

## HOW DOES THE STAR *spark* MY JOURNEY



### OUR FOCUS



St. Isidore provides a safe, positive, and nurturing environment so that persons of every background feel included and engaged here.



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. RON'S RAMBLINGS

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Today's Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord is, liturgically, the brightest feast of the entire Christmas Season, even outshining Christmas Day itself. (It is for this reason that the feast was transferred from January 6th to the Second Sunday after Christmas: so that the entire community could celebrate it.) This feast celebrates the Light of Christ being manifested to all the Nations, represented by the Magi from a distant land. It invites all of us to be seekers of the Light, and then to be, in the words of the solemn blessing I have been using at Mass throughout the Christmas Season, "a herald of light to all who long to behold the beauty of the Savior's face." There are so many people out there, including members of our own families, who are seeking the light. Let's be "heralds of light" to them!

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**MAY YOUR WAYS BE KNOWN  
THROUGHOUT THE EARTH, YOUR  
SAVING POWER AMONG PEOPLE  
EVERYWHERE**

PSALM 67:2



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH

7:30 am Mass CH  
9:30 am Mass with CLW CH  
11:30 am Mass with CLW CH

### MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH

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 Health Ministry Meeting YR  
7:00 pm Fellowship Committee Meeting ECR  
7:00 pm RCIA REC  
7:30 pm Prayer Group RC  
7:30 pm Circle of Grace Training SH

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 9TH

7:00 am Holy Hour CH  
8:00 am Mass CH  
4:30 pm Faith Formation CRSH  
5:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting ECR  
6:15 pm Faith Formation CRSH  
6:30 pm Christian Service Meeting SH  
6:30 pm Ladies of the Assembly FCR  
7:00 pm K of C 4th Degree Meeting RC  
7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting ECR  
7:30 pm Circle of Grace Training SH  
7:30 pm Cantor Rehearsal CH

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10TH

8:00 am Mass CH  
9:00 am Formed SH  
9:30 am Scripture Group RC  
1:30 pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group RC  
4:30 pm Faith Formation CRSH  
6:15 pm Faith Formation CRSH  
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal CH  
7:30 pm Circle of Grace Training SH

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 11TH

8:00 am Mass CH  
1:30 pm St. Vincent DePaul Meeting ECR  
4:30 pm Faith Formation CRSH  
5:30 pm Joyful Noise Rehearsal CH  
6:15 pm Faith Formation CRSH  
6:30 pm K of C Membership Meeting RC  
7:30 pm Teen Music Rehearsal  
7:30 pm Circle of Grace Training SH

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 12TH

7:00 am Holy Hour CH  
8:00 am Mass CH

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH

8:00 am Mass CH  
3:15 pm Confessions CH  
5:30 pm Blood Pressure Screening FCR

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH

7:30 am Mass CH  
8:30 am Blood Pressure Screening FCR  
9:30 am Mass with CLW CH  
11:30 am Mass with CLW CH  
1:00 pm Baptisms  
6:00 pm MS Youth Group Meeting YR

#### 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

## WEEKLY READINGS

### SUNDAY

*The Epiphany of the Lord*  
IS 60:1-6;  
PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;  
EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6;  
MT 2:2;  
MT 2:1-12;

### MONDAY

*The Baptism of the Lord*  
IS 42:1-4, 6-7;  
IS 55:1-11;  
ACTS 10:34-38;  
1 JN 5:1-9;  
PS 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10;  
IS 12:2-3, 4BCD, 5-6;  
CF. JN 1:29;  
MK 1:7-11;

### TUESDAY

*Tuesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time*  
1 SM 1:9-20;  
1 SAMUEL 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8ABCD;  
SEE 1 THES 2:1;  
MK 1:21-28;

### WEDNESDAY

*Wednesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time*  
1 SM 3:1-10, 19-20;  
PS 40:2 AND 5, 7-8A, 8B-9, 10;  
JN 10:27;  
MK 1:29-39;

### THURSDAY

*Thursday of the First Week in Ordinary Time*  
1 SM 4:1-11;  
PS 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;  
SEE MT 4:23;  
MK 1:40-45;

### FRIDAY

*Friday of the First Week in Ordinary Time*  
1 SM 8:4-7, 10-22A;  
PS 89:16-17, 18-19;  
LK 7:16;  
MK 2:1-12;

### SATURDAY

*Saturday of the First Week in Ordinary Time*  
1 SM 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1;  
PS 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;  
LK 4:18;  
MK 2:13-17;

### SUNDAY

*Second Sunday of Ordinary Time*  
1 SM 3:3B-10, 19;  
PS 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10;  
1 COR 6:13C-15A, 17-20;  
JN 1:41, 17B;  
JN 1:35-42;

In imitation of the Magi bearing gift, Epiphany is the day on which Christmas gifts are exchanged in many cultures. Some cultures celebrate with great bonfires on beaches. And, to mark the coming of the Magi into the home of Mary and Joseph, this is a day for blessing homes.

Here's an Epiphany Trivia Question: "According to the Gospel, how many magi were there who came to honor Jesus? (Answer below)

Tomorrow's Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord brings our Christmas Season to a close. We will celebrate following the 8:00 AM Mass in the parish hall with some Christmas Hospitality—all are welcome to join us. We thank everyone who has helped to make this a wonderful Advent and Christmas Season at St. Isidore, and who have helped to continue our joyful celebration of the season even after others have moved on. We thank all who joined us for community prayer throughout the seasons. We are especially grateful to all who organized and contributed to our parish outreach programs, especially through the Advent Giving Tree, the St. Vincent De Paul Society, our Baby Pantry, and those assisted by our Religious Formation Program and contributions made at our Advent Series. We thank all who were involved with our outstanding Advent Series, "Breaking Barriers", which so well prepared us for a bright Christmas Season. We thank all of our liturgical ministers for their ministry at our various celebrations, and in particular members of our Music Ministry for so joyfully leading us in song at our liturgies, and for the awesome concerts prior to the 4:00 Christmas Eve and Midnight Masses. We are also grateful to the children who led us in singing and performed the Christmas Pageant at the 6:00 Mass. We thank the Worship Commission for their leadership, and all who assisted the Commission in providing our jubilant Christmas environment in church. And thanks to all the members of our parish staff for going the extra mile in order to serve and support our parishioners and parish during this season. And we thank all who were able to offer monetary gifts to the parish this Christmas!

God Bless You!  
Fr. Ron

(Answer to Trivia Question: Matthew's Gospel does not say how many Magi visited Jesus, just that they offered the three gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Tradition assumes that because there were three gifts, there were three magi!)

## LET ME BE ENOUGH

As we move further away from the New Year, our neighborhoods loose more and more of the luster of the Christmas season. By now the Christmas trees are out of the house, the outside lights are unplugged, the lawn ornaments put away for another year. But, we are not at peace; we are not left with a quietness of heart. There does not seem to be any escape from the continuous onslaught of advertisements for this or that, this pill or that injection guaranteeing our instant happiness. None of these though are capable of providing any satisfactory level of happiness. Yes, we need medications; yes, we need furniture; yes, we need to eat and wear clothes. But, these are, in effect, comfort measures. There is no path to genuine happiness or satisfaction that leads through the stomach, or comes with a prescription or a choice of colors and fabrics. Yet, we seem to keep searching for the "magic elixir" to provide a satisfying and lasting sense of happiness. Even though we live in the 21st century, we are not much different from our forefathers in faith, Israel as they traveled through the desert. Yes, we have airconditioned cars and sophisticated GPS navigators, but we are still just as lost and dissatisfied.

The Scriptures do not directly reveal for the reader a panoramic view of the historical context of the Ancient Near East (A.N.E.). To get this, we need to turn to the sciences of archeology and etymology. The men and women in these sciences have added a great resource to any serious study of the Scriptures, even though their science is secular. A condition that was present in the A.N.E. at the time of the Exodus, made Israel's timing of the Exodus more possible (yes, anything is possible for God). By the end of 1200 B.C.E., the major empires, the Hittites, the Egyptian, and the Mycenaean, were no longer super powers. The empires had either collapsed into a system of independent city-states, or as in Egypt's case of a government in disarray. I am not suggesting in any way that the Exodus was organized by any group of leaders, but solely orchestrated by God's power and mercy. However, even as Scriptures report, there were "reluctant" refugees (Ex 15:25b-26; 16:2-3; 17:2). But the lack of well defined, militarized borders, the lack of a large organized force of soldiers to contest Israel, to the lack of strong centralized government in Egypt; to some of the leaders in Israel, it may have seemed like a "good time" to attempt a break away from Egypt.

The above insight, for me at least, is a major reason I believe that being part of a religious community is so critical in today's world. We live in a world trying to drive our souls into submission to the demons of Hedonism. We live in a world that demands we care only about ourselves, our interests, our pleasures. We do need the example and influence of others in our attempt to escape the evils of our modern society. For Israel, Moses's relationship with the powerful God was enough to encourage them. In our lives, can we not trust in Jesus' relationship with His Father be "our enough"?

NOVEMBER. 2017

# A THANK YOU...

this letter had been transcribed and edited for better readability

My name is Bobby Goetz and I am a private first class in my 8th weeks of BCT in Ft. Benning, Georgia. I am originally from Virginia and was born and raised as a Christian. I was baptized as an Episcopalian. As I grew up I drifted in my relationship with God as certain life events tested my faith. When I came to BCT I saw an opportunity to change that relationship and myself for the better. One Sunday, one of my closest friends I had made at MEPs, came down with brought-back rosaries and offered one to me. Me. Being persistent usually meant that I would refuse. However, something wouldn't let me. I started reading the Bible again, and honestly felt better. I carry my rosary with me everywhere, from the range to chow, it remains on my person, and at night it gets hung on my bunk's rail. I apologize for rambling so I digress. Thank you for helping me reconnect with the Lord. You have no way of knowing the lives you've touched with your simple but generous act. Thank you for all you do, you are appreciated. God Bless.

For those I love I will sacrifice,

*Bobby C. Goetz*



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

#### 7:30 AM

Richard & Kathleen Kempisty (57 wedding anniversary)	Family
† Petrina Boyd	Family
† Robert Zaremski	Wife
† Dolores Rinaldi	Family
† Domenica & Pasquale Spalvieri	Family
Evelyn Edwards	Mary Lou & Ron Pratt
† Pellerito Family	Family

#### 9:30 AM

† William "Bill" Goike	Wife & Family
† Victor Porto	Family
† Paul Grzelewski (birthday remembrance)	Wife, Dottie & Family
† Jacqueline LeFever	Todd, Sheila, Dottie Grzelewski
† Maria Guido	Husband
† Anna Rosa Haranczak	Family & Friends

#### 11:30 AM

People of the Parish	
† Dickerson-Dutton Family	Family
† Pietro Carlesimo	Wife & Family
† Michael Joseph Levi Mollahan	Mother & Family

### MONDAY, JANUARY 8

#### 8:00 AM

† Michael Joseph Levi Mollahan	Mother & Family
† Kasey Viles Luby	
† David Hahn	
† Stephanie Hirdning	

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

#### 8:00 AM

†M/M Michael Rybinski & Sons	Mary Herc
Tim & Victoria Roddy Family	

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

#### 8:00 AM

† M/M Jan Kamluk	Mary Herc
Teresa Elssasasser	Roberta
† Lorraine Steinetz (7th anniversary)	Husband, Dick

## REST IN PEACE

### LORETTA PLUSZCZYNSKI

Entered Eternal life on December 25th  
Wife of Stanley.  
Mother of Mary, Ronald and Beth

### EILEEN CHALMERS

Entered Eternal life on December 28th.  
Mother of Diane

### ELENA LENA

Entered Eternal life on December 29th.  
Mother of Fran

### DIANA ELDON

Entered Eternal life on December 31st.  
Mother of Ann

### HEDWIG DYNIA

Entered Eternal life on January 1st.  
Mother of Julie

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

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

#### 8:00 AM

† June Holland (anniversary)	Family
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### FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

#### 8:00 AM

† Hilda Williams (birthday)	Daughter, Carole
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### SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

#### 4:30 PM

† William "Bill" Goike	Wife & Family
† Bryan Harding (4 year anniversary)	Vitale Family
† Michael Majchrzak	Wife, Eleanor
† Maurice Monserez	Maria Monserez
† Dorothy Gacki	Rita & Mike Walendzik
† Edward Kosinski	Cassie & Peter Sapienza
† George Nikoriuk	Wife, Carole
† Michael Burtnyk Jr	Family
† Eleanor Campnerl (10 yr anniversary)	Family
† Deceased members of Campnerl Family	Family

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

#### 7:30 AM

† Merrill Wajca	Family
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#### 9:30 AM

† William "Bill" Goike	Wife & Family
Valentage Family	Family
† June Abraham	Mother

#### 11:30 AM

† Vincent & Suzanne Giordano	Rosalie Schell-Schmidt
† Isadore Virga	Family
† Rev. Edward Ritter	Budner Family

## 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.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

(From The Springhouse Daily Devotional by Fred Bauer p. 275  
“... Throughout the year ahead, we will have many opportunities to serve and to love those with daily problems. If we turn our backs on the sick and the lonely and the poor, there is strong evidence that Christ has not made much difference in our lives. But if we reach out with compassion and understanding when opportunities arise, we can demonstrate the change that the manger Child has made, a change that God envisioned when He sent His supreme gift, Love, to earth...”

### **Additional Christmas thanks to:**

- The Ushers and donors of hams

### **We really need to stock our food pantry**

For Easter. (Yikes, only 10 weeks left to collect everything!) Please watch for sales & 2 for 1 deals, and use coupons to help fill our pantry shelves.

- **CEREAL**
- **CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP**
- **TUNA**
- **FRUIT COCKTAIL**
- **JELLY**
- **LAUNDRY SOAP**
- CANNED CHICKEN
- BOXED PASTA
- CHICKEN OR TUNA HELPER
- PEACHES
- COOKIES
- KLEENEX
- DISH SOAP

If you donate a \$25 gift card to Meijer or Kroger, we can give it to a needy family for perishable food. This saves our funds for a family in a crisis emergency, such as an eviction, foreclosure or utility shut-off.

**St. Isidore Conference/ps**

## 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.

## BABY PANTRY



Epiphany:

In the spirit of the Magi, please bring your gifts to our Baby Pantry collection box next to the office so that together all of us can continue to bring comfort and peace to our neighbors who are poor and in need of the items you give us to distribute.

### **PLEASE DONATE:**

- Baby laundry soap

- Diapers size 3

**There are too many families in desperate need right now. You can help with your donations of money and infant/toddler products. Let us collectively relieve the pain of poverty.**

**Thank you to all who help us. ~ Pat ~**

### LEAVING FOR THE WINTER?

We know that many of our parishoners leave for the winter months. Please help us out by letting us know when you're leaving and returning. This way we can put all mailings on hold. Please fill out the form below and return to the collection basket or drop off in the office during regular business hours. Thank you

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE#: \_\_\_\_\_

ENVELOPE#: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE LEAVING: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE RETURNING: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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

matthunt@stisidore.church

P: 586-286-170 ext:116



### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY:

SUNDAY JANUARY 7TH

THURSDAY JANUARY 11TH 7PM-

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)

## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE – UPDATE

Even in these difficult times, the people of St. Isidore responded generously. No gift is ever too small or too large. This year, we were able to help 82 adults and 85 children under the age of eighteen as well as helping Nativity Church, St. Peter & Paul Warming Ctr., Baby Pantry, SVDP, St. Aloysius Church, Mary's Children, Birthright, and St. Maximilian. I can tell you from a personal perspective, the families were very grateful for the gift cards that enabled them to buy Christmas gifts for their children. There were many tears and hugs. This is what makes this program so rewarding.

We couldn't have accomplished all of this without the help of many volunteers. We are truly grateful to everyone that helped in any way including getting the envelopes printed, decorating them, putting up the trees, collecting the returns and counting the gift cards.

With heartfelt thanks,  
Christmas Giving Tree Committee



## Knights of Columbus Polish Dinner Fundraiser For People with Intellectual Disabilities

**When:** January 27, 2018 From 6:00PM to 8:00PM

**Where:** St. Isidore Church Social Hall  
18201 23 Mile Rd, Macomb,  
MI 48042 (586) 286-1700

**Cost:** Adults \$15.00 and children under 12 \$10.00  
Tickets are available at the parish office. Tickets may also be purchase by mailing a check to the church and picking the tickets up at the will-call table.

**Who:** St. Isidore Knights of Columbus Council 7200



**Tickets must be purchased in advance  
before 5:00PM Monday January 22.**

**Carry out available with  
advanced ticket purchase.**

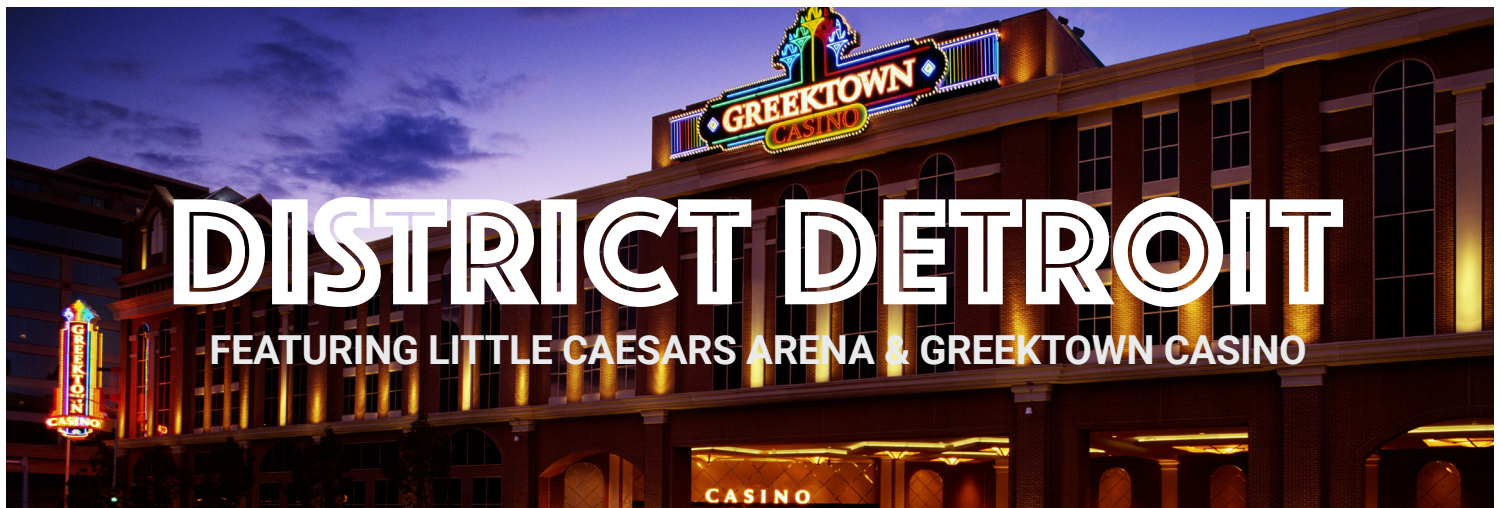
Dinner includes: Stuffed cabbage, Pierogies with sour cream,  
Kielbasa with Sauerkraut, Salad, Roll, Dessert, Coffee, and Tea.

**NO tickets will be available on the day of the dinner.**

Donations accepted.







**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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Group: St. Isidore's Fellowship Committee Tour: District Detroit Date: 2/8/18 Code: 2D79761.1

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**

*no refunds within 24 hours of departure*





## BRING YOUR CURIOSITIES BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

### SCRIPTURE STUDY:

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. Bring your Bibles, bring your questions.

Offered by Deacon Bill

**WEDNESDAYS  
7PM | RESOURCE CENTER**

Come and join us at 11:00 am, every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month to play euchre, pinochle or game of your choice. You do not need to be a parish member to attend.

Everyone is welcome, please bring your friends!

## 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 [widowedfriends.org](http://widowedfriends.org)

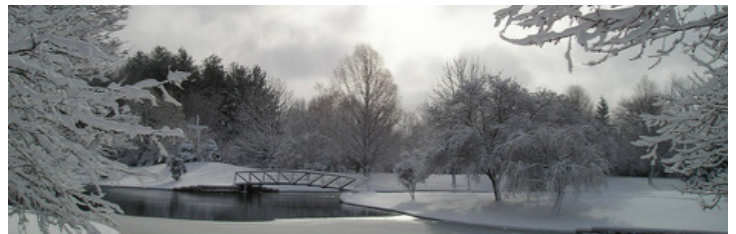
## CSA MINUTE

The Archdiocese of Detroit is inviting the "Young Church" to the 2018 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, to take place from Detroit's Sacred Heart Parish next Saturday, January 13.

The service day will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude with a prayer service and rally at 2:45 p.m. Participants will receive lunch and a T-shirt.

Your gifts to the CSA make possible events like this, which try is coordinated through the Department of Evangelization, Catechesis and Schools, along with young adult and campus ministry.

For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to [aod.org](http://aod.org).



## WOMEN OF THE PARISH

**Now is the time to truly relax after the business of the holiday season.**

Come to Capuchin Retreat (62460 Mt Vernon Rd, Washington, MI 48094) on the weekend of January 19-21, 2018. This year's Weekend Retreat offer four conferences on the spiritual theme "Come and rest in me". There are opportunities for the sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation along with a healing service. There also is the chance to speak with any of the preaching staff on a one to one level. The retreat begins on Friday evening at 6:30 PM and concludes with Eucharist and dinner at noon on Sunday. The suggested offering is \$170.00. If you would like to enjoy the beauty and serenity of Capuchin Retreat, call **Nicolette Ellinghausen at 586 360-6332.**

## CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

The parish office will mail 2017 contribution statements upon request. If you would like a statement mailed to your house, please complete the following and return either by dropping it off in the collection basket, parish office or by mail. Please do not request statements by phone. Thank you.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

ENVELOPE#: \_\_\_\_\_

# THE BIBLE *and the* VIRGIN MARY



## Join us for an inspiring morning of Bible Study

- Discover how Catholic beliefs about Mary build on the Old Testament as well as the Gospels.
- Learn why the early Church used titles like “New Eve” and “Ark of the Covenant” for Mary.
- Grow in your devotion to Our Lady

Beginning on  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10**  
at 9AM  
6 Sessions

*Presented by Ray Karam & Charlotte Nowak*

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AS YOU’VE  
NEVER SEEN  
HER BEFORE

### **REGISTRATION IS FREE**

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or

[evangelization@stisidore.church](mailto:evangelization@stisidore.church)

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## STEWARDSHIP

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

Budgeted	\$	712,499.90
Weekly Collection	\$	726,253.60
Over / (- Under)	\$	13,753.70
# Envelopes Returned		618
# Registered Families		3,392
# Registered Member		9,616

## THE POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION

### JANUARY

Religious Minorities in Asia

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

## 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 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
Cpl 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

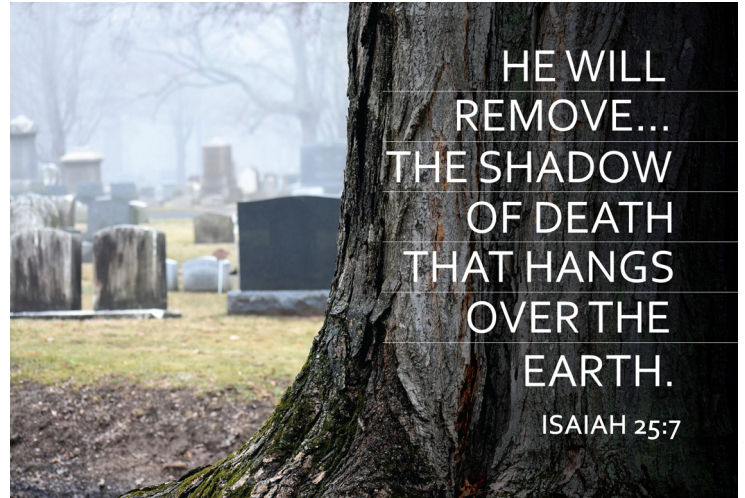
We invite our parishioners to call the parish office to provide us with the names of men and women from our parish who are presently serving in the armed services. Let us know when our brave men and women return from harm's way.



## 2017 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA)

St. Isidore Church Status as of As of Today

Goal	\$ 181,114
Amount Pledged	\$ 160,464
Outstanding Balance	\$ 20,650



## 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 Grytzeli	Michels Family	



# WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE

JANUARY 13 & 14, 2017

Liturgical Color	Saturday, January 13 4:30 PM	Sunday, January 14 7:30 AM	Sunday, January 14 9:30 AM	Sunday, January 14 11:30 AM
Lectors	Tim Palmer Bruce Kopitz	Dan Ward Rosanna Banka	Emily Merkle Sarah Lee	Olivia Epee Private Oye-Mba
Lead	Karen Bisdorf David Bisdorf	Maryann Brohl Rosemary Hartel	Mike Fontana Carol Hill	Bill Ciaramitaro Paul Dolfus
Altar Servers	Jessica Palmer	Jenna Clinard -	Jacob & Riley Dupke Abby Livernois	Maria & Ellie Dunn Ryan Jarvis
Music Ministers	Praise Team 2	Amy Righi	Joyful Noise	Choir

## 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
Music & Creative Director	Matt Kush
Creative Marketing Designer	Mei Markel
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 John Hilt Edward Kotulski Ron Ryan
Maintenance	

## 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

## 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

## MASS SCHEDULE

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

## 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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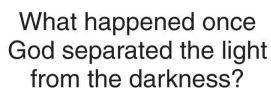
## HAVE A QUESTION OR CONCERN ABOUT THE BULLETIN?

Please direct all inquiries to Matt during normal office hours.

[bulletin@stisidore.church](mailto:bulletin@stisidore.church) | 586.286.1700 x126

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1 = ____ = The letter before F.	9 = ____ = The third letter from the end.
2 = ____ = The fifth letter.	10 = ____ = The letter after I.
3 = ____ = Two letters after A.	11 = ____ = The letter before I.
4 = ____ = The letter before M.	12 = ____ = The eighth letter.
5 = ____ = The letter after M.	13 = ____ = The letter after A.
6 = ____ = The fourth letter from the end.	14 = ____ = Two letters after L.
7 = ____ = The letter before T.	15 = ____ = The first letter.
8 = ____ = The last letter.	

God called the light “ $\frac{\quad}{1} \frac{\quad}{2} \frac{\quad}{3}$ ,”  
and the darkness He called “ $\frac{\quad}{4} \frac{\quad}{5} \frac{\quad}{6} \frac{\quad}{7} \frac{\quad}{8}$ .”

And there was  $\frac{\quad}{9} \frac{\quad}{10} \frac{\quad}{9} \frac{\quad}{4} \frac{\quad}{5} \frac{\quad}{4} \frac{\quad}{6}$ ,  
and there was  $\frac{\quad}{11} \frac{\quad}{12} \frac{\quad}{13} \frac{\quad}{4} \frac{\quad}{5} \frac{\quad}{4} \frac{\quad}{6}$  —  
the  $\frac{\quad}{14} \frac{\quad}{5} \frac{\quad}{13} \frac{\quad}{15} \frac{\quad}{8} \frac{\quad}{1} \frac{\quad}{2} \frac{\quad}{3}$ .

## January 7, 2018 • Genesis 1:1-5

God created everything. How did He start?

Unscramble the letters to find out.

In the

\_\_\_\_\_

giiebgnnn

God \_\_\_\_\_ the

deetarc

\_\_\_\_\_

eehavns

and the \_\_\_\_\_.

terha

What happened next?

Fit the words from the list into the crossword grid. Then transfer the words to the story.

Let	saw	over	good	empty	waters	surface	darkness	separated
God	deep	said	earth	light	Spirit	formless	hovering	

Now the 2) \_\_\_\_\_ was  
14) \_\_\_\_\_ and 1) \_\_\_\_\_,  
6) \_\_\_\_\_ was 13) \_\_\_\_\_  
the 10A) \_\_\_\_\_ of the  
8) \_\_\_\_\_, and the 5D) \_\_\_\_\_  
of 12) \_\_\_\_\_ was 4) \_\_\_\_\_  
13) \_\_\_\_\_ the 9) \_\_\_\_\_. And  
12) \_\_\_\_\_ 10D) \_\_\_\_\_, "3) \_\_\_\_\_  
there be 11) \_\_\_\_\_," and there was  
11) \_\_\_\_\_. 12) \_\_\_\_\_ 15) \_\_\_\_\_  
that the 11) \_\_\_\_\_ was 7) \_\_\_\_\_,  
and He 5A) \_\_\_\_\_ the  
11) \_\_\_\_\_ from the 6) \_\_\_\_\_

