

## HOW CAN MY LIVING ATTRACT SOMEONE WHO IS *lost?*



### 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 REFLECTIONS

We are very grateful to the 752 parishioners who have made gifts and pledges to CSA 2019.

As you know, contributing to the Catholic Services Appeal is the best way to directly support our parish mission. In effect, every dollar donated to the CSA goes to support the parish. Our CSA "goal" is actually an assessment. When a parish falls short of its goal, it must make up the difference with other parish funds. When a parish surpasses the goal, the entire "overage" is returned to the parish assessment-free.

For many years, in keeping with our history, our Finance Counsel budgeted for an approximately forty thousand dollar shortfall in the CSA. (It was pretty much accepted that the income from the Strawberry Festival went to cover the CSA shortfall.)

Beginning last year we asked parishioners to consider making their major support for the parish through the CSA. Many people responded, transferring



**Pope Francis**

@Pontifex



**The pursuit of lasting peace is a mission that involves everyone. It calls for strenuous, constant and unceasing effort, because peace is like a delicate flower trying to blossom on the stony ground of violence. #ApostolicJourney #Mozambique**

Posted on September 5

## FR. RON'S REFLECTIONS

some funds they had been giving to the Sunday offertory and Christmas collections to the CSA. The appeal was not to necessarily give MORE, but to give DIFFERENTLY. The response was overwhelming. Instead of the forty thousand dollar shortfall, we exceeded the goal and received back eighty-three thousand dollars to support our parish mission (and the proceeds from the Strawberry Festival were not wiped out by the CSA shortfall).

The pledges and gifts made by those 752 parishioners this year now total an "overage" of sixty-three thousand dollars. Last year 811 parishioners made CSA gifts at this point in the campaign. We are hoping to hear from them in the near future. It would also be great if some of the 2800 other parishioner families who have not made a CSA gift this year would consider doing so. The money would greatly help us to continue our parish mission to change lives by bringing God's Word to the community.

Again, a big "THANK YOU" to those who have given and appeal to those who may still be considering a gift.

We also remind you that the easiest way to support the parish on a regular basis is through Pushpay, our simple online giving solution. To get started with PushPay, you can go to our website: [stisidore.church/give](http://stisidore.church/give), you can use our parish app, or simply text "**STISIDORE**" to **77977**. It's that easy and only takes a couple of minutes to set up. Why spend time writing a check each week when you can set up recurring giving and not have to think about it?

Blessings,  
Fr. Ron



Sunday, September 22 // 6:30 PM

### FALL BONFIRE

Calling all High Schoolers!

Are you up for a fun evening that includes hanging out with other high schoolers who share your Catholic faith -- free food -- games and a bonfire? If so, please join us on Sunday, September 22 @ 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM at the parish rectory.

Please RVSP at the parish office (586-286-1700) by Monday September 16th with the name of the high schooler attending along with any dietary restrictions.



## CONNECTING POINT

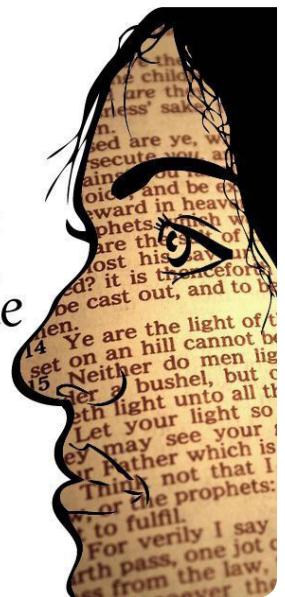
### How can my living attract someone who is lost?

I remember when I was in my twenties someone asked me what I thought was the most attractive feature of a woman. Without hesitation, I stated I am attracted to confident women who exude kindness. The people I was with laughed as I believe they were expecting a different type of answer. To this day, the people I am most attracted to are the people who live their lives in an authentic manner, living with joy. Who isn't attracted to this type of person? Pope Benedict XVI once said that our "Church grows through attraction, not proselytism." As Christians we are called to live in a manner consistent with the Good News of the Gospel. It is through this joyous living we will draw others to the Lord. Can you imagine if we used every encounter of every day to show our love for Christ? Verbal exchanges at the gas station, grocery store, movie theater, etc., would all be opportunities to draw people closer to Him. Assisting others with tasks would be grace filled moments. Let us keep this in mind as we go about our week. I pray that each of us realize the powerful fact we may be the only Bible that others read—ever. Let us allow our living to provide guidance to those who are lost. And, when we ourselves feel lost, let us lean on the loving grace of our Lord for comfort.

-Chris Kozlowski

Remember,  
you may be  
the only Bible  
that others  
read.

[apeiro-agape.tumblr](http://apeiro-agape.tumblr)





# WEEKLY CALENDAR

**SUN**  
SEP 15  
K OF C MEMBERSHIP DRIVE & BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING  
7:30 AM // GS  
MASS  
7:30 AM // CH  
MASS  
9:30 AM // CH  
MASS  
11:30 AM // CH  
MASS  
5:30 PM // CH  
SITE MEETING  
6:30 PM // YR

**WED**  
SEP 18  
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 // SH  
FAITH FORMATION  
6:15 PM // SH  
OPEN MIC SESSIONS  
7:00 PM // CH  
SPECIAL CONFIRMATION PREP  
7:00 PM // FCR

**SAT**  
SEP 21  
MASS  
8:00 AM // CH  
GRAGER/SORGI WEDDING  
2:00 PM // CH  
CONFESSIONS  
3:15 PM // CH  
E-WASTE RECYCLING EVENT  
4:00 PM // CH  
MASS  
4:30 PM // CH  
SORO/GIL-MEDINA WEDDING  
6:00 PM // CH

**MON**  
SEP 16  
MASS  
8:00 AM // CH  
ARMCHAIR AEROBICS  
8:45 AM // RC  
DIVINE MERCY  
1:30 PM // RC  
FAITH FORMATION  
4:30 PM // SH  
FAITH FORMATION  
6:15 PM // SH  
FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MTG.  
6:30 PM // ECR  
OPEN MIC SESSIONS  
7:00 PM // CH  
SPECIAL CONFIRMATION PREP  
7:00 PM // FCR

**THU**  
SEP 19  
MASS  
8:00 AM // CH  
CROCHET GROUP  
11:00 AM  
YOUNG AT HEART  
11:00 AM // RC  
INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP  
1:30 PM // CH  
SVDP  
1:30 PM // ECR  
EVANGELIZATION MTG.  
2:45 PM // FCR  
GRAGER/SORGI REHEARSAL  
6:00 PM // CH  
SITE PARENT/TEEN INTRO MTG.  
6:30 PM // YR  
TEEN ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL  
7:00 PM // MR

**SUN**  
SEP 22  
E-WASTE RECYCLING EVENT  
7:00 AM // CH  
MASS  
7:30 AM // CH  
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7:30 AM // SH  
MASS  
9:30 AM // CH  
MASS  
11:30 AM // CH  
MASS  
5:30 PM // CH  
SITE FALL BONFIRE  
6:30 PM // CY

**TUE**  
SEP 17  
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
6:00 AM // ECR  
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  
FINANCE COUNCIL  
7:00 PM // ECR

**FRI**  
SEP 20  
ADORATION  
7:00 AM // CH  
MASS  
8:00 AM // CH  
FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP  
8:45 AM // SH  
SORO/GIL-MEDINA REHEARSAL  
6:00 PM // CH

## CALENDAR LOCATION KEY //

A-Atrium, CH-Church, CR-Classrooms, CY-Courtyard, ECR-Executive Conference Room, FCR-Front Conference Room FO-Front Office, 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

## SUMMER PARISH OFFICE HOURS // 586-286-1700

**MONDAY - THURSDAY**  
8:30 AM - 7:00 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 de PAUL

1581  
1660



Paulo Coelho said of September, "I once read that in a forest of a hundred thousand trees, no two leaves are alike. And no two journeys along the same path are alike."

We are very blessed in our St. Isidore community to have many parishioners who have completed their paths in their careers. Unfortunately we have many in our community that are under pressure trying to find theirs. Won't you please help relieve some of their stress of where their next meal for their family is coming from and pick up some of the items listed below?

### Our Pantry needs are:

Elbow Macaroni and all Boxed Pastas  
Peas  
Carrots  
Tuna & Canned Chicken  
Chicken & Tuna Helper  
Jelly  
Chunky Soups  
Pineapple (canned)  
Mac & Cheese  
Gender Neutral Deodorant  
Pump Hand Soap  
Kleenex  
Candy  
\$25 Meijer or Kroger Gift Cards

God bless.

## KNOW WHERE TO GO!



When you're not feeling well, sometimes it is difficult to decide when and where you need to be evaluated. Here are some general guidelines to help you choose between your doctor's office, urgent care and the ER.

When you need medical care, but it is safe to wait a day, call or see your doctor during business hours.

For example:

- runny nose
- minor backache
- sore throat
- earache

You need medical care **today**, but it is safe to wait a few hours, go to an Urgent Care. For example:

- Minor sprain, strain, fracture, or cut
- Need care today and cannot get into a physician's office
- You are unable to reach your primary doctor

You need medical care **NOW!** It's not safe to wait, go the Emergency Room or call 9-1-1.

For example:

- Trouble breathing or chest pain
- Sudden numbness or weakness
- Severe headache or confusion
- Uncontrolled bleeding
- Fainting

SOURCE: BEAUMONT.ORG/WHERE-TO-GO

## BABY PANTRY



God's voice cries out to us through the needs of the poor. Let us recognize God in their pleas for help. We need to hear the invitation and respond to the cry of poverty. Jesus comes to us in those who ask for assistance and those who need our help in some way.

VINCENTIAN REFLECTIONS

In the book "Rediscover Jesus," author Matthew Kelly writes, "Followers of Jesus have been astonishing the people of every age with their generosity. It is the generosity that naturally springs forth when we wholeheartedly embrace the teachings of Jesus Christ."

### If possible, please donate:

We are out of these 2 items. We have none! Please help.

- **A.R. Enfamil formula**
- **Baby Wash**

You reach out to others with your amazing donations. It is a blessing from God through you!

## PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY



**Prayer blankets and shawls are available in the office.**

We ask that you keep us in your prayers as we try to reach those who need comfort and will benefit from a blanket or shawl.

Other ways you can help:

1. Join our crochet/knit group. We meet on Thursdays @ 11:00, usually in the social hall.
2. Make prayer lap blankets (36"- 42") or shawls and donate them during office hours. Any type lap blanket with no fringe is acceptable: crochet, knit, fleece, quilted, etc. Fleece needs to be stitched or bordered, not tied. Shawls can be rectangular or triangular.
3. Donate money for yarn and fabric so we can purchase materials to make our lap blankets and shawls.

Please get one of our prayer blankets or shawls – free of charge - in the St. Isidore office for a person you know who needs comfort because of a medical, emotional, or spiritual crisis in their life.

Pray for those who need comfort.  
"The Comfort Crafters"

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

**4:30 PM**

† Larry Prudhomme  
 † Maurice + Maria Monserez  
 † Ruth Maslonka 4TH ANNIVERSARY  
 † Helen Olszewski  
 † Remo + Josephine Orsini  
 † Dolores Busacca  
 † Stephen & Lottie Muzyk  
 † Al LaTorre Birthday  
 † Mary McBride  
 † Mark Smogor

Wife  
 Maria Monserez  
 Sister, Helene  
 Eugene/Janice Olszewski  
 Son  
 Family  
 Jeff Muzyk  
 Hayduk Family  
 Friend  
 Wife

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

**7:30 AM**

† Domenica + Pasquale Spalvieri  
 † Pellerito Family  
 † Helen Doan  
 † Domenica Palitti  
 † Leonard Mironski

Family  
 Family  
 Kelly Doan Family  
 Aunt Christine Boyd  
 M. Sedowski

**9:30 AM**

† William Goike  
 † John Maslonka BIRTHDAY  
 † Frank Sitek  
 † Ione Lang  
 † Josephine Bosek  
 † Bernadette & Mike Desjardins

Wife + Family  
 Helene Twardzik  
 Family  
 Patrick + Michelle Lang  
 Family  
 Family

**11:30 AM**

† Henry Gubler  
 † Joseph Sribniak  
 † Esse + Grace Salamie  
 † Carmen Azzopardi  
 † Gina Sultana  
 † Bill Fisher  
 † David Webster PRAYERS FOR FAMILY  
 † John & Debra Mousty 30TH ANNIVERSARY

Wife  
 Mother  
 Bill + Cheryl Cobert  
 Scargall Family  
 Mary Scargall  
 Mom  
 Marinello Family  
 John & Debra Mousty

**5:30 PM**

† Joseph Joseph

Family

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

Mary Herc  
 † Bernie Jaroz BIRTHDAY

Children  
 Pat Saelens

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

† M/M Michael Rybinski and Sons  
 † George Williams

Daughter  
 Daughter

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

† Rosamma Joseph

Family

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

† Lenord 1-YEAR ANNIVERSARY  
 † Henry Kujawski BIRTHDAY  
 † Stella Datko BIRTHDAY

Wife  
 Family  
 Family

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

**4:30 PM**

Joseph Kemeny  
 † Duane Mousty Birthday  
 † Dickerson + Wajca  
 † Joseph Micheal Barone  
 † John Seibert  
 † Walter and Mary Dominik  
 † Rat Bova  
 † Michael Majchrzak  
 † Father Francis Faraci 60TH ANNIVERSARY  
 † Tim Zaremski  
 † Nancy Hopson

Daughter  
 Wife, Virginia  
 Family  
 Wife  
 Wife  
 Nieces and nephews  
 Rick and Jo  
 Wife, Eleanor  
 Cassie and Peter  
 Julie  
 Sue Decker & Sherrie Prudhomme

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

**7:30 AM**

† Joseph Hoang  
 † Ken Gentner  
 † Michael Dylag  
 † Richard Steinetz  
 † Ron Verellen  
 † Kerry Wegner  
 † John and Grace Chavez  
 † Stan Novak

Kelly Doan Family  
 Knights of Columbus  
 Knights of Columbus  
 Knights of Columbus  
 Knights of Columbus  
 Family  
 Family  
 Julie

**9:30 AM**

† Mark Smogor  
 † Antonio Fata  
 † Paul Grzelewski  
 † Lloyd Peterson  
 † Victor & Kathryn Porto

Knights of Columbus  
 Knights of Columbus  
 Knights of Columbus  
 Knights of Columbus  
 Family

**11:30 AM**

† Ken Scargall  
 † John Grosfield  
 † David Adamczyk  
 † Francisco Torre  
 † Larry Spearman  
 † Mike Kaepplinger  
 † Alice Durga  
 † Stanley Nowak  
 † Gina Sultana

Mom + Dad  
 Knights of Columbus  
 Knights of Columbus  
 Knights of Columbus  
 Wife  
 Boden Family  
 Irene Costa  
 Marie Liccardello  
 Mary Scargall

**5:30 PM**

† Charles Habel  
 † John Brobst  
 † Edward Gauie

Knights of Columbus  
 Knights of Columbus  
 Knights of Columbus

**POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION // SEPTEMBER**

**The Protection of the Oceans**

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.



## OUR FAITH AT ITS BEST.

One of the most Christ-like examples of true discipleship in action resides in a Church's St. Vincent de Paul conference. St. Isidore has a very active SVdP conference. As a way of understanding all of the incredible things that our conference has done recently, here is a quick statistical rundown of activity since October 2018.

- 1,629 individuals helped
- \$52,464.58 worth of food distributed
- \$11,236.57 in rent/mortgage assistance extended
- \$1,039 worth of mattresses provided

This is our faith, every faith, at its best.

A great way to support the good work of St. Isidore is by supporting our local SVdP chapter. If you'd like to make a financial donation, you can do so by cash, check or by using our mobile giving solution-Pushpay. Simply text STISIDORE to 77977. Once you set up an account (it only takes a minute) you can choose the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Any and all gifts are appreciated. Please consider investing in our conference, and see how good it feels to be part of the incredible mission of St. Vincent de Paul.

## CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019**

The ministry of the Word is a fundamental element of evangelization through all its stages, because it involves the proclamation of Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God

“The word of God nourishes both evangelizers and those who are being evangelized so that each one may continue to grow in his or her Christian life”

(NATIONAL DIRECTORY FOR CATECHESIS [NDC] [WASHINGTON, DC: UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS, 2005], NO. 17)



# Open Mic Sessions



MON. SEP 16 | WED. SEP 18

*Anyone can sing! Yes...anyone...even you!*

You may think that you need training or an ability to read music, but that is not true. All you need is a passion for worship and the courage to try it out.

Open Mic Sessions give you that chance to try out music ministry and explore the different options of music involvement at St. Isidore including our Praise Teams and the church choir. There is a place for you if you just give it a chance.

Join us at either of our Open Mic Sessions on Monday, September 16 or Wednesday, September 18 at 7PM in the music room for a chance to try out the ministry and then stick around for some fresh cider and donuts!

If you don't feel that music ministry is right for you, then you can still support the singing from the congregation... no questions asked!  
So, what do you say? are you willing to try it out?

If you are interested or have questions, contact Matt // [matt@stisidore.church](mailto:matt@stisidore.church)



## WHAT'S HAPPENING?



Thursday, September 19 // 1:30 PM

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER TEAM

Please join our parish intercessor team. Beginning on September 19 and every 3rd Thursday of the month, we will meet before the tabernacle at 1:30 PM for an hour of prayer.

This ministry is open to everyone. It is not necessary to come each time, but we are hoping for a committed core group to become a joyful group of disciples interceding to the Lord for a better world.

Charlotte Nowak & Paula Monkevich



September 21-22

### ELECTRONIC WASTE EVENT

In honor of National Cleanup Day, St. Isidore's Green Team along with our high school SITE group is sponsoring an Electronic Waste event in union with the 'We are Here Foundation.' Drop-offs can be made before and after all Masses the weekend of September 21 & 22, 2019. Acceptable items are residential and business office electronics. Please, no tube televisions or appliances.



Mon. Sept 16 & Wed. Sept. 18

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If you are interested or have questions, contact Matt ([matt@stisidore.church](mailto:matt@stisidore.church))



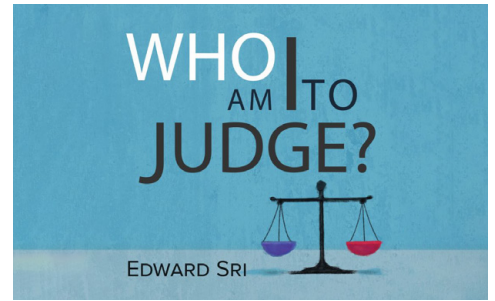
September 21/22

### SITE MUM SALE

It's hard to believe Fall is just around the corner!

To help ensure your house has great Fall curb appeal the SITE Teens are holding their annual Fall Mum Sale. Not only will your house look great, but the proceeds will be used to assist the SITE Teens attend two retreats along with supporting a local charity. Please visit the sales tables after Mass and support two great causes with one purchase.

Cost: \$10/plant



Wednesday, September 18 // 9:00 AM

### SMALL GROUP STUDY PROGRAM

What is "right" and "wrong?" Is what's right for you right for me? Is there a right and wrong for everyone, all the time?

Join us for this 8-week small group study program featuring Edward Sri. We'll explore the classical view of morality and find that it's not merely a set of guiding principles for theoretical situations—it is an entire way of life. Sessions will be on Wednesdays from 9-10:30 AM beginning September 18. Call the office or email [evangelization@stisidore.church](mailto:evangelization@stisidore.church) to register or for questions.



Sunday, September 22 // 8:30 AM

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Includes pancakes, sausage links, applesauce, coffee, milk, and orange juice at the low cost of \$6. Stop by after any of the morning Masses.

Proceeds to benefit charitable efforts of the K of C Council 7200.



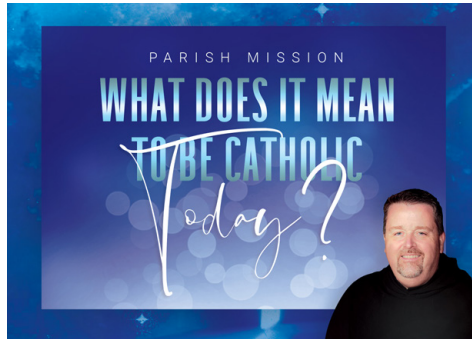


September 25-27

## WIDOWS RETREAT

One of the challenges at a later stage of life's journey may be traveling alone. This retreat will have many opportunities to explore your personal and faith journeys and includes a social, prayer services, reflective conferences, healing service, Adoration, and more. Registration begins Wednesday at 5:30 PM.

Suggested offering is \$150 which includes all meals. Make reservations early as there are limited rooms available. Call 248-651-4826, or visit [capretreat.org](http://capretreat.org).



September 30 – October 2

## PARISH MISSION

**What does it mean to be Catholic Today?** During these challenging times, we can all benefit from reminders and inspiration to stay strong in the beauty and richness of our Catholic Faith. Join us for a three-night mission presented by Fr. Tom McCarthy. Each night begins with Coffeehouse Worship at 6:30 in the Gathering Space.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

7:00 PM Talk by Fr. Tom:  
*The Saints: How are they the heroes of our faith?*

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

7:00 PM Talk by Fr. Tom:  
*Prayer: Is it worth it? Does God listen to me?*  
8:15 PM Individual Confessions Available

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

7:00pm Celebration of Mass



Saturday, October 5 // 6:00 PM

## DINNER + COMEDY SHOW

Join us for an evening of fun and laughs with comedian, Shawn Reynolds. Tickets are \$15 and include dinner and the comedy show. Dinner includes: Pizza, salad, dessert, coffee, tea and two complimentary drink tickets for pop or beer with each event ticket. Additional drink tickets are \$1.00 each. (Drink tickets provided at event only.)

Event tickets available at Parish Office (586-286-1700) or by going to [stisidore.church/comedy](http://stisidore.church/comedy)



Thursday, October 24 // 9:00 AM

## ALTAR SOCIETY DAY OF REFLECTION

All are welcome for this Day of Reflection! The St. Isidore Altar Society is sponsoring a Day of Reflection, offered at the Capuchin Retreat house in Washington, MI. The retreat runs from 9:00 am till 2:00 pm – Registration at 8:45 am. Donation of \$25 (includes Lunch) can be dropped off at the church office starting September 16. Deadline to sign up is Thursday, October 17. Contact Joanne Chalut for additional information: (586) 690-8735



Friday, October 4 // 6:30 PM

## EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

The Altar Society is once again hosting the Euchre Tournament.

Sign-in is at 6:30 PM  
Tournament will begin at 7:00 PM

Tickets: \$15.00/person (includes cash prizes, snacks, and dessert bar)

For ticket information, contact:  
Janet Stark (586) 749-9423  
Sue Schwark (586) 949-6970



December 2-16

## HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

\*St. Isidore is not affiliated with this event.

Terra Sancta Pilgrimages with Franciscan friar Fr. Alex Kratz will be leading a Catholic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from December 2-16, 2019. This life-changing experience walking in Jesus' footsteps includes daily Mass and Rosary, biblical readings on site, time for prayer and spiritual guidance, and meeting local Christians. Cost is \$4,299 (all expenses included, round trip from Detroit, 3 daily meals, all tips and taxes). \$500 deposit due at registration. Orientation Meeting is August 25 at St. Joseph Chapel our headquarters (400 South Blvd. West, Pontiac, MI 48331). Contact Fr. Alex at (313) 727-9784 or [abunaalex@yahoo.com](mailto:abunaalex@yahoo.com).

# WHO AM I TO JUDGE?

EDWARD SRI



Beginning this Wednesday at 9:00 AM

What is “right” and “wrong”? Is what’s right for you right for me? Is there a right and wrong for everyone, all the time?

These are difficult questions to discuss in our culture. We live in a society that supports the opinion that each person should make up his or her own morality—that there is no moral truth that applies to everyone. Many of us have been affected by the relativistic outlook that pervades the modern world. Maybe some of us wonder whether there really is an absolute right and wrong for everyone. Or maybe we accept that there is a moral standard for all, but we don’t know how to explain our moral convictions in a convincing way. Maybe some of us are afraid of saying something is immoral because we’re afraid of offending others or of being labeled intolerant. How do we talk about morality in a relativistic world?

In this small group study program featuring Edward Sri, we’ll explore the classical view of morality and find that it’s not merely a set of guiding principles for theoretical situations—it is an entire way of life.

8 Sessions:

1. Don’t Impose Your Morality on Me!
2. Recovering the Basics
3. Real Freedom, Real Love
4. The Lost “Art of Living”
5. Engaging Moral Relativism
6. “I Disagree” Doesn’t Mean “I Hate You”
7. Exposing The Mask
8. What Is Truth?

Call the office or email [evangelization@stisidore.church](mailto:evangelization@stisidore.church) to register or for questions.

## ST. ISIDORE ARTISTS

The Art and Environment ministry provides appropriate decoration for the church in keeping with the liturgical seasons. We seek active parishioners who have an artistic sense, creativity, interest and willingness to help as needed. Anyone with an interior design background, experience with window or other types of displays, carpentry, sewing or just a general interest in creating a beautiful environment is welcome. We would like 2 to 4 people augmented by others for the major feasts of Christmas and Easter. The time commitment is seasonal. A meeting or two is required for planning prior to each of the major liturgical seasons of Advent/Christmas and Lent/Holy Week/ Easter. Then time allotted for implementing the plan, which could be 2 hours to 4 hours depending on the season.

Why do we need this committee? The church should be decorated appropriate to the mysteries of salvation celebrated through the unfolding of the liturgical year. The word *Liturgy* means ‘the work of the people’ and thus it is appropriate that the proper role for this ministry lies with us, the laity; members of the parish assembly.

At St Isidore we strive to make each liturgy a rich and fulfilling experience. The Art and Environment Committee’s goal is to create a setting conducive to meaningful worship.

- Amy Righi

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## READINGS



### SUNDAY

EX 32:7-11, 13-14;  
PS 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19;  
1 TM 1:12-17;  
LK 15:1-32 OR 15:1-10

### MONDAY

1 TM 2:1-8;  
PS 28:2, 7, 8-9;  
LK 7:1-10

### TUESDAY

1 TM 3:1-13;  
PS 101:1B-2AB, 2CD-3AB, 5, 6;  
LK 7:11-17

### WEDNESDAY

1 TM 3:14-16;  
PS 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;  
LK 7:31-35

### THURSDAY

1 TM 4:12-16;  
PS 111:7-8, 9, 10;  
LK 7:36-50

### FRIDAY

1 TM 6:2C-12;  
PS 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20;  
LK 8:1-3

### SATURDAY

EPH 4:1-7, 11-13;  
PS 19:2-3, 4-5;  
MT 9:9-13

### SUNDAY

AM 8:4-7;  
PS 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8;  
1 TM 2:1-8;  
LK 16:1-13 OR 16:10-13

## WE PRAY FOR THE SICK



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Bob Aguis  
Kristen Battaglia  
Jordon Biehl  
Jonathan Bisdorf  
Tom Buback  
Ann Byarski  
Charles Byarski  
Nancy Campbell  
Alexis Caramagino  
Carol Chianese  
Pam DeClercq  
Isaiah Ford  
Jason Gaca  
Patty Haberkamp  
Tracy Hood  
Jenny Kasselmann  
Don Kush  
Pat Kush  
Marilyn LaPorte  
Sharon Lark  
Janet McDonald  
Kenneth Meerschaert  
Mario Monacelli  
Andy Nicosia  
Michels family  
Beverly Niewolak  
Jeri Nofs  
Michael Peterson  
Natalie Perini  
Louisa Pietrowsky  
Jerry Pukala  
Eric Racette  
Suzane Romano  
Umberto Romano  
Carolyn Sands  
Conrad Sands

Jerry Schmeiser  
Lynn Stultz  
Mary Szczerbinski  
Breanne Talmadge  
Anthony Tancredi  
John Terry  
Albert Toccaceli  
Bob VanEeno  
Maurice (Moe) Wiseman  
Curtis Wellhausen

## MILITARY LIST



updated: 8/23/19

PFC Tanner Adkins, Army – Afghanistan  
WO1 Jeremy Bentley, Army – Iraq  
Christian Bobbish, Navy  
Pvt. Troy Ciaramella, Army – USA  
GySgt. Sean Collins, Marines – USA  
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  
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Pvt. Alexander Hendzell, Marines  
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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  
Audrey Lynch, Marines – California  
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  
Gjelosh Vata, Army  
Pvt Andre Ventmiglia, Army – USA  
Thomas Yombor, Army Ranger 1/75  
PFC. Nicholas York, Marines – New York

## REST IN PEACE

### ANNE VASSAS

Entered eternal life on August 18

### TIMOTHY ZAREMSKI

Entered eternal life on August 27



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## STEWARDSHIP

Budget update as of: **September 8, 2019**  
Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$ 24,519.23  
Actual Amount Received: \$ 22,847.99  
Comparison to budget: **(1,671.24)**

Fiscal Year to Date: **July 1, 2019 to September 8, 2019**  
Budgeted Amount: \$ 269,711.53  
Amount Received: \$ 240,046.92  
Comparison to Budget Target: **(\$29,664.61)**

**This week:**  
Envelopes Returned: 725  
Online Gifts: 115  
Registered Households: 3263  
Percentage of people making contributions: 26%

**CSA as of September 8, 2019**  
CSA 2019 Goal \$ 192,588.00  
CSA 2019 Pledges \$ 254,496.00  
CSA 2019 Payment on pledges \$ 187,320.20  
**Monies returned to the parish\* \$ 61,908.00**

*\*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%).*

## CSA MINUTE

### CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

This Sunday is Catechetical Sunday, a day the U.S. bishops have set aside to affirm the ministry of the men, women, and young adults who teach our faith in parishes and Catholic schools.

For 2019, the Archdiocese has set a special theme as part of the next phase of Unleash the Gospel: Sent on Mission. "Encountering the Risen Christ" reminds pastors, staff members, catechists, Catholic school teachers, and all of us in this community of faith of our roles, through Baptism, in passing on the faith to children and adults.

Your CSA gifts allow the Department of Evangelization, Catechesis and Schools to support religious education directors and their staffs through consultation concerning policy, curriculum guidelines, and text selection, as well as professional growth and formation opportunities and certification.

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