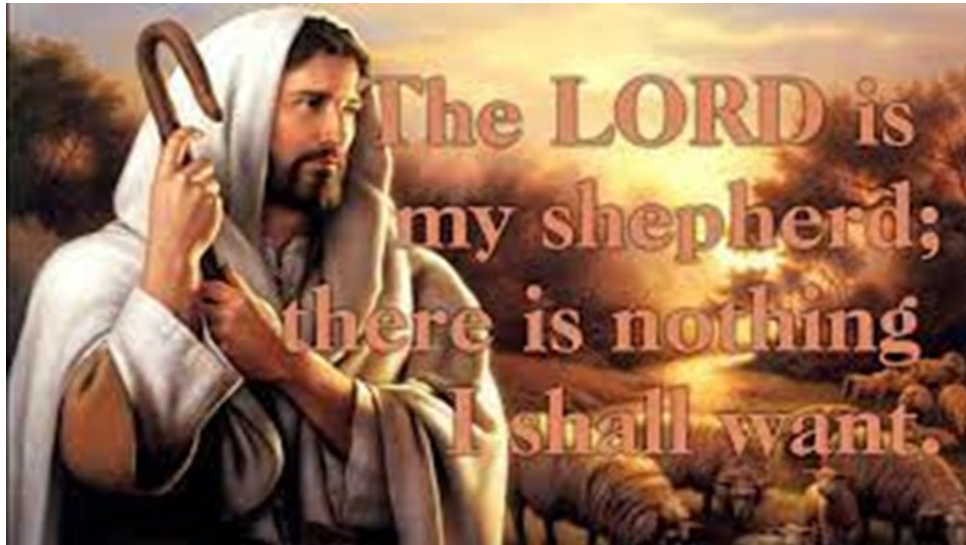


FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 19, 2023



Today's Readings: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,6, Eph 5:8 - 14, Jn 9:1 -41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

ST. ISIDORE CHURCH **Laingsburg, Michigan**

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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. 18—(5:30 PM) † Dawn Wrobel by Dawn's Niece Debbie Wrobel
 Sunday— Mar. 19 —(9:00 AM) † Bernard, Anna & Dan Hurst by the Family
 Wednesday— Mar. 22 — (6:30 PM) † Larry Mallory by the Family
 Thursday — Mar. 23 —(8:30 AM) People of the Parish
 Friday — Mar. 24 — (8:30 AM) Living & Deceased Members of the Coe Family
 Saturday—Mar. 25—(5:30 PM) † Cliff Tobias by Shirley and Family
 Sunday— Mar. 26 —(9:00 AM) † Kathryn Wurm by Helen Stelzer

HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday— Mar. 18 — (4:00 PM) † Helen Bartkowiak by the Family
 Sunday— Mar. 19—(11:00 AM) Burgess Family by the Lorio Family
 Tuesday —Mar. 21— (12:10 PM) Ross & Kelli Porter 25th Wedding Anniversary
 Thursday— Mar. 23— (6:30 PM) Ginther & Earley Families
 Saturday— Mar. 25 — (4:00 PM) In Gratitude by the Lorio
 Sunday— Mar. 26—(11:00 AM) † Ken Crawford by the Crawford Family

**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
 Alexandra Cultra - Navy
 Andie Ostrander—Navy
 Patrick Schiffer—Air Force
 Kelly Brown—Navy
 Sergeant Jared Mersino—Army



(To add names, - contact the office.)

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY
March 11 & 12, 2023**

St. Isidore Offertory- \$2,402
 Holy Family Offertory - \$2,937
 Online Offertory - \$1,420

TOTAL: - \$6,759



Please Pray for: Tori Martens*Charles Oleniczak*Judith Bond*Steve Butler*SeanRobinson*Gary Hrncharik*Donna Fruchey*Eddy Trevino*Shannon Strobel*Richard Hutchings*Phyllis Hart*Lana Miersen*Jim Mosley*Mike(Doc) O'Bryant*IsabelleWelsey*Don & DeniseElliott*Stan Beherns*Tristen Hening*Olivia Klein*RobertShaw*Patty VanLeiw*DeeBingham*Barb Wright*Judy Minarik*Janet Arthur*David Hager*Mercedes, Eric & Baby Chris Martinez*Antia Leathers*Zach Koonter*Bruce & Jane Timlick*Dale Trieweiler* Mike & Theresa Hegg*Frank Quine*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, Friends/Relatives of Bev Delaney*Shawn Pardee, Friend of Ginger Kusnier* Kathryn Okada, Friend of Porrell's*Jase Ellsworth, Great Grandson of Phyllis Hart* Antia Rios, Armando Anguiano, Juan Chapas, Archie Schebester, Friends/Relatives of Jesse Anguiano*Mark Sickler, Friend of Bachelor's* Craig & Caren Henning, Vince Minarik, Terri Sue, Friends/Relatives of Leonard Mitchell*Nancy Alice Carbarry, Mother of Maggie Sayles* Sean Palatka, Nephew of Joe Tejkl*Allen Smith, Nephew of Pat Brown* Haven S. King, Niece of Barb Wright*Chasidy Martin, Niece of Doug & Char Angell* Matthew Rios, James Lester, Friend/Relative of Nita Hughes* Katie Florian, Mary Hughly, Theresa Arnold, Adam Thering, Friends/Relatives of RoseMarie Thering* Ron & Denise Pohl, Sister & Brother-in-Law of Donna Judd*Janice Smith, Hugh Smith, Tammy Smith, Brenda Seeley, Betty Ann Fulgaro, Jodi Barber, Chris Bozung, Greg Smith, Friends/Relatives of The Smith Family*Randy Evans, Diane Mead, Friend/Relative of Ron & Joanne Evans* Dale & Lorraine Constine*Joe Eiseler, Grandson of Jim & Joy Eiseler

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

Notes from Fr. Anthony ...

A few weeks ago, we were informed that the company that up until now printed our bulletins was going out of business and they informed us that they placed many other accounts of parishes with other businesses, but that alas, ours did not make the cut. So we were left holding the proverbial bag and attempting to figure out how to move forward. Thankfully Sharon was willing to take on more work and suggested that we could do the bulletin at the parish level. And here we are. I ask everyone to please be patient as there will be changes in the way the bulletin looks and some mistakes here and there while we try to craft something that fits our needs and desires. With that being said, I think it also will be nice that it will be more personal, I guess you would say.

This week I would ask that we take a moment and give a deep look at our religious and spiritual lives. As we know, Lent is a time for penance. To turn away from sin and vice and turn back to God and truth. In reality, what has changed about our spiritual lives during Lent? Have we made an effort to get to confession or are we planning to do so in the near future? Are we spending more time in prayer as a family and a parish? Are we taking part in the Lenten devotions – in particular Stations of the Cross – and the Holy Mass? One of the most confusing things I find about us as people in general is that we all seem to have a desire to get to heaven – which is good: we want to spend eternity with God after we die – which would be ideal: yet we have such a difficult time spending time with Him here and now. There is always something else that seems to come up that pushes God and the sacraments and prayer off to the side. When we think about the fact that over the years and even in our own day, there are people who are literally putting their lives on the line to practice their faith. There have been millions over the years who did die for that, we call them martyrs. We seem to honor and respect them, however we have a much harder time desiring to imitate them in their commitment.

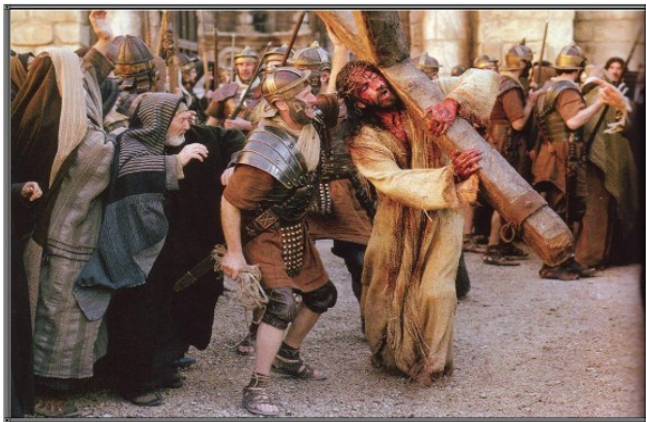
We will let many things get in the way of that time with God. Sometimes it is things that are unavoidable: illness, a necessity to be at one's job, taking care of someone and so on, but even in those times we could find a little time to spend with the God. Sometimes it is things that we could do something about: sports, relaxation, carelessness, intentionally working more than I really need and so on. Let's take for instance the Stations of the Cross on Friday – is that extra half an hour in the evening that difficult for me to give up for God? All those things – sports, rest, work etc. can be good, but they can't get us to heaven. They are additions to our lives, not the purpose or goal. There is time for all those things that are important *in addition* to the time *I need* for my God and perfecting my faith. At the end of it all, it boils down to the same temptation that the devil has used from the beginning. To only think about me, now. As if God would not have our best interests and ultimate good at heart. If we are being honest with ourselves, as we look around at this world and sometimes our own lives we can see how incredibly unhappy and anxious we can be. We see a world that is fearful and grasping at anything to try and get through it all except for the one thing that can get them through it – FAITH. It is faith that binds us to God. It is faith that helps us to build our house on solid ground where it will weather the storms and tempests. It is faith that keeps us focused on the light and not be swallowed up by the darkness. It is faith that allows us to use the things of this passing world properly, to be in the world but not of the world, to enjoy the good temporal things but not become mastered by them. It is faith that reminds me while life is short, eternity is forever and I have been invited by God to an eternity with Him. It is faith that allows me to respond to God's invitation. **Lord, increase my faith!**

God love you, Fr. Anthony

MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

Please join us this week (whether you've missed our first episodes or not). We will be watching episode 5, Jesus Carries the Cross. The Cross of Jesus Christ as a Christian symbol has been sanitized. Often we forget, the Cross was a Roman torture device, not simply to kill a man, but to make him suffer. Worse than the excruciating pain of the cross was the shame of the cross. They paraded Our Lord through the Via Dolorosa as a public spectacle. Our Lord takes our sin and shame upon His shoulders and he carries it up Calvary's hill. Jesus calls us into His very life and saving act through an invitation to take our crosses and unite them to His. Sacrificial love is the currency to save souls.

Please join us at either St. Isidore's on Sundays at 10:30 or on Mondays at Holy Family at 6:00 p.m. Bring a friend or two! Will you take an hour out of your week to learn about the sacrificial love that saved your soul?



DSA

Our 2023 goal will be St. Isidore combine with Holy Family—\$36,110.

We are VERY close to our goal, only short \$2,300. Soon the Diocese will send parishes the official numbers.

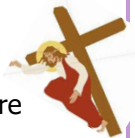
Thank you to all who have donated!



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross-6:30 pm / 5:30 pm Confessions
March 24—Holy Family
March 31—St. Isidore

Tentative Holy Week Schedule
Holy Thursday—April 6— 6:00 pm—St. Isidore
Good Friday—Noon—Holy Family
Good Friday—3:00 pm—St. Isidore
Easter Vigil—8:45 pm—Holy Family
Easter Sunday—9:00 am—St. Isidore
Easter Sunday—11:00 am—Holy Family



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Thurs.—9:00 am—Quilting Ministry—Holy Family
Mar. 19—Pancake Breakfast—St. Isidore
Mar. 19—10:30 am—Mysteries of Rosary—St. Isidore
Mar. 20—6:00 pm—Mysteries of Rosary—Holy Fam
Mar. 24—Stations of the Cross—6:30—Holy Family
Mar. 25—TMIY—Holy Family—7:30 am
Mar. 31—Fish Fry—4:30—7 pm—Holy Family

FISH FRY DATES— Holy Family



March 31
4:30 pm—7 pm
\$16—Adult
\$8 Kids—6—12
Kids 5 & Under— Free

GRATITUDE CORNER

We can all remember when we were young and heard the older generation talking about "young people today". It doesn't matter what generation we grew up in--our "elders" always shook their heads a bit. But we have some pretty extraordinary kids in our parish, and we'd like to acknowledge their contributions. In a parish family we need all ages to be active and participate in order to make the parish whole and vital. We are very grateful for the kids who choose to be a part of parish life here at St. Isidore-Holy Family.

Huge shout outs to the students who have helped with serving and cleaning at the Holy Family fish fry dinners, to the kids who have served as greeters handing out books before the Mass on Sundays, to the kids who help shovel sidewalks before Mass or helped spread mulch in the gardens when a huge load was delivered. We also have young people who help with child care for the moms group, who built the yellow food pantry & fill it regularly, assist in our religious education classes, make kits for the homeless and raise money or get supplies for various charities. We are not presuming to make an exhaustive list here. Please note that if your contribution isn't specifically mentioned, we are still grateful.

We would also like to thank Rachel Remenar for working with our Youth Group which formalizes some opportunities for our kids to participate. We love to have kids involved in multiple ministries, but if they are looking for a way to be involved, please reach out to Rachel about the Youth Group. And, we offer much appreciation to all the young people who bring the energy and excitement of youth into our parish family.

Remember to take the **Disciple Maker Index Survey**.
<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/gkx3ag>

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

March 19—Pancake Breakfast
April 12—Business Meeting—7:00 pm

Knight of the Month: Deacon John Marsh
Family of the Month: Mike, Ronni, Emma, Connor and Olivia Klein



MITTENS FOR THE HOMELESS

The mitten makers are winding down for the year but are always in need of donated sweaters and yarn. Any donations can be dropped off at either parish office.



Vacation Bible School—(VBS)

(St. Isidore-Holy Family joining St. Jude)
Free VBS—June 12—15 at St. Jude, Dewitt
8:30 am—Noon

Preschool—5th Grade

Show—June 15 @ Noon

PM Child Care—Noon—3:30 pm—\$35 per day

Register at: <https://stjudedewitt.com/>

Questions, contact Mary Stevens at

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