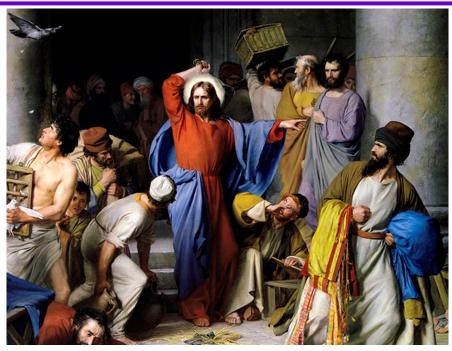
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 3, 2024



Today's Readings: Ex 20:1-17 (29B) Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 1Cor 1:22-25 Jn :2:13-25

ST. ISIDORE CHURCH Laingsburg, Michigan

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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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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 — Mar 2 —(5:30 PM) + Delores Micallef by the Izdebski FamilyMASS SCHEDULESunday — Mar 3 —(9:00 AM) + Ken "Junior" Brink by Tom & Krys Rourke FamilyFOR THIS WEEKWednesday— Mar 6 — (6:30 PM) + Frances Lundie by Steve & Ronnie PatoprstyFirst Wednesday DevotionsThursday — Mar 7 — (8:30 AM) People of the ParishFriday — Mar 8 —(8:30 AM) Special Intentions of the Basgall FamilySaturday — Mar 9 —(5:30 PM) + Jack Risch by the Knights of ColumbusSunday — Mar 10 —(9:00 AM) + Dawn Wrobel by Larry & Debbie Earl

HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday– Mar 2 — (4:00 PM) For the Health of Tammy, Jan, Rick, & Hugh Smith

Sunday— Mar 3 —(11:00 AM) + Janina Mikulionis by Ramune

Tuesday — Mar 5 —(12:10 PM) + Ann Green by Sue Detloff

Thurs—Mar 7 —(6:30 PM) + Fr. Jim Bozung by Jan Smith

Saturday– Mar 9 — (4:00 PM) + Pat Pohl by Janice Hurst Family

Sunday— Mar 10 —(11:00 AM) + Bernie Mitchell 12th Anniversary by Leonard & 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

WEEKLY OFFERTORY Feb.24 & 25, 2024

St. Isidore Offertory- \$4,272 Holy Family Offertory - \$3,563 Online Offertory - \$1,110 **TOTAL: - \$8,945**



1st Wed. of Month—St. Isidore Rosary and Litany of St. Joseph after Mass



Notes from Fr. Anthony

This week we are going to skip ahead a few centuries and find ourselves in the 7th century looking at a peculiar heresy that came back three different times and is one that has caused not just theological damage, but actual great monetary damage as well and contributed to a consistent and deep ignorance that is still ingrained in many people and religious denominations. The heresy we are speaking of is <u>Iconoclasm</u>. It is based upon a false and ignorant understanding of the place of images and pictures in regard to the Faith and Tradition and an erroneous understanding of the 2nd commandment.

This heresy is already seen in the early Church but lacks any cohesive unity and ebbs and wanes with time until toward the end of the 7th century when there is a persecution of the Christians by the Muslim leaders of Damascus. We know that Islam an amalgamation of Jewish and Christian teachings with the things Mohammed added himself, so it takes the command against idolatry and the Jewish understanding of images and statues (which forbids them in acts of liturgy or worship) and takes it one step further (prohibiting them at all – in the religious sphere or public sphere). This persecution requires the destruction of all images and statues that the Christians had and is then picked up by certain powerful people within the Eastern part of the Church, notably the Byzantine emperor Leo III.

The main tenet of Iconoclasm was that images and statues were a form of idolatry or led to idolatry and therefore must be destroyed or covered up. This heresy is violent in its nature, and we have houses being raided for images; churches being ransacked, and the images or statues publicly destroyed or burned and wall frescos painted over; monasteries and convents being raided

and burned and people were being tortured and killed as well. The relics and bodies of saints were burned in some areas and there was even an attempt at the total suppression of monasticism. It is horrific in the anger and violence. The emperor even went as far as sending a letter to Pope Gregory II in 726 which demanded that all the sacred images in Rome be destroyed, and a council be called to forbid their use again. Leo threatens to come to Rome and destroy the statue of St. Peter in the church of the pope himself and imprison the pope. In 727 Pope Gregory responds with a brilliant defense of the use of images and flatly refuses to comply with Leo's demands while asking him how he could so misunderstand the commandments and the Scriptures. He tells him to quit disturbing the peace of the Church. In so many words he tells him to - "knock it off" - and then basically dares him to come to Rome and try. In 731 Pope Gregory II died and was succeeded by Pope Gregory III, who kept up the defense of images as Gregory II had done.

The upper class were for the most part supporters of iconoclasm. It was the common people who were against it and in many areas they were rising up against the decree of the emperor as icons and images had always been very important to them. The "uneducated" knew and understood more than the "educated" concerning the use and meaning of images. The response was the escalation in violence and force by the emperor against the rebellions and the suppression of these rebellions accompanied by great destruction sometimes. On that note, we will close this article with the promise of a continuation to come.

God love you, Fr. Anthony

MARCH SAINT OF THE MONTH ST. CASIMIR, FEAST DAY MARCH 4

On March 4, the Catholic Church honors St. Casimir Jagiellon, a prince whose life of service to God has made him a patron saint of Poland, Lithuania, and young people. In 1984 Pope John Paul II addressed Lithuanian pilgrims commemorating the 500th anniversary of the prince's death. He said the Church "proclaimed Casimir a saint and placed him before us not only to be venerated but also that we might imitate his heroic virtues and follow his example of holiness."



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mondays—7:30 pm—"Zoom" online Rosary Thurs—9:00 am—Quilting Ministry—Holy Family Mar 2 & 3—DSA Begins Mar 5—Busy Mom's Group– 6:00 pm—St. Isidore Mar 8—Lenten Fish Fry—4:30—7 pm—Holy Family Mar 8—6:30 pm Stations of the Cross –St. Isidore Mar 9—TMIY – 7:30 –9am—Holy Family Mar 15—6:30 pm Stations of the Cross—Holy Family

"THE OFFERING OF THE JUST ENRICHES <u>the altar</u>"

The annual Diocesan Services Appeal has started. This years combined goal is \$39,720. Please put your DSA envelopes into the offertory baskets during the offertory collection. Checks payable to either parish NOT the diocese. Informational brochures and envelopes are available in the church entryways.

ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

St. Isidore Knights of Columbus will be offering their traditional Irish dinner (corned beef & cabbage, carrots & potatoes, potato pancakes, soda bread and dessert) on , Saturday, March 16 at 6:45 pm. All for your free will donation. Please sign up in advance at either church.



FISH FRY REPORT. . We did it again—another record breaking dinner — 286. The success of these dinners would not be possible without all the volunteer help you

give. Thanks to all the dessert donations. The compliments are heard from many about how good the entire meal is! Hopefully the next dinner, **March 8th**, will be another record breaker.

PILGRIMAGE BUS TRIP APRIL 9TH- SEATS ARE FILLING FAST!

Don't wait until the last minute to reserve your spot for this holy pilgrimage to Detroit to the Blessed Solanus Casey Center and then to Royal Oak to the National Shrine of the Little Flower. There are only 34 seats on the bus and half have already been reserved! Pick up a registration form on the table in the church (in the parish hall at Holy Family and at the entrance at St. Isidore) or go to our parish website to print a registration form and mail, with your check payable to **HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH,** to Richard and Carol Theile at 1331 Jackson Dr., Owosso, MI 48867. The cost is \$75 and

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Mar. 14—Business Meeting—7:00 pm

Knight of the Month: Jim Leathers Family of the Month: Bob & Mary Shaw



JOIN US!!! April 9, 2024

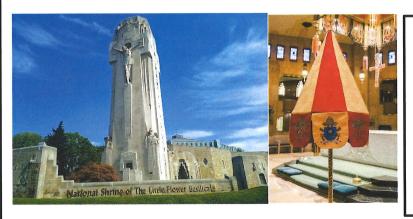
Pilgrimage to:



Blessed Solanus Casey Center in Detroit, Michigan

And

The National Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak Michigan



What to look forward to:

-Bus Transportation provided by Blue Lakes

-Tour, Mass, and Lunch at Blessed Solanus Casey Center

-Tour of The National Shrine of the Little Flower

-Snacks for the Bus included

-Bus will board 7:15am @Holy Family, Ovid Mi

-Bus will return @ approximately 6:45pm

Please mail this completed reservation form to reserve your seat.

Pilgrimage to Blessed Solanus Casey Center & The National Shrine of the Little Flower

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024

THERE ARE ONLY 34 SEATS AVAILABLE, SO GET YOUR SEAT SOON

RESERVATION FORM DEADLINE APRIL 1, 2024, OR WHEN BUS IS FULL

(Money must be received with reservation request.)

Cost per person \$75.00 (includes bus transportation, tours at each pilgrimage location, lunch meal, morning, and afternoon snacks)

#_____ of people you are reserving

Names of person(s) going

Daytime contact phone #

Emergency contact phone #

Payment included \$_____

Please make checks payable to <u>Holy Family Catholic Church</u> and mail registration form and payment to Rich and Carol Theile at 1331 Jackson Drive, Owosso, MI 48867

****NO REFUNDS WILL BE ALLOWED, AS OUR PRICE IS BASED ON A TOTAL OF 34 PASSENGERS****

2024 LENTEN SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday – Feb 14 Noon – Holy Family 6:30 pm – St. Isidore



Palm Sunday -Mar 23 & 24 Saturday 4:00 pm – Holy Family 5:30 pm – St. Isidore Sunday 9:00 am – St. Isidore 11:00 am – Holy Family



Holy Thursday – Mar 28 6:30 pm – Holy Family Followed by Adoration No Mass at St. Isidore

Good Friday Liturgy – Mar 29 Noon – Holy Family Followed by Stations of the Cross, 1st Day of the Divine Mercy Novena, & Confessions

3:00 pm – St. Isidore Followed by Stations of the Cross, 1st Day of the Divine Mercy Novena, & Confessions

Easter Vigil – Mar 30 No Mass – Holy Family 8:45 pm - St. Isidore

Easter Sunday 9:00 am - St. Isidore 11:00 am - Holy Family



STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 6:30 pm Friday Nights

Feb 16 – Holy Family Confessions 5:30–Stations 6:30

Feb 23 – St. Isidore Confessions 5:30–Stations 6:30

Mar 1 – Holy Family Confessions 5:30–Stations 6:30

Mar 8 – St. Isidore Confessions 5:30–Stations 6:30

Mar 15 – Holy Family Confessions 5:30–Stations 6:30

Mar 22–St. Isidore Confessions 5:30–Stations 6:30



HOLY FAMILY – LENTEN FISH FRY 4:30–7:00 pm

Feb 23 Mar 8 Mar 22

ADORATION

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Holy Family—Every Thursday 5:30—6:20 pm Adoration & Confessions 6:30 pm Mass