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December 16, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent





OUR FOCUS

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

connect with us Be sure to check in & like us on Facebook & when you come to Mass, so that anyone searching for a church home knows there's a friendly face at St. Isidore. 5 f saintisidore

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FR. MARK'S MUSINGS

A few decades ago, as the commercialism of Christmas continued to grow, the phrase "put Christ back in Christmas" became popular. Back then I thought this was a very modern problem-not so! St. Francis of Assisi in 1223, inspired by his recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land, created the first nativity scene using live people and animals, "to place the emphasis of Christmas upon the worship of Christ rather than upon secular materialism and gift giving.(Quote from Wikipedia)" This dramatized that the son of God really took human flesh, and did so in the most difficult of circumstances.

St. Francis' message resonated with Christians throughout Europe, and soon manger scenes became quite popular. Today most of us have fond feelings for nativity scenes, even if they're not with live animals. Because of these fond feelings, we can get upset if anyone jars us out of our "Christmas comfort." Have you heard about what a Catholic church in Dedham, Massachusetts has just done in their nativity scene? They put the baby Jesus in a cage, and the magi behind a fence with a sign saying, "Deportation."



Loving God means serving our neighbor without reserve, and trying to forgive without limits.

Posted on December 7

FR. MARK'S MUSINGS

Many of us might say this is a sacrilege, but I don't think St. Francis would see it that way, nor do I believe that Pope Francis would. They would want us to look at Jesus' birth in light of what is actually happening in the world today. The child Jesus and his family were immigrants or refugees who were forced to flee to Egypt. Recall that our Pope has at least three times gone to places where desperate refugees are concentrated, and made strong statements about how the world's more prosperous nations treat migrants.

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

ALTAR SOCIETY RAFFLE WINNERS

Winners of the Altar Society raffle:

Sled- Jenny Racette Sports basket- David Patton Playdough basket- Jess Lottery basket- Roger John Deere basket- Jess

Thanks to all who participated in our "cookie walk" + raffle For questions call Ann Jenuwine at 586-781-3858 or 586-337-0059

CONNECTING POINT

How can I welcome others to help them know they belong?

I love the celebration of Christmas. It is an opportunity for the Church to look like it could and should look like every weekend of the year: the parking lot is full, the sanctuary is packed full of people, everyone dresses in their best as they come to worship as a community. I see Christmas Mass as a glimpse into what our Church could look like every single week of the year. This is exciting to me. I literally can't wipe the smile off of my face on Christmas Eve.

Do I get frustrated with having to arrive at Mass an hour early? Of course I do. Do I get frustrated by getting squeezed into a pew, or worse yet, not having a seat for Mass? Of course I do. However, this is a glimpse of how our Church can look if more people were engaged in our mission which is why I am excited. This is a realization of Christ's dream for the Church, a Church bursting at the seams, a Church that can't wait to go out and change the world at the conclusion of Mass. I pray that someday the Catholic Church is as full and alive as it is on Christmas every single weekend of the year.

A friend of mine, the late Fr. Dan Hohman, co-authored a book called Radical Hospitality. In that book, he writes "Real hospitality isn't about what we do---it's about who we are." If we truly love our Church, and I know that each one of us who makes attending Church part of our weekly journey with Christ, loves the Church, then we can't help but want to share it with others. We all have loved ones that we wish attended Mass more regularly, and more importantly, had a deepseated relationship with Christ. We all know of someone who has fallen asleep in their faith, that we pray has an awakening in their faith life. Let's allow the challenge of radical behavior that we hear from John the Baptist in today's Gospel, influence our journey to Christmas. Let's agree to be as hospitable as possible to our Christmas quests. Let's offer our warm smiles to every person we encounter and intentionally make our guests feel that they are not only welcomed here but needed here. Let's agree to welcome our guests in radical ways, so that they may be further invited into the life of our parish.

Let's show our guests who we really are this Christmas and show that we are willing to radically witness our love for Christ by our radical acts of hospitality. In doing so, I am confident that we can make all of our guests know that they belong.

-Chris

WEEKLY CALENDAR



BLOOD DRIVE 6:00 AM // SH MASS 7:30 AM // CH MASS 9:30 AM // CH MASS 11:30 AM // CH SITE CHRISTMAS PARTY 3:00 PM // SH MASS 5:30 PM // CH



Bible Study
9:00 AM // CH
Bible Study
9:00 AM // SH
11:00 AM // FCR
FAITH FORMATION
4:30 PM // SH
JOYFUL NOISE REHEARSAL
5:30 PM // MR
FAITH FORMATION
6:15 PM // SH
CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 PM // MR

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MASS 8:00 AM // CH CONFESSIONS 3:15 PM // CH MASS 4:30 PM // CH



MASS 8:00 AM // CH ARMCHAIR AEROBICS 8:45 AM // RC FAITH FORMATION 4:30 PM // SH FAITH FORMATION 6:15 PM // SH



8:00 AM // CH YOUNG AT HEART 11:00 AM // SH TOASTMASTERS 6:30 PM // CL - 9 STRANGERS NO LONGER 7:00 PM // FCR TEEN MUSIC REHEARSAL 7:00 PM // MR SUN MASS 7:30 A MASS 9:30 A 23 MASS 11:30 MASS 5:30 F

7:30 AM // CH MASS 9:30 AM // CH MASS 11:30 AM // CH MASS 5:30 PM // CH



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6:00 AM // FCR MASS 8:00 AM // CH ADORATION CHAPEL WITH BENEDICTION AT 6PM 8:30 AM // RC FAITH FORMATION 4:30 PM // SH FAITH FORMATION 6:15 PM // SH EVANGELIZATION MEETING 7:00 PM // FCR FINANCE COUNCIL 7:00 PM // ECR



ADORATION 7:00 AM // CH MASS 8:00 AM // CH FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP 8:45 AM // SH CHRISTMAS DECORATING 5:30 PM // GS

CALENDAR LOCATION KEY //

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS // 586-286-1700

MONDAY - THURSDAY 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM **FRIDAY** 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM **LUNCH HOURS** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

SATURDAY 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM **SUNDAY** 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM **TUESDAY LUNCH HOUR** 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

> MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS & THE NEW YEAR

CHRISTMAS EVE • DECEMBER 24 // 4:00PM, 6:00PM, MIDNIGHT

CHRISTMAS DAY • DECEMBER 25 // 8:30AM, 11:00AM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD DECEMBER 31 // 4:00PM & JANUARY 1 // 10:00 AM

Pick up your **free copy** of Gus Lloyd's popular booklet, A Minute in the Church: The Mass," at any of the Christmas liturgies as a gift from the parish.

In this book, you'll find 51 one-minute teachings about the Catholic Mass. From the names of the vessels and vestments to the deeper meaning behind the rituals and gestures, this book will help Catholics and non-Catholics alike come to a greater understanding and deeper appreciation of the Mass...in a minute!

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YOUTH MINISTRY



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY:

INTERIM MYSM - MRS. JULIE RARICK

JANUARY 13 Epiphany & Other Feast Days

JANUARY 27 St. Theresa of Calcutta



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY:

INTERIM HSYMs - MR. CHRIS KOZLOWSKI, MRS. ANN DE REY

DECEMBER 16 Planning/Turn in Rainbow Registration

JANUARY 6 Christmas Party

LEAVING FOR WINTER? Please help us by letting us know!

Please complete the form below to put your mailings on hold. It can be turned in via the collection basket or the office during business hours. Thank you!

Name:
Phone:
Envelope #:
Leaving: Returning:

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

The parish office will mail 2018 contribution statements upon request. If you'd like a statement mailed to you, complete the following and drop off in the collection basket, office or by mail. Please do not request statements by phone. Thank you.

Name: _

Address:__

Envelope #: ____

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY

In partnership with Ascension of Southeast Michigan



Seven Tips to Relieve Holiday Stress In the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, sometimes we become "stressed-out." Try not to let your holiday stress make you lose focus of the real reason of Advent and Christmas. Here are some tips to help cope:

- Take calm-down breaks. Soon after you awake, close your eyes, take several deep breaths and just relax. Do this same exercise throughout the day, whenever you need it.
- Put on rose-colored glasses. When people try to push their unhealthy habits on you during the holidays, tune into their motivations. Before you get annoyed at Aunt Jane, who keeps urging you to try a piece of her apple pie, or your co-worker, Frank, who keeps trying to fill your glass with booze, step into their shoes and realize that Aunt Jane is just showing that she loves you, and Frank is merely trying to be congenial. Thank them and be grateful instead.
- Get moving. One of the best ways to overcome stress during the holidays, or anytime, is to exercise regularly.
- Go for real foods. This time of year, you'll be tempted with sugary empty-calorie treats just about everywhere you go. But to be energetic, focused and happy, it's best to eat foods that grow on trees or in the ground (vegetables and fruits), choose healthy fats (olive and flax seeds), lean protein (fish and organic chicken) and legumes, nuts and seeds.
- Take polite portions of comfort food and drinks. During the holidays it's easy to fall off the wagon and over indulge in alcohol, sugar and caffeine.
- Prepare To-Do Lists. Writing down all that you must do and/or want during the holidays will help you realized how doable your tasks are. Be realistic, and start by tackling one item from each list.
- Be generous. One of the best ways to stay calm, content and cheerful this time of year is to act generously. This doesn't have to mean you're spending a lot of money. You can be generous with your compliments. You can generously offer to do a loved one's dreaded errand.

Blessings,

- Heather

Sources: psychologytoday.com/200912, Ascension SE Michigan Faith and Health, Nov/Dec 2018

ST. VINCENT dePAUL



Once again we are in awe of our parishioners' generosity. Our Christmas Distribution to 43 families once again was a success. The families were so grateful and many expressed sincere gratitude for every item of food they received.

We would like to Thank the following people:

- The Altar Society and Knights of Columbus for their continued support.
- Parishioner for Gift Cards, checks, food by the bag, car, and truck-fulls.
- Food coupon from Royal Roofing Company.
- Our potato man.
- Donations of jewelry, blankets, make up, Christmas decorations also health and beauty items.
- Fr. Ron, Fr. Mark and the St. Isidore Staff for all their support.
- Mr. & Mrs. DeRey and the Faith Formation Teens who helped load boxes into our families' vehicles.

The following items will help us feed other families who were not included in our Christmas Distribution.

We are completely out of the following items:

- Cereal
- Any soap
- Crackers
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Soaps: dish, bar, hand, laundry

God Bless you.



Prayer blankets & shawls are available at no cost in the St. Isidore church office

Unconditional love always requires sacrifice. Partnership with Christ means living a life of love for others. A prayer blanket or shawl is one way to bring the loving comfort of Christ to others. "Reaching out to others takes loving time: time to talk with the lonely, frightened, worried...

"We can become Christ for others when we allow ourselves to glimpse Christ in them. Prayer: O God of Love, help us to see Your face in the faces of others." (Elizabeth-Anne Stewart)

Know that you will bring hope and love to others when you give one of our hand-made items to a friend or relative needing comfort. Prayer blankets and shawls are available in the church office. Please include all prayer blanket and shawl recipients in your prayers.



Because of the Holidays, the Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will not be available on Christmas Day, December 25 or New Year's Day, January 1.

The regular schedule of every Tuesday from immediately following morning Mass through closing Benediction at 6:00 pm will resume on Tuesday, January 8. If you would like to start out the new year with a positive and spiritually rewarding commitment to the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and would like to sign up for any time during the Tuesday exposition, or would be willing to be available as a substitute, please let us hear from you.

You can call the office at 586-286-1700 or contact Dave Bisdorf at 586-202-7000. If you are unable to commit to any time every week, please stop in whenever you can and experience this unique opportunity to spend time in His presence. Have a wonderful and blessed Christmas!

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 – 9:45 am in the Resource Center.

BABY PANTRY



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

Please donate:

- A & D ointment
- New warm clothes for girls and boys, size 24 mo (or 2T)

St. Isidore parishioners are the ones that make it possible for us to assist families in need. You are the ones that help keep our baby pantry stocked so that we can respond to our neighbors who desperately need our help. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts! God Bless all you!

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 7:30 AM

† Domenica + Pasquale Spalvieri † Herman Schultz

9:30 AM

† William Goike † Angelo + Maria D'Andrea † Rosaria Robano

11:30 AM

- †Joseph Poma † Ken Scargall † Dorothy Morrison
- † Veronica Kalinowski

5:30 PM Anne + Andrew Molnar

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

- † Glenn Cook
- † Theodore Kolasa
- † Carol Mathewson

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

- † Eugene Herc † John Filipek
- † Ben Decker (100yr birthday ann.)
- † Chris Slowke

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

+ Genevieve Schang (6th ann.)
+ Anthony Lucido
Diane Fraser (birthday)
Lauren Richards (birthday)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

Tim + Victoria Roddy family † Richard Steinetz (birthday) The Lee family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

- M/M Matthew Herc + family
- + Sister Stephanie + Margaret Dutton
- + Vincent Sancimno (birthday)
- † Helen Kustarz
- † Ken Karam

Family Family

Wife & family Lucia + Donato Son & daughter-in-law

Family Mom + dad Mr. + Mrs. Fiorini God daughter

Family

Virginia Mayhew Family Rich + Jeannie Koss

Wife Irene Maciag Family Sue & Sherrie

Daughter Mary Wife + family Sister Family

Family Judy Roosen Family

Parent Family Family Daughter, Bonnie Jim Smarr

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

+ William Goike
+ Maria Monserez
+ Bruno, Mary & John Slominski
+ Orsini Family
+ Larry Prudhomme
+ Robert Dickerson
+ Zaccagnini, DiNardo families
+ Marie + Jilian Zanni
+ Jerzy Parciak
+ Len Sitek

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23 7:30 AM

† James Boyd † Sylvester De Cock † Robert Zaremski (2nd ann.) † Herman Schultz

9:30 AM

+ William Goike
+ Walter Miller
+ Kenneth Mlutkowski
+ Lorenzo Viviano
+ Susan DeSantis Kaelber
+ Jeanette Ricci
+ Agnes + Leo Easterman
+ Carl Hicks
+ Gaetio Cococcetta (10th ann.) Fr. Francis Fara

11:30 AM

Fr Edward Ritter † Luigi Carlesimo † John Seibert † Henry Gubler † Joseph Sribniak † Agnese Tiseo † Lynne Witkowski † Marguerite + Walter La Combe † Chris Slowke

5:30 PM

+ William + Ligaya Lanni Kate Dunkel
+ William (Bill) Pullen Sinners in the world Francesco Ricci
+ John Schirck
+ Margaret Berkley Wife & family Maria Monserez Family Family Wife Sherrie Family Jon + Marilyn Henry Zanni family Helen Pugh Deb Rak

Wife + daughter Family Wife Family

- Wife & family Family Wife Wife + family Aunt Gina + family Kathy Homrocky Shirley Schirck The Merkle family Wife Prima Peter + Cassie
- Budner family Family Wife Mother Frank Tiseo + family Thomasian Club Shirley Schirck Beth Beebe
- Family Family Wife + family Katerina Gjelaj Marietta Wife Margaret Grzech

POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION // DECEMBER

That people who are involved in the service and transmission of faith may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 16, 2018



WHAT'S HAPPENING?



Sunday, December 16 // 8:00 AM 2018 FALL BLOOD DRIVE

Our Fall Blood Drive is Sunday, December 16 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

If you wish to donate blood you may go on line to Red Cross.org/blood or call the office and speak with Tony. We also need volunteers to work 2 hour shifts at the check in desk and at the canteen table. The shifts are at 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12 noon. Please call Tony at the office if you can help.



Saturday, December 29 // 3:45 PM

5TH SATURDAY ROSARY

The Knights of Columbus invites all members of the St. Isidore Catholic Community, together in a spiritual activity, to promote devotion to the Blessed Mother. Please join with us to recite the Rosary on Saturday, December 29th at 3:45PM.



December 16 // AFTER MASSES COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS

Coffee & Doughnuts served after Masses this Sunday!



Friday, January 11 // 6:30PM RECEIVE MY HEALING LOVE

North Macomb Vicariate Healing Service with Fr. Patrick Gonyeau at St. Isidore

Amidst these days of abundant grace in the Church of Detroit, the Lord is pouring out His Spirit in amazing ways, healing included! Come and enjoy a night of the Healing love of Jesus and please, bring a friend in need of healing of heart, mind, soul or body.

Confessions, sacrament of anointing, prayer ministry, adoration, beautiful praise, healing & freedom.



Friday, December 21 // 5:30PM DECK THE HALLS Christmas Decorating

Friday, December 21 at 5:30-7:30 pm Come and help us Deck the Halls of St. Isidore.

Pizza and refreshments provided for all assisting elves.



SUNDAY

Zep 3:14-18a: Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6: Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

MONDAY

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

TUESDAY

Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

WEDNESDAY

Jas 13:2-7, 24-25a: Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

THURSDAY

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

FRIDAY

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

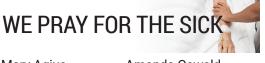
SATURDAY

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd: Lk 1:46-56

SUNDAY

Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10: Lk 1:39-45

Mary Agius Camryn Alberson Jonathan Bisdorf Marion Bruck Nancy Campbell Rosa Caprara Marlene Caramagno Baby Rilynn Jerry Lou Colozani Ann Conforti Pam DeClercg Agnes Dolfus Gladys Dorich Catherine Francek Isaiah Ford **Diane Fraser** Mark Gathof Albert Gryspeerd Fred Grzelak Patty Guaresimo Hanson Family Lynne Klann Joseph Klingkammer Dan Kosek Gregory Lietke Marie Marcath Kathy Marsack Bernice McConnell Tim McGrath Rachelle McMahon Deanna Mejia Karen Melton Gary Michels Martha Mironski Mike Napeleno Andy Nicosia Anthony Nicosia Jeri Nofs



Amanda Oswald Natalie Perini **Dolores Pritchard** Gerald Poirier Dave Puglia Nicholas Puglia Dennis Rivard Mark Smogor Patricia Styf Blanche Szatkowski Breanne Talmadge Anthony Toccaceli Ed Walczak Irene Walczak Curtis Wellhausen Florence Winowski



Sgt. Zachary Adams, Army PFC Tanner Adkins, Army – Afghanistan WO1 Jeremy Bentley, Army - Iraq Pvt. Troy Ciaramella, Army - USA Sqt. Sean Collins, Marines Hannah Cook, Marines - USA Sgt. Tyler Dean, Army – Kuwait PFC Anthony Difatta, Army - Afghanistan Christian Bobbish, Navy LCpl Blake Doetsch, Marines CPL Brian Domzalski, Marines PFC E3 Jeffrey Frame, Army Justin Francis, Army WO4 Jason Gaboury, Army – Kuwait Capt. Wade Gaboury, Air Force - USA Pvt. Rafael Garcia, Army Sgt. James Galowski Jr., Army – Middle East PFC John Gellert III, Army Michael Giacalone, Coast Guard - Afghanistan Lt. David R. Grzywacz, Navy Alexander Hendzell, Marines LCpl David Horton, Marines – Afghanistan Maj. Jeffrey Jablonsk, i Army – Michigan Cpl Logan Jabouri, Marines J. Jackson, Navy Staff Sgt. Ethan Jensen, Air Force – Afghanistan PFC Sean R. Kellogg, Marines California CPL. Griffin Kozakf, Marines - California Sgt. Edward Kujawa, Marines Jason Kurpiewski, Navy – Afghanistan Spec. Michael Manning, Army – Afghanistan Tristan Newton, Navy Courtney Osborne, Navy – Afghanistan PFC Matt Piotke, Army - Iraq MC2 Jeffrey Richardson, Navy – Afghanistan Sgt. Douglas Rogers, Army Sr. Airman Justin Santiago, Air Force – Guam 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 Pt. Andre Ventmiglia, Army - USA PFC. Nicholas York, Marines - New York

BAPTISMS

ISABELLA MARIE Daughter of Scott and Maria Russell

REST IN PEACE

GERALD POIRIER

Entered eternal life on December 10 Husband of Barbara, Father of Ken



"When a guest is in your house, God is in your house"-A Polish saying

On the Christmas Holiday, St. Isidore has more guests than any other time of the year. This year, we are committing to welcoming all of our guests and visitors with a radical hospitality. Our parish leadership is calling each of us to be as welcoming and loving as possible.

Let us be filled with the joy of the Lord, and exercise that joy with every interaction. This may be someone's first time in Church in their life; let's greet them with open arms. It may be someone's first brave steps back into a Church after a long break; let's show them kindness and patience. Attending Mass may be a family's biggest frustration this holiday; let's make it easier on them by offering a smile and a very sincere Merry Christmas. We have the opportunity to positively influence someone's journey with Christ, let's take advantage of that opportunity.

Our faith is not meant to be between only the Lord and us, we are meant to share it with a contagious joy. Let's make Christmas 2018 an opportunity to share the greatest gift of all mankind, the joy that belongs to those who love Christ.

To assist our parish, we have a very simple Do's and Dont's section to help guide us:

Do:

- Smile (as much as possible!)
- Take parking spots in the back of the lot to make room for guests
- Welcome people around you to your parish
- Guide non-Catholics (or visitors) to where the order of the Mass can be found in the hymnal or the worship aid.
- Invite people to explore the welcome table for ways to connect with the parish.

Don't:

- Get mad if someone is sitting in your regular seat.
- Get mad if people are talking in church before Mass.
- Get mad if babies are crying.
- Get annoyed if it's hot and crowded.
- Give dirty looks to people who do not know what to do.

MACOMB, MICHIGAN

DEACON BILL HAS A BLOG!

If you are interested in reading Deacon Bill's thoughts on various topics, you can check out his blog on our website, stisidore.church.

Click on "Discover" in the menu and select "Deacon Bill's Blog," or access it directly at: https://stisidore.church/category/ deacon-bill/





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 very well 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.

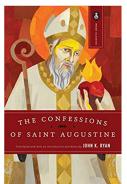
The next Retrouvaille program will begin on Friday, January 18, in Romulus, Michigan.

For confidential information or to register call 800-470-2230 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.com

AUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL

Join the AUSTIN Community Book Club

Monthly - 7:00 p.m. at Austin Catholic High School Media Center



The Confessions of Saint Augustine is a timeless classic that examines life, love, sin, faith, family, and selfreflection. It is an extended poetic, passionate, intimate prayer. Was his conversion genuine? What is the meaning of truth? Love? Come join us, as we examine this book that has captivated millions for over sixteen centuries.

The following are the dates we will be discussing which chapters.

- Wednesday, January 9, 2019 Books 6, 7 and 8
- Wednesday, February 13, 2019 -- Books 9 and 10

Christmas party

For special needs children and their families December 15 | Austin HS, 25925 23 Mile Rd. Chesterfield, MI 48051

The event will include a Christmas movie, cookie decorating, crafts, lunch with Santa and more! Movie will begin at 12:30 with lunch at 1:30PM

RSVP to Maria Schudt by email: mariaschudt@gmail.com, or by phone: 586-588-2380, before December 8th

Please report any food allergies when you RSVP

Wine & beer tasting dinner

February 2 | Sycamore Hills, 48787 North Avenue, Macomb MI 48042

Early bird special: \$55 per person or \$500 per table of ten if payment received before Jan. 1st. 2019. After that date, tickets will be \$60 per person or \$600 per table.

For reservations call 586-200-0143 or email: lbrunsman@austincatholichighschool.com

Day of scrapbooking & crafting

January 12 | Austin HS, 25925 23 Mile Rd. Chesterfield, MI 48051

Food, goodie bags, raffle, snacks and more! All adults and teens welcome, no young children please. Private room options available. Proceeds from this scrapbooking event go to the Austin Catholic Seniors for their trip. **REV. RONALD VICTOR** PASTOR frron@stisidore.church // x2105

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Budget update as of:	December 9, 2018
Weekly Budgeted Amount:	\$ 24,519.23
Actual Amount Received:	\$ 26,277.10
Comparison to budget:	\$1,757.87
Fiscal Year to Date: July 1, 2018 to	December 9, 2018
Budgeted Amount:	\$ 588,461.52
Amount Received:	\$ 558,477.82
Comparison to Budget Target:	(\$29,983.70)
This week: Envelopes Returned:	809

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Online Gifts:	107
Percentage of people making contributions:	27%
CSA as of August 13, 2018	
CSA 2018 Goal	\$ 184,093.00
CSA 2018 Pledges	\$ 227,037.62
CSA 2018 Payment on pledges	\$ 197,600.72
*Monies returned to the parish	\$ 42,944.62

*If pledges are paid in full, this money will be returned to the parish in full. Additionally, this money will not be part of future CSA calculations, nor will it be part of the AOD assessment.

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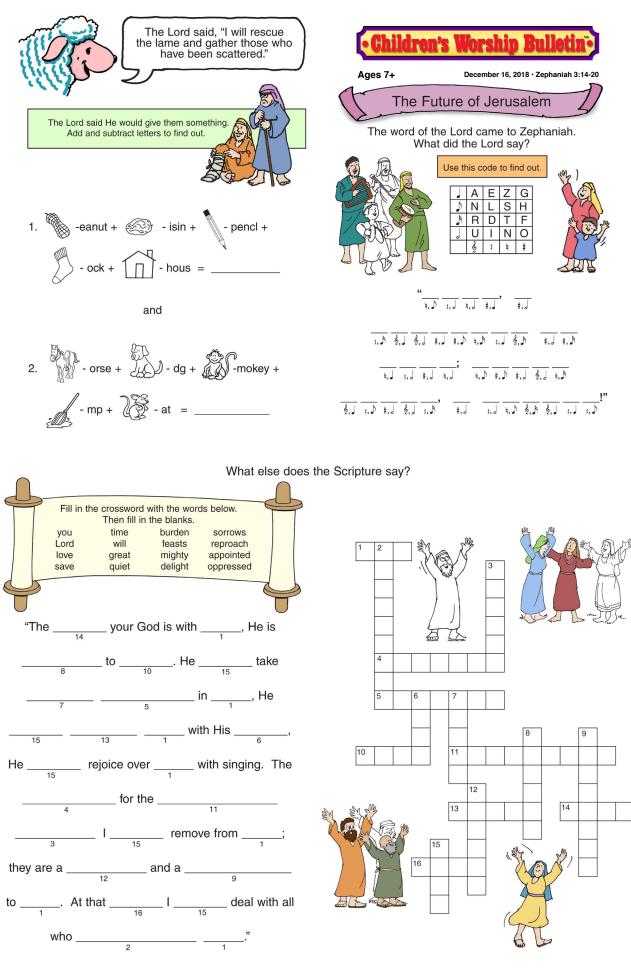
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