

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 28, 2024



Today's Readings: Dt 18:15-20 (71B) Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 1Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

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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

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

ST. ISIDORE, LAINGSBURG

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

Wednesday— Jan 31 — (6:30 PM) † Julie Bacik by Kerian & Nancy Clark

Thursday — Feb 1 — (8:30 AM) People of the Parish

Friday — Feb 2 —(8:30 AM) † Frances Lundie by Glen & Paula Gray — **FIRST FRIDAY**

Saturday — Feb 3 —(5:30 PM) † Sheila Doyle by the Family

Sunday — Feb 4 —(9:00 AM) † Shirley Greene by George & Paula Harris

HOLY FAMILY, OVID

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

Tuesday — Jan 30 —(12:10 PM) † Fr. Raymond Urebanek

Thurs—Feb 1 —(6:30 PM) † Eugene Schoendorf by the Family

Saturday— Feb 3 — (4:00 PM) † Ed Ladiski by Jim & Kathryn Horak

Sunday— Feb 4 —(11:00 AM) † John Quine, Sr. by Joe Tejkl

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
Andie Ostrander—Navy
Patrick Schiffer—Air Force
Kelly Brown—Navy
Sergeant Jared Mersino—Army
Donald Thelen—Army



WEEKLY OFFERTORY Jan. 21 & 22, 2023

St. Isidore Offertory- \$2,447
Holy Family Offertory - \$6,006
Online Offertory - \$1,640
TOTAL: - \$10,093

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 Maritinez, 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 Carbery, 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 Bozung*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*Mike Chapko*Claire Hinkley, Daughter of Melissa Hinkley*Gary Lundquist**



This week as we move on from the Arian heresy, we see that it was not long before another large heresy came up. This next erroneous theology belonged to the **Pelagian heresy and the Semi-Pelagian heresy** that followed it. So let's get down to business.

Pelagianism takes its name from the British monk Pelagius who started the heresy. He was born around 350 AD and he dies around 420 AD. He was never ordained a priest but was highly educated and lived a very austere life. He spent many years teaching in Rome and even for a time possessed a reputation as being "holy". In the year 417 Pelagius and two of his followers are excommunicated and the following year, 418, Pelagianism is officially condemned by the Church at the Council of Carthage and it was condemned once again in 431 at the Council of Ephesus.

The question you have I suppose would be: What brought that about? The Church at that time was really starting to strictly define most theological and sacramental teachings after coming through the great Christological heresies like Arianism and the rest we have already discussed. Now that much of the theology is defined as to who God is - in the Trinity and in the Three Divine Persons - and having a more refined theology of Mary and the saints, we now see the role of man being expounded upon more. The good and evil, the necessity for grace and the sacraments, the goal of life and the great love that God has for us. Those concepts are some of the different facets of the discussions taking place. The Church had pretty much already defined and understood the concept of original sin along with its consequences and the brokenness we are born with. The term "concupiscence" is later used to describe that bend of the damaged human will towards sin we all experience due to the sin of our first parents.

The heresy of Pelagius is summed up by Catholic Encyclopedia as: "*Pelagius denied the primitive state in paradise and original sin, insisted on the naturalness of concupiscence and the death of the body, and ascribed the actual existence and universality of sin to the bad example which Adam set by his first sin. As all his ideas were chiefly rooted in the old, pagan philosophy, especially in the popular system of the Stoics, rather than in Christianity, he regarded the moral strength of man's will, when steeled by asceticism, as sufficient in itself to desire and to attain the loftiest ideal of virtue. The value of Christ's redemption was, in his opinion, limited mainly to instruction and example, which the Savior threw into the balance as a counterweight against Adam's wicked example, so that nature retains the ability to conquer sin and to gain eternal life even without the aid of grace. By justification we are indeed cleansed of our personal sins through faith alone, but this pardon implies no interior renovation of sanctification of the soul.*"

In a nutshell, he believed that since there is no original sin, man can achieve perfection on his own by merely making the right choices and that the will already knows this and God's grace can only assist in this. Basically, the idea that God's grace is not necessary for man to make the right choices and to grow in virtue. To add on to the confusion, he also opposed infant baptism because of the fact that in his teachings, there was no original sin. This ends up giving rise to Semi Pelagianism and later on is the root of one of the main tenets of Protestantism - Sola fide (faith alone). Next week we will finish this up by showing some of the great defenders of the Faith against Pelagianism and the doctrinal clarifications that were brought about by them.

God love you, Fr. Anthony

ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS

February Saint of the Month: St Blaise, Feast Day February 3rd

St. Blaise was born in Armenia to a rich family. He became a bishop and martyr who lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. For a time, Blaise lived in a cave to escape persecution, he was captured and imprisoned. He was ordered to be killed for refusing to renounce his faith and love of God. On his feast the church recalls a miracle cure associated with him and celebrates the blessing of the throats. Blaise miraculously healed a boy who was choking on a fish bone. St. Blaise was martyred in 316 AD by being beaten, tortured with iron combs and beheaded. He is the patron saint of throat illnesses, animals, wool combers, and wool trading. (Pick up a picture of St. Blaise to be colored.)

Saint Blaise Prayer: O GOD, deliver us through the intercession of Thy holy bishop and martyr Blaise, from all evil of soul and body, especially from all ills of the throat; and grant us the grace to make a good confession in the confident hope of obtaining Thy pardon, and ever to praise with worthy lips Thy most holy name.



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mondays—7:30 pm—“Zoom” online Rosary
Thurs—9:00 am—Quilting Ministry—Holy Family
Feb 3—TMIY Resumes —7:30 –9am—Holy Family
Feb 3—Activities Group Meeting—Holy Family
Feb 9—Lenten Fish Fry—4:30—7 pm—Holy Family
Mar 2—Lenten One Day Retreat—St. Isidore

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



Sign up sheets to volunteer are posted at Holy Family.

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

Feb.14—Business Meeting—7:00 pm

Knight of the Month: Fr. Anthony Brooks

Family of the Year: Gary & Diana Hurst

LENTEN ONE DAY RETREAT

What are you doing for lent this this year?

Plan on joining us for a one day Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 2nd, 9:30-4:00

Lunch will be provided.

Additionally information will be forthcoming

Save the date!

MITTENS FOR THE HOMELESS

The mitten makers are still in need of sweaters, polar fleece, and yarn. Donations can be left near the office door.



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.