



HOW DO I WELCOME THE  
STRANGER AND  
REVERENCE  
THEIR WISDOM?

## 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

Today's Solemnity of the Epiphany is, liturgically, the brightest feast of the entire Christmas Season. Today we rejoice in our belief that Jesus is revealed as the Light for all people! The Magi are Gentiles; through following the star, they come to worship Jesus as the Lord. In the words of our solemn blessing for Epiphany, "The wise men followed the star, and found Christ, who is Light from Light. May (we) too find the Lord when our pilgrimage is ended!" Today is a celebration of Light, and of those who seek the Light.

January 6th is the Twelfth Day of Christmas, the day on which we celebrate the fullness of the Christmas mystery. In many Christian nations today is a legal holiday. In warmer climates Christians gather on beaches around large bonfires to celebrate the Light. It is also the day on which gifts are exchanged. This is in keeping with the gifts the Magi made to the infant. The exchange of gifts reflects our gratitude to God for the giving of God's self completely to us in the Incarnation. The gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh symbolize the total giving



**Pope Francis**

@Pontifex



**Looking at Jesus we see the face of the God who is Love, and we learn to recognize Him in the faces of our brothers and sisters.**

Posted on December 27

## FR. RON'S RAMBLINGS

of themselves to God on the part of the wise men. Today, out of gratitude to God, we offer ourselves completely to God and to God's service.

While today is the climax of the Christmas Season, it is not the end. We have one more week of celebrating our Christmas joy. The Christmas Season comes to a close next Sunday, January 13th, with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. So keep the decorations up, the hospitality flowing, and the carols playing for another joy-filled week!

Merry Christmas!  
Fr. Ron

## 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 - MR. CHRIS KOZLOWSKI,  
MRS. ANN DE REY

JANUARY 6  
Christmas Party

## CONNECTING POINT

*How do I welcome the stranger and reverence their wisdom?*

Epiphany is a good chance to reflect on the story of the Wise Men, three wealthy foreign "kings" who traveled a long way to seek Christ and offer him their gifts. There is a lot of mystery surrounding who they actually were (astrologers? magi? kings? wise men?), but regardless of their identity, nobody invited them to the party. These three foreigners traveled a long way to offer their gifts and reverence to Christ and were greeted with love.

Now imagine strangers coming into your home; you don't know if they are wealthy world leaders or migrant factory workers. Regardless, you don't recognize them, but they are clearly not from our country. What would your reaction be? Would you welcome them or kick them out?

What about church? In the weeks leading up to Christmas, we have been promoting "radical hospitality". This means going beyond just welcoming strangers, but helping them to feel included and part of our community. That's a tall task; I think that we all want our community to grow and for guests to feel included but often expect others to be the one to act on that.

One very important way that you can help strangers feel welcomed is through our First Impressions Team (FIT) ministry: the front line of welcoming at St. Isidore. Please consider being a part of this.

So what about the second part of the Connecting Point: what does "...reverence their wisdom" mean? Have you ever engaged in a conversation with someone who started sharing their opinion on a topic that opposed yours (e.g. sports, religion, politics)? It is very difficult to resist the urge to dismiss whatever they are about to say because you just don't want to hear it.

However, rather than dismissing whatever they are about to say, try giving them a chance to share their thoughts and just listen. You don't have to respond and defend an opposing viewpoint (as hard as it may be).

These are two great challenges for us in modern times, and very important ones if we are to be like Christ. Next time someone sits in "your" pew, or you bump into someone at St. Isidore (or anywhere for that matter), try reaching out and inviting them into a conversation. Maybe you both can learn something.

— Matt Kush

## 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 6

MASS  
7:30 AM // CH  
MASS  
9:30 AM // CH  
MASS  
11:30 AM // CH  
MASS  
5:30 PM // CH  
SITE HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY  
6:30 PM // YR

**WED**  
JAN 9

MASS  
8:00 AM // CH  
BIBLE STUDY  
9:00 AM // SH  
SCRIPTURE GROUP  
9:30 AM // RC  
GREEN TEAM MEETING  
10:00 AM // FCR  
FAITH FORMATION  
4:30 PM // SH  
JOYFUL NOISE REHEARSAL  
5:30 PM // MR  
CHOIR CHRISTMAS PARTY  
6:00 PM // RC  
FAITH FORMATION  
6:15 PM // SH  
BAPTISM PREP CLASS  
7:00 PM // ECR  
RAINBOW PARENT/TEEN MEETING  
7:00 PM // FCR

**SAT**  
JAN 12

MASS  
8:00 AM // CH  
RAINBOW BANNER MEETING  
10:00 AM // CL-9/YR  
CONFESSIONS  
3:15 PM // CH  
MASS  
4:30 PM // CH

**MON**  
JAN 7

MASS  
8:00 AM // CH  
ARMCHAIR AEROBICS  
8:45 AM // RC  
DIVINE MERCY  
12:30 PM // RC  
FAITH FORMATION  
4:30 PM // SH  
FAITH FORMATION  
6:15 PM // SH  
FELLOWSHIP  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
6:30 PM // ECR  
HEALTH MINISTRY  
MEETING  
7:00 PM // FCR  
CIRCLE OF GRACE  
TRAINING  
7:45 PM // CL-1

**THU**  
JAN 10

MASS  
8:00 AM // CH  
CROCHET GROUP  
11:00 AM // SH  
SVDP MEETING  
1:30 PM // ECR  
K OF C MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
6:30 PM // RC  
TOASTMASTERS  
6:30 PM // CL-9  
RAINBOW TEEN/PARENT MEETING  
6:30 PM // YR  
TEEN MUSIC REHEARSAL  
7:00 PM // MR  
BAPTISM PREP CLASS  
7:00 PM // ECR

**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

**TUE**  
JAN 8

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
6:00 AM // FCR  
MASS  
8:00 AM // CH  
ADORATION WITH  
BENEDICTION AT 6:00PM  
8:30 AM // RC  
ROSARY MAKERS  
9:00 AM // ECR  
SVDP PANTRY MEETING  
3:00 AM // ECR  
FAITH FORMATION  
4:30 PM // SH  
FAITH FORMATION  
6:15 PM // SH  
CHRISTIAN SERVICE  
MEETING  
6:30 PM // FCR  
K OF C 4TH DEGREE  
7:00 PM // RC  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
7:00 PM // ECR  
CIRCLE OF GRACE TRAINING  
7:45 PM // CL-1

**FRI**  
JAN 11

ADORATION  
7:00 AM // CH  
MASS  
8:00 AM // CH  
FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP  
8:45 AM // SH  
VICARIATE HEALING SERVICE  
6:00 PM // CH

## 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

1581  
1660

The New Year has started and we are busy feeding families of our St. Isidore Community. Our Pantry is pretty depleted from our Thanksgiving and Christmas Distributions that included 90 families and 372 people.

There is no better way to thank God for your sight than by giving a helping hand to someone in the dark. — Helen Keller.

Please help us continue serving others by donating some of the following items from our list.

### Our pantry needs are:

- Deodorant - Gender Neutral if possible
- Shampoo
- Pump Hand Soap
- Dish Soap
- Fruit Cocktail
- Manwich
- Chili
- Any Canned Beans - Kidney, Baked, Pork & Beans
- Tuna
- Canned Spaghetti Sauce
- Kleenex
- Depends - Women's Large
- Candy

Happy New Year

## PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY

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

*(from The Springhouse Daily Devotional by Fred Bauer)*

"... throughout the year ahead, we will have many opportunities to love those with daily problems. If we turn our backs on the sick and the lonely, 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..."

Please continue to remember those who are struggling. Thank you to all who help us spread the love of Jesus by giving a prayer blanket or shawl to a person who needs comfort.

## 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



### **Epiphany:**

In the spirit of the Magi, please bring your gifts to our Baby Pantry Pack 'n Play 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:

- Diapers size 4
- Baby laundry soap

There are too many families in desperate need right now. Let us collectively relieve the pain of poverty. Thank you to all who help.

## 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.



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 6****7:30 AM**

† Petrina Boyd  
 † Cubba family  
 † Dolores Rinaldi  
 † Domenica & Pasquale Spalvieri  
 Evelyn Edwards  
 † Maria Thuan Hoang  
 † Vince Avellino

Family  
 Family  
 Family  
 Family  
 Mary Lou & Ron Pratt  
 Kelly Doan family  
 Family

**9:30 AM**

† Maria Guida  
 † Jerome & his wife Louise Zinser  
 † Jerry & his sister Carol Zinser  
 † Shakkouri & his daughters, Sana & Hana

Husband  
 John and Rafida  
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 John and Rafida

**11:30 AM**

† Loretta Pluszczynski  
 † Carl Hicks  
 † Adam Duronio

Family  
 Jim + Chris  
 Nick + Bianca Vitale

**5:30 PM**

† Ralph & Maria Sabatini

Agazzi family

**MONDAY, JANUARY 7**

† Vince Avellino  
 Richard & Kathleen Kempisty wed. ann.

Family  
 Family

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 8**

M/M Eric Haglund & family  
 † Francesca Arduino  
 † Jessica Drewyore  
 † Vince Avellino

Parent  
 Judy Roosen  
 Family  
 Family

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9**

† Vince Avellino

Family

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 10**

M/M Matthew Herc & family  
 † Lou Berra (1st ann.)  
 † Matthew Kosalka (birthday)  
 † Vince Avellino

Parent  
 Wife Carol  
 Mother  
 Family

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 11**

† Donald & June Holland  
 † Laverne Biskner  
 Alexander Hendzell  
 † Vince Avellino

Daughter  
 Jeff Muzyk  
 Family  
 Family

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 12****4:30 PM**

† Larry Prudhomme  
 † Michael Majchrzak  
 † Maurice Monserez  
 † Dickerson - Dutton family  
 † Susan DeSantis Kaelber  
 † Thomasso Ricci & Francesco Ricci  
 † Pasquale Dio Dati  
 † Hilda Williams  
 † Allen Buckenhizer

Wife  
 Wife Eleanor  
 Maria Monserez  
 Family  
 Aunt Gina + family  
 Family  
 Family  
 Daughter  
 Wife Diane

**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****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?



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. Included in the event will be confessions, sacrament of anointing, prayer ministry, adoration, beautiful praise, healing & freedom.



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](http://www.stisidore.church/reginaopenhouse)

## 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 60:1-6;  
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

### MONDAY

1 Jn 3:22-4:6;  
Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;  
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

### TUESDAY

1 Jn 4:7-10;  
Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8;  
Mk 6:34-44

### WEDNESDAY

1 Jn 4:11-18;  
Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;  
Mk 6:45-52

### THURSDAY

1 Jn 4:19-5:4;  
Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17;  
Lk 4:14-22

### FRIDAY

1 Jn 5:5-13;  
Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;  
Lk 5:12-16

### SATURDAY

1 Jn 5:14-21;  
Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b;  
Jn 3:22-30

### 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

## WE PRAY FOR THE SICK



Mary Agius	Baby Rilynn
Val Barnes	Dennis Rivard
Jonathan Bisdorf	Mark Smogor
Marion Bruck	Patricia Styf
Nancy Campbell	Blanche Szatkowski
Marlene Caramagno	Breanne Talmadge
Jerry Lou Colozani	Anthony Tangredi
Pam DeClercq	Anthony Toccaceli
Agnes Dolfus	Irene Walczak
Gladys Dorich	Curtis Wellhausen
Isaiah Ford	Florence Winowski
Mark Gathof	
Fred Grzelak	
Patty Guaresimo	
Hanson Family	
Shervyn Karthanal	
Joseph	
Klingkammer	
Dan Kosek	
Gregory Lietke	
Marie Mar cath	
Kathy Marsack	
Bernice McConnell	
Janet McDonald	
Tim McGrath	
Karen Melton	
Gary Michels	
Mike Napeleno	
Andy Nicosia	
Anthony Nicosia	
Jeri Nofs	
Amanda Oswald	
Baby Paige	
Natalie Perini	
Dolores Pritchard	
Gerald Poirier	
Dave Puglia	
Nicholas Puglia	

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## STEWARDSHIP

Budget update as of: December 23, 2018  
Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$ 24,519.23  
Actual Amount Received: \$ 23,446.31  
Comparison to budget: (\$1,072.92)

Fiscal Year to Date: July 1, 2018 to December 23, 2018  
Budgeted Amount: \$ 637,499.98  
Amount Received: \$ 606,003.98  
Comparison to Budget Target: (\$31,496.00)

This week:  
Envelopes Returned: 698  
Online Gifts: 92  
Percentage of people making contributions: 23%

### CSA as of December 16, 2018

CSA 2018 Goal \$ 184,093.00  
CSA 2018 Pledges \$ 229,536.62  
CSA 2018 Payment on pledges \$ 202,817.02  
\*Monies returned to the parish \$ 45,443.62

*\*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.*

<https://opendoorpolicy.aod.org>

Evangelization and inspiration are only a podcast away in the Archdiocese of Detroit! Be sure to tune in to Open Door Policy, a new podcast hosted by Father Steve Pullis, director of the archdiocesan Department of Evangelization, Catechesis and Schools, and Danielle Center, a parishioner at St. Augustine and St. Monica Parish in Detroit.

Each episode features guests from across the Archdiocese who are living as joyful missionary disciples. They share their personal testimonies, their stories of encountering Jesus Christ, and their decisions to follow Him. They also talk about Archbishop Allen Vigneron's pastoral letter, Unleash the Gospel.

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How do we approach God?

Cross out each B, V and S.  
Write the message that remains on the lines below.

V	T	H	R	O	U	G	H	B
S	F	A	I	T	H	B	V	S
I	N	S	H	I	M	B	W	E
S	V	M	A	Y	S	S	A	P
P	R	O	A	C	H	B	S	G
O	D	S	B	W	I	T	H	V
S	F	R	E	E	D	O	M	B
A	N	D	B	S	S	C	O	N
F	I	D	E	N	C	E	V	B

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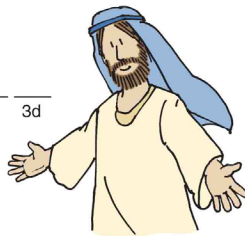
Before Paul's message, people had not understood that God's grace extended to both Jews and Gentiles.

Think of 4-letter verbs that match the clues.  
Use the letters to complete the message.

1a	1b	1c	1d
S			
2a	2b	2c	2d
3a	3b	3c	3d
4a	4b	4c	4d
Y			T

breathe out heavily  
shape something soft like clay  
talk to God  
release air pressure

The \_\_\_\_\_  
2a 3d 1a 4d 4b 3b 3d  
of Christ was not made  
known to people “in other



\_\_\_\_\_ as it  
1c 4b 4c 4b 3b 3c 4d 1b 2b 4c 1a  
has now been \_\_\_\_\_  
3b 4b 4a 4b 3c 2c 4b 2d  
by the \_\_\_\_\_ to God's holy  
1a 3a 1b 3b 1b 4d  
\_\_\_\_\_ and  
3c 3a 2b 1a 4d 2c 4b 1a  
\_\_\_\_\_”  
3a 3b 2b 3a 1d 4b 4d 1a

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### God's Plan For The Gentiles

Paul was deeply committed to sharing the Gospel with people who did not know the God of the Israelites.



Write the letter that is described in each line of the poem.  
The letters will tell you who these people were.

1 is in goose and 2 are in egg \_\_\_\_\_  
2 are in beige and 1 is in beg \_\_\_\_\_  
1 is in ten and 2 are in nine \_\_\_\_\_  
2 are in teapot and 1 is in twine \_\_\_\_\_  
1 is in pupil and 2 are in iris \_\_\_\_\_  
2 are in duckbill and 1 is in platypus \_\_\_\_\_  
1 is in nose and 2 are in eyes \_\_\_\_\_  
2 are in soars and 1 is in flies \_\_\_\_\_

Paul wanted the Jews and Gentiles to understand the new relationship they could have through the Gospel of Christ.

In each row, cross out words that describe people who are not on our side. The remaining words will describe Jews and Gentiles who believe in Jesus Christ.

H E I R S T R A I T O R T O G E T H E R  
W I T H A N T A G O N I S T I S R A E L  
M E M B E R S E N E M Y T O G E T H E R  
O F C O M P E T I T O R S O N E B O D Y  
S H A R E R S R I V A L T O G E T H E R  
I N T H E O P P O N E N T P R O M I S E  
I N V I L L A I N C H R I S T J E S U S

