

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 10, 2024



**Today's Readings:** 2Chr 36:14-16, 19-23(32B) Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 Eph 2:4-10 Jn :3:14-21

## **ST. ISIDORE CHURCH**

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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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**Saturday Mass:** 4:00 pm - **Sunday Mass** 11:00 am

**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 — Mar 9 —(5:30 PM) † Jack Risch by the Knights of Columbus

Sunday — Mar 10 —(9:00 AM) † Dawn Wrobel by Larry & Debbie Earl

Wednesday— Mar 13 — (6:30 PM) Living & Deceased Members of the Earley & Ginther Families

Thursday — Mar 14— (8:30 AM) People of the Parish

Friday — Mar 15—(8:30 AM) † Gene Stoner by Katie Grettenberger

Saturday — Mar 16 —(5:30 PM) † Carol Slingsby by Chris & Kay Basgall

Sunday — Mar 17 —(9:00 AM) † Leonard & Lavern Farr by the Family

## HOLY FAMILY, OVID

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

Tuesday — Mar 12 —(12:10 PM) † Mark Zbikowski by the Ziegler Family

Thurs—Mar 14 —(6:30 PM) † Greg Smith by the Smith Family

Saturday— Mar 16 — (4:00 PM) † John & Dorothy Theile by Richard & Carol Theile

Sunday— Mar 17 —(11:00 AM) † Patrick Bisson, Sr. by Theresa Batora

## 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



## 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



## WEEKLY OFFERTORY

### Mar 2 & 3, 2024

St. Isidore Offertory- \$2,762

Holy Family Offertory - \$4,453

Online Offertory - \$1,887

**TOTAL: - \$9,102**

**Please Pray for:** Tori Martens\*Charles Oleniczak\*Judith Bond\*Steve Butler\*Sean Robinson\*Gary Hrncharik\*Shannon Strobel\*Richard Hutchings\*Phyllis Hart\*Lana Miersen\*Jim Mosley\*Isabelle Welsey\*Stan Beherns\*Olivia Klein\*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 Henning\*Vince Minarik\*Tim Minarik\*Dorothy Woodworth\*Ken Latz, Friends/Relatives of Leonard Mitchell\*Nancy Alice Carbary, Mother of Maggie Sayles\*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\*Jamie Lester, 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\*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\*Irene Medina\*Nancy Kienitz\*Mike Chapko\*Gary Lundquist\*Wendy, Daughter of Linda Smith\*Jacob Stoneman\*Deloris Mumby\*Kris Hood\*Bill Dennis\*Maddie Jones, Daughter of Eric & Melissa\*Judy Eyde\*Beverly Adcock, Relative of Mary Shaw\*

## Notes from Fr. Anthony .....

### Iconoclasm part II

We left off last week discussing the beginning of the heresy and some of the immediate consequences. After the death of Pope Gregory II, we have Pope Gregory III entering the scene and continuing the fight against the iconoclast heresies. In 731 Gregory III had sent a legate to the emperor, but he had been arrested and imprisoned. In that same year, Gregory III held a synod of ninety-three bishops at St. Peter's, in which all persons who broke, defiled, or took away images of Christ, of His Mother, the Apostles, or other saints, were excommunicated. Another legate was sent with a copy of this decree and of its application to the emperor, but he was arrested and imprisoned in Sicily. The emperor Leo, who had already threatened Gregory's predecessor, now took the next step and sent a fleet toward Rome to force the pontiff into obedience and punish the pope; but it was wrecked and dispersed by a storm. Meanwhile all sorts of calamities afflicted the empire; earthquakes, pestilence, and famine devastated the provinces, while the Muslims continued their war against the Byzantine empire and conquered further territory. Yet these warnings from God still went unheeded.

In 741 Emperor Leo III died and was succeeded by his son, Constantine V who was an even greater persecutor than his father had been of those who refused to give up images. After the death of Leo, the brother-in-law of Constantine began a rebellion against the iconoclasts and set himself up as emperor and began the restoration of the images, but soon Constantine marched on the capital and in a most cruel way put down the rebellion and severely punished all who had been involved. He then summoned a council of bishops to condemn the use of images. A number of the more well-known patriarchs refused to send anyone as they suspected that it was merely a sham in which the emperor and his friends could force iconoclasm on whichever bishops refused. It turned out they were right, and the sham council declared all who worshipped with images of Christ to be either Nestorian or Monophysite heretics. The aftermath of this is written briefly with a few examples in the Catholic Encyclopedia: *"Instead of paintings of saints the churches were decorated with pictures of flowers, fruit, and birds, so that the people said that they looked*

*like grocers' stores and bird shops. A monk named Peter was scourged to death on May 16, 761; the Abbot of Monagria, John, who refused to trample on an icon, was tied up in a sack and thrown into the sea on June 7, 761; in 767 Andrew, a Cretan monk, was flogged and lacerated till he died; in November of the same year a great number of monks were tortured to death in various ways. The emperor tried to abolish monasticism (always the center of the defense of images); monasteries were turned into barracks; the monastic habit was forbidden; the patriarch Constantine II was made to swear in the ambo of his church that, although formerly a monk, he had now joined the secular clergy. Relics were dug up and thrown into the sea, the invocation of saints was forbidden. In 766 the patriarch ran afoul of his emperor, who had him scourged and beheaded and replaced by Nicetas I (766-80), who was, naturally, also an obedient servant of the Iconoclast Government."*

In 775 the Emperor Constantine V dies and is succeeded by his son Leo IV. For the majority of his reign, he held the iconoclast views, however he was much more lax in enforcing them and the persecutions died down for a bit, picking up only shortly before his death in a fit of rage. His wife, Empress Irene, was an opponent of iconoclasm and was known to have hidden holy images around their apartments in the palace. He was going to exile her but died before he could. After her husband's death, she became regent for her son Constantine VI for a period of time and set about righting the wrongs and with the help of the new patriarch of Constantinople, contacted Rome with the desire for a council and to restore the union of the eastern Church with the See of Peter. In response to this petition, the Church calls the Second Council of Nicaea in 787 where the official teaching of the Church is once again made known and the letters of the pope, Adrian I, are read and those bishops who express contrition for their part in the heresy are received back into the Church and the monasteries are restored their property and so on.

On that we will end our article this week. Since this is an "important" heresy, there will be a third part coming soon to finish this topic.

*God love you, Fr. Anthony*

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mondays—7:30 pm—“Zoom” online Rosary  
Thurs—9:00 am—Quilting Ministry—Holy Family  
Mar 11—Blood Drive—1:00—5:45pm—St. Isidore  
Mar 15—6:30 pm Stations of the Cross—Holy Family  
Mar 16—TMIY—7:30—9 am—Holy Family  
Mar 16—6:45 pm—St. Patrick’s Dinner—St. Isidore  
Mar 21—1:30 pm—WINGS—St. Isidore  
Mar 22—**LAST** Fish Fry—4:30—7 pm—Holy Family

## PILGRIMAGE BUS TRIP APRIL 9TH-

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 limited seats left on the bus. 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 includes

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Mar. 14—Business Meeting—7:00 pm

Knight of the Month: Jim Leathers

Family of the Month: Bob & Mary Shaw



2024  
DIOCESAN  
SERVICES  
APPEAL

“THE OFFERING OF  
THE JUST ENRICHES  
the altar”  
Sirach 35:8

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.

Thanks to your generosity we are halfway to our goal!!

## 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.

## WINGS MEETING

The next meeting of WINGS will be held Thurs Mar 21st at 130 pm in the small hall. We will be having a birthday party for everyone complete with cake and ice cream. If you choose, please bring a small gift, around \$5 for sharing with another person. Also please bring a picture of yourself as a child so we can try to guess who's who.



American Red Cross

March 11 at 1:00 pm – 5:45 pm

St. Isidore – Large Hall

Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus

Come to give for a \$10 e-gift card to a pet supply merchant of choice! Give blood, treat your pet & make a paw-sitive impact this spring. PLUS automatically be entered for a chance to win a \$3K gift card (5 winners!)! Terms: [rcblood.org/Pets](http://rcblood.org/Pets).

The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross blood program!

Download the Red Cross Blood Donor App on the [App Store](https://www.apple.com/app-store), [Google Play](https://www.google.com/play) or text BLOODAPP to 90999. Schedule appointments, view your blood type and results of your mini-physical, and track your donations.

## MARCH SAINT OF THE MONTH ST. CASIMIR - FEAST DAY MARCH 4

Casimir had no desire for power, war, riches or nobility. He had fallen in love with God and the Blessed Virgin. He prayed frequently, often slept on the floor, engaged in other penitential practices, spent entire nights meditating on the Passion of our Lord, dressed simply, and desired to live a life of chastity. He was charitable to the poor, manifested the virtues, and edified all who encountered him. This picture of St. Casimir depicts him with two right hands as a sign of his great generosity to the poor. He holds a Rosary, a sign of his life of prayer and devotion to Mary, and a lily, which signifies his purity and innocence.

ST. CASIMIR  
OF POLAND

March 4th



**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 #

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Payment included \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to Holy Family Catholic Church 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Day of the Divine Mercy Novena, & Confessions

3:00 pm - St. Isidore

Followed by Stations of the Cross, 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**St. Isidore - Every Wednesday**

5:30—6:20 pm Adoration & Confessions

6:30 pm Mass

Adoration & Confessions Following Mass

Until 7:30 pm

**Holy Family—Every Thursday**

5:30—6:20 pm Adoration & Confessions

6:30 pm Mass