

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 12, 2023



Today's Readings: Wis 6:12—16 (154A) Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 1Thess 4:13-18 Mt 25:1 –13

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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

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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

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

ST. ISIDORE, LAINGSBURG

Saturday — Nov 11 —(5:30 PM) † Kenneth & Margaret Brink by the Eiseler Family

Sunday — Nov 12 (9:00 AM) † Maria Mercedes Mejia Brown by the Family

Wednesday— Nov 15— **(NO MASS)**

Thursday — Nov 16 —**(NO MASS)**

Friday — Nov 17 — **(NO MASS)**

Saturday — Nov 18 —(5:30 PM) † Jerry Barnum by Ann Barnum

Sunday — Nov 19 —(9:00 AM) † Nancy Byrnes by George & Paula Harris

HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday— Nov 11— (4:00 PM) † Joseph Caudy by Joe & Catherine Lorio

Sunday— Nov 12 —(11:00 AM) † Doris Kibby by Dan & Vickie Csapos

Tuesday — Nov 14 - **(NO MASS)**

Thursday—Nov 16—**(NO MASS)**

Saturday— Nov 18— (4:00 PM) † John Bartkowiak by the Family

Sunday— Nov 19 —(11:00 AM) In Thanksgiving by the Joe Lorio 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 Nov. 4 & 5, 2023

St. Isidore Offertory- \$2,974
Holy Family Offertory - \$4,086
Online Offertory - \$2,190
TOTAL: - \$9,250

ROSARY

Every Sunday Before Mass

8:30 St. Isidore — 10:30 Holy Family

Thurs. & Fri. 8:30 am—St. Isidore

1st Wed. of Month—St. Isidore

Rosary and Litany of St. Joseph after Mass



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*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 Hening*Vince Minarik*Terri Sue*Tim Minarik*Dorothy Woodworth, Friends/Relatives of Leonard Mitchell*Nancy Alice Carbary, Mother of Maggie Sayles*Christine Tejkl*Dan Schwark, Relative/Friend 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*Jason Miller*Taylor Nixon, Friend/Relative of RoseMarie Thering* Ron & Denise Pohl, Sister & Brother-in-Law of Donna Judd*Janice Smith*Hugh Smith*Tammy Smith*Richard Smith*Brenda Seeley*Betty Ann Fulgaro*Chris Bozong*Allysson Castonguay, 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*Tony Mullen, Brother-in-Law of Marina Easterbrook*Joe Tejkl*Nancy Brown*Aggie Cassady*Dennis Lee*Ron, Charlene & John Ginther*Tuffy Wolfrom*Kathryn Okada, Friend of Dave & Charlene Porrell*Russ Mallery, Relative of Tom & Michelle Hatta*John VanGeertruy*Mike Adanec, Friend of Paul & Linda Pung*Melissa Harden*Denise Elliott*Mark Meyers, Grandson of Barb Groom,*Tom Grettenberger*Richard Nall, Brother of Carol Theile

Notes from Fr. Anthony



Taking a small break from our heresy, I wanted to jot down a few things before I go on my yearly canonical retreat. Firstly, I will be gone during the week, so there unfortunately will be no Mass during the week. I will be back for the weekend, so no changes there. Every year a priest is required to go on a 5-day retreat, this is stipulated by canon law, which is why it is often called a “canonical retreat”. I go on retreats that are specifically geared towards priests and the spirituality of the priesthood. These are silent retreat – which means the only talking is done by the retreat directors, the two priests who preach the conferences and so on. The religious order that does these retreats for the priests also does retreats for the laity, taking into account the specific vocational spirituality of each group and the times that work best for retreats, for priests it is during the week, for the most of you it is the weekend. The group is called Opus Angelorum (work of the holy Angels) and their website is opusangelorum.org. I recommend their retreats to all, they have family retreats as well, so they offer something for everyone and not only are the good and Catholic, but they are also the foremost authorities on the Holy Angels, so that is something they include in every talk or conference. If you haven’t been on a retreat in a while or if you have never been on one, pray about it. A retreat is something that can really refresh you spiritually and physically.

Now to the second thing I wanted to address this week, the confusion and chaos in the Church. I will try to be short and to the point here. There is a lot of confusion and questions because of what has been coming out of Rome lately, with the synod and various responses to questions about blessing homosexual “marriages”, transgender people being god-parents and all sorts of things. Endless dialogues and committees that keep calling into question settled Tradition and teaching. The seeming support of those who wish not to follow Christ’s Church but remake the Church of God into the church of man, to model it not on Christ, but on society. There is great confusion.

Let us look at a few of the things Pope Francis has actually said: **“I have spoken clearly about this, no?”**

he said, adding: **“Marriage is a sacrament. The church doesn’t have the power to change sacraments. It’s as our Lord established.”** And **“It (homosexual activity) is a sin, as is any sexual act outside of marriage. This is to speak of ‘the matter’ of sin, but we know well that Catholic morality not only takes into consideration the matter, but also evaluates freedom and intention; and this, for every kind of sin”.** And **“Gender ideology, today, is one of the most dangerous ideological colonizations. Why is it dangerous? Because it blurs differences and the value of men and women”.** And also **“Today children – children – are taught in school that everyone can choose his or her sex. Why are they teaching this? Because the books are provided by the people and institutions that give you money. These forms of ideological colonization are also supported by influential countries. And this is terrible!”**

It seems like there is a conflict going on between the things the Holy Father has said and other things coming out of Rome, there is a lot of ambiguity. These replies we have been seeing to the dubia questions are what I would call – no, but maybe, sometimes, kind of, sort of, probably not – replies. They are an exercise in tongue twisting theological phrases and ideas without clearly saying “do not do this” *but* “maybe you can” *but* “then again you can’t if” - and here we have the confusion as they seem to say: you can’t, but maybe you can. If you read through the latest set for example, which the media came out saying that “the church says transgender people can be baptized”. This is an excerpt of the rest of that reply: The DDF said that: **“a transexual person - who has undergone hormone treatment and sex reassignment surgery - can receive baptism under the same conditions as other believers, if there are no situations in which there is a risk of generating public scandal, or disorientation among the faithful.”** **“In any case, the Church should always call [someone] to live out fully all the implications of the received baptism, which must always be understood and unfolded within the entire journey of Christian initiation”.** The response also

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cautioned that special considerations ought to be considered when it comes to transsexuals receiving baptism, “especially when there are doubts about the objective moral situation the person is in, or about his or her subjective dispositions toward grace.” The response quoted Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), clarifying that when a person is baptized without repenting of “grave sins,” they do not receive the “sanctifying grace” of the sacrament, although they do receive the “sacramental character,” meaning, theologically speaking, that the person is still baptized and therefore inclined to grace.

So, when taken into account with the teaching of the Church and the replies of Pope Francis himself, this means there is an expectation for them to not only live a life of chastity but also to not campaign or publicly support gender ideology (as Pope Francis has called it), to live a life in accord with the teachings of the faith. But the media neglected to mention that part, right?

In reality, the media is the last place to look for an honest explanation of what the pope says or the Church teaches.

I am not the judge of the pope. God is the just judge and will judge the pope and every cardinal, bishop, priest, nun and lay Catholic. He will also judge every other person on this earth, the media and those responsible for much of the confusion in our world, and all those who do harm.

I will continue to pray for the Holy Father as he is the leader of the Church and the successor of St. Peter. I will not jump off the barque of Peter and expect to find safe ground in the tempest raging in our world. We are called to pray for our Holy Father, for our church and for each other. I will continue to be grateful to God for our good and faithful Bishop Boyea. I will say only this, that come what may and whatever the cost, I will hold to the traditions and teachings of the Church. The teachings and faith that Christ handed on to His apostles; the faith the apostles preached and suffered for; the faith the martyrs died for; the faith that our ances-

tors sacrificed and lived for. The Church of Christ, the Bride of the Lamb will survive these battles and struggles as well. Regardless of what the media trumpets about the Church changing faith and morals, it has not done so and cannot, which is why there is such intentional ambiguity in so many of these things including in theology in general and in Rome these days.

We would all do well hold fast to the words of our Savior Himself: “Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.” And finally to heed His call “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

God love you, Fr. Anthony



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sundays—10:30 am—Mysteries of Rosary—St. Isidore
Mondays—7:30 pm—“Zoom” online Rosary
Thurs.—9:00 am—Quilting Ministry—Holy Family
Nov 12—Pop Can Drive—Holy Family Parking Lot
Nov 13—6:00 pm—Mysteries of Rosary—Holy Family
Nov 14 —33 Days to Morning Glory Consecration
-1:00 pm—Holy Family
Nov 14—Bible Study –Tues. 6:30 pm—St. Isidore
Nov 14—Busy Moms –6:00 pm—St. Isidore
Nov 16-WINGS Holiday Lunch-12:30 –2—St. Isidore
Nov 18—TMIY –7:30 am– 9am—Holy Family
Nov 19—Pancake Breakfast—St. Isidore
Nov 21—Busy Moms—6:00 pm—St. Isidore
Dec 15—Parish Wide Christmas Party –6pm- St Isidore

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:

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SWEATSHIRT COLLECTION

Knights of Columbus is again collecting sweatshirts for the young people that are served by Holy Cross Children's Services. They are requesting sweatshirts with college or professional athletic logos. There is a special need for Large and X-Large sizes. Remember, often this is the only Christmas gift these young people receive. Wrap or box the shirts, label the box with the size of the shirt and if it is gender specific, with men's or women's.

Deadline: Sunday, Nov 26th.



WINGS HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

The mission of WINGS [Women in God's Service] 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 from 12:30pm to 2:30pm [earlier time] on Thursday, November 16, 2023, in the St. Isidore Small Hall for its Holiday (Thanksgiving/Christmas) Luncheon. Join us for good food and warm fellowship. Ladies planning to attend, please send an RSVP to Lisa Phillips lphillips359@gmail.com so we will know how much to prepare.



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Nov. 19—Pancake Breakfast
Dec. 13 —Business Meeting—7:00 pm



Knight of the Month: Jim Pock

Family of the Year: Mike & Aloise Bachelder

Prepare your hearts for Christmas with us during this upcoming Advent Season.

Monday, November 13th from 6:00 – 7: p.m. at Holy Family for Mysteries of the Rosary – The Joyful Mysteries. Everyone is invited! Feel free to bring a friend. This is a beautiful video series, filmed in the Holy Land describing each Joyful Mystery. This week, we will be learning about the First Joyful Mystery – the Annunciation.

In His infinitely creative mind, God could have done it in another way. In His providence, He chose Mary. The Angel Gabriel appeared and all of Heaven trembled in anticipation. Mary gives her fiat and our long wait is over! Generation after generation of longing and aching for a Messiah comes to fulfillment. Jesus comes into the world through Mary. There is an explosion of joy radiating forth from the Incarnation. Our Lady wants to bring us her joy, the joy of Jesus Christ himself, Incarnate within her womb. God could have done it another way, but in His providence He chooses to come into the world through YOU!



QUILTING QUIPS. . . ARE YOU READY?

The Holy Family Christmas Store will be opening next weekend—just in time to start your early holiday shopping! The group has been busy making lots of items for your inspection—and hopefully purchasing! Come check us out after Mass on Nov. 18th & 19. Store will be open after all Masses and during Thursday quilting times! Store will close on Dec. 21st! Remember—100% of the proceeds (we keep NOTHING) will be given to area food banks!



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

will be set up at **Holy Family** in the church hall this week-end. This project is under the direction of the Faith Formation Elves (students) and they will need your help. All gifts are donated to the Ovid Christmas Basket project. There will be tags on the tree with gift suggestions. (*No need to wrap gifts!*) However, all gifts and money donations are appreciated. Hopefully you will be able to donate something so everyone can have a **Blessed Christmas**.



Donations will be picked up on Dec. 17th.

St. Isidore-Holy Family Christmas Party

Friday, Dec. 15, 6:00 pm—Dinner beginning at 6:30pm

Two meats will be provided, bring a dish to pass. Cocoa bar and beverages also provided. There will be games and crafts for the kids and door prizes for the adults. This will be an evening filled with laughter, fun, and good cheer.

LECTORS NEED AT ST. ISIDORE

Please contact Lisa Phillips and ask the details of becoming a Lector. Readers sign up only for Masses when they are available. Help spread the Word of the Lord!!
lphillips359@gmail.com



Lectors

BUSY MOMS

Nov. 14 & 21
Dec. 5 & 19

The busy moms group would like to reconvene between now and Christmas for four weeks. We'll meet at St. Isidore on four Tuesdays...Nov. 14 & 21 and Dec. 5 & 19. We'll continue to have the option of child care and dinner, meeting from 6:00 to 7:30. We'd love to have more moms join us! We share a meal, some Bible study, prayers and fellowship. The vocation of motherhood has so many challenges. Come and share ideas, prayer requests, inspirations, challenges and joyful moments with the women who live it every day just like you.

