

# 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## AUGUST 13, 2023



### Today's Readings:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a

Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12. 13-14

Rom 9:1-5

Mt 14:22-33



### **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

### **HOLY FAMILY CHURCH** **Ovid, Michigan**

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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 — Aug 12 —(5:30 PM) † John Bartkowiak by the Family

Sunday — Aug 13 —(9:00 AM) † Pat Shaw by Janice Hurst

Tuesday—Aug 15—**Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary—(6:30 PM)** † Leon Lundie, Sr. by Lundie Children

Wednesday— Aug 16— (6:30 PM) People of the Parish

Thursday — Aug 17—(8:30 AM) † Marilyn Kiel by Jay &amp; Judy Ford

Friday — Aug 18 — (8:30 AM) † Greg Smith by the Smith Family

Saturday — Aug 19 —(5:30 PM) † Chris &amp; Kay Basgall 52nd Wedding Anniversary

Sunday — Aug 20 —(9:00 AM) † Nancy Byrnes by Gary &amp; Barb Koonter

**HOLY FAMILY, OVID**

Saturday— Aug 12— (4:00 PM) † Mitchell Wilcox by Richard &amp; Carol Theile

Sunday— Aug 13—(11:00 AM) † Dale Constine by Joe Tejkl

Mon—Aug 14 —**Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary—(6:30 PM)** † Jane Vondrasek by Frank & Melvia QuineTuesday — Aug 15— **Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary-(12:10 PM)** † Doug Angell by L. Mitchell Family

Thursday— Aug 17— (6:30 PM) † Fr. Raymond Urbanek by Dan &amp; Vickie Csapos

Saturday— Aug 19— (4:00 PM) † John Bartkowiak by the Family

Sunday— Aug 20—(11:00 AM) † Sylvia McKay by Dale &amp; Lorraine Constine

**ADORATION****St. Isidore Church- Wednesdays**

5:30—6:20 pm Adoration &amp; Confessions

6:30 pm Mass

Adoration &amp; Confessions Following Mass

Until 7:30 pm

**Holy Family—Thursdays**

5:30—6:20 pm Adoration &amp; 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  
Aug 5 & 6, 2023**

St. Isidore Offertory- \$3,378

Holy Family Offertory - \$3,443

Online Offertory - \$1,975

**TOTAL: - \$8,796**

**Please Pray for:** Tori Martens\*Charles Oleniczak\*Judith Bond\*Steve Butler\*Sean Robinson\*Gary Hrncharik\*Eddy Trevino\*Shannon Strobel\*Richard Hutchings\*Phyllis Hart\*Lana Miersen\*Jim Mosley\*Isabelle Welsey\*Stan Beherns\*Tristen Hening\*Olivia Klein\*Barb Wright\*Judy Minarik\*Janet Arthur\*David Hager\*Mercedes, Eric & Baby Chris Martinez\*Zach Koonter\*Jane Timlick\*Dale Trierweiler\* Mike & Theresa Hegg\*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, Friend/Relative of Bev Delaney\*Shawn Pardee, Friend of Ginger Kusnier\*Jase Ellsworth, Great Grandson of Phyllis Hart\*Antia Rios, Armando Anguiano, Juan Chapas\*Archie Schebester\*Dave Hilleker, Friend/Relative of Jesse Anguiano\*Mark Sickler, Nephew of Bachelder's\*Craig & Caren Henning\*Vince Minarik\*Terri Sue\*Tim Minarik\*Dorothy Woodworth, Friends/Relatives of Leonard Mitchell\*Nancy Alice Carbury, Mother of Maggie Sayles\*Christine Tejkl\*Sean Palatka, Relatives of Joe Tejkl\*Allen Smith, Nephew of Pat Brown\*Haven S. King, Niece of Barb Wright\*Chasidy Martin, Niece of Doug & Char Angell\*Susan Hulburt\*James Lester\*Kinzley Dawn Hulburt\*Tom Hulburt\*Alexander Augustine, Friend/Relative of Nita Hughes\*Katie Florian\*Mary Hughly\*Theresa Arnold\*Adam Thering\*Jason Miller Friend/Relative of RoseMarie Thering\* Ron & Denise Pohl, Sister & Brother-in-Law of Donna Judd\*Janice Smith\*Hugh Smith\*Tammy Smith\*Brenda Seeley\*Betty Ann Fulgaro\*Chris Bozung, Friend/Relative of The Smith Family\*Randy & Karen Evans\*Diane Mead, Friend/Relative of Ron & Joanne Evans\*Joe Eiseler, Grandson of Jim & Joy Eiseler\*Pam Morgan\*Melissa Hinkley\*Tony Mullen, Brother-in-Law of Marina Easterbrook\*Joe Tejkl\*Nancy Brown\*Don Negus, Son of Marianne Negus-Stein\*Aggie Cassidy\*Jesse Anguiano\*Dennis Lee\*Ron, Charlene & John Ginther\*Tuffy Wolfrom\*Joseph Caudy\*Kathryn Okada, Friend of Dave & Charlene Porrell\*Russ Malley, Relative of Tom & Michelle Hatta\*John VanGeertruy\*Mike Adanec, Friend of Paul & Linda Pung

# Notes from Fr. Anthony .....

## Anyone up for some more heresy?

This week we are going to look once again at the scriptures and the heresies already coming about in the early Church in the lives of the Apostles. This time we will be looking at the first named heresy and group of heretics pointed out directly by St. John in the Apocalypse – the Nicolaitans.

Christ, speaking to St. John points to the angel of the church in Pergamum, in the book of **Revelations 2, 14-15**: *“Yet I have a few things against you. You have some people there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who instructed Balak to put a stumbling block before the Israelites: to eat food sacrificed to idols and to play the harlot. Likewise, you also have some people who hold to the teaching of [the] Nicolaitans.”* If we take a look at the footnote in the Bible after that passage we find: *Like Balaam, the biblical prototype of the religious compromiser (cf. Nm 25:1-3; 31:16; 2 Pt 2:15; Jude 11), the Nicolaitans in Pergamum and Ephesus (Rev 2:6) accommodated their Christian faith to paganism. They abused the principle of liberty enunciated by Paul (1 Cor 9:19-23). These same types of groups are mentioned in the Second letter of Peter chapter 2 and in the Letter of Jude chapter 11. We find a similar situation in Revelation verses 18-20: *“To the angel of the church in Thyatira, write this: The Son of God, whose eyes are like a fiery flame and whose feet are like polished brass, says this: “I know your works, your love, faith, service, and endurance, and that your last works are greater than the first. Yet I hold this against you, that you tolerate the woman, Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, who teaches and misleads my servants to play the harlot and to eat food sacrificed to idols.”**

The Nicolaitans are a group we don't know much about, however there is the theory that it was started by one of the deacons ordained by the apostles and some of the Church fathers hold this view. While we are not certain about which Nicholas, we can assume it was started by a Nicholas as movements are often named after their founders and heresies later on are often named after the heretic that started them. Regardless, we see in both of these passages a similar accusation of the heresies and the sexual immorality that is part of them, along with the eating of foods sacrificed to idols.

St. Irenaeus, who lived in the second century, discusses them but adds nothing to the Apocalypse except that "they lead lives of unrestrained indulgence." (*Against Heresies* I.26.3 and III.11.1). What we find in our times that takes its roots from these things is the moral relativism that we see in our own Church and among many Christians in general. The attempt to justify everything with *“well MY God is loving and not concerned with those outer things, only with the heart”* as if those two parts of us are exclusive from each other. The idea that one can lead a life of *“unrestrained indulgence”*, as St. Irenaeus points out, and still somehow consider oneself a follower of Christ is self-defeating. The emphasis placed by the Apostles and early Church has always been that it is the inner and the outer matter, one's heart as well as one's actions and behaviors, even one's way of dressing is meant to reflect that one belongs to Christ. Moving forward, we will see how these first heresies really went on to become the basis for many of the later heresies and the issues we are seeing in our own time.

*God love you, Fr. Anthony*

## **O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

Are you interested in exploring further the teachings of the Catholic Church?

Do you know of a non-practicing Catholic who wishes to return to the Church?

Do you know of a person who is looking for a faith community and is interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith?

Are you a practicing Catholic who wants to know more about the Catholic teachings and increase your Faith?

Come and Join our OCIA inquiry sessions which will begin in September either at Holy Family in Ovid or St. Isidore in Laingsburg.

For more information please contact the OCIA coordinators at either parish ---- Roger & Shirley Hughes at St. Isidore or Vivian Durling at Holy Family or Deacon John Marsh --- this can be done by leaving a message with the office at either parish.

Come join us and become a more informed Catholic who can spread the Good News of the Catholic Church and its teachings!

## **ELSIE AREA FOOD PANTRY**

They are excited to announce that the Sparrow Mobile Unit will be visiting the Pantry on the first Tuesday of each month. The Unit will be there from 8 to 10:30 am. Sparrow is offering school physicals, blood pressure checks, general wellness checks, and more. During flu season, flu shots will be offered. Everything is **FREE!** **NO CHARGE!** Plan on taking advantage of this medical service at the Pantry.

There is a new sign at Holy Family about the Pantry. It lists suggested items for donations, hours of operation and more. It's easy to be a part of this ministry—and the rewards are heavenly!



Food  
Pantry  
Ministry



## **PARISH ACTIVITIES**

Sundays - 8:30 am - Rosary at St. Isidore  
Sundays - 10:30 am - Rosary at Holy Family  
Mondays—7:30 pm—“Zoom” online Rosary  
Thurs.—9:00 am—Quilting Ministry—Holy Family  
Aug 17—WINGS—1:30 pm—St. Isidore  
Aug 19-Youth Group Meeting at Ovid Modern Woodman  
Aug 20— 6:30 pm—Youth Group—St. Isidore  
Aug 26 -TMIY -7:30 am- 9am—Holy Family  
Aug 27—Noon—Annual Parish Picnic at Holy Family  
Sept. 9—Yard Sale—K of C -8-4 pm —St. Isidore

## **REF BEGINS.....**

**Holy Family—Sept 10 at 9:50 am**  
**St. Isidore—Sept 17 at 10:15 am**  
**Sign up now on our website:**  
**[www.stisidorechurch.org](http://www.stisidorechurch.org)**  
**More Info:**  
**[marystevens@stisidorechurch.org](mailto:marystevens@stisidorechurch.org)**

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Sept. 13 —Business Meeting—7:00 pm  
**Knight of the Month:** Ron Miersen  
**Family of the Month:** Steve & Mary Izdebski



## **WINGS [Women in God's Service] AUGUST MEETING**

*Mission Statement: The mission of WINGS is to build community among the women of our parish through spiritual, social, and charitable activities, with the help of The Blessed Virgin Mary as our patron and guide.*

WINGS will meet at 1:30pm on Thursday, August 17, 2023, in the St. Isidore Small Hall. For our spiritual activity, we will view *Little Red Wagon*, the story of 8-year-old Zach Bonner who used his beat-up toy wagon to collect water, food and clothing for families left homeless in 2004 by Hurricane Charley. For our charitable activity, we will collect school supplies for the Back to School Supply Drive. [See the Church Bulletin for suggestions.] Pizza, popcorn, and dessert will be served. All interested women of the parish are invited to attend.

### **Coming Attraction!**

At WINGS' September meeting, our special guest speaker will be Father Anthony, who will present a talk on "The 14 Holy Helpers." Save the date—September 21, 2023.

## **K of C Yard Sale**

Redecorating? Remodeling? Downsizing? Our Knights are still accepting donations for their upcoming yard sale. Leave donations on the marked tables in the large hall. If you need items picked up, contact Keith Kienitz 651-5957, Don Brown 517-290-4225, or Tom Mahoney 651-6638

## **YOUTH GROUP MEETING**

Aug 19—10 am—Noon  
At Modern Woodman in Ovid

We will be collecting *Back to School Items*, donuts and drinks will be provided. Anyone wishing to donate school supplies can leave them in the Yellow Food Pantry Box in the back of Holy Family Church, or drop them off at Modern Woodman on the 19th.

## **Parish Picnic**

As summer draws to a close, we would once again like to have our parish family reunion. The parish picnic will be August 27 from noon to 3:00 at Holy Family. We will have lunch for everyone provided by the parish. There will once again be a car show...please feel free to bring your pride & joy to the event for all to see. We'll have games for the adults and children. It's a great time for fellowship and fun. Please join us!



## **PILGRIMAGE TO BASILICA & NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION Sept. 19, 2023**

### **Two seats available!**

For more information contact Richard Theile 517-599-6113 or Carol Theile 989-395-0283.

## **Youth Group at St. Isidore**

We are starting a youth group at St. Isidore this year for all high school students. It will be student-run and organized. It should be super fun and YOU can be part of choosing how to make it that way. We'll meet on Sunday, August 20 at 6:30 at St. Isidore to start the planning process. If you have any questions, please contact Kaitlyn Kingsbury either at church or via email: [kitkat.kingsbury@gmail.com](mailto:kitkat.kingsbury@gmail.com). We'd love to see you there!