

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 5, 2024



Today's Readings: Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48 (56B) Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 1Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17

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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

Web Address: <http://saintisidorehollyfamily.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 — May 4 —(5:30 PM) † Vallorie Risdon by the Family

Sunday — May 5 —(9:00 AM) † Dan & Stella McGrath by the Family

Wednesday— May 8 — (6:30 PM) Fr. Anthony 12th Anniversary of the Priesthood by Chris & Kay Basgall

Thursday — May 9 — (8:30 AM) People of the Parish

Friday —May 10 —(8:30 AM) † Eunice Berland by Chris & Kay Basgall

Saturday — May 11 —(5:30 PM) † Ed & Dawn Wrobel by the Family

Sunday — May 12 —(9:00 AM) † Robert & Marie Davidek by the Family

HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday— May 4 — (4:00 PM) † Pat Latz by Allen & Michele Martin

Sunday— May 5 —(11:00 AM) † Paul Ladiski by Mike & Barb Chapko

Tuesday — May 7—(12:10 PM) † Greg Smith by the Smith Family

Thurs—May 9 —(6:30 PM) † Julie Bacik by Parishioners

Saturday— May 11 — (4:00 PM) † Helen Bartkowiak by the Family

Sunday— May 12 —(11:00 AM) † Ed Ladiski by Dale & Sue Ladisky



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



ROSARY BEFORE MASS—ST. ISIDORE

Sundays 8:30 am—Thurs. & Fri. 8:05 am

MONTHLY DEVOTIONS

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

1st Friday of Month—St. Isidore
Litany of Sacred Heart after Mass



WEEKLY OFFERTORY

April 27 & 28, 2024

St. Isidore Offertory- \$1,997

Holy Family Offertory - \$6,118

Online Offertory - \$1,679

TOTAL: - \$9,794

Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Names included should be parishioners, their relatives and friends. Also, remember all of our service members in your prayers.

Emily & Kelly Rocheleau

Nita Hughes

Ish Patel

Russ Mallery

Please contact the office to put names on the prayer list. As of May 1st the list has been cleared.

Notes from Fr. Anthony

Follow up

In regard to the recent series on iconoclasm and in particular the iconoclasm in the Catholic Church in the 1960s and on, we have seen the devaluation and depreciation of things that Catholics have always held to be sacred. This overflowed in many different ways and in particular, at the end of the day, it led to a lessening of the respect given to the Holy Eucharist. For instance, the idea that bowing in front of the tabernacle of the King of Kings was a suitable substitute for kneeling is one of those cases. That is something like saying that nodding at someone you love is the same as kissing them. This lessened respect for the Blessed Sacrament led to the desire to completely remove the tabernacle from the church or to at least put it off to the side - out of the way. This has all led to such an extremely casual attitude in the presence of the Lord of all things and our Savior that now many - priests, religious and lay - just walk by the tabernacle as if it were nothing more than a piece of furniture.

Now why do I bring this up, you might ask. Well, if you recall, in last week's article I was citing concrete examples of the iconoclasm in the Church, I wrote how this led to my eventually receiving a tabernacle - with the Eucharist still inside. I was asked to tell you the rest of that story. The reason why I began by citing the lack of respect given to the Eucharist and the change from genuflecting to bowing in front of the tabernacle is because this whole story is the fruit of changes like that which ended up leading to a greater lack of respect for the Eucharist and to a total lack of awe in the physical presence of Christ among us and the way He is treated in all levels of the Church. The level of disregard for the very miracle that the Eucharist is has bred the idea that I can treat Christ with such a level of familiarity that I do not treat Him any differently than anyone else or even less respectfully, in spite of His Divinity.

The tabernacle incident, we will call it, took place while I was working at a very large parish in the suburbs of Chicago. At one time, Chicago was a place of great religious fervor and activity, with many parishes and religious houses and convents. This is no longer the case. As respect and love for the Eucharist declines, so do vocations and practice of the faith. In this particular situation, it took place on a Saturday. Saturdays were busy days for me. We had morning Masses, catechism classes to teach and then evening confessions and Masses while preparing for the 8 Masses and confessions to come on Sunday. Saturdays were one of the days I taught catechism for the 7th and 8th grade children in our Polish school, some of the nuns at the parish also taught and it started as a pretty normal day. As I am going through the lesson with my students, there is a knock on the door. I stop for a moment and say "prosze" (a Polish word which in one of its meanings is to say

"please come in") Sr. Maria sticks her head in the door and says (obviously in Polish, but we will stick to the English translation) "Father, can I speak to you for a moment? There is a situation" to which I reply "Yes. What is the situation, Sister?" She then proceeds to tell me that there are two gentlemen outside who came to her with a tabernacle and said that "We have Jesus" (literally their words). After first asking her once again to repeat the story, I managed to pick my jaw up off the floor and proceeded to follow her out to the main doors where she has these two gentlemen waiting for me. I get there and there are two Polish contractors, blue collar working men in their 30s-40s, who proceed to tell me that "Father, we found Jesus". At this point I am still in disbelief and trying to wrap my head around the situation, thinking of the Good Lord and how He has been treated in the Eucharist, how could this have happened?! One of the men goes back to the vehicle, opens the back door and pulls out a tabernacle, which he proceeds to bring to me, while the other man explains that they were working on the remodel of a house (apparently it had been a convent of some sort) that had been sold and they were told to clear out the things that had been left. This tabernacle was a chapel size tabernacle. They asked the owners what to do with it, since whoever had sold the place left it behind. They were told to throw it in the dumpster. So, they remove it from what at some point had been a chapel (most likely it had been stripped of any ornamentation and whitewashed at some point as that was the mode of the 60s and 70s) and are preparing to throw it away as they were told. The man tells me "Father, when we took it out, we heard something banging around inside as we carried it, but it was locked. We pried the door open, and inside we found Jesus".

What they found was a ciborium with consecrated Eucharist inside a locked tabernacle that had been abandoned there.

They literally had found Jesus, and He was abandoned and about to be thrown in a dumpster. They brought it over to my office at the parish where I proceeded to thank them and bless them for their understanding, love and respect for the Eucharist. I took care of the Eucharist in the proper manner. I still have that tabernacle and ciborium to this day.

Let's think about how our Good Lord is treated in the Most Blessed Sacrament and ask ourselves if we could maybe show Him more love and respect, could we maybe bend the knee a little more to the God of heaven and earth who dwells among us, in particular out of reparation for those who do things like this to Him. Could we receive Him with more reverence in Holy Communion? Can we ever show Him too much respect?

God love you, Fr. Anthony

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mondays—7:30 pm—“Zoom” online Rosary
Thurs—**No Quilting** Ministry during construction
May 5—1st Communion—St. Isidore & Holy Family
May 7—Busy Mom’s Group—6:00 pm—St. Isidore
May 8—Scholarship Deadline—3:00 pm
May 11—TMIY—7:30 –9 am—Holy Family

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



Congratulations to our
2024 First Communicants.



Lucas Brink	Charlee Pease
Finn Burgett	Lillian Raska
Bebhinn Corey	Alexis Robinson
Connor, Klein	Archie Rourke
Amelia Klink	Kevie Zmitko
Owen Longoria	

First Communion

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

May 8 —Business Meeting—7:00 pm

May 19—Pancake Breakfast

Knight of the Month: Jim Eiseler

Family of the Month: Eric & Melissa Jones & Family



WINGS Meeting

The next meeting of WINGS will be Thursday May 16. Our program will be a talk by Father Anthony about the sacrament of Penance. His talk will start at 1:30 pm, a free lunch will be served starting at 1:00 pm. Attendees are requested to bring a donation for Catholic Charities of canned fruit or jelly. See you then.

That Man is You Summer Program

Our That Man is you Men’s group is starting a summer bible study program. We will be working our way through some of the smaller epistles in the New Testament starting with the letter of Jude. We will meet on the second and fourth Saturdays from 7:30 – 9:00 am, Starting May 11th.

MAY SAINT OF THE MONTH - OUR LADY OF FATIMA - Feast Day May 13th

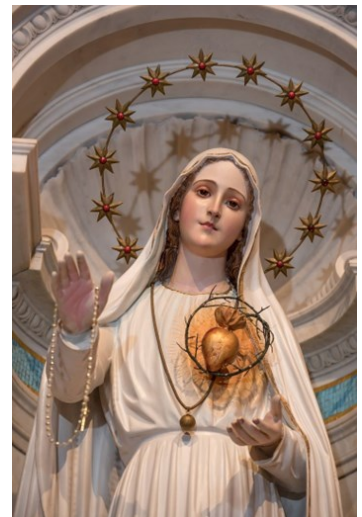
Our Lady of Fatima, formerly known as Our Lady of the Holy Rosary of Fatima, is the Catholic title of Mary, Mother of Jesus, based on the Marian Apparations, reported in 1917 by three shepherd children at the Cova de Iria in Fatima, Portugal.

The history of the Shrine of Fatima begins in the early 20th century, when a sequence of miraculous events changed the course of this small town’s fate forever. Three little shepherd children, Lucia dos Santos, her cousins Jacinta and Francisco Marto, claimed to have seen the Virgin Mary in 1917. Jose’s Alves Corria de Silva, Bishop of Leiria, declared the events worthy of belief on October 13, 1930.

The shepherd children Lucia dos Santos, Jacinta Marto, and Francisco Marto were caring for their sheep in the fields near Fatima in 1917. They had no idea that their lives would soon come into intimate contact with the holy, which would change them forever.

The apparitions happened on the 13th day of every month from May to October. The Virgin Mary presented herself to the three children as a radiant woman who was engulfed in light and splendor. Six apparitions took place over the course of these six months, each of which filled the hearts of those there with amazement, wonder, and a strong sense of spirituality.

The Virgin Mary delivered messages of love, peace, and repentance during the apparitions. She sent out a message encouraging prayer, fasting, and adoration of her Immaculate Heart. As news of these supernatural encounters spread, pilgrims from all backgrounds visited Fatima in search of consolation, forgiveness, and healing.





May is the month when we turn our thoughts to mothers and especially our Blessed Mother. Each of us are always held in her motherly gaze of love and protection. As Mother Mary reaches out to help each of us, let us extend her love and compassion and reach out to help other mothers in need.

During the month of May, we will be doing a diaper and wipe drive at BOTH Churches. There will be designated totes in the entrances at each church. Please place your donations in the totes and they will be collected each week. At the end of May, they will be donated to the Elsie Baby Pantry.

There is an urgent need! Any diaper brand, any size welcome, including pull-ups. Currently there is a greater need for the larger diapers, sizes 4 & 5 and pull-ups.

Please put this insert on your refrigerator, desk, etc. as a reminder. Let us do what we can, to help these momma's.

Thank You in Advance. May God Bless You.



ACTIVITIES GROUP MEETING

Holy Family

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN THE GROUP!

What our group does: Lenten fish fry dinner, Outdoor improvements around the church grounds, replacing gutter guards on eaves troughs, landscaping, paying for religious education needs, including Confirmation students attending a required retreat, helping with the church picnic, and more!

Why should you join? You can come to one meeting or all the meetings. Your presence is always welcome.

We need your opinions. We would love you to volunteer for activities, but it is not necessary or required as part of the group.

New ideas are very important, and we want to grow as a group and a parish. Please consider stopping by and seeing what the group is all about.

Anticipated next meetings, subject to change. Please check the bulletin for updates.

May 4th 5 pm	June 2 nd 12 pm	July 13 th 5 pm	August 4 th 12 pm
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ST. ISIDORE GARDENS

Gardening has begun. As always, the more gardeners we have, the lighter the work for all of us. We need and appreciate whatever time you have to offer. **Green Thumbs come in various shades. Not required!** Some tasks are actually light, while others are aerobic.

This spring, the gardeners are in need of 4 simple wood planters to set on each side of the grotto (on top of the 4 existing concrete steps.) This will complete the facelift that began last summer.

Please call the office or Aloise Bachelder. We are typically in the gardens on Tuesday mornings depending on weather. Seriously, we really could use more people.

