

# SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## JANUARY 14, 2024



**Today's Readings:** 1Sm 3:3b-10. 19 (65B) Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9. 10 1Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42

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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

Saturday — Jan 13 —(5:30 PM) † Beverly Ann Cords by Jerry & Barb Gialanella  
Sunday — Jan 14 —(9:00 AM) † Patrick Hurst by Katie Grettenberger  
Wednesday— Jan 17— (6:30 PM) † John March by Joseph & Jane Dowd  
Thursday — Jan 18 — (8:30 AM) † Marilyn Kiel by Jay & Judy Ford  
Friday — Jan 19—(8:30 AM) † Fr. Jim Deegan & the Basgall Family  
Saturday — Jan 20 —(5:30 PM) † Leon Lundie, Sr. by the Lundie Children  
Sunday — Jan 21 —(9:00 AM) † Russ Jorae by Rick & Adam Curtis

## MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

## HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday— Jan 13— (4:00 PM) † Shirley Yaich by Barbara Yaich  
Sunday— Jan 14 —(11:00 AM) † Micky Chapko by Rudy Dvorski  
Tuesday — Jan 16 —(12:10 PM) † Pat Latz by Arden & Karen Densmore  
Thurs—Jan 18—(6:30 PM) People of the Parish  
Saturday— Jan 20— (4:00 PM) † Eugene Schoendorf by Mike & Janice Johnson  
Sunday— Jan 21 —(11:00 AM) † John Quine, Sr. by Sid & Angie Wittenberg

## 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  
Donald Thelen—Army



## WEEKLY OFFERTORY Jan. 6 & 7, 2023

St. Isidore Offertory- \$2,542  
Holy Family Offertory - \$4,035  
Online Offertory - \$3,655  
**TOTAL: - \$10,232**

## ROSARY Every Sunday Before Mass 8:30 St. Isidore

Thurs. & Fri. 8:05 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\*Judy Minarik\*Janet Arthur\*Mercedes, Eric & Baby Chris Martinez\*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 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 Cassidy\*Dennis Lee\*Ron, Charlene & John Ginther\*Tuffy Wolfrom\*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\*Irene Medina\*David Grant, Friend of Theile's**

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

St. John Bosco and the Path of Joy

(Taken from the writings of Steve Bollman, founder of Paradisus Dei)

John Bosco was born in a small farming village outside Turin, Italy in 1815. Turin is one of the industrial cities in Italy, home to Fiat and other manufacturing companies. This forms part of the backdrop to John Bosco's story. As Turin was rapidly industrializing, families would send their young children to Turin to look for work. Without family or a support network, these boys were often exploited by owners of businesses and easy prey for the devil. At nine years old John was given a mission in a dream to save these wayward souls. It would become his life's work. He grew up to become a priest and founded the second largest religious order in the Church (the Salesians of Don Bosco) with the mission to care for poor boys. Don Bosco provided a family to these boys by the founding of the Festive Oratory. He was fond of saying, "Let the boys have full liberty to jump, run and make as much noise as they please... 'Do anything you like, as long as you do not sin.'" John Bosco exhausted himself bringing authentic joy to his boys. His ability to provide joy and holiness in the home is foundational to the mission of Paradisus Dei.



St. John Bosco (1815-1888)

Do you want to do a good deed? Teach the young!  
Do you want to perform a holy act? Teach the young!  
Do you want to do a holy thing? Teach the young!  
Truly, now and for the future, among holy things,  
this is the holiest.



### Rite of Welcoming 2024

Congratulations to our OCIA candidates who participated in the Rite of Welcoming on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Our candidates are Shirley Tobias, Melissa Hinkley and Kaitlynne Duffield. During the ceremony they publicly expressed their intent to join the Catholic Church. Please welcome them to our parish and keep them in your prayers as they continue in their journey of faith.



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mondays—7:30 pm—"Zoom" online Rosary  
Thurs—9:00 am—Quilting Ministry—Holy Family  
Jan 14—Activities Group Meeting-Noon— Holy Family  
Jan 18— WINGS—1:30 pm in Chapel—St. Isidore  
Jan 20—TMIY Resumes —7:30 -9am—Holy Family  
Jan 21—Pancake Breakfast—After Mass—St. Isidore

## 2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new offertory envelopes are out and ready to be picked up. Holy Family—church hall. St. Isidore—Entryway. If you have had envelopes in the past and they are not there, or if you have never had envelopes and would like them, please contact the office. If you use the online offertory, please pick up your envelopes for the special collection envelopes that are inside the boxed sets.



## WINGS (Women In God's Service)

We will be meeting on Thurs Jan 18th at 1:30 pm. The theme is Prayer in the Silence. Please meet IN THE CHAPEL for our opening prayer service.

All women of the parish are welcome.

Mitten makers are in need of sweaters and polar fleece. Donations can be left by the office.



## 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

Jan. 21—Pancake Breakfast  
Feb.14—Business Meeting—7:00 pm

**Knight of the Month:** Fr. Anthony Brooks  
**Family of the Year:** Gary & Diana Hurst

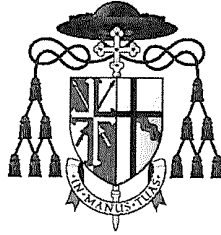


## **TMIY returns for the Spring Semester!**

This semester we will:

- Contemplate the mysterious Will of God and discover a Kingdom and battle "not of this world."
- Embrace our true identity as sons of the Father and heirs to His Kingdom.
- Experience the intimacy and secrets of a deep and personal friendship with Christ.
- Uncover the ultimate truth that sheds light on all things: God's own identity.
- Fight the good fight of faith to win an imperishable crown.

We start by taking a deeper look into the Garden of Gethsemane where we find Peter cutting off the ear of Malchus. A powerful new weapon will be handed to us from Heaven.



## Pastoral Letter on Christian Stewardship

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another  
as good stewards of God’s varied grace.*

(1 Peter 4:10)

Today is the Epiphany of the Lord. Led by faith and reason, the magi have travelled from the east in order to seek the newborn king of the Jews. Now we begin to glimpse the salvation that has been prepared for all the peoples of the earth. Jesus Christ will not only be the glory of the Jewish people but also “a light for revelation to the Gentiles” (Luke 2:32). This is the essence of today’s epiphany.

Sacred Scripture doesn’t actually contain the name nor the number of magi. It is tradition that suggests to us that they were a triumvirate of kingly travelers known as Balthazar, Caspar, and Melchior.

What scripture does tell us is that the magi were “overjoyed at seeing the star” which led them to the child with Mary whereupon “[t]hey prostrated themselves and did him homage” before they “opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh” (Matthew 2:11-12).

What do these facts reveal to us? I think it is this: That there is an innate human need to offer praise, worship and sacrifice upon encountering Almighty God. This has been true of all cultures and in all generations. This is true of you and me. The founder of the Society of Jesus, Saint Ignatius of Loyola (1491 -1556), identifies this shared human reality in the first foundational principle of his Spiritual Exercises, stating:

“The human person is created to praise, reverence and serve God, and by so doing to save his or her soul.” (#23 of The Spiritual Exercises)

This is why we were loved into existence by God. He is our beginning and, by virtue of our cooperation with the grace of God, our ultimate end. Why then were other things created? Saint Ignatius answers that question in the second foundational principle of his Spiritual Exercises, stating:

“The other things on the face of the earth are created for human beings in order to help them pursue the end for which they are created. It follows from this that one must use other created things in so far as they help towards one’s end, and free oneself from them in so far as they are obstacles to one’s end.” (#23 of The Spiritual Exercises)

This rightly ordered use of created things is foundational to what we call stewardship. Christian stewardship is recognizing that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God and, thus, being grateful and generous in response to that divine beneficence. It is the wise and generous marshalling of our time, our talent and our treasure so as to love God more deeply, serve others more unstintingly and, in doing so, accrue an ever more abundant life unto ourselves (John 10:10).

God first. Others second. Ourselves last. Thereby lies our path to happiness in this life and salvation in the next. As Our Lord himself advises: “[S]eek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides” (Matthew 6:33).

The new year is often a time for taking stock of our lives. It therefore seems appropriate to conduct a threefold examination of conscience as to how we are living Christian stewardship with particular regards to the use of our time, our talent and our treasure for the glory of God and salvation of souls.

First, time: Do I give my first and last thought of each day to Jesus Christ, my alpha and omega? Do I prioritize time each day for meditative prayer spent in the presence of Our Lord? Do I ensure there is time in my week for Sunday Mass or, even, daily Mass as well as regular confession? Do I recognize that prayer is more important than activity and that if I am too busy to pray I am too busy?

Second, talent: Am I desirous to know God’s plan for my life and to follow it wherever it leads? Am I aware that God has bestowed certain talents and charisms upon me which I am to deploy generously in order to save my own soul and serve those other members of the Body of Christ who are depending on me for their salvation? (1 Corinthians 12). In making career choices, am I primarily motivated by the will of God or by the love of money or desire for worldly prestige? Do I work with an order and diligence that recognizes all honest human tasks can be sanctified or do I do my work badly, waste time or cause others to waste time?

Third, treasure: Do I recognize the truth that everything I have is a gift from God and that giving back to God will help orient my entire life to Him and his plan? Do I give the first fruits of the wealth I’ve been entrusted with to the service of the Church and those in need? Do I place my trust in God by giving sacrificially in imitation of the widow and her two coins (Luke 21:1-4) or do I only give from my surplus, trying to meet my own needs first rather than prioritizing God in all I do?

In the weeks and months to come I will focus some of my teaching on Christian stewardship, and how living the call to stewardship is fundamental to growing as a missionary disciple, helping us all foster greater Christian stewardship in our daily lives. One point worth noting now, however, is this: Stewardship is primarily about our need to give rather than giving to a need.

I have based much of this catechesis on stewardship upon the thought of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. Hence, it seems appropriate to conclude this pastoral letter with his *Suscipe* prayer. *Suscipe* is the Latin word for “receive”. Let us pray:

*Take Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and possess. Thou hast given all to me. To Thee, O Lord, I return it. All is Thine, dispose of it wholly according to Thy will. Give me Thy love and thy grace, for this is sufficient for me. Amen.*

Assuring you of my prayers, I am sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Earl Boyea". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

Most Reverend Earl Boyea  
Bishop of Lansing