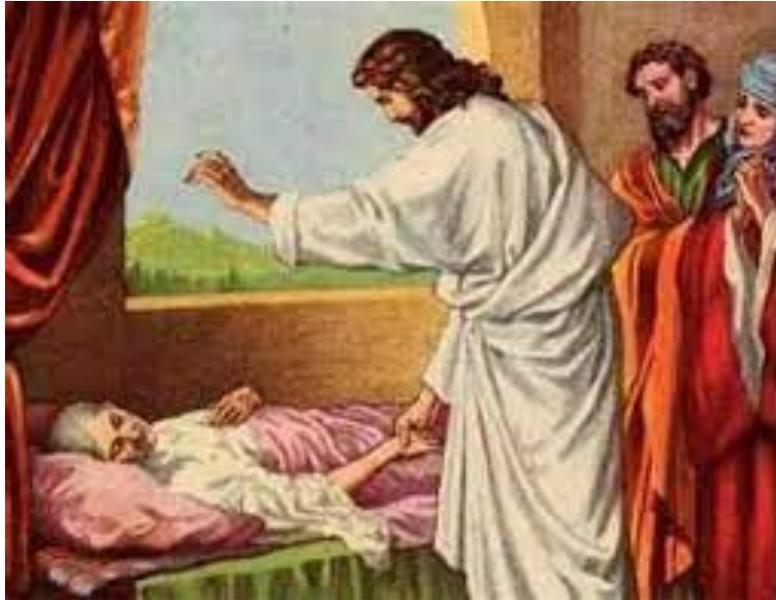


FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 4, 2024



Today's Readings: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 (74B) Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 1Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Mk 1:29-39

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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 — Feb 3 —(5:30 PM) † Sheila Doyle by the Family
 Sunday — Feb 4 —(9:00 AM) † Shirley Greene by George & Paula Harris
Wednesday— Feb 7 — (6:30 PM) † Ken "Junior" Brink by Jim Doyle - *FIRST WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONS*
 Thursday — Feb 8— (8:30 AM) People of the Parish
 Friday — Feb 9 —(8:30 AM) † Joan Elaine Bauer by Penny Eaton
 Saturday — Feb 10 —(5:30 PM) Judy Eyde by Robert & Mary Shaw
 Sunday — Feb 11 —(9:00 AM) † Violet Raska by Granddaughters Violet & Lilly Raska and Family

HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday— Feb 3 — (4:00 PM) † Ed Ladiski by Jim & Kathryn Horak
 Sunday— Feb 4 —(11:00 AM) † John Quine, Sr. by Joe Tejk
 Tuesday — Feb 6 —(12:10 PM) People of the Parish
 Thurs—Feb 8 —(6:30 PM) † Greg Smith by the Smith Family
 Saturday— Feb 10 — (4:00 PM) † Shirley Yaich by Barbara Yaich
 Sunday— Feb 11 —(11:00 AM) † Pat Pohl by Janice Hurst 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
 Andie Ostrander—Navy
 Patrick Schiffer—Air Force
 Kelly Brown—Navy
 Sergeant Jared Mersino—Army
 Donald Thelen—Army



WEEKLY OFFERTORY Jan. 27 & 28, 2023

St. Isidore Offertory- \$2,282
 Holy Family Offertory - \$2,848
 Online Offertory - \$1,385
TOTAL: - \$6,515

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*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*Gary Lundquist*Wendy, Daughter of Linda Smith**

Notes from Fr. Anthony

This week we will finish up with the heresy of Pelagianism and Semi-Pelagianism. Now the main defenders of Orthodoxy against Pelagianism were St. Augustine - who has been given the title "Doctor of Grace" - and St. Jerome, the greatest Biblical scholar to ever have lived. The insistence by both of these Church Fathers was that first and foremost, God's grace is necessary to do any good and that Christ did not come to just give us an example, but also redemption, forgiveness of sins and the ability to receive and gain more graces. That man is born with original sin and because of this, human nature is damaged. This damage is remedied by the sacraments, in particular Baptism, and through the other sacraments and opportunities God offers us to gain graces and thus grow in virtue and perfection. Our cooperation is necessary in order for the grace of God to achieve its fullest expression in our lives while at the same time all the good works we are able to accomplish are accomplished through the beginning presence of grace and then our cooperation with that grace. To put it simply: **Grace leads to works which leads to more grace.** Augustine, who declared Pelagius "the enemy of the grace of God" boiled down Pelagianism into three heretical tenets: "to think that God redeems according to some scale of human merit; to imagine that some human beings are actually capable of a sinless life; to suppose that the descendants of the first human beings to sin are themselves born innocent".

As the heresy of Pelagius was condemned at the Council of Carthage in 418, there had already begun the laying of the groundwork for the next heresy which was **Semi-Pelagianism**. The basic ideas of Semi-Pelagianism are a "toned down" version of the original heresy. Some of the main points of the new heresy were that original sin is a damaging reality and the necessity of baptism and that while we need God's grace, we can take the first step toward Him on our own, without His grace. The beginning of faith (though not faith itself or its increase) could be accomplished by the human will alone, unaided by grace) and that once a man has been justified, he does not need additional grace from God in order to persevere until the end of life. The main point still being that the human will is capable of reaching certain perfection on its own, without God's grace.

While this is less extreme than the Pelagian view of not really needing grace from God at all, there are still more red flags here than a communist parade. In the end it circles back around to the reliance on human ability to achieve perfection that was a major part of the Pelagian heresy to begin with. This heresy was condemned at the second Council of Orange in the year 529 and again by the Council of Trent in 1546 in response to the heresy of Martin Luther and John Calvin

In these heresies we have the aftereffects of the Stoic philosophy of the Greeks that relied on the ability of the man to ascend to higher levels on his own. The rebirth of this is seen in the radical humanism which has infected our Church and our world at large, in the philosophy that everyone is capable of being "good" by their own merits or ability and dragging everything down to the level of being measured by "us" on the horizontal plane where we determine what is "good" regardless of God's laws, rather than "us and God" on a vertical plane. My "goodness" or lack thereof, is always directly correlated to my closeness to or distance from God in my mind, heart, soul, and daily decisions. Look at all the ways evil and erroneous ideologies are pushed in our world. It is always done with the measuring stick of myself and other human beings, the subjective rather than the objective. That course of action results in the most terrifying prison one can be locked into - the prison of the purely material, purely human - all while there is the deep desire to know real transcendental truth. The truth of who I am in relationship with the eternal God, and what the goal of my life is. This is why Christ came down here. Not to help us stay in the self-absorbed prison of self and radical humanism - but to give us the ability to ascend, move upwards towards God, who is the source and summit of all good. As He tells us in Luke chapter 4, **"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."**

God love you, Fr. Anthony

ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

St. Blaise (continued) - Crossed Candles and Blessing of the Throat
Crossed candles are an important part of Saint Blaise Day, they commemorate the mother of the boy who choked on the fishbone. She presented Saint Blaise with crossed candles to light his way to jail when the ruler of Sebastea ordered his arrest. The origin of the blessing of throats uses crossed candles as a symbol. The saint said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection, thus candles are used in the traditional throat blessing. In the 16th century, the blessing of St. Blaise began. It is a ceremony still practiced and celebrated on his feast day in many places. Two candles are consecrated and crossed before the congregation; or a wick, consecrated in oil, is touched to the throats of the faithful. This blessing may be administered by a priest, a deacon, or a lay minister. Blaise's emblems are wax, taper, iron combs (the instruments used in his martyrdom), or two crossed candles.



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mondays—7:30 pm—"Zoom" online Rosary
Thurs—9:00 am—Quilting Ministry—Holy Family
Feb 3—Activities Group Meeting—Holy Family
Feb 9—Lenten Fish Fry—4:30—7 pm—Holy Family
Feb 10—**NO TMIY** – 7:30 –9am—Holy Family
Mar 2—Lenten One Day Retreat—St. Isidore

Save the Date!

One Day Parish Retreat **Saturday, March 2nd 9:30-4:30.**

Join us for a viewing and study of INTO THE DEEP: Finding Peace Through Prayer by Dan Burke. Learn what, exactly, is prayer? What sets authentic Christian prayer apart from the many "spiritual" practices being promoted today? How should one pray? Is it really necessary? These questions—and many more—are answered in this new video series. This is a great way to grow deeper in your faith this Lenten season. Cost is \$10.00 and lunch will be provided. Registration will begin next Saturday, February 10th.

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

Feb 25—Pancake Breakfast

Knight of the Month: Fr. Anthony Brooks

Family of the Year: Gary & Diana Hurst

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.

MITTENS FOR THE HOMELESS

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

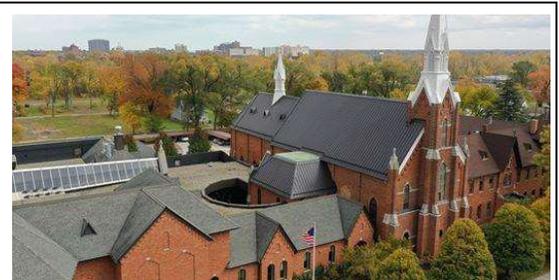
Currently they are in desperate need of yarn.



SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday April 9th

The Catholic Church has long encouraged pilgrimages to strengthen the spiritual experience of individuals, families, and even entire countries.

We hope you can join us in April to the Solanus Casey Center in Detroit and the National Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak. More details to follow in the bulletin and on our Facebook page.



The Blessed Solanus Casey Center in Detroit