



You are a

beloved

child of

God!

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.

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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. MARK'S MUSINGS

There are so many themes in this Christmas season that comes to a close today. Light, gift, family, the humanity and divinity of Jesus (incarnation), etc. One that I had not paid so much attention to in previous years really struck me this year—this is the theme of journey.

Most of the stories in the Infancy Narratives of Luke and Matthew involve a journey. The “slightly pregnant” Mary journeys from her home town of Nazareth to the hill country of Judea to visit her “more pregnant” kinswoman Elizabeth. Mary and Joseph journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to Jesus. The shepherds journey a short distance to Bethlehem to see the baby Jesus. The magi travel a great distance to see Jesus, then return home “by another route.” The Holy Family journeys to Egypt to escape Herod’s attempt to kill the child Jesus, then travel back to Nazareth. Years later, the Holy Family journeys from Nazareth to the Jerusalem, then return back only to discover on the way that Jesus was “not in the caravan”—so they go back to find Jesus still in the temple, speaking with the elders.



Pope Francis

@Pontifex



Jesus is the gift of God for us. If we welcome Him, we too can be a gift of God to others.

Posted on January 7

FR. MARK'S MUSINGS

This word "caravan" appears another time in the Christmas season readings. The reading from Isaiah for the Feast of the Epiphany says, "Caravans of camels...from Midian, Ephah, and Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, proclaiming the praises of the Lord." Recall that this word "caravan" has been prominent in the news lately as well, especially just prior to our midterm elections last November—but this caravan did not include camels. The large group of people who have fled violence and poverty in Central America, travelling a great distance north through the entire length of Mexico, hoping to find a home in the US, has been referred to as "the Caravan."

Some politicians have highlighted this "Caravan" to advocate the need for "the Wall." Others have pushed back, pointing out that the overall number of people coming to our border in 2017 was less than in previous years, or that illegal immigrants contribute to our economy more than we like to admit. As we are all too aware, this clash of ideologies has led to the current partial government shutdown.

These disagreements cut across denominational lines, with plenty of Catholics on each side of the divide. Our pope and our bishops, however, have reminded us that whatever position we take, it should be consistent with the Scriptures and Gospel we profess. We should never forget that the Holy Family themselves were refugees fleeing persecution, as were the Israelite people centuries earlier.

Once the Israelite people made it to the Promised Land, they were reminded that they are to treat aliens in their new land well, because "you were once were slaves and aliens." Jesus reminds us in his parable of the Good Samaritan that when we say, "love thy neighbor," the word "neighbor" means everyone, not just fellow countrymen. (We Catholics should also remember that most of these Latino people are in fact Catholics.)

Recalling Mary's consternation at Jesus having been left behind, we should never allow our leaders to separate children from their parents for any political reason. Above all, our policy decisions should never be motivated by fear. The message "fear not" is repeated over and over in both the Old and New Testaments, including three times in Luke's Infancy Narratives. God's messengers, the angels, tell first Zechariah, then Mary, then the shepherds, "Do not be afraid." Recall that it is Herod who is motivated by fear—the fear of losing his grip on power!!



CONNECTING POINT

You are a beloved child of God!

And we are, "not because of any righteous deeds we have done but because of his mercy" (Titus 3:5)

As this new year begins, perhaps a resolution would be to remember that we are created out of a love far greater than anything we can imagine. At troubling times when we feel insignificant, hopeless, or that we can't live up to the standards of others, may we somehow know that God wonderfully created each one of us and that his mercy is far greater than anything we can do, not do (or even any resolution we may or may not manage to keep). May our 2019 not be defined by our failings or worldly concerns, but by the childlike Christmas joy that our faith calls us to resolute living. Heavenly Father, help us to always remember your infinite love and care for us and may others see your love in us.

—Amy Righi

YOUTH MINISTRY



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY:

INTERIM MSYM - 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 20
SITE meeting

JANUARY 2-3
Pajama Project

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: _____

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUN
JAN 13

MASS
7:30 AM // CH
MASS
9:30 AM // CH
MASS
11:30 AM // CH
MASS
5:30 PM // CH
EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL YG
6:30 PM // YR

WED
JAN 16

MASS
8:00 AM // CH
BIBLE STUDY
9:00 AM // SH
SCRIPTURE GROUP
9:30 AM // RC
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

SAT
JAN 19

MASS
8:00 AM // CH
CONFESSIONS
3:15 PM // CH
MASS
4:30 PM // CH
BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
4:30 PM // FCR

MON
JAN 14

CANTOR REHEARSAL
ALL DAY // TBD
MASS
8:00 AM // CH
ARMCHAIR AEROBICS
8:45 AM // RC
FAITH FORMATION
4:30 PM // SH
FAITH FORMATION
6:15 PM // SH
BIBLE STUDY
7:00 PM // RC

THU
JAN 17

MASS
8:00 AM // CH
CROCHET GROUP
11:00 AM // SH
YOUNG AT HEART
11:00 AM // RC
TEEN MUSIC REHEARSAL
7:00 PM // MR
STRANGERS NO LONGER
7:00 PM // FCR

SUN
JAN 20

MASS
7:30 AM // CH
BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
7:30 AM // FCR
COFFEE & DONUTS-ALL MASSES
7:30 AM // SH
MASS
9:30 AM // CH
MASS
11:30 AM // CH
MASS
5:30 PM // CH
SITE HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY
6:30 PM // TBD

TUE
JAN 15

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
6:00 AM // FCR
MASS
8:00 AM // CH
ADORATION WITH
BENEDICTION AT 6:00PM
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 // TBD

FRI
JAN 18

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



"Lord, help me to make time today to serve you in those who are most in need of encouragement or assistance". These words from St. Vincent de Paul are easy to accomplish in your daily life. Think about all the people in our St. Isidore community that need your help just having food for their next meal. We can serve those in need by picking up some of the items listed below while doing your weekly shopping.

Our pantry needs are:

- Canned Spaghetti Sauce
- Manwich
- Pork & Beans
- Chicken Helper
- Fruit Cocktail
- Cookies
- Toilet Paper
- Kleenex
- Shampoo
- Pump Hand Soap

God Bless

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY



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

Your St. Isidore Prayer Blanket Ministry issues an official **thank you** to all who have donated hand-made blankets/shawls, money and gift cards to help our comfort ministry.

We are so grateful to all who help us spread the love of Jesus by giving a blanket or shawl to a person who needs prayers and comfort.

Suggestion for 2019: As you read the bulletin, search the sick list for the name of anyone you know. Ask in the office if that person has been given a blanket or shawl. If not, choose one and personally deliver it. We have many testimonies from recipients who tell how us how comforted they are with the gifts of prayer and warmth.

WIDOWED FRIENDS BOWLING

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

BABY PANTRY



Many people have very little money and say persistent prayers to God that seem to go unanswered. God hears those requests, and, perhaps, sends us on the mission to fulfill those needs. If we hear a prompting from the Spirit to assist, that could be God answering those persistent prayers. As we help others, we strengthen our relationship with God.

Please donate:

- Diapers size 4
- Baby laundry soap
- A & D ointment

Thank you.

ARMCHAIR AEROBICS

Want to stay in shape? Join the Armchair Aerobics!

This is a FREE exercise program and is offered to anyone who would like to come. Join us every Monday from 8:45 – 9:45 am in the Resource Center.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

7:30 AM

† Virginia Yadem
† John Viet Luy
† Vince Avellino

Family
Kelly Doan family
Family

9:30 AM

Alexander Hendzell
† Patricia Chudo

Family
Friend

11:30 AM

† Henry Gubler
† Joseph Sribniak
† James Elkins
† Bryan Harding (5yr ann.)
† Chris Slowke
Alexander Hendzell

Wife
Mother
JoAnne + Christopher Vitale family
Friend
Family

5:30 PM

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

Mary Herc
† Gerard Gaydos

Children
Beth Beebe

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

† Theresa Paul Dolfus 40th ann.
† Mary and Theodore Kolasa

Family
Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

† Marie Claire Laberge

Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

† M/M Michael Rybinski & sons
† Stephen & Lottie Muzyk
Rose Kurian
† Eileen Hammer

Daughter
Jeff & Kathy
Mr & Mrs Dulfus
Daughter

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

† Russell Fisette
† Harriette VanEenoo
† Adele Goupille
Marcia Lindemann 80th birthday
† Chris Slowke

Connie McDonough
Son
Joe & Joanne Andary
Hicks family
Alan & Sally

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

7:30 AM

† James Boyd 3rd ann.
† Anthony Lucido
† Helen Doan
† Sandra Sullivan
Nancy Campbell

Family
Wife
Kelly Doan family
The Banka family
Dennis Slowke

9:30 AM

† Dave Sabol
† Margaret Chojnacki birthday
† Pat Chudo
† Walter Hyduk

Dottie Grzelewski
Family
Helene Twardzik
Family

11:30 AM

† Meril Wayka - Sr. Stephanie
Isabella & Floyd Zanchetta (60th ann.)
† Joseph Poma
Valerie Barnes

Family
Family
Wife Jennie
Evangelization cmte.

5:30 PM

POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION // JANUARY

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?



Monday, January 21 // 10:30 AM

REGINA OPEN HOUSE

Join our exciting mission to form the next generation of Catholics! Regina Caeli Academy provides a classical, hybrid education in the Catholic tradition. Pre K3-12th grade students attend Socratic, hands-on classes two days a week and homeschool on the remaining days.

For full info go to:
www.stisidore.church/reginaopenhouse



Friday, January 27 // 1:00PM
ST. LAWRENCE OPEN HOUSE

Tour the school and have an opportunity to talk to the teachers as well as administrators about St. Lawrence Catholic School.

Meet and ask questions of St. Lawrence Catholic School parents and students.

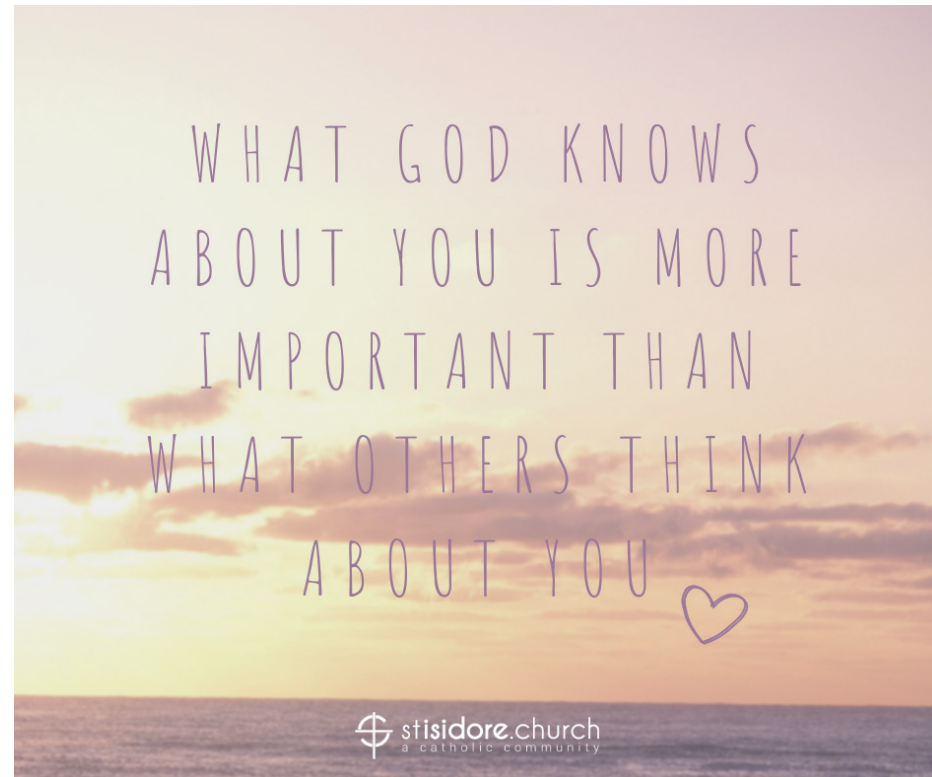
IRA ROLLOVER

Over 70-and-a half? What you need to know about the IRA charitable gift rollover.

Congress has extended and the president has signed the favorable IRA charitable rollover tax provisions for 2015, and made them permanent for future years.

What should a donor over age 70½ do in order to get the benefit that IRA distributions will not be included in taxable income? Donors should follow the same general procedures for IRA charitable distributions as in the past :

- Only **direct distributions to charity** up to \$100,000 qualify as tax-free. Distributions in exchange for a charitable gift annuity or to a charitable remainder trust do not qualify.
- It is especially important that the IRA distribution be made payable to the charity, not to you as the IRA owner and beneficiary. Otherwise, the distribution would not qualify for the favorable tax treatment. **Advise your IRA administrator to make the distribution check payable to the Church or other charity, not to you.**
- Only distributions from traditional or certain Roth IRAs are tax-free; the law does not apply to other qualified retirement plans, such as 401(k) plans. However, you should consider consulting with your financial or tax advisor about the possibility of transferring funds from one of these other qualified plans to establish an IRA, with the distribution to charity coming from the newly established IRA.
- Consult with your IRA administrator and tax advisor on the proper procedures for making a direct distribution to your parish, the Archdiocese of Detroit Endowment Foundation, the Catholic Services Appeal, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, or another archdiocesan institution or qualified charity.



READINGS

SUNDAY

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or
 Is 40:1-5, 9-11;
 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or
 Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30;
 Acts 10:34-38 or
 Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;
 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

MONDAY

HEB 1:1-6;
 PS 97:1 AND 2B, 6
 AND 7C, 9; MK 1:14-20

TUESDAY

HEB 2:5-12;
 PS 8:2AB AND 5, 6-7, 8-9;
 MK 1:21-28

WEDNESDAY

HEB 2:14-18;
 PS 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9;
 MK 1:29-39

THURSDAY

HEB 3:7-14;
 PS 95:6-7C, 8-9, 10-11;
 MK 1:40-45

FRIDAY

HEB 4:1-5, 11;
 PS 78:3 AND 4BC, 6C-7, 8;
 MK 2:1-12

SATURDAY

HEB 4:12-16;
 PS 19:8, 9, 10, 15;
 MK 2:13-17

SUNDAY

IS 62:1-5;
 PS 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10;
 1 COR 12:4-11; JN 2:1-11

REST IN PEACE

ARRIGO FARDONE

Entered eternal life on December 30
 Father of Lisa

JOSEPHINE POLITOWICZ

Entered eternal life on January 4
 Mother of Michael

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Margaret Abraham
 Mary Agius
 Tommy Angle
 Val Barnes
 Jonathan Bisdorf
 Marion Bruck
 Thomas Buback
 Nancy Campbell
 Marlene Caramagno
 Jerry Lou Colozani
 Pam DeClercq
 Agnes Dolfus
 Isaiah Ford
 Mark Gathof
 Fred Grzelak
 Patty Guaresimo
 Hanson Family
 Shervyn Karthanal
 Joseph Klingkammer
 Dan Kosek
 Marie Marcat
 Kathy Marsack
 Janet McDonald
 Tim McGrath
 Karen Melton
 Gary Michels
 Mike Napeleno
 Andy Nicosia
 Anthony Nicosia
 Jeri Nofs
 Baby Paige
 Natalie Perini
 Stanley Plieuinski
 Baby Rilynn
 Dennis Rivard
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Anthony Tangredi
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 Curtis Wellhausen
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STEWARDSHIP

Budget update as of: **January 6, 2018**
Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$ 24,519.23
Actual Amount Received: \$ 26,426.17
Comparison to budget: \$1,906.94

Fiscal Year to Date: July 1, 2018 to **January 6, 2018**
Budgeted Amount: \$ 686,538.44
Amount Received: \$ 655,965.05
Comparison to Budget Target: **(\$30,573.39)**

This week:
Envelopes Returned: 654
Online Gifts: 115
Percentage of people making contributions: 23%
CSA as of December 16, 2018
CSA 2018 Goal \$ 184,093.00
CSA 2018 Pledges \$ 230,051.62
CSA 2018 Payment on pledges \$ 204,536.92
***Monies returned to the parish \$ 45,958.62**

**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

Unleash the Gospel is now on social media, making it easier for you to join the movement to renew our world, our region, and our Church. Remember, you have a vital role to play in the missionary transformation of our Church!

Follow @UTGDetroit on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter for stories, inspiration, and encouragement as we work to Unleash the Gospel in bold and creative ways. A new logo for Unleash the Gospel features an open door – a symbol of our call to imitate Blessed Solanus Casey and live out radical hospitality in our parishes and families.

Your CSA gifts support the innovative initiatives for Archbishop Allen Vigneron's pastoral letter, Unleash the Gospel.

For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to aod.org.

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Solve the math problem beneath each word. Read the words in order 1 through 14.

Illustration of Peter and John with a grid of math problems and words:

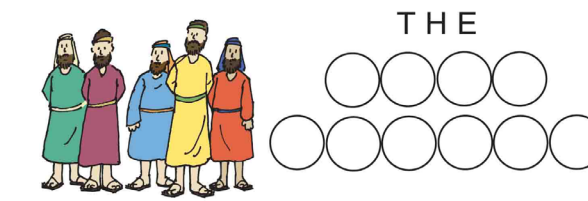
Peter	the			
12-11 =	3x4 =			
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their	John	them	on	
15-10 =	8-5 =	4+4 =	21-14 =	
Spirit	and	they	hands	received
2x7 =	22-20 =	5+5 =	12-6 =	19-8 =

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____
4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____
8 _____ 9 _____ 10 _____ 11 _____
12 _____ 13 _____ 14 _____

They found that the Samaritan believers lacked something important.

Each row of letters contains a 10-letter word plus 1 extra letter. Circle the letters that do not belong, then use those letters to spell what it was that the Samaritans needed.

S	T	A	L	A	G	(H)	M	I	T	E
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S	H	Y	O	R	T	E	N	I	N	G
S	A	T	T	A	C	H	M	E	N	T
S	N	O	W	M	O	P	B	I	L	E
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Children's Worship Bulletin

Ages 7+ January 13, 2019 • Acts 8:14-17

Peter and John Go to Samaria

The Christian leaders in Jerusalem were eager to encourage and help the new believers.

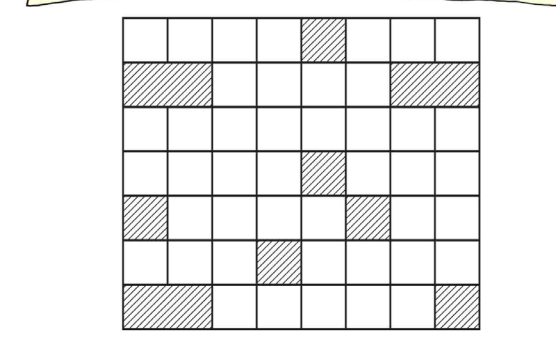
Supply 2 letters to complete each word, then use the letters in the columns to complete the verse.

LPAC	
ICNI	
LYMPI	
TEEPL	
ULI	
IGH	
NVELOP	
HIEL	

When the (1) _____ in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had (2) _____ the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them.

What gave Peter and John the impression that these people were qualified to receive the Holy Spirit?

Fit the puzzle pieces into the square and write the letters in the empty boxes. Read the answer.



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