

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 21, 2024



Today's Readings: Jon 3:1-5, 10 (68B) Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20

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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 — Jan 20 —(5:30 PM) † Leon Lundie, Sr. by the Lundie Children
Sunday — Jan 21 —(9:00 AM) † Russ Jorae by Rick & Adam Curtis
Wednesday— Jan 24 — (6:30 PM) † Greg Smith by the Smith Family
Thursday — Jan 25 — (8:30 AM) Tesa Fleming by Lisa Phillips
Friday — Jan 26 —(8:30 AM) † Conrad Paull & Evelyn Paull by Dean & Linda Kiesling
Saturday — Jan 27 —(5:30 PM) † Harriet Delaney by the Bob & Doris Harper Family
Sunday — Jan 28 —(9:00 AM) † Harold Hurst by the Family

HOLY FAMILY, OVID

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
Tuesday — Jan 23 —(12:10 PM) † Pat Latz by the Quilters
Thurs—Jan 25 —(6:30 PM) People of the Parish
Saturday— Jan 27 — (4:00 PM) † Shirley Yaich by Barbara Yaich
Sunday— Jan 28 —(11:00 AM) For All Who Have Donated to the Up Keep & Beautification of our Church

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. 13 & 14, 2023

St. Isidore Offertory- \$1,922
Holy Family Offertory - \$2,650
Online Offertory - \$1,635
TOTAL: - \$6,207

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*Nancy Kienitz**

Notes from Fr. Anthony



This week we are going to pick up our study of the various heresies again after our break for advent and Christmas. Just to refresh the memory a bit, we were dealing with the Arian heresy which began in the 4th century and lasted the majority of that century and bits and pieces of it continued to survive in small enclaves and eventually the some of the main points reappear when Islam is founded by Mohammed in the 7th century and then in other Christian denominations after Martin Luther founds the protestant Church in the 16th century and is still present very much in the universalist (Unitarian) denominations. It is also a large part of the Christology of the Jehovah's witnesses and the Latter-Day Saints Church.

The main tenant of the Arian heresy is that **Christ is not actually the consubstantial Son of God.** The encyclopedia Britannica gives a decent little summary of this position: *Arius's basic premise was the uniqueness of God, who is alone self-existent (not dependent for His existence on anything else) and immutable; the Son, who is not self-existent, cannot therefore be the self-existent and immutable God. Because the Godhead is unique, it cannot be shared or communicated. Because the Godhead is immutable, the Son, who is mutable, must, therefore, be deemed a creature who has been called into existence out of nothing and has had a beginning. Moreover, the Son can have no direct knowledge of the Father, since the Son is finite and of a different order of existence.*

While that may not sound bad at a glance, what this philosophy effectively does is reduce Christ to a creation, not the immortal and Divine Son of God. This brings the question into play about our redemption: Could the sacrifice of a created being be sufficient to bring about our redemption and open the gates of heaven?

Arians did not believe in the traditional doctrine of the Trinity. On that point they believed that: God, the Father, ("unbegotten" God; Almighty God) always existing and who is the only true God. The Son of God, Jesus Christ, ("only-begotten god"), was begotten before time began. The Holy Spirit is the illuminating and sanctifying power of God. Here there come into play two very im-

portant terms in Trinitology (theological study of the Trinity) and Christology. The two terms are: **Homoiousios** - which implies that Christ *is of similar, but not identical essence or substance with God the Father.* This was what the Arians believed, that Christ was begotten of the Father but not consubstantial. The other term is **Homoousion** - which implies that Jesus *is the same in essence or substance as God the Father as the Holy Spirit is also.* This is what the Church taught and believed and what was defended by St. Athanasius, St. Anthony and the other Church Fathers.

This is one of the reasons why I was so happy with the proper translations for the Mass in 2011. While many referred to the translations that changed the responses and such at Mass as "new", the fact is these translations are actually "correct". Most do not know that when the Mass was translated into English the translations were intentionally not exact and this has caused nothing but confusion. I would have to say that the former versions of the English Mass, the translations were some of the absolute worst translations I have ever seen in any language of official Church teachings or documents. Trust me, it was that bad. In the former translation of the Nicene Creed the original Latin term which is translated into English as the term "con-substantial" was changed to "one in being" and those terms do not equate exactly. It was as if a subtle touch of Arianism was put forward in order to get us to see Christ in a particular way, not exactly as the Son of God who is Divine and therefore, we can be more lax in the respect for Him. However, when talking of or teaching about God, we have an obligation to be as correct and precise as possible.

This is something I would like all of us to do this weekend at Mass in particular, to really focus on the Nicene Creed we recite after the homily. Open up the missalette and read over the words that we profess or close your eyes as you say them and really try and focus on them. As we recite that creed, we are reciting the truth in regard to who Christ is, to what our Church teaches and what we believe.

God Love you, Fr. Anthony

QUILTING QUIPS. . . Thanks to the generosity of one of our supporters, a new bolt of batting has been purchased and delivered to the church. Now all we need are some people to start sewing quilts. The weather outside may be cold, but we've got heat inside to keep you warm as we quilt. Come and join us on Thursday, 9 am. We'll give you a cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate and a sweet treat to start you off! See you Thursday!

LAINGSBURG FOOD BANK

Laingsburg Are Food Bank is looking for volunteers to be the shoppers and pick up the items to stock their shelves. The job will be in a rotation and is approximately every 3rd week. If interested please see Clare Greene or call the parish office.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mondays—7:30 pm—“Zoom” online Rosary
Thurs—9:00 am—Quilting Ministry—Holy Family
Jan 21—Pancake Breakfast—After Mass—St. Isidore
Jan 27—TMIY Resumes —7:30 –9am—Holy Family
Feb 9—Lenten Fish Fry—4:30—7 pm—Holy Family

2023 Contribution Reports

Contribution Reports have been printed and are ready to be picked up. Holy Family—in the Church Hall, St. Isidore—in the entryway. If yours is not there just contact the office and it will be ready for the next weekend. Online Offertory reports were emailed to your inbox. Check the Spam file if you have not received the report.

SHROVE TUESDAY CLUB

The Catholic Ladies of Owosso began a Shrove Tuesday Club in 1887, and it is still continuing after 137 years. Shrove Tuesday, or “Fat Tuesday” is the day before Ash Wednesday, and is a reflection time before the start of Lent. The Club members would like to invite all the interested ladies of the Catholic Community to join us at the next Shrove Tuesday event, being held at the Wrought Iron Grill in Owosso. This year’s meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 13th, 2024, at noon. We will celebrate with the Shrove Tuesday pancake, before ordering from an open menu meal. Hope to see you there. Please RSVP by calling Lisa at 989-862-4090.

HOLY FAMILY FISH FRY . . Feb. 9th



will be the first fish fry. Please check out the bulletin board by the kitchen and volunteer to help. We need desserts and workers. Thanks in advance to all the helpers that make these dinners a success! There are flyers printed — if you can

put them up at area businesses that you frequent, it would be appreciated.

FISH FRY DATES:

Feb. 9 & 23
March 8 & 22

Time: 4:30 til 7 pm
or until the food runs out!

Prices: STAY THE SAME as last year:
\$16 for adults, kids 6 to 12 years old: \$8 and kids under 5 eat for free!

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

Motorcade for Life & Sanctity of Human Life Prayer Service -January 28

Departs at 2 pm from St. Paul Church and motorcade to the marker for the unborn at St. Paul Cemetery. 2:30 return to St. Paul for prayer service and guest speakers. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the service. You are invited to bring items for Bella’s Women’s Center such as baby wipes, diapers, formula, etc., or monetary donations.

