

December 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas

Merry Christmas 2018

HOLIDAY BLESSINGS
FROM ST. ISIDORE





OUR FOCUS



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.

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FR. RON'S RAMBLINGS

Mr. Matt Hunt, who has served as our Coordinator of Youth Ministry at St. Isidore for the past year, recently left our Pastoral staff to serve as Pastoral Associate at St. John and Paul parish in Washington, Michigan. We are very grateful to Matt for his dedicated ministry to our young people. Matt also stepped forward to help out in other areas of ministry, including the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, teaching sixth grade Faith Formation class, and serving in liturgical ministries. Matt was also part of our Connecting Point team. You may recall some of the reflections he has written on the Connecting Points. Please keep Matt, his wife Sarah, and daughter Cecelia in your prayers as he continues to serve the Church.

We are very much committed to our Youth Ministry at St. Isidore. Mrs. Julie Rarick, who served as Youth Minister to our Middle High students for many years, has offered to return to that ministry for the remainder of the year. We are very grateful to Julie. In regards to the High School Youth ministry, Mrs. Ann Derey, our Director of Faith formation, who served as our Coordinator of Youth Ministry prior

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Pope Francis

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This is the first step in order to grow on our journey of faith: listening. Before speaking, listen.

Posted on December 14

FR. RON'S RAMBLINGS

to serving in her present position, and Mr. Chris Kozlowski, our Business Manager who has served as Coordinator of Youth Ministry at St. Mary of the Hills parish in Rochester Hills for twenty years, have volunteered to coordinate our High School Youth Ministry program through the remainder of the year. Parishioner Mrs. Beth Beebe will be assisting them. We are grateful for their willingness to add this responsibility to the many demanding responsibilities on our Parish Staff. The young people of our parish will continue to be well served!

We are looking forward to celebrating not only Christmas Day with you, but the entire Christmas Season with its many bright feasts. This year, the Christmas Season goes until the Feast of the Baptism of Lord on January 13.

Have a Blessed Christmas Season!
Fr. Ron



CONNECTING POINT

DECEMBER 23:
How can I make room for unexpected God moments?

The Scripture from Luke this week tells of the moment when Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth to let her know she was pregnant and would be the Mother of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Can you even fathom how Mary felt in that unexpected God moment? Our lives are jam-packed with God moments as well; those moments when our Lord lets us know he is there with us and that another wondrous chapter in our human life is about to occur.

I have had a couple of huge unexpected God moments over the last 6 years. Six years ago, I was journeying through life without faith and without a personal relationship with Christ. Suddenly and unexpectedly, I had a calling to Christ and the Church. I prayed to Jesus for the first time in a long time and made room for him to enter into my life. He answered my prayers and guided me to the Church. At the Easter Vigil in 2013, I received the Sacraments of Initiation and started my faith journey as a Catholic. The more room I made for Jesus, the more love entered my heart. My dear friend at the time, Bernadette, was with me throughout my RCIA journey. It was then that Jesus brought us together and we have now been married for four years.

This Christmas season take extra time to pray and have a conversation with our Lord and Savior. He's always there waiting for us to make room in our lives for him, and the more room you make, the more unexpected gifts and moments he will share. Cherish those unexpected God moments and know that the Lord is always there to guide us and prepare us for the next chapter in our lives.

--John Kovacik

WHAT'S HAPPENING?



Saturday, December 29 // 3:45 PM

5TH SATURDAY ROSARY

The Knights of Columbus invite 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.



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.

HOW DO I RECEIVE JESUS AS THE MOST IMPORTANT GIFT OF CHRISTMAS?

CHRISTMAS CONNECTING POINT

How do I receive Jesus as the most important gift of Christmas?

Giving and receiving gifts at Christmas is a spiritual activity of the highest order. Gifts are an expression of our mutual love and support: they are the way the invisible becomes visible.

The most meaningful gifts I have received through the years have been those that have somehow joined my spirit with the spirit of the giver. Sometimes these are the simplest of gifts. What makes them special is that they are an expression of how well the giver understands me, and knows what I value. The gifts of the Magi, for instance, reveal that they truly knew who Jesus was.

No one knows and understands me better than God, and Jesus is the gift God offers to me at Christmas. It is by far the most important gift I receive this day. It unites my spirit with God's spirit. It fills me with the very Spirit of God.

Jesus was born at the absolute darkest time of the year: at midnight during the winter solstice. And He becomes the light dispelling the darkness. Notice the important role light plays in our Christmas stories and in scripture readings for Christmas. A few examples: the star leading the Magi; the night sky radiant with light as the angels appeared to the shepherds; the words of Isaiah: "A people who walked in darkness have seen a great light"; The Prologue of John's Gospel proclaimed on Christmas Day in which Jesus is named the "Light that came into the darkness, and the darkness could not dispel it; the lights on our Christmas trees and Christmas candles.

Jesus becomes God's gift of light to me and how badly I

need that light. I often get caught up in the darkness and brokenness of my life: my sinfulness, my faults and failings, my broken dreams and unkept promises, as well as the darkness of the broken world around me. Yet God, who knows everything about me, sends Jesus to me this day to dispel that darkness and to fill me with the light of God's love. Jesus becomes the light that overcomes the darkness in my life, and connects my spirit with God's spirit. It is the light that joins me to all that is beautiful and joyous and full of wonder. It allows me to find my way through the darkness.

How do I receive this gift? First, by naming and embracing the darkness in my life. (Thus, the importance of spending time in the darkness through the Season of Advent, and not rushing the Christmas season.) I receive the gift of Jesus by opening myself in prayer to God through community worship, contemplation, and acts of service to those in need. I receive God's Spirit through uniting my spirit with others in giving and receiving meaningful gifts. I receive God's gift of Jesus by offering radical hospitality during this Christmas Season. Singing Christmas carols wholeheartedly with others opens my soul to receive the light of Jesus. In other words, we receive the gift of Jesus at Christmas by CONNECTING with God, REACHING others, and BUILDING community.

Fr. Ron



ADVENT SERIES 2018



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

MASS SCHEDULE
FOR CHRISTMAS &
THE NEW YEAR

CHRISTMAS EVE • DECEMBER 24
4:00PM* | Modern Worship
6:00PM | Children's Mass
MIDNIGHT | Mass with music beginning at 11:30

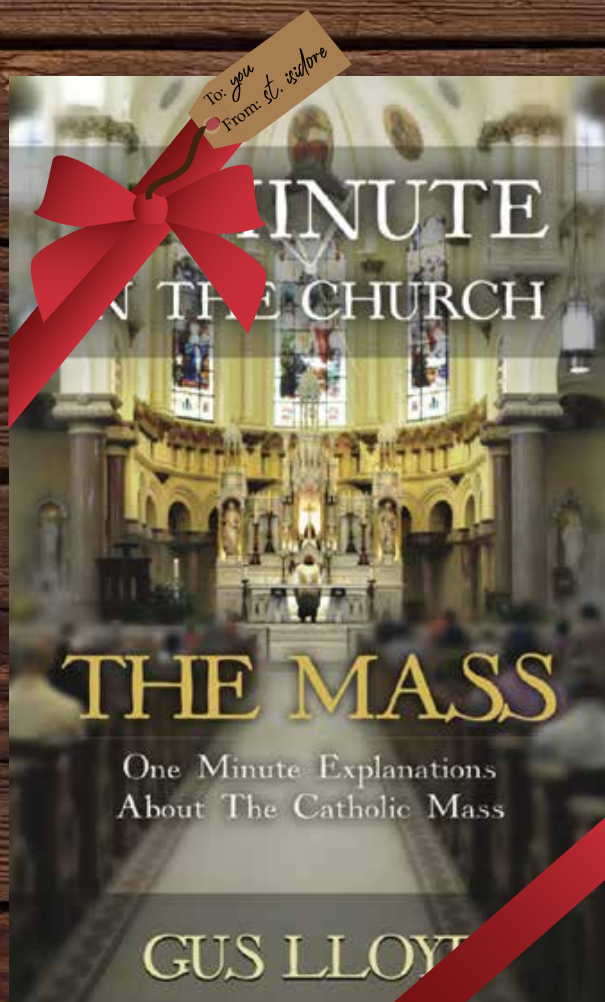
CHRISTMAS DAY • DECEMBER 25
8:30AM, 11:00AM

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

*A Sheriff's Deputy will be on duty at the CVS Strip Mall to assist pedestrians crossing Romeo Plank to attend Mass, both before and after 4:00PM Mass

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!



WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUN
DEC 23
MASS
7:30 AM // CH
MASS
9:30 AM // CH
MASS
11:30 AM // CH
MASS
5:30 PM // CH

WED
DEC 26
MASS
8:00 AM // CH

SAT
DEC 29
MASS
8:00 AM // CH
HOFFMANN/KUJAWA REHEARSAL
2:30 PM // CH
CONFESSIONS
3:15 PM // CH
K OF C ROSARY
3:45 PM // RC
MASS
4:30 PM // CH

MON
DEC 24
MASS
8:00 AM // CH
MASS
4:00 PM // CH
MASS
6:00 PM // CH

THU
DEC 27
MASS
8:00 AM // CH
K OF C OFFICERS MEETING
6:30 PM // RC
TEEN MUSIC REHEARSAL
7:00 PM // MR

SUN
DEC 30
MASS
7:30 AM // CH
MASS
9:30 AM // CH
MASS
11:30 AM // CH
CHODNICKI/KLINGBAIL REHEARSAL
3:00 PM // CH
MASS
5:30 PM // CH

TUE
DEC 25
MIDNIGHT MASS
12:00 AM // CH
MASS
8:30 AM // CH
MASS
11:00 AM // CH

FRI
DEC 28
ADORATION
7:00 AM // CH
MASS
8:00 AM // CH
FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP
8:45 AM // SH

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

ST. VINCENT dePAUL



We are the luckiest parish in the District. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the amazing generosity you have shown our families at their time of greatest need.

Bright Christmas stars shine on high,
Golden stars in the wintry sky:
Christmas candles in the windows bright
Send a greeting into the night;
While in our hearts the Christmas flame,
Glow with a love like His who came,
The infant Christ of lowly birth,
To bring good will and peace on earth.

-Marie Irish

The St. Vincent de Paul Society here at St. Isidore wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Thank you for supporting us throughout the year.
God Bless

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY

In partnership with Ascension of Southeast Michigan

May you be blessed with the spirit of the season, which is peace. The gladness of the season, which is hope
And the heart of the season, which is love.
Wishing you a Merry Christmas!
The Parish Health Ministry



Merry Christmas
from our ministries

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY



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

We can bring hope and love to others when we give one of our hand-made items to our friend or relative who needs comfort.
We bring the joy of Jesus to a recipient.
We bring the hope of Jesus to those needing to know of our love and prayers.
We bring the love of Jesus to others in our lives.
We bring the peace of Jesus with our prayers and actions.
"The Secret of Christmas is not the things you do at Christmas time, but the Christmas things you do all year through."
(song lyrics)

Merry Christmas from our ministry to all of you!

BABY PANTRY



We wish you a blessed and beautiful Christmas!
May Jesus bless you and your family as you celebrate His birth.
Thank you for making it possible to meet some of the needs of our neighbors during 2018.

We serve those who are poor and those who lack support to overcome their problems. Your continued donations enable us to do this good work through you and for you.

This Christmas we have been blessed with people who have shared their gifts from God with local families. What a magnificent present you've given! We are truly grateful for your most generous donations.

Merry Christmas to all of you!

Rejoice!
May God fill you with Love, Joy, & Peace
this Christmas season!

Merry Christmas!
The Students & Staff of Austin Catholic High School

HE is the LIGHT of the world AUSTIN Catholic High School

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:30

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

Wife + daughter
 Family
 Wife
 Family

9:30 AM

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

Wife & family
 Family
 Wife
 Wife + family
 Aunt Gina + family
 Kathy Homrocky
 Shirley Schirck
 The Merkle family
 Wife Prima
 Peter + Cassie

11:30 AM

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

Budner family
 Family
 Wife
 Wife
 Mother
 Frank Tiseo + family
 Thomasian Club
 Shirley Schirck
 Beth Beebe

5:30 PM

† William + Ligaya Lanni
 Kate Dunkel
 † William (Bill) Pullen
 Sinners in the world
 Francesco Ricci
 † John Schirck
 † Margaret Berkley

Family
 Family
 Wife + family
 Katerina Gjelij
 Marietta
 Wife
 Margaret Grzech

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

8:00 AM

† Gladys Verellen (5th ann.)
 † David Olewin
 † Everlyn Yousif
 † Heleen Mona
 † Kenneth Karam
 † Heleen Mona

Family
 Celina
 Bob + Mary Ann Butler
 Children
 Beth Beebe
 Bob + Mary Ann Butler

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

M/M Eric Haglund + family
 Holy Souls in Purgatory
 † Dec. Mem. of Sarafin + Saelens fam.
 † Dec. Mem. of Gibson + Mooney fam.
 † James VanSteenkiste
 † Robert Zaremski
 † Ken Karam
 The Johnson family
 The Combust family
 † Charlotte Trester

Parent
 Claudette Menard
 Pat Saelens
 Pat Saelens
 Wife + family
 Wife
 Debbie Rak
 Friend
 Friend
 Friend

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

† Annette LaLama

Mother

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

M/M Randall Patzer + family
 Tricia Mocerri (birthday)
 † Ines Franczak (2nd ann.)
 † Ken Karam

Mary Herc
 The Hicks family
 Husband + family
 Mary Harris

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

† William Goike
 † Stefano DiBellis
 † Eleanor Mielewski
 † Anthony + Teofila Slominski
 † Al Fliger
 † Susan DeSantis Kaelber
 † Mae Novak
 † Joyce Burket
 † Antonino Agosta
 † Stephanie + Thomas Mule
 † Elena Lena (1st ann.)

Wife & family
 Wife + family
 Friend
 Granddaughter
 Wife
 Aunt Gina + family
 Friend
 Friend
 Family
 Daughter
 Ciaramitaro family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:30 AM

† Leo Silvestri
 † Msgr Ferdinand De Cneudt
 † Gus & Mary Spriet
 † Raymond Sadowski (5yr ann.)
 † Virginia Yadem
 Bob + Joann VanEenoo
 Nancy Campbell

Family
 Friend
 Family
 Family
 Family
 Friend
 Friend

9:30 AM

People of the Parish
 † William Goike
 † Drs. Daniel + Sophie Skoney
 † Jerzy Parciak
 † David Urben
 † Pasquale & Concetta Iacovetta
 Steve Pyykkonen
 † Veronica + Jacob Kosinski + family
 † Ann + Sam Sapienza + family
 † Filippo and Maria Torre

Wife & family
 The Hill family
 Deb Rak
 Quinn + Liam
 Lucia & Donato
 Aunt
 Family
 Family
 Daughter & son-in-law

11:30 AM

† Merrill Walka
 † Henry Kujawski
 † Vasco Armani
 † Elena Lena
 † Juanita Aguis
 † Josephine Grillo
 † Yvonne Koss
 † Larry Spearman
 † Bill Fisher

Family
 Family
 Deb Rak
 Family
 Husband
 Granett family
 Richard Koss family
 Family
 Mom

5:30 PM

† Margaret Sanitate
 † Michael O'Brien
 † Paula & Carmelo Gianni

Mocerri + Gianni
 Mocerri + Gianni
 Mocerri + Gianni



READINGS

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY MORNING MASS:

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29;
Lk 1:67-79

VIGIL MASS:

Is 62:1-5;
Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;
Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

TUESDAY NIGHT MASS:

Is 9:1-6;
Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13;
Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

DAWN MASS:

Is 62:11-12;
Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12;
Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

DAY MASS:

Is 52:7-10;
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6;
Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or
Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

WEDNESDAY

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59;
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab,
16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22

THURSDAY

1 Jn 1:1-4;
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;
Jn 20:1a and 2-8

FRIDAY

1 Jn 1:5-2:2;
Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8;
Mt 2:13-18

SATURDAY

1 Jn 2:3-11;
Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6;
Lk 2:22-35

SUNDAY

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or
1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28;
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or
Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10;
Col 3:12-21 or
Col 3:12-17 or 1
Jn 3:1-2, 21-24;
Lk 2:41-52



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mary Agius
Camryn Alberson
Jonathan Bisdorf
Marion Bruck
Nancy Campbell
Rosa Caprara
Marlene Caramagno
Jerry Lou Colozani
Ann Conforti
Pam DeClercq
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 McMahan
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
Baby Rilynn
Dennis Rivard
Mark Smogor
Patricia Styf
Blanche Szatkowski
Breanne Talmadge
Anthony Toccaceli
Ed Walczak
Irene Walczak
Curtis Wellhausen
Florence Winowski



MILITARY LIST

Sgt. Zachary Adams, Army
PFC Tanner Adkins, Army – Afghanistan
WO1 Jeremy Bentley, Army – Iraq
Pvt. Troy Ciaramella, Army – USA
Sgt. 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 Jablonski, 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

REST IN PEACE

DOLORES PRITCHARD

Entered eternal life on December 12
Mother of Barbara, Wife of Harold

PATRICIA CHUDO

Entered eternal life on December 14
Sister of Robert

YOUTH MINISTRY



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY:

INTERIM MYSM - MRS. JULIE RARICK

JANUARY 13
Epiphany & Other Feast Days

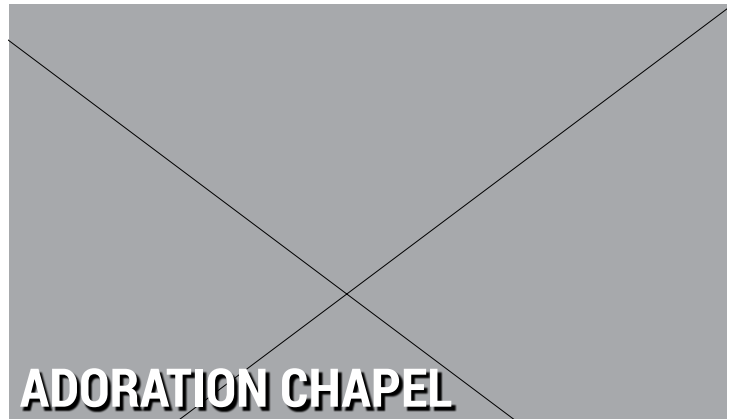
JANUARY 27
St. Theresa of Calcutta



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY:

INTERIM HSYM's - MR. CHRIS KOZLOWSKI,
MRS. ANN DE REY

JANUARY 6
Christmas Party



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!



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

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 #: _____

funding our mission

INCOME

	2016-2017 Actual	2017-2018 Actual	2017-2018 Budget	2018-2019 Budget
Offertory Collections	\$1,203,512	\$1,277,115	\$1,175,000	\$1,275,000
Christmas Collection	\$158,720	\$138,058	\$125,000	\$135,000
Other Donations	\$166,135	\$156,317	\$116,000	\$127,500
Fundraising	\$145,152	\$188,933	\$50,000	\$135,000
Interest Checking and Savings	\$4,206	\$6,163	\$3,200	\$3,200
Savings and Loan Withdrawal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Faith Formation	\$60,658	\$54,650	\$71,000	\$62,726
TOTAL	\$1,738,383	\$1,821,236	\$1,540,200	\$1,738,426

EXPENSES

Staff Salaries and Benefits	\$892,600	\$996,304	\$929,050	\$1,013,812
Office General Expenses	\$92,364	\$90,408	\$82,300	\$95,000
Fundraising	\$94,178	\$140,193	\$15,000	\$81,000
Utilities	\$80,596	\$81,657	\$87,000	\$80,000
Property Insurance	\$39,504	\$40,227	\$40,000	\$40,000
Repair/Maintenance	\$67,709	\$96,554	\$75,150	\$78,250
Land/ Building Improvements	\$0	\$9,786	\$0	\$25,000
Furniture and Equipment	\$44,881	\$37,883	\$5,600	\$36,498
Donations	\$40,578	\$35,000	\$43,000	\$62,000
Diocese/Vicariate Assessment	\$102,599	\$106,412	\$102,500	\$105,575
CSA shortfall	\$26,436	\$14,290	\$40,000	\$10,000
Worship	\$51,853	\$54,973	\$36,600	\$39,900
Christian Service	\$3,559	\$4,774	\$4,550	\$4,550
Evangelization	\$18,736	\$20,971	\$14,200	\$29,700
Faith Formation	\$61,240	\$82,969	\$65,250	\$79,900
TOTAL	\$1,616,831	\$1,812,402	\$1,540,200	\$1,781,185
Surplus/(loss)	\$121,552	\$8,834	\$0	(\$42,759)

Generosity at St. Isidore exists in so many different ways, from faithful volunteering to generous giving. We are blessed as a community because of YOU and your involvement in our community.

This page shows the operating income and expenses for St. Isidore over the last two fiscal years. I feel it is important to share this with you to better articulate the cost of running an effective parish.

Please take note of the CSA graph that we've included on this page. We are overwhelmed at the response that the people of St. Isidore had with our CSA 2.0 campaign from last year. Because of this response, we did not have to use operating funds to pay a shortfall, and we reduced our assessment exposure considerably. Thank you for your generous response to CSA 2.0.

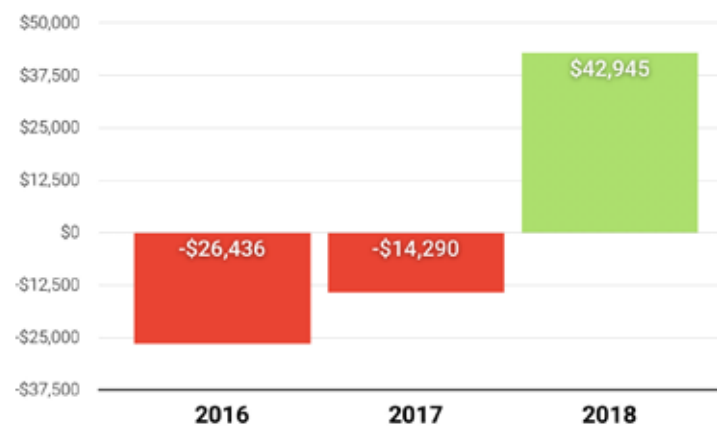
My dream for this community is to expand the many great things that we are already participating in. I would love to see our church expand the worship and educational opportunities we offer to help more people connect with God and to build our community. The amazing work of SVDP, our food and baby pantries, along with the many evangelization efforts we offer are all great expressions of reaching out and our love of neighbor; imagine what we could do with these efforts if more funding were allocated to these efforts.

One of the many innovative ideas we have introduced this year was a next-gen platform for online giving. This year we are on pace to receive more than \$150,000 through this form of giving. We feel that this is the future of church giving. It makes giving so much easier and convenient for you and helps fund the church's mission in a more direct way. Please consider moving to this new platform. It's easy to get started: simply text "stisidore" to 77977 or visit our website: stisidore.church/give.

Thank you again for your generous support of the work of the Catholic Community at St. Isidore. I pray that the Lord continues to bless all that we do.

Chris Korlowski
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STEWARDSHIP

Budget update as of: **December 16, 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 16, 2018**
Budgeted Amount: \$ 612,980.75
Amount Received: \$ 583,984.67
Comparison to Budget Target: **(\$28,996.08)**

This week:
Envelopes Returned: 615
Online Gifts: 96
Percentage of people making contributions: 21%

CSA as of August 13, 2018
CSA 2018 Goal \$ 184,093.00
CSA 2018 Pledges \$ 227,037.62
CSA 2018 Payment on pledges \$ 199,246.51
***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.*

CSA MINUTE

The spirit of generosity is strong in the Archdiocese of Detroit at Christmas – and year-round through the Catholic Services Appeal.

The Archdiocese is grateful for the nearly 60,000 Christian stewards who pledged more than \$25 million to the 2018 Catholic Services Appeal. These CSA gifts support valuable ministries, programs, and services that open doors so thousands can grow with Christ each day.

As you plan your year-end donations, consider benefiting your parish with a gift to the CSA. Parishes that exceed their CSA targets receive the excess funds, without archdiocesan assessment, as refunds for parish programs and projects.

To make a gift to the Catholic Services Appeal or for information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, go to aod.org.



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