

## HOW CAN I FIND *Christ's Peace* WHEN I AM NOT FEELING PEACEFUL?



### 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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 [www.stisidore.church](http://www.stisidore.church)

### FR. RON'S REFLECTION

Happy Memorial Day!

On this Memorial Day weekend, it is good to remember that Memorial Day began following the American Civil War as an attempt to keep the evil and suffering of war before us, motivating us to work for peace. A recent study puts the number of soldiers killed in the Civil War at 850,000. This is out of a population of thirty-one million people and is more Americans than have been killed in all other wars combined. In many ways, the issues that led to the war still divide our country. Let's take time this weekend to pray for peace, and to reflect on and learn more about how racism and other forms of injustice lead to violence. Please join us for Mass on Memorial Day as we offer a Mass for Justice and Peace, and pray for those who have died in the service of our country, keeping their sacrifice and tragedy before us.

I am looking forward to the ecumenical Night of Worship next Saturday evening at 7:00 here at St. Isidore. Gathering with brothers and sisters of other Christian faith communities to celebrate the core of our shared belief in the Resurrection of Christ is an excellent way to celebrate the joy of this Easter Season!



**Pope Francis**

@Pontifex

**Promoting the development of the #family means supporting and caring for every human person and for all of creation.**  
**#ClimateAction**



Posted on May 15, 2019



June 2// 9:30 AM Mass

## GRADUATION MASS

Calling all 2019 High School and College Graduates of St. Isidore Church. Come and celebrate your accomplishments with your parish family on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at the 9:30am Mass.

Graduates are invited to wear their gowns to this Mass. (Schools will release the cap and gown early if you mention you are attending a graduation Mass at your church.) You are encouraged to also wear cords, sashes, medals, etc., but please, no caps.

Mass will be followed by a complimentary breakfast for the graduate and their family hosted by the St. Isidore Knights of Columbus!

We would like to publish each of our graduates' pictures in the bulletin. **We have extended the deadline for registration until Monday, May 27.**

You can register for the Mass and submit your photo electronically at [stisidore.church/graduation](http://stisidore.church/graduation) or submit a paper form located in the Faith Formation kiosk along with a photo.

## RIGHT TO LIFE CARNATION SALE THANKS

Thank you from Right To Life Southeast Michigan for your generous donations for Mother's Day carnations. Words cannot express our appreciation for all you do.

## FR. RON'S REFLECTION

We are still in need of nominees to serve on our Pastoral Council. Because of term limits and other issues, all but one or two of our current members will be leaving the Council. There are many openings! The Pastoral Council is an advisory board to the pastor on the pastoral needs of our parish. It also provides a vision for the parish. You are especially needed if you are a "visionary" person. To nominate yourself, go to our website: [stisidore.church/parish-council](http://stisidore.church/parish-council)

Finally, the Strawberry Festival is just four weeks away. We are still in need of many volunteers to make the Festival continue to be the successful community-building and fun event it has grown to be over the years. Please go on the website and sign up for a time to help out: [stisidore.church/festival](http://stisidore.church/festival) Peace!

- Fr. Ron



### *How can I find Christ's Peace when I am not feeling peaceful?*

Finding peace has been very difficult for me lately. Most days I am literally one hot mess of middle-aged, emotional, empty-nester, on a change-of-life roller-coaster ride of forever playing catch up, behind the eight ball, new puppy schedule missing my boys trying to balance marriage relationship and domestic duties with church ministries, teaching and music activities. Needless to say, the struggle is real!

Then it occurred to me that the more I focus on myself, and all I have to do, the less peaceful I feel. Conversely, the more I focus on others, the more peaceful I feel.

My most peaceful "others" moment during any given crazy week happens during Mass on the weekends when I hear everyone in church singing one of our sacred songs together. The community's relationship with a particular song is characterized by the volume and energy of the singing. When the volume and energy of our voices reaches a certain level, there is amazing peace and power in that sound. Hearing this sound actually creates a deep peace for me at that special moment, even when I may not be feeling personally peaceful. Your voices...our voices together... remind me of the thing that brings ultimate peace amidst the storms of life: Hope in Jesus.

Thank you for singing.

-Amy Righi

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

**SUN**  
MAY  
26  
MASS  
7:30 AM // CH  
MASS  
9:30 AM // CH  
MASS  
11:30 AM // CH  
MASS  
5:30 PM // CH

**WED**  
MAY  
29  
MASS  
8:00 AM // CH  
BIBLE STUDY  
9:00 AM // SH  
SCRIPTURE GROUP  
9:30 AM // RC  
INTERCESSOR GROUP  
11:00 AM // RC  
CHOIR REHEARSAL  
7:00PM // MR

**SAT**  
JUNE  
1  
MASS  
8:00 AM // CH  
STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL MTG  
9:00 AM // ECR  
CONFESSIONS  
3:15 PM // CH  
FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY  
3:45 PM // CH  
MASS  
4:30 PM // CH  
NIGHT OF WORSHIP  
7:00 PM // CH

**MON**  
MAY  
27  
MEMORIAL DAY MASS  
9:00 AM // CH  
OFFICE CLOSED

**THU**  
MAY  
30  
MASS  
8:00 AM // CH  
CROCHET GROUP  
11:00 AM // SH  
TEEN MUSIC REHEARSAL  
7:00 PM // MR

**SUN**  
JUNE  
2  
MASS  
7:30 AM // CH  
MASS  
9:30 AM // CH  
MASS  
11:30 AM // CH  
MASS  
5:30 PM // CH  
SITE BONFIRE  
6:30 PM // REC

**TUE**  
MAY  
28  
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
6:00 AM // ECR  
MASS  
8:00 AM // CH  
ADORATION WITH BENEDICTION  
AT 6:00PM  
8:30 AM // RC  
WORSHIP REHEARSAL  
7:00 PM // CH

**FRI**  
MAY  
31  
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 HOUR**  
12:00 - 1:00 PM (M, W, Th, F)  
12:00 - 1:30 PM (T)

**SATURDAY**  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**SUNDAY**  
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

## ST. VINCENT dePAUL

1581  
1660



We the SVDP conference would like to sincerely thank all our donors that make our work possible. Everyone at St. Isidore is so generous, we are truly blessed! From the parishioners to the Religious Education children, to the teens who help at distribution, Altar Society, Knights of Columbus and all our associates who come and help at distributions. Here is an accounting of the monies you have donated. This is from October 1, 2018 to the present:

Number of people helped: 1,149  
Utilities paid: \$4,539  
Rent & Mortgage payments: \$9,506  
New Mattresses (from SVDP store): \$618  
Pantry Food valuation: \$42,890  
(includes 3 holiday distributions and monthly clients)  
Thank you all so much!!

### Our Pantry needs are:

Laundry Detergent  
Kleenex  
Pump Hand Soap  
Spaghettios  
Rice Sides  
Tuna & Chicken Helper  
Frosting  
Cookies  
Candy  
\$25 Kroger or Meijer Gift Cards

God Bless



## American Red Cross

Thank you, St. Isidore Catholic Church, for partnering with the American Red Cross! We are very excited to introduce to you Blood Journey, a new communication that will showcase your organization's lifesaving impact. The blood collected from your most recent blood drive is now on its way to the below hospitals.

Every day, hospitals provide lifesaving blood to patients in need. Your willingness to open your doors and recruit blood donors remains vital to the lives of the patients that we serve, not only locally, but across the country.

While there may have been other hospitals that benefited from your efforts, the following hospitals received the majority of blood products collected from your drive:

Harper University Hospital, Providence Hospital, Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital, University of Michigan Hospitals, St. Joseph Mercy Health System.

We are truly thankful for your support.  
Sincerely,  
Your American Red Cross

ST. ISIDORE CHURCH

MACOMB, MICHIGAN

## BABY PANTRY



Thought for this week:

Og Mandino (author): "Beginning today, treat everyone you meet ... (with) all the care, kindness and understanding you can muster, and do it with no thought of any reward. Your life will never be the same again."

### Our current pantry needs are:

- Baby laundry soap
- Enfamil Gentlease formula
- Baby lotion

On Memorial Day let us always remember to honor and pray for those who have died to preserve our freedom, all who have served our country, and those who serve today. God bless America!

## PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY



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

"Kindness takes root when we look beyond ourselves to the needs of others:

- To the exhausted caregiver
- To the stressed-out parent who lost their job
- To the teenager seeking affirmation
- To the lonely person wanting love

Treat each other well and offer a bit of kindness along the way. Find someone who needs a dose of kindness..."

JOSEPH F. SICA

Take a prayer blanket or shawl to a person who needs comfort. They are available (free of charge) in the parish office.

Thank you for your participation in this ministry.  
"The Comfort Crafters"

## YOUTH MINISTRY



**S I T E**  
ST. ISIDORE  
TEEN EXTREME

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY:**

June 2 Bonfire

**SATURDAY, MAY 25**

**4:30 PM**

- † Dickerson-Dutton Family
- † Fr. Jerry Machlik 9TH ANNIVERSARY  
Zaccagnini/Dinardo Families
- † Anthony Pakizer
- † John Seibert
- † Stefano DeBellis
- † Emily Sitek
- † Patty Hale 1-YEAR ANNIVERSARY
- † Ann Savela
- † Edward O'Donnell

- Family
- Pat Saelens
- Jon & Marilyn Henry
- Family
- Wife
- Elisa Family
- Family
- Cousin
- Family
- Wife

**SUNDAY, MAY 26**

**7:30 AM**

- † Gus & Mary Spriet
- † Msgr. Ferdinand DeCneudt
- † Chris Slowke
- † Annette Lalama
- † Helen Doan
- † Joseph Hoang
- † Karen Grzenkovicz
- † Bill Zaharoff
- † Gerry Weckesser 7TH ANNIVERSARY

- Family
- Friend
- Bob & Joann VanEenoo
- Mother
- Kelly Doan Family
- Kelly Doan Family
- Rob & Mary Lee

**9:30 AM**

- † Kenneth Mlutkowski
- † Thomas P. Doran 1-YEAR ANNIVERSARY
- † Elvidio Vennettilli

- Wife
- Wife
- Mary Beth Doran
- Family

**11:30 AM**

- † Ann Verkeyn BIRTHDAY
- † Richard Rots

- David & Family
- Friends

**5:30 PM**

- † Veronica Troy

- Family

**MONDAY, MAY 27**

Memorial Day

**TUESDAY, MAY 28**

- M/M Jan Kamluk
- † Sharon Fournier

- Daughter
- Carole Nikoriuk

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 29**

- † Leo Silvestri
- † Suzanne Soave
- Jacob Lee

- Wife
- Ed Cybulski
- Family

**THURSDAY, MAY 30**

- † Eugene Herc
- † Shirley Furton

- Wife
- Sister, Christine

**FRIDAY, MAY 31**

- † Glenn Cook

- Marionne Ballard

**SATURDAY, JUNE 1**

**4:30 PM**

- Roy & Geri Fisher 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
- † Robert Bronson
- † Len Sitek
- † John Maslonka
- † Steve & Lottie Muzyk
- † Daniel J. Doran BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
- † Gina Biagiola
- † Ray & Frank DeSantis
- † Mick Hohner

- Family
- Wife
- Marie Weigard
- Sister, Helene
- Jeff & Kathy
- Mary Beth Doran
- Luisa Mushini
- Sister, Gina Goike
- Bob & Joann Spence

**SUNDAY, JUNE 2**

**7:30 AM**

- Sara & Sevan 1ST ANNIVERSARY
- † Chris Slowke
- † Pellerito Family
- Evelyn Edwards
- † Maria Thuan Hoang
- † Petrina Boyd
- † Evan Battani

- Family
- Luncheon Team 3
- Family
- MaryLou and Ron Pratt
- Kelly Doan Family
- Family
- Family

**9:30 AM**

- † Elvidio Vennettilli
- † Lorenzo Viviano BIRTHDAY

- Family
- Family

**11:30 AM**

- † Stanley Wilk
- † Esse & Grace Salamie
- † Angela Antico

- Family
- Bill & Cheryl Cobert
- Children

**5:30 PM**



## WHAT'S HAPPENING?



Saturday, June 1 // 7:00 PM

### NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Come share in an ecumenical experience of community with musical selections presented by some of the best worship leaders and music directors from our Metro-area churches. St. Isidore welcomes these gifted, talented and passionate Christian artists who are coming together to celebrate our risen Lord Jesus Christ and all that God has done for us.

Free Admission.  
Voluntary donation to help benefit Project Rachel

Afterglow Reception to Follow



Sunday, June 2

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD UPDATE

**There will be no CLW during 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM Masses starting June 2 through August 31**

Parents: During the summer months, we encourage you to...

- Sit closer to the front so your child can see the Mass
- Hold your child & quietly describe what is happening in the Mass
- Encourage your child's participation in the prayer and music
- Discuss the Mass on your drive home

SHARE GOD'S WORD AS A FAMILY



Friday, June 7

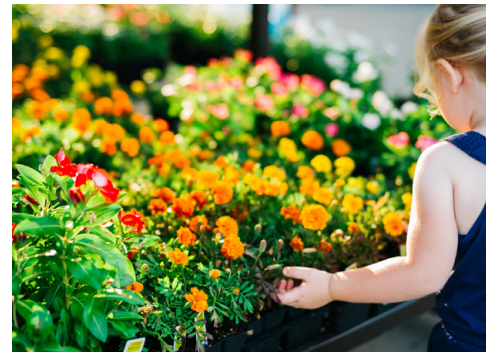
### PENTECOST FLOWER DONATIONS

Red geraniums wanted.

Please help set our sanctuary ablaze with beautiful booms for our celebrations of Pentecost on June 8 and 9.

Single pots, trays or flats can be dropped off in the gathering space June 1 through June 7.

These flowers will be planted here at St. Isidore to help beautify the parish grounds and remind us of the amazing gifts of the Holy Spirit throughout the growing season.



Sunday, June 9

### PARISHIONERS DONATING FLOWERS FOR PARISH GROUNDS

Help beautify our parish grounds

Donate Flowers

We are looking for:  
Marigolds - Red Geraniums - Red/White Begonias - Any color Petunia

Please Make Donations On The Tables In The Gathering Space by Sunday, June 9th

# 2019



# strawberry festival

STISIDORE.CHURCH/FESTIVAL



**FRIDAY, JUNE 21**

**TALENT SHOW • CAR SHOW  
MUSIC: STEVE KING & THE DITTLIES**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 22**

**PASTA DINNER • EUCHRE TOURNEY  
MUSIC: NICK KUHL & THE GANG**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 23**

**POLISH DINNER • BINGO  
MUSIC: COSMIC GROOVE**

## VOLUNTEERING

for the Festival is one our greatest needs. Did you know that it takes over 700 volunteers to make the Festival happen. We cannot be successful without your help!

As one of the most long-standing and well-attended events in Macomb, we want to make sure that our guests feel welcomed when they attend and enjoy the experience. Please consider signing up for a least one shift (or more!)

We've made it easy for you to do this through our website. Simply go to [stisidore.church/festival](http://stisidore.church/festival) and click on the volunteer link to view and sign up for a shift. Make sure to include your name, phone number and email address. Once we receive your volunteer choices, you will be sent an email confirmation.

You can also sign up to volunteer by calling Mary Ann Carter, the volunteer coordinator, at (586-336-9006). Please leave a message if nobody is available and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Please help to make our parish festival a success with your time and talent.

Thank you in advance!

## STRAWBERRY PATCH

Can we count on you? The Strawberry Festival cannot happen without the generous support of our parishioners. The St. Isidore Strawberry Patch is ready and strawberries are ripe for the picking! Each berry has a need for the festival listed on it. Please take a strawberry or two. After you have purchased the item listed on the berry, please return it to the gathering space with the strawberry. It's as easy as pie! The St. Isidore Strawberry Festival Committee thanks you "berry" much for your support!

## TALENT SHOW + AUDITIONS

June 17 & 18 from 7-9:00 PM

For an audition time, contact: Amy Righi  
[amy@stisidore.church](mailto:amy@stisidore.church) | 586-286-1700 x 2109

All Ages, talents, G-rated acts are welcome!  
Talent show starts Friday, June 21, 2018 | 5:00pm

Cash prizes!  
1st Prize \$100.00  
2nd Prize \$75.00  
3rd Prize \$50.00

FOR MORE INFO AND VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORMS GO TO [STISIDORE.CHURCH/FESTIVAL](http://STISIDORE.CHURCH/FESTIVAL)

## READINGS



### SUNDAY

ACTS 15:1-2, 22-29;  
PS 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;  
REV 21:10-14, 22-23; J  
N 14:23-29

### MONDAY

ACTS 16:11-15;  
PS 149:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6A AND 9B;  
JN 15:26-16:4A

### TUESDAY

ACTS 16:22-34;  
PS 138: 1-2AB, 2CDE-3, 7C-8;  
JN 16:5-11

### WEDNESDAY

ACTS 17:15, 22-18:1;  
PS 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14;  
JN 16:12-15

### THURSDAY (ASCENSION)

ACTS 1:1-11;  
PS 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9;  
EPH 1:17-23 OR  
HEB 9:24-28; 10:19-23;  
LK 24:46-53

### FRIDAY

ZEP 3:14-18A OR  
ROM 12:9-16;  
IS 12:2-3, 4BCD,5-6;  
LK 1:39-56

### SATURDAY

ACTS 18:23-28;  
PS 47:2-3, 8-9, 10;  
JN 16:23B-28

### SUNDAY

ACTS 1:1-11;  
PS 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9;  
EPH 1:17-23 OR  
HEB 9:24-28; 10:19-23;  
LK 24:46-53 OR

## WE PRAY FOR THE SICK



Mary Agius  
Baby Sevan  
Jonathan Bisdorf  
Dawn Donovan  
Bobchick  
Marion Bruck  
Thomas Buback  
Dianne Buckennizer  
Albert Busacca  
Dolores Busacca  
Nancy Campbell  
Marlene Caramagno  
Paul Cerrito  
Katherine Chapman  
Pam DeClercq  
Mary Domsic  
Isaiah Ford  
Richard Gdowski  
Floyd Grytzelius  
Megan Hamann  
Cheryl Isquith  
James John  
Ethan Kammer  
Kenneth Karpinski  
Shervyn Karthanal  
Jenny Kasselmann  
William Kellstrom  
Joseph Klingkammer  
Paul Krasniqi  
Daryl Laethem  
Marie Marcath  
Phyllis Marek  
Joseph Marine  
Janet McDonald  
Tim McGrath  
Kathleen Meek  
Kenneth Meerschaert  
Elena Patania

Natalie Perini  
Denise Peterson  
Lloyd Peterson  
Eric Racette  
Joan Seger  
Caroline Smith  
Jale Smith  
Keiko Smith  
Mary Szczerbinski  
Anthony Tancredi  
John Terry  
Albert Toccaceli  
Grace Trent  
Curtis Wellhausen  
Celestine (Mike) Young

## MILITARY LIST



We Pray for those serving in the military

PFC Tanner Adkins, Army – Afghanistan  
WO1 Jeremy Bentley, Army – Iraq  
Christian Bobbish, Navy  
Pvt. Troy Ciaramella, Army – USA  
GySgt. Sean Collins, Marines – Middle East  
Hannah Cook, Marines – USA  
Sgt. Tyler Dean, Army – Kuwait  
PFC Anthony Difatta, Army – Afghanistan  
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  
Sgt. James Galowski Jr., Army – Middle East  
PFC John Gellert III, Army  
Michael Giacalone, Coast Guard – Afghanistan  
Lt. David R. Grzywacz, Navy  
Pvt. Alexander Hendzell, Marines  
LCpl David Horton, Marines – Afghanistan  
Maj. Jeffrey Jablonski, Army – Michigan  
Sgt. Logan Jabouri, Marines  
J. Jackson, Navy  
Staff Sgt. Ethan Jensen, Air Force – Afghanistan  
PFC Sean R. Kellogg, Marines California  
Sgt. 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  
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  
CPL Anne Vassas, Marines – Japan  
Gjelosh Vata, Army  
Pvt Andre Ventmiglia, Army – USA  
Thomas Yomber, Army  
PFC. Nicholas York, Marines – New York

## BAPTISMS MAY 18/19

### MEREDITH GALLAGHER

Daughter of Robert Edward and Katherine

### ADELYN GRACE GRAHAM

Daughter of Daniel and Alyson

### BLAKE RYAN OLIVERO

Son of Ryan and Kathryn

### MIRA MINHAN NGUYEN

Daughter of Dy and Lyna

### MADELYN SOFIA URBINA

Daughter of German and Regina

### ANTONINO FRANCO PALOMBA

Son of Anthony Joseph and Kristina Marie

### MASON MICHAEL SONIA

Son of Mallory Kramer and the late Stephen Jr Sonia

## REST IN PEACE

### PATRICK CLAREY

Entered eternal life on May 14



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 David Bisdorf • Aida Anaya Reyes • John Kovacik  
 Ron Mattei • Ascanio Terraciano • Jeffrey Muzyk

## STEWARDSHIP

**Budget update as of:** **May 19, 2019**  
 Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$ 24,519.23  
 Actual Amount Received: \$ 18,857.97  
 Comparison to budget: **(\$5,661.26)**

**Fiscal Year to Date:** **July 1, 2018 to May 19, 2019**  
 Budgeted Amount: \$ 1,152,403.81  
 Amount Received: \$ 1,129,670.56  
 Comparison to Budget Target: **(\$22,733.25)**

**This week:**  
 Envelopes Returned: 575  
 Online Gifts: 112  
 Registered Households: 3472  
 Percentage of people making contributions: 20%

### CSA as of May 19, 2019

Thank you for your generosity in the with the 2018 CSA campaign.

Figures for the 2019 campaign are coming soon!

For more info about CSA 2.0, visit: [stisidore.church/csa](http://stisidore.church/csa)

*\*If pledges are paid in full, this money will be returned to the parish in full. As a reminder, monies received through CSA are not assessed by the Archdiocese (7%) nor are they part of future CSA calculations (14.5%).*

Dear Heavenly Father,

*My parish is composed of people like me;  
 I help make it what it is.*

*It will be friendly, if I am.  
 Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.  
 It will do great work, if I work.  
 It will make generous gifts to many causes,  
 if I am a generous giver.  
 It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I  
 invite and bring them.*

*It will be a parish of loyalty and love,  
 of fearlessness and faith,  
 and a parish with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is,  
 am filled with these same things.*

*Therefore, with Your help, O God,  
 I shall dedicate myself to the task  
 of being all things that I want my parish to be.*

Amen.



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