J. Wood by the Family  
Thursday— May 12— (8:30 AM) Fr. Anthony 10th Anniversary to Priesthood by the Family  
Friday — May 13—(8:30 AM) Fr. Christopher Derda by Kathy Wood & Susan Canen  
Saturday—May 14—(5:30 PM) † Richard Santowski by Lee & Winnie Hendrickson  
Sunday — May 15 —(9:00 AM) First Communicants 2022

## HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday—May 7— (4:00 PM) † Connie Baily by Marsha Gould  
Sunday—May 8—11:00 AM) † Frank & Micky Chapko by their Children and Grandchildren  
Tuesday— May 10—(12:10 PM) † Dick Ehlert by Dale & Sue Ladisky  
Thursday - May 12 - (6:30 PM) Fr. Anthony 10th Anniversary to Priesthood by the Family  
Saturday—May 14— (4:00 PM) † Fr. Raymond Urbanek by Marian Horsley  
Sunday—May 15—11:00 AM) † Karen Quine by Frank, Meg, & Heather and Families

**PRAYERS: PLEASE PRAY FOR** Archie Schebester (Friend of Jesse Anguiano), Theresa Pickler (Friend of Jesse Anguiano), Pamela & Dan Morgan, Tori Martens, Tom & Mary Hughly (Friends of RoseMarie Thering), Janice Smith, Hugh Smith, Beth Ann Elliott (Daughter of Don & Denise), Clarence Dell, Craig & Caren Henning, (Nephew & Niece of Leonard Mitchell) Vince Minarik, (Son in Law of Leonard Mitchell), Terri Sue (Daughter-in-Law of Leonard Mitchell), Fr. Mathias Thelen, (Brother of Pam (Ryan) Fabus), Bonnie Ehlert, Gary Delaney (Nephew of Bev Delaney), Pat Spencer (Friend of Bev Delaney), Charles Oleniczak, Judith Bond, Sandy McPherson (Sister of Cooky Hawkins), Sharon Darling, Jim & John Ginther (Sons of Ron & Charlene), Ron & Charlene Ginther, Carlos Duncan (Cousin of Jesse Anguiano), Steve Butler, Sean Robinson, Chasidy Martin, (Niece of Doug & Char Angell), Jesse Loar (Great Grandson of Leonard Mitchell), Dawn Wrobel, Rosa Zamarripa, (Cousin of Jesse Anguiano), Taylor Nixon, (Friend of RoseMarie Thering), Bob Bunn (Nephew of Pat White), Kathy Latz, (Daughter in Law of Pat Latz), Star McCann (Niece of Marian Horsley & Nancy Shipley), Tom Hulburt (Son of Nita Hughes), Larry Miller, Diane Mead (Friend of Joanne Evans), Gary Hrncharik, Donna Fruchey, Nancy Byrnes, Nancy Alice Carbary (Mother of Maggie Sayles), Michelle Houska, Melvia Quine, Judy Kovarik (Mother of Bill Kovarik), Eddy Trevino, Bruce Chandler (Brother of Marti Rowley), Tammy Smith, Brenda Seeley & Betty Ann Fulgaro (Both friends of the Smith Family), Gregory Acker (Brother of Angela Michels), Michelle Dell, Shannon Strobel, Toni Doyle, Jase Ellsworth (Great-Grandson of Phyllis Hart), Mike Maki, (Friend of Robert & Mary Shaw), Mike Setera, (friend of Cindy Broome), Joe Rodriguez, Richard Hutchings, Yvonne O'Reilly, Sandy Dolinar (Sister of Cindy Broome), Phyllis Hart, Pam Hurst, Connie Chandler (Sister-in-law of Marti Rowley), Larry Earl

*Please contact the office to add or remove names from the prayer list.*

The family would like to thank you for the prayers during the recent illness and passing of Lucinda Shancez, (Aunt of Jesse Anguiano).



## ADORATION

**St. Isidore Church- Wednesdays**  
5:30—6:20 pm Adoration & Confessions  
6:30 pm Mass  
Adoration & Confessions Following Mass  
Until 7:45 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  
Aubrey Hurst—National Guard  
Christian Garza—Army  
Fr. Brandon Oman—Air Force  
LTC Nathan Cooley - USN  
MSGT Joshua Delaney - Air Force  
Alexandra Cultra - Navy  
Andie Ostrander—Navy (To add names, - contact the office.)  
Patrick Schiffer—Air Force

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY April 30 & May 1, 2022

St. Isidore Offertory- \$2,513  
Holy Family Offertory - \$4,368  
Online Offertory - \$1,450

**TOTAL: - \$8,331**