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to my faith?



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Our doors are open. We reach out to those who are seeking God's grace and meet them where they are.



St. Isidore is a strong, passionate place of faith. Together we will build up our community and share it with those around us.

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FR. NOEL - THE PILGRIM'S CORNER frnoel@stisidore.church

NOBODY IS A STRANGER

This year, my wish is not to make a traditional Christmas nativity scene but to make a Christmas Manger symbolizing the homeless Mary and Jesus in the stable of the world of homeless, refugees and the world's vulnerable. It helps me to think and pray about the millions of people who are forcibly displaced in the world and are looking for a safe place. An unprecedented 65.6 million people around the world have been forced from home. Among them are nearly 22.5 million refugees, over half of whom are under the age of 18. There are also 10 million stateless people who have been denied a nationality and access to basic rights such as education, healthcare, etc

The Christmas story of the homeless Mary and Joseph compels us to be present and sensitive to suffering shaped in lowliness, weakness, and vulnerability. The church is a people of God formed by this heartfelt story of Christmas; identifying Mary and Joseph today with the refugee, the immigrant, the exile, and the outcast. The manger helps us to appreciate the importance of place, land, and home and the violence and uncertainty which accompany people forced to relocate or flee to a place which is not their own.

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“ I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.

JOHN 1:23



WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

7:30 am Mass CH
7:30 am Coffee and Doughnuts SH+K
9:30 am Mass CH with CLW RC
11:30 am Mass CH with CLW RC
6:00 pm MS Youth Group Meeting YR

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

8:00 am Mass CH
8:45 am Armchair Aerobics RC
4:30 pm Faith Formation CRSH
6:15 pm Faith Formation CRSH
7:00 pm RCIA REC
7:00 pm Prayer Group RC
7:00 pm Communal Reconciliation - St. Therese of Lisieux OS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

7:00 am Holy Hour CH
8:00 am Mass CH
1:00 pm Ushers - Ham Pick Up 1-7 pm KIT
4:00 pm Private Reconciliation CH
4:30 pm Faith Formation CRSH
6:15 pm Faith Formation CRSH

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

8:00 am Mass CH
9:00 am Bible Study - YR
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal CH

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

8:00 am Mass CH
11:00 am Young at Heart RC
5:30 pm Joyful Noise Rehearsal CH
6:15 pm Faith Formation - Childrens Mass Rehearsal CH
7:30 pm Teen Music Rehearsal CH

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

7:00 am Holy Hour CH
8:30 am Decorate the Church CH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

8:00 am Mass CH
3:15 pm Confessions CH
4:30 pm Mass CH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

7:30 am Mass CH
9:30 am Mass CH
4:00 pm Christmas Mass CH
6:00 pm Childrens Mass CH

WEEKLY READINGS

SUNDAY

Third Sunday of Advent
IS 61:1-2A, 10-11;
LK 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54;
1 THES 5:16-24;
IS 61:1 (CITED IN LK 4:18);
JN 1:6-8, 19-28;

MONDAY

Monday of the THIRD Week of Advent
JER 23:5-8;
PS 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
MT 1:18-25;

TUESDAY

Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent
JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A;
PS 71:3-4A, 5-6AB, 16-17;
LK 1:5-25;

WEDNESDAY

Wednesday of the Third Week of Advent
IS 7:10-14;
PS 24:1-2, 3-4AB, 5-6;
LK 1:26-38;

THURSDAY

Thursday of the Third Week of Advent
SG 2:8-14;
ZEP 3:14-18A;
PS 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21;
LK 1:39-45;

FRIDAY

Friday of the Third Week of Advent
1 SM 1:24-28;
1 SAMUEL 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8ABCD;
1:46-56;

SATURDAY

Saturday of the Third Week of Advent
MAL 3:1-4, 23-24;
PS 25:4-5AB, 8-9, 10 AND 14;
LK 1:57-66;;

SUNDAY

Fourth Sunday of Advent
2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16;
PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29;
ROM 16:25-27;
LK 1:38;
LK 1:26-38;

KEY TO CALENDAR LOCATIONS:

A-Atrium, CH-Church, CR-Classrooms,
CY-Courtyard, ECR-Executive Conference
Room, FCR-Front Conference Room, GS-
Gathering Space, K-Social Hall Kitchen, MA-
Maintenance Room, MR-Music Room, OS-Off
Site, RC-Resource Center, REC-Rectory,
SH-Social Hall, YR-Youth Room

2017

RECONCILIATION

SACRAMENT DATES AND TIMES

INDIVIDUAL

TUESDAY DECEMBER 19 4:30 PM

COMMUNAL

MONDAY DECEMBER 18 | 7:00 PM

St. Therese of Lisieux 48115 Schoenherr Rd

SATURDAY DECEMBER 23 | 3:15 PM

THE PILGRIM'S CORNER *(Continued from page 1)*

But at the same time it compels us to glimpse the faithfulness of God in protecting and delivering those who like the Holy Family was oppressed and wandering. On this "Gaudete Sunday" we turn to our Compassionate God, to give colors of hope to the world; to make his loving presence felt to refugees and immigrants, torn from home, family. May we seek God's help so that we may be able to accompany the "vulnerable". May this Advent and Christmastime lead refugees and immigrants to a new home and a new hope and that God can also open our hearts to welcome and receive them as our sisters and brothers in whose face we see Jesus. We know that nobody is a stranger to God; and no one is ever far from his loving care. In God's kindness may He watch over refugees and exiles, those separated from their loved ones, young people who are lost, and those who have left or run away from home. May God, through our generosity and kindness bring them back safely to the place where they long to be and help us always to show our kindness to strangers and those in need. God bless you all!

ADVENT PROCESSION

ADVENT: A TIME OF ATTENTIVE PREPARATION AND WAITING

During these weeks leading up to our Christmas celebrations, we are taking the time to prepare our homes, cleaning, decorating, and baking in anticipation of hosting guests and spending time celebrating with family and friends. Our preparations are significant of our attentiveness to our guests even long before they actually arrive at our door. As the family of God, our church home is adorned for Advent in purple fabrics. We light special candles on the Advent wreath each week and our scripture readings and music selections at Mass reflect this season of "wakeful anticipation".

Normally, our entrance procession travels up the middle aisle each week. During these weeks of Advent, the procession will come from alternative locations. In the Gospel for this first Sunday of Advent, Jesus admonishes us to *"...Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come."* (MK 13:33)

Our alternate processional route is designed to support our heightened attentiveness and the message of the Advent Gospel to be prepared, be watchful and be ready for God's coming.

So too, you also must be prepared for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come. (MT 24:44)

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15
AT 8:30 AM
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19
AT 4:30 PM

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
AT 7:30 AM AND 9:30 AM

CHRISTMAS

- CHRISTMAS EVE, SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 24, AT 4:00 PM,
6:00 PM AND MIDNIGHT
- CHRISTMAS DAY, MONDAY,
DECEMBER 25, AT 8:30 AM
AND 11:00 AM

NEW YEAR LITURGY

- MONDAY, JANUARY 1
AT 10:00 AM



REST IN PEACE

KATHY JANE ANDRES

Entered an eternal life on
December 5th
Wife of Russell

Our thoughts and prayers are with their families. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

BAPTISMS

On Sunday, December 16th, we welcomed a new Christian into the family of God

KARLEE MARIE MCDONALD

Daughter of Scott and Lisa McDonald

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:30 AM

† Leo Silvestri
 † James Boyd
 † Joseph H. & Rosalie Goike
 † Anne Klotz
 † Louis Malburg
 † Penny Charbeneau
 Fr. Francis Faraci

9:30 AM

† Gary Adamski
 † Frank DiPonio
 † Sivalelli & Wisniewski Families
 † Vincent Pizzimenti
 † Giovanni Meschini
 † Joseph Barona
 † Theodore Kolasa
 † Edward Kosinski
 † Frank Mercadante
 † Lorenzo Viviana
 † Maria, Angelo, John D'Andrea

11:30 AM

† James Conley
 † Anthony & Grace Licavoli
 † Ernest Schellschmidt
 † Ferruccio Trevisi
 † Eugenia Maccagnone
 † Stanley & Cynthia Wilk
 Jeff Angle
 † Cecilia & Robert Kebbe
 † Henry Gubler
 † Joseph Sribniak

Family
 Wife & Daughters
 Daughter, Irene
 Larry & Mary Stefani
 Virginia DeCock
 Casmira & Peter Sapienza
 Casmira & Peter Sapienza

Kris & Rob Mikolay
 Wife & Family
 Joann Pletz
 Site
 Wife & Family
 Family
 Family
 Cassie & Peter Sapienza
 Mary Panetta
 Family
 Lucia & Domato Iacovetta

Family
 Daughter & Family
 Rosalie & Daughter
 Family
 Husband, Frank
 Miller Family
 Brother, Tom
 Family
 Wife
 Mother

Mom
 Family
 Irene Maciag

Daughter, Mary
 Children
 Mom & Dad
 Family
 Sue & Sherrie

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00 AM

† Paul Hahn
 † Theresa & Frank Chida
 † John Filipek

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:00 AM

† Genevieve Schang (5 year anniversary)
 Mary Herc
 † Ken Scargall
 † Anthony J Lucido
 † Larry Prudhomme

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00 AM

† William "Bill" Goike
 † Merrill Wayka
 † Geraldine Vierck

Wife & Family
 Family
 Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:00 AM

† Robert Dickerson
 † Vincent Sancimino
 † Helen Kustarz
 † Del Hogan

Family
 Family
 Daughter, Bonnie
 Hicks Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:00 AM

† M/M Jan Kamluk
 † Walter Miller
 † Stephen & Lottie Muzyk
 † Robert William Lewandowski
 † Marquerite & Walter LaCombe

Daughter
 Family
 Jeff & Kathy
 Wife, Marilyn
 Schirck Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

4:30 PM

† William "Bill" Goike
 † Maria Monserez
 † Larry Prudhomme
 † Anna Viscomi
 † Eleanor Mielewski
 † John Seibert
 † Frank Grzech
 † Julian & Marie Zanni
 † Margaret Dutton
 † Robert Zaremski (anniversary)

Wife & Family
 Family
 Sherrie Prudhomme
 Viscomi Family
 Friend
 Wife
 Wife & Family
 Zanni Family
 Marilyn Miller
 Wife

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:30 AM

People of the Parish
 † Gladys Verellen (4 year anniversary)
 Sara & Sevon
 Gary & Hannah
 † Kimberly Wiegand

Family
 Family
 Family
 Family

9:30 AM

Adam & Lauren
 Hannah & Rachal
 Fr. Francis Faraci
 † Juanita Agius (4 year anniversary)
 † Lois Malburg
 † John Schirck
 † Agnes & Leo Easterman

Family
 Family
 Casmira & Peter Sapienza
 Husband
 Gina Goike & Family
 Schirck Family
 Schirck Family



IS POPE FRANCIS A SOCIALIST?

Since his election to the papacy, Pope Francis has been loved and hated by many people, Catholic and Protestant alike. For many, Pope Francis is a breath of fresh air, a living example of the Christian ideal of love and charity. For many, Pope Francis is the downfall of Catholic teaching on human sexuality and marriage. For many, Pope Francis is the voice of the poor, the environmental conscience of the world. For many, Pope Francis is a medaling socialist. For many, Pope Francis is the call for justice. For many, Pope Francis is the voice of anarchy. For all of us Pope Francis is a challenge to the "status quo". For all of us, Pope Francis is a voice of challenge to our ways of seeing, believing and behaving. But I do not see Pope Francis as a "socialist".

In the relative lifetime of the Catholic Church, the "Teaching" on the use of wealth is a fairly "new" idea, just short of a hundred and fifty years. Since Pope Leo XIII's *Rerum Novarum*, literally hundreds of papal encyclicals have been written by the eight succeeding popes since Leo XIII. Each encyclical endorsed the principles of *Rerum Novarum*, and each added a point of emphasis or clarification. And (and this is a BIG AND) each encyclical, including *Rerum Novarum*, specifically addresses the issue of the role churches and governments are to play, but that there is not a "political solution" to poverty, abuse of power, or social justice. "Socialism", as understood by many, is a false humanism that promotes the idea that social justice can only be achieved in the political arena. And, while the church will legitimately argue that there is much that governments should and must do in favor of a truly just society, the only "final solution" is for Christians to actually behave like Christians. As I understand the agenda of Pope Francis, we are challenged to "re-think" our laws and traditions and decide if they are truly promoting Christ and His mercy, or if they are not simply harsh unbending regulations.

As I read the Acts of the Apostles, Paul's many letters to churches scattered about, and the epistles of Peter, John and James, I understand that the greatest and most effective evangelization tool used by the Apostles, was the change brought about in the behaviors of the early Christians. St. Paul was not the greatest orator of his time, as is evidenced in his "presentation" of the Gospel in the Areopagus, in Athens (Acts 17:16ff). The greater witness of St. Paul, was the suffering he was willing to endure for preaching the Gospel of Christ. When St. Paul was grossly mistreated, he did not respond with vile and bitter epitaphs, threats of retribution (Acts 14:19-20; 16:16ff; 18:5-7). If you take the time to read the references, you will quickly understand that the greatest opponents to Paul's teachings were the Jews, his brothers in faith. The Athenians and the Jews were the theological "bookends" of the ancient world. The Athenians were open to anything new, everything having the same value – newness; and the Jews who discarded anything that invited them out of rigid view of God's punishments. It does not surprise me that Pope Francis receives some of the most bitter complaints from Catholics, because he calls us out of our rigid legalism to share in, and spread the Grace of God's mercy.

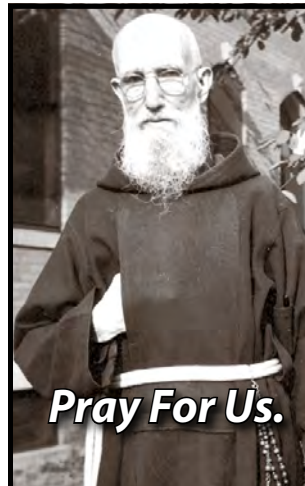
ADORATION CHAPEL



The Adoration Chapel is now available for all parishioners on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 am - 4 pm. If you can commit one hour of your time for worship, please call the church office for more information at 586-286-1700.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Thursday December 21st - 8:30am to 4:00pm
 Friday December 22nd - 8:30am to 12pm
 Saturday December 23rd - Closed
 Sunday December 24th - 8:30am to 11:00am
 Monday December 25th - Closed
 Tuesday December 26th - Closed
 Wednesday December 27th - 8:30am to 12pm
 Thursday December 28th - 8:30am to 12pm
 Friday December 29th - 8:30am to 12pm
 Saturday December 30th - Closed
 Sunday December 31st - 8:30am to 1:00pm
 Monday January 1st - Closed



We Thank God for Blessed Solanus Casey

Our Franciscan Family Welcomes Inquirers...
 Looking for a deeper walk in your Faith? **Saint David Fraternity** is a Canonically approved Secular Franciscan Order in Washington, Michigan consisting of lay men and women that strive to imitate the lives of the Great Saints like St. Francis of Assisi, St. Clare, and, of course, Detroit's own, Blessed Solanus Casey. We invite you to inquire if you think you may have a calling to be part of our Franciscan Family.

Pray For Us.

For more information, please call (248) 630-6616

You've done it! Really done it!!

You've given Macomb Township families a beautiful, blessed, bountiful Christmas! **!!! Thank you, thank you, thank you !!!** Your kind and generous contributions make our job much easier and is appreciated by the families you help.

You are a blessing to our parish!

We are especially thankful to:

- **Father Ron and the entire St. Isidore staff** for their continued support of our work,
- All **St. Isidore parishioners** who donated,
- **Anchor Bay Packaging** for our boxes,
- The **Giving Tree** donors and volunteers,
- The St. Isidore **Altar Society**,
- Our **K of C**
- **The teen group and adult supervisors** for their tremendous help on distribution evenings,
- A **parishioner** who donated 40 bags of potatoes,
- The **parishioners** who gave by the bagful, the trunk-full and the truck-full,
- Those who can't shop, but give money so generously,
- The people who give bath and cosmetic items,
- Many who knitted and crocheted items,
- All who gave of their time & treasure to help us.

Thank You!

Many items were depleted from the pantry during our Christmas food distribution. So we need to restock. Just a short list of "emergency" items:

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|--------------------------|
| Spaghetti Noodles |
| Tuna |
| Canned Meats |
| Jelly |
| Peanut Butter |
| Canned Fruit - All Kinds |
| Canned Pasta |
| Spaghetti's |
| Ravioli |
| Kleenex |
| Deodorant |
| Shampoo |
| Toothpaste |

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BABY PANTRY "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." (Aesop, "The Lion and the Mouse")

PLEASE DONATE: - Sensitive skin products for infants, especially Aveeno, Aquaphor, and baby laundry

soap - Toddler snacks 😊 Thank you to the many thoughtful parishioners who knit & crochet baby blankets, hats and other items for our low-income families.
~ Pat ~

ARMCHAIR AEROBICS
 Want to stay in shape?
 Join the Armchair Aerobics!

This is a FREE exercise program and is offered to anyone that would like to come. Join us every Monday from 8:45 am to 9:45 am in the Resource Center. Presented by the Parish Health Ministry Team.

YOUTH MINISTRY



6TH, 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS

6-8pm in the Youth Room

JANUARY 14 & 28

FEBRUARY 11 & 2

MARCH 11 & 25

APRIL 8 & 22

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HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY:

SUNDAY JANUARY 7TH

TUESDAY JANUARY 9TH -
Rainbow Parent/Teen meeting

SATURDAY JANUARY 13TH -
Rainbow Banner Making

For full schedule and details
visit our website
[www.stisidore.church/
youth-ministry](http://www.stisidore.church/youth-ministry)

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Due to the Holiday season, printing and processing time increases. We kindly ask that you submit your bulletin content in advance. Thank you!

For December 24th bulletin, the submission deadline is Friday the 15th

For December 31st bulletin, the submission deadline is Monday the 22nd



AUSTIN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

ACHS SENIORS SERVING THE COMMUNITY



Seniors Alexis and Kenneth paid it forward with other ACHS Families to prepare and serve the Shelby Fire Rescue First Responders to a Thanksgiving Meal.



Senior Tereza organized and hosted a Special Needs Christmas Party! With help from ACHS Families, guests enjoyed cookie decorating, games, movies, food and drinks!



Join us for Mass Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:20 a.m. or Fridays at 10:10 a.m!

CSA MINUTE

CTND

The Catholic Television Network of Detroit (CTND) is featuring programming this month focused on the true meaning of Christmas, helping families throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit truly prepare for the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ. Thanks to your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal, CTND has broadcast faith-filled programming since 1985 that informs, educates, inspires, and entertains to 900,000 homes in southeast Michigan. Since 2011, CTND has been an affiliate of Boston-based CatholicTV Network.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Attention! Beginning Wednesday, January 3, 2018, there will be a Scripture Study offered by Deacon Bill. The format will be a lecture/discussion as we look at the historical culture surrounding the various books of the Bible, and our modern culture. We will begin with the Book of Exodus, but we will also reference other sources (historical) to explore what God wants us to learn from Scriptures. We will meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month, at 7pm in the Resource Center. Bring your Bibles, bring your questions, bring your curiosities, bring a friend.



The Best Christmas Gift Ever!!

Presents under the Christmas tree are truly wonderful, but they can't heal a hurting marriage. Transforming your marriage into a mutually satisfying relationship is the "gift that keeps on giving." With the help of Retrouvaille, it can be done. Retrouvaille is a Christian peer ministry designed to help heal troubled marriages. This quite possibly could be the best Christmas gift you could ever give yourself, your spouse, your children, your family and your friends!!

****Please pass this information on to anyone who you suspect might be a hurting couple****

The next Retrouvaille program will begin on Friday, January 19, in Romulus, Michigan.

**For confidential information or to register call 800-470-2230
OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE: HelpOurMarriage.com**

ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 1-8

A cast is needed to re-enact a "Living Homily" at the Children's Mass on December 24 at 6PM

Talking parts for older youth & acting parts for younger.

To participate - Call the office and leave your name & number

WIDOWED FRIENDS

FOR WIDOWED MEN AND WOMEN
Bowling every Wednesday, 10AM, at Five Star Bowling in Sterling Hgts.

All widowed men and women are invited to join us for bowling at Five Star Bowling, located at 2666 Metro Parkway (16 Mile Rd) between Ryan and Dequindre. Please arrive at 10AM for lane assignments. \$4.50 for three games! Afterwards, lunch is optional. New participants are Welcome and Needed. Call Diane, 586-230-3052, or Terry, 586-254-6199.

Sponsored by Widowed Friends, a "peer" support group in the Archdiocese of Detroit. For further information about Widowed Friends, come visit our website at www.widowedfriends.org



Round Trip Transportation -Via deluxe highway motor coach. Equipped with reclining seats, overhead storage, & a restroom for your comfort & convenience.

Guided tour of Little Caesars Arena -The new home of the Detroit Red Wings and Detroit Pistons, it opened in September 2017. We'll take a guided tour to experience the brand-new state-of-the-art facility and see several behind-the-scenes areas. The venue will also host countless other sports, entertainment and community events. Rich with tradition of the Original Six Detroit Red Wings and Detroit's incredible musical heritage, the arena features fan amenities geared toward creating memorable experience, innovations throughout and active community spaces like a street scape inspired concourse, a Red Wings practice rink and an outdoor plaza with a massive video wall.

Pizza Papalis (included lunch) -The first Pizza Papalis opened on Monroe St. In Detroit in 1986. They use only the best and freshest ingredients. The flour comes from a little flour mill in Kansas. The cheese is premium Wisconsin cheese shipped in daily. The tomatoes come from Italy's Agro Nocerine Sarnese region. The secret sauce recipe comes from the first true pizzeria located Naples, Italy back in 1830. Lunch will include pizza, salad, bread sticks, dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage.

Greektown Casino (3 hours) -You will be greeted by sparkling chandeliers, sweeping stone staircases and murals of the Greek Isles. With more than 2,500 of the most exciting slots and video poker machines, action-packed table games and a live Poker Room, Greektown Casino in Detroit is 100,000 square feet of pure gaming thrills! Plus, the expanded gaming floor features spacious aisles with the latest slots on the market, as well as all your old favorites.

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Presented by
St. Isidore's Fellowship Committee

Tour date:
Thursday, February 8, 2018

Departs 8:45AM -Returns 5:30PM

For reservations and information please contact:
St. Isidore's Church Office
(586) 286-1700

\$79.00

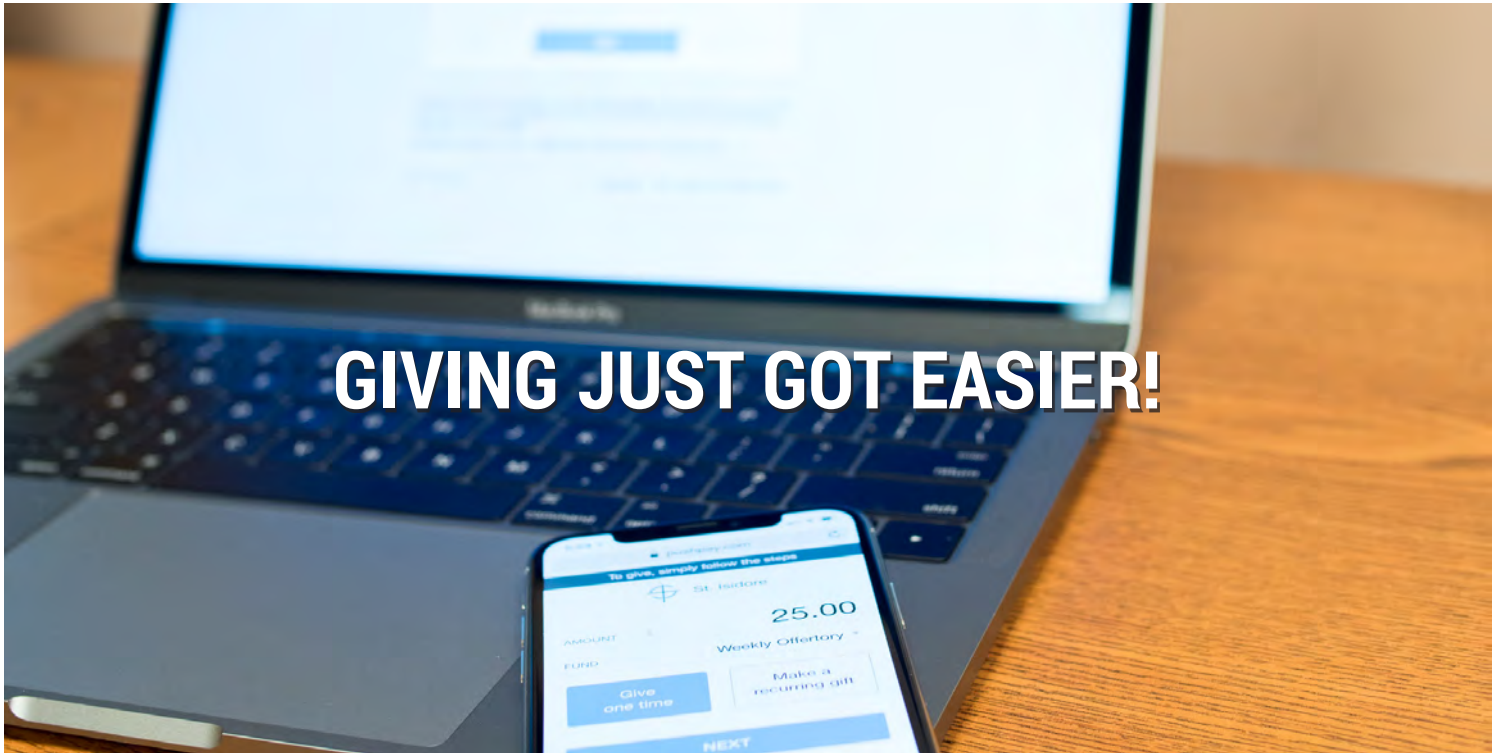
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- FR. RON



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more coming in January 2018!

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection (from July 1, 2017 to last weekend)

Budgeted	\$	542,307.60
Weekly Collection	\$	582,713.70
Over / (- Under)	\$	40,406.10
# Envelopes Returned		856
# Registered Families		3,392
# Registered Members		9,616

Next week we will publish figures that show the positive response this parish has had with our Increased Offertory Campaign. We have seen generous support from many of our faithful parish members. We will share the state of the parish as it relates to both income and expenses in our 12/24 bulletin issue. We will also look to publish these figures on our website.

Blessings-

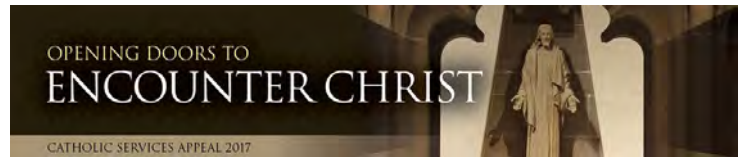
Chris Kozlowski

St. Isidore, Business Manager"

WE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. And give us peace. Amen.

PFC Tanner Adkins	Army	Afghanistan
WO1 Jeremy Bentley	Army	Iraq
Pvt. Troy Ciaramella	Army	USA
Sgt. Sean Collins	Marines	
Sgt. Tyler Dean	Army	Kuwait
PFC Anthony Difatta	Army	Afghanistan
PFC Brian Domzalski	Marines	
PFC E3 Jeffrey Frame	Army	
WO2 Jason Gaboury	Army	
Capt. Wade Gaboury	Air Force	Qatar
Sgt. James Galowski, Jr.	Army	Middle East
PFC John Gellert III	Army	
Michael Giacalone	Coast Guard	Afghanistan
Aaron Griffin	Navy Seal	Afghanistan
Lt. David R. Grzywacz	Navy	
LCpl David Horton	Marines	Afghanistan
Maj. Jeffrey Jablonski	Army	Michigan
LCpl Logan Jabouri	Marines	
J. Jackson	Navy	
Staff Sgt. Ethan Jensen	Air Force	Afghanistan
Sgt. Edward Kujawa	Marines	
Jason Kurpiewski	Navy	Afghanistan
SeaBee UT2 Brian Louwers	Navy	
Spec. Michael Manning	Army	Afghanistan
Tristan Newton	Navy	
Courtney Osborne	Navy	Afghanistan
PFC Matt Piotke	Army	Iraq
MC2 Jeffrey Richardson	Navy	Afghanistan
Sr. Airman Justin Santiago	Air Force	Jordan
Joel Sebastian	Army	
Chief John C. Sbraccia	Navy	Kuwait
Sr. Airman Jeremy Spanski	Air Force	Afghanistan
Cpl. Jeremiah Stewart	Army	Afghanistan
PFC Anne Vassas	Marines	California
Gjelosh Vata	Army	
RCT. Nicholas York	Marines	
RCT Blake Doetsch	Marines	
Put. John Deapen	Marines	Afghanistan



2017 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA)

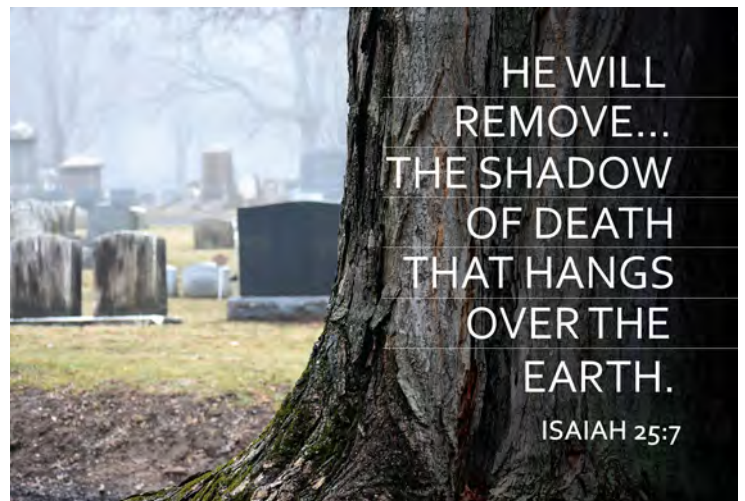
St. Isidore Church Status as of As of Today

Goal	\$ 181,114
Amount Pledged	\$ 160,239
Outstanding Balance	\$ 20,875

THE POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION

DECEMBER

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Unless expressly requested by the family, usually the name of the sick person will be taken off the list after three months. In the instance of an ongoing serious, critical, or terminal status that is known to us, that policy will not apply.

Bob Agius	Mike Guaresimo	Marge Nizzio
Mary Agius	Patty Guaresimo	Jeri Nofs
Stephen Barraco	Serafina Gueccia	Andy Nicosia
Jonathan Bisdorf	Dorothy Habel	Carrie Ann Nunley
Rita Bova	William Hengstebeck	Boridano Panone
James Bruinsma	Donald Holland	Natalie Perini
Rose Burtnyk	Richard Johnson	Sharon Philion
Sybil Campernel	Ray Karam	John Privett
Silvio Caringi	Susan Karidis	Louisa Pietrowsky
Mary Collar	Joe Klingkammer	Loretta Pleuzinsky
Jerry Lou Colzani	Mike Kinney	Stanley Pleuzinsky
Sabrina Conforti	Lynne Klann	Marah Pugh
Pam DeClercq	Dan Kosek	Fritz Reider
Jason Dornoff	Roger Krzeminski	Dennis Rivard
Mary Domsic	Ginette Laberge	Marie Rivard
Berdadine Dubrovich	Carol Loomis	Nickolas Sepich
Lorraine Fecteau	Ottis Loomis	Rosalie Schellschmidt
Eric Fredlund	Marie Marcath	Judy Schoenherr
Diane Fraser	Janet McDonald	Suzanne Sweetwood
Fred Froehlich	Ken Meerschaert	Breanne Talmadge
Isaiah Ford	Tim McGrath	Albert Toccaceli
Cindy Greib	Sal Monso	Curtis Wellhausen
Floyd Grytzelius	Michels Family	

WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 23 & 24, 2017

Liturgical Color	Saturday, December 23 4:30 PM	Sunday, December 24 7:30 AM	Sunday, December 24 9:30 AM	Sunday, December 24 11:30 AM
Lectors	Andy John -	Joe Pilat Rosanna Banka	Ada Paoletti Mark Paoletti	no mass
Lead	Karen Bisdorf David Bisdorf	Irene Goike Carla Silvestri	Tina Sprague Jim Spraguel	no mass
Altar Servers	Riley & Jacob Dupke Abby Livernois	n/a	Joe, Rose, Sophia Paoletti	no mass
Music Ministers	Matt Kush	Matt Kush	Amy Righi	no mass

PARISH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Ronald Victor
Associate Pastor	Rev. Noel Cornelio
Deacons	Rev. Mr. Tom Carter Rev. Mr. Bill Stimpson
Pastoral Minister	Tony Kendzierski
Business Manager	Chris Kozlowski
Transition Coordinator	Ron Pakizer
Office Manager	Debbie Rak
Creative Marketing Designer	Mei Markel
Music & Creative Director	Matt Kush
Liturgy & Music Director	Amy Righi
Parish Nurse	Heather Herbst, RN, BSN
Faith Formation Director	Ann De Rey
Catechist Coordinator Gr. 1-4	Dawn Ormsby
Catechist Coordinator Gr. 5-8	Margaret Topor
Youth Minister	Matthew Hunt
Children's Choir	Claire Toupin
Administrative Support	Kathy Homrocky Dawn Kehoe Marilyn Lis Helen Pugh Rachel Rarick
Maintenance	John Hilt Edward Kotulski Ron Ryan

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday	8:30 am - 8:00 pm
Friday	8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Closed for Lunch (M-F)	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Closed for Staff Prayer (Tues.)	1:00 pm - 1:45 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Sunday	8:30 am - 1:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily:	
Monday - Saturday	8:00 am
Holy Hour (Tuesday & Friday)	7:00 am
Weekends:	
Saturday	4:30 pm
Sunday	7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am

SACRAMENTS

Baptism	By arrangement with the parish office
Reconciliation	Saturday at 3:15 pm
Marriage	By arrangement with the parish office, at least six months prior.
RCIA	Call for schedule

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chair	Michael Fontana
Vice Chair	Todd Grzelewski
Secretary	Susan Decker
Members at Large	
David Bisdorf	Rita Nichter
John Kovacic	Mary Sheahan
Ron Mattei	Ascanio Terraciano
Jeffrey Muzyk	

Registration : Forms are available on-line, at the parish office, and in the gathering space kiosks.



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bulletin@stisidore.church | 586.286.1700 x126

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May you be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Find two words from the list that match the clues. Write them in the blanks, making sure they have the correct number of letters. Use the circled letters to complete the verses.

asp harp trumpet father furnace lavender
 iron uncle India yellow flamingo anaconda
 carrot turnip stork Norway

long-legged birds	○	1	○	2
snakes	○	_____	○	_____
nations	○	_____	○	_____
root vegetables	○	_____	○	_____
musical instruments	○	_____	○	_____
hot things	○	_____	○	_____
relatives	○	_____	○	_____
colors	○	_____	○	_____

May God himself, the God of peace,

1) _____ you through and through ... The one who calls you is



2) _____ and he will do it.

Paul advised the believers to do something else as well.



Unscramble the letters to spell a 5-letter opposite of the given word. One letter will be left over. Write it in the blank. Read the resulting message from top to bottom.

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|----------|--------|-----------|-------|-------|
| DARK | TILGPH | L I G H T | P | _____ |
| SAD | PHPYAR | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| THIN | CATHKI | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| ASLEEP | WAYKEA | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| NOISY | CUTIQE | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| WHITE | COLKAB | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| SMOOTH | GURHON | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| DEAD | VILATE | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| DULL | PISHAR | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| STRAIGHT | NURCLY | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| LARGE | LULMAS | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| FULL | PAMTYE | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| OLD | LUNGOY | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| EXIT | RENTLE | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| SOONER | RELATY | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Children's Worship Bulletin

Ages 7-12

December 17, 2017 • 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Do What Is Good

What did Paul tell the Thessalonian Christians they should do?

Complete the Sudoku puzzle, placing numbers 1 through 9 in every row and every column. Use the numbered letters to find what Paul said.

1	W	6	F	3	5	O	7	9
5	S	F	6	2	7	Y	1	W
A	3	2	S	1	8	4	U	L
Y	7	1	5	W	9	6	2	4
O	4	S	1	7	L	5	8	3
8	6	U	3	F	2	A	9	J
9	5	3	O	6	J	8	F	7
L	2	8	A	9	4	1	3	U
4	J	7	8	5	Y	S	6	2

Be 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 6 8 7 3 9

Paul gave them some final instructions.

Fit the words from the list into the crossword. Then place them in the blanks according to their numbers in the crossword.

be the hold test always circumstances
 in evil kind avoid joyful everything
 of give onto every thanks continually
 all good pray

19A _____

13D _____ 14D _____

4D _____ 15A _____

9D _____ 17A _____ 2D _____

1D _____ 12A _____

16D _____ 5D _____

3D _____ 8A _____ 17D _____ 9A _____

8D _____ 11A _____ 18D _____ 10D _____ 7A _____

