



## 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 REFLECTIONS

Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation is an important part of our Advent preparation for the celebration of the Lord's Coming, both at the end of time and at Christmas. For several years we have joined with three other North Macomb Vicariate parishes: St. Lawrence, St. Therese, and St. John Vianney, in celebrating Communal Penance Services during Advent and Lent. Communal Penance Services celebrate not only our conciliation with God, but with each other in the Christian community. We sin not only against God, but against each other. Celebrating God's mercy, and joining with others in praising the God of Mercy, is an act of communal worship. I strongly encourage you to participate in one of these communal penance services listed elsewhere in this bulletin. Our service here at St. Isidore is next Saturday, December 14, at 1:00 PM.

We also encourage you to join us tonight, December 8, at 7:30 PM for "A Festival of Lessons and Carols." This is a beautiful Scripture-based concert featuring outstanding



**Pope Francis**  
@PONTIFEX



**The closeness to the Lord invites our heart to approach our brothers and sisters with love, to show compassion towards everyone.**

Posted on December 2

## FR. RON'S REFLECTIONS

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choirs and chorales. It too is an opportunity to enter more deeply into this beautiful Advent season of joyful anticipation.

I also recommend considering taking more time in Eucharistic adoration as a way of deepening your prayer life during this Advent Season. Eucharistic Exposition is in our Resource Center on Tuesdays following 8:30 Mass until benediction at 6:00 PM, and for one hour prior to our Friday morning Mass at 8:00.

We thank the Altar Society for sponsoring "Peppermint Christmas Hospitality" after all the Masses next weekend. Please plan on staying after Mass for a few minutes to "meet and greet" fellow parishioners, especially those new to our community.

Also, we thank the Knights of Columbus and Ushers Club for setting up our beautiful outside Manger Scene. Please join us following the 4:30 Mass next Saturday when the Knights will be lighting up the scene.

Next Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent when we wear Rose vestments. Rose is the color of the sky just before dawn! We rejoice that our Savior is near. We encourage you to wear rose or pink clothing to Mass next week and to bring the "Baby Jesus" from your home manger scene to be blessed at Mass.

Blessings,  
Fr. Ron



### ***What obstacles are keeping me from being welcoming to all?***

I don't think there is anyone who would say that they aren't welcoming. Whether talking about our church or our home, we'd all like to think that we are welcoming.

Welcoming means smiling at someone when they look at you. It means helping someone with directions when they ask. But welcoming also means giving up your seat when the church is full, it means giving a smile instead of a scowl when you hear a child around you crying.

Christmas is a time when many people come to church who may not attend every Sunday. Being welcoming by giving up your 'regular' seat or resisting the urge to glare at someone on their phone or those talking during the homily is a tough task. It might even be considered radical... but it is a part of being welcoming.

In this Sunday's gospel, John calls for radical change in the lives of his community. He asks the people to let go of their pasts by immersing themselves in the living waters in anticipation of the arrival of the Messiah. Next to this call of the Baptist, we hear the words of Saint Paul to the Romans, inviting us to come together in Christ, who welcomes us into his heart, both fulfilling the promises of the past and creating a new path into the future.

As we prepare for Christmas, what obstacles keep us from being welcoming to others and how can we avoid them? As Christmas draws closer and life gets a little crazier, our patience can grow thinner. Let's think radically and really up our game with how welcoming we can be.

- Matt Kush



# REJOICE IN THE SAINTS



# WEEKLY CALENDAR

**SUN**  
DEC 08  
SITE MAGNET & OPLATEK SALE,  
K OF C MEMBERSHIP DRIVE  
AFTER MASS // GS  
**MASS**  
7:30 AM // CH  
**MASS**  
9:30 AM // CH  
**RCIA**  
10:30 AM // ECR  
**MASS**  
11:30 AM // CH  
**ALTAR SOC. CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
1:00 PM // SH  
**MASS**  
5:30 PM // CH  
**SITE MEETING**  
6:30 PM // YR  
**ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS**  
7:00 PM // CH

**WED**  
DEC 11  
**MASS**  
8:00 AM // CH  
**MEDITATION CLASS**  
9:30 AM // CR-3  
**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  
**MEDITATION CLASS**  
6:30 PM // RC  
**CHOIR REHEARSAL**  
7:00 PM // MR

**SAT**  
DEC 14  
**MASS**  
8:00 AM // CH  
**PRAISE TEAM REHEARSAL**  
10:00 AM // MR  
**K OF C CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
11:00 AM // SH  
**VICARIATE RECONCILIATION**  
1:00 PM // CH  
**CONFESSIONS**  
3:15 PM // CH  
**MASS**  
4:30 PM // CH  
**PEPPERMINT HOSPITALITY**  
AFTER MASS // GS  
**K OF C LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST**  
5:30 PM

**MON**  
DEC 09  
**MASS**  
8:00 AM // CH  
**ARMCHAIR AEROBICS**  
8:30 AM // RC  
**FAITH FORMATION**  
4:30 PM // SH  
**ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING**  
6:00 PM // FCR  
**FAITH FORMATION**  
6:15 PM // SH

**THU**  
DEC 12  
**MASS**  
8:00 AM // CH  
**GREEN TEAM MEETING**  
10:00 AM // FCR  
**CROCHET GROUP**  
11:00 AM // SH  
**BOY SCOUTS**  
6:30 PM // SH  
**GRIEF SUPPORT MEETING**  
6:30 PM // FCR  
**K OF C MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
6:30 PM // RC  
**TEEN ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL**  
7:00 PM // CH

**SUN**  
DEC 15  
**PEPPERMINT HOSPITALITY**  
AFTER MASS // GS  
**MASS**  
7:30 AM // CH  
**MASS**  
9:30 AM // CH  
**RCIA**  
10:30 AM // ECR  
**MASS**  
11:30 AM // CH  
**MASS**  
5:30 PM // CH  
**SITE CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
6:30 PM // YR

**TUE**  
DEC 10  
**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**  
6:00 AM // ECR  
**MASS**  
8:00 AM // CH  
**ADORATION WITH BENEDICTION**  
AT 6:00PM  
8:30 AM // RC  
**ADVENT GIVING TREE COUNT**  
9:00 AM // ECR  
**FAITH FORMATION**  
4:30 PM // SH  
**FAITH FORMATION**  
6:15 PM // SH  
**K OF C 4TH DEGREE**  
7:00 PM // RC  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
7:00 PM // ECR  
**VICARIATE RECONCILIATION**  
7:00 PM // ST. JOHN VIANNEY

**FRI**  
DEC 13  
**ADORATION**  
7:00 AM // CH  
**MASS**  
8:00 AM // CH  
**FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP**  
8:45 AM // SH  
**SVDP CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
5:00 PM // SH

## 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, PL-Parking Lot,  
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 - 1:15 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

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7**

**4:30 PM**

† Robert Bronson  
 † Larry Prudhomme  
 † Pietro Carlesimo  
 † Virginia + Norbert Craigo  
 † Michael Majchrzak 13TH ANNIVERSARY  
 † Pietro Carlesimo  
 † Bitonti Family  
 † Stephen and Lottie Muzyk  
 † Mary Schultz  
 Leona Hallaert  
 † Virgilio Francine  
 † Bob VanEeo  
 † Anthony Pakizer

Wife  
 Wife  
 Wife  
 Niece  
 Eleanor, wife  
 Family  
 Family  
 Jeff Muzyk  
 Family  
 Family  
 Iole Agazzi  
 Wife  
 Family

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8**

**7:30 AM**

† Gerald Poitier 1ST ANNIVERSARY  
 John Viet Luy  
 † William J. Reising  
 † Marcella Wasmund  
 † Jacob Lee  
 † Helen Musialowski 20TH ANNIVERSARY  
 † Mary Pagano BIRTHDAY

Family  
 Kelly Doan Family  
 Family  
 Sister, Virginia  
 Family  
 Fred and Cindy Manczyk  
 Family

**9:30 AM**

† Jevon George  
 † Anna Cerullo BIRTHDAY

Family  
 Family

**11:30 AM**

† Joseph Poma  
 † Joan Seger  
 † Guerino Casali  
 † Tina Casali  
 † Eufemia Corrales  
 † Vince Avellino  
 † Cathy Mazzonne  
 † Agron Kalaj

Wife, Jennie  
 Family  
 Family  
 Family  
 Zayas Family  
 Family  
 Leo and Teresa Salvaggio

**5:30 PM**

† Carron Family  
 † Green Family

Family  
 Family

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9**

Immaculate Conception

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10**

M/M Eric Haglund and Family

† Ruth Maslonka BIRTHDAY  
 † Vince Avellino

Parent  
 Sister, Helene  
 Family

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11**

GEJP

† Vince Avellino  
 † Theresia Pfeffer 21ST ANNIVERSARY

Family  
 Family  
 Erika & Tom Domsic

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12**

M/M Matthew Herc and Family  
 † Vince Avellino

Parent  
 Family

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13**

Menard + Daniel Family  
 † Stephen and Lottie Muzyk  
 † Vince Avellino

Claudette Menard  
 Jeff Muzyk  
 Family

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14**

**4:30 PM**

† Zaccagnini and DiNardo Families  
 † Slominski Family  
 † Robert Furno  
 † Angela Rugieri  
 Mark Rusch  
 † Bill Hallaert  
 † George Nikoriuk  
 † Ted Krycia  
 † Mary Schultz  
 † Vince Avellino  
 † Francesco Ricci  
 † Frank & Michael Bruck

Jon and Marilyn Henry  
 Family  
 Griebe-Thomas  
 Elisa and John DiBella  
 Leona Hallaert  
 Leona Hallaert  
 Wife Carole  
 Family  
 Carl & Linda Yaden  
 Family  
 Marietta Ricci  
 Bruck Family

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**

**7:30 AM**

† Domenica + Pasquale Spalvieri  
 † Helen Doan  
 † Marcella Wasmund

Family  
 Kelly Doan Family  
 Sister, Virginia

**9:30 AM**

† William Goike  
 † Mark Drohan 11TH ANNIVERSARY  
 † Vince Avellino  
 † Mike Desjardins

Wife + Family  
 Son, Dominic  
 Family  
 Family

**11:30 AM**

† Henry Gubler  
 † Joseph Sribniak  
 † Ken Scargall  
 † Giovanni Puccio  
 † Joe Icons

Wife  
 Mother  
 Mom + Dad  
 Family  
 Family

**5:30 PM**

Holland Family

Loved Ones

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

**The Future of the Very Young**

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

# ST. VINCENT de PAUL

1581  
1660



Monday, December 9 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is also the feast day of St. Juan Diego. Juan Diego saw the Blessed Virgin Mary at Tepeyac Hill in Mexico on December 9, 1531. She first appeared to him when he was on his way to mass and introduced herself as the “ever perfect holy Mary, who has the honor to be the mother of the true God.” She appeared to him two more times and during the last her image was imprinted on his cloak which has been preserved perfectly since 1531. She is now known as Our Lady of Guadalupe and is patron of Mexico and the Americas. December 12th is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

We are 2 weeks away from our Christmas Food Distribution! Please keep those who are less fortunate and struggle during this time of year in mind when you are shopping this week. These items are needed to give our families a joyous Christmas:

### Our Pantry needs are:

\$25 Gift Cards for purchasing fresh items

Pancake Mix & Syrup

Fruit or Nut Muffin Mix

Cereal

Juice

Cookie Mix (for Santa Cookies)

Jelly

Cake Mix & Frosting

Soups - Chicken Noodle, Tomato, Chunky

Crackers - Saltine or Club

Spaghetti Sauce - Cans & Jars

Spaghetti Noodles

And to replenish our shelves for emergency bags, we need:

Shampoo

Deodorant

Laundry Soap

Dish Soap

Toilet Paper

Paper Towel

Chicken & Tuna Helper

Baked or Pork & Beans

Manwich

Chili

God Bless

# PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY



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

ADVENT PRAYER:

“God of the Here and Now, because of your care for everyone, you call us to be your compassion in our world. Open my eyes and my heart and my hands to the needs surrounding me.”

“THE MARVELS AND MYSTERIES OF ADVENT” BY JANET SCHAEFFLER, OP

Do you know a person who is alone? Lonely? How about that someone who is sad over the loss of a family member or good friend? Or a frightened woman or man who has just been diagnosed with a serious medical problem? Please get a blessed blanket or shawl to comfort them. You can get one of our hand-made items for a friend or relative needing comfort. Prayer blankets and shawls are available - free - in the church office.

Lord, give us hearts of compassion for the sick and suffering. Give us the grace to hear those in need of comfort.

We ask that you share this ministry information with other parishioners.

Thank you from “The Comfort Crafters.”

# BABY PANTRY



“When you find yourself in the position to help someone, be happy and feel blessed because God is answering that person’s prayer through you.”

ALBERTO CASING

Advent is a time of prayer, giving and loving. Your gifts allow your immediate neighbors who are poor to know the good news of Jesus. It is wonderful to have so many generous parish families who enable us to help others.

Please donate:

- Baby lotion (We have none!)
- Fruit and vegetable pouches

“Lord, I often feel inept in the face of many needs. Help me to offer what I have to share with those in need.”

AILEEN O'DONOGHUE

Thank you!



During these weeks leading up to our Christmas celebrations, we are taking the time to prepare our homes, cleaning, decorating, and baking in anticipation of hosting guests and spending time celebrating with family and friends. Our preparations are significant of our attentiveness to our guests even long before they actually arrive at our door. As the family of God, our church home is adorned for Advent in purple fabrics. We light special candles on the Advent wreath each week and our scripture readings and music selections at Mass reflect this season of “wakeful anticipation.”

The entrance procession usually proceeds up the middle aisle each week, but during the four

weeks of Advent, we have alternated the route to remind ourselves to prepare our spirits and to be watchful for the coming of Christ. In the Gospel for this first Sunday of Advent, Jesus admonishes us to “stay awake, for you do not know on which day your Lord will come.”

MATTHEW 24:42

Our Advent processional routes are designed to support our heightened attentiveness and the message of the Advent Gospel to stay awake, be watchful and be ready for God’s coming.

“So too, you also must be prepared for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

MATTHEW 24:44

-Amy Righi  
AMY@STISIDORE.CHURCH

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?



December 7-8 // After All Masses

### CHRISTMAS WAFERS (OPLATEK)

The breaking and sharing of the Christmas Holy Wafer is one that reminds us of Passover traditions as well as the Last Supper shared by Christ with his apostles. Before the Christmas meal begins, the family members each break a piece of the unleavened wafer while praying for loved ones. Then the wafer is consumed by the family together, as a sign of unity. If you don't already share this tradition, it's possibly a beautiful new one your family can start.

Free will donations accepted.



Wed., December 11 // 10:00 AM

### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE ONE-DAY RETREAT

Transform your ordinary Wednesday into an Our Lady of Guadalupe extraordinary retreat from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at The Divine Mercy Center (38826 Beaconsfield, Clinton Twp 48035) Confession, Holy Mass, Healing Ministry, lunch & more with speaker, Fr. Brian Cokonougher (St. Thecla). Suggested donation: \$15. To register or learn more, contact Charlotte Nowak (586-992-3001)

We will meet in the parking lot by the Blessed Mother Prayer Garden at 9:15 AM



December 7-8 // After All Masses

### CHRISTMAS MAGNET SALE

As the wise men saw a sign and followed it let us provide a visible sign to remind others to keep the true meaning of Christmas centered on Christ. These 'Keep Christ in Christmas' magnets are a perfect, non-confrontational, way of sharing the true meaning of this amazing holy day. Purchase for yourself or give as a gift to others.

Please support the SITE Youth Group in this joint effort with the K of C. Proceeds used for SITE Retreats and local charities. Magnets are \$5 each.



December 14-15 // After All Masses

### PEPPERMINT CHRISTMAS HOSPITALITY

All are invited to a church hospitality experience, Saturday and Sunday, December 14th and 15th, after all the Masses. Please join us in the Gathering Space, for a few minutes of Peppermint Cheer and Fun. Courtesy of the St. Isidore Altar Society.



Sunday, December 8 // 7:30 PM

### LESSONS AND CAROLS

Join us for a beautiful evening of seasonal songs and scripture featuring Macomb Chamber Choir, Anchor Bay High School Chorale, Romeo High School Chorale, InVoice, and Macomb Brass here at St. Isidore. Questions? Contact Amy: amy@stisidore.church



Saturday, December 14 // 5:30 PM

### LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST

St. Isidore Knights of Columbus invite all to the lighting of the Christmas Tree in the Gathering Space on Saturday, December 14, following the 4:30 PM Mass.

Come help us "Light up for Christ" and sing some carols.





Friday, December 20 // 7:00 PM

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION OF PRAISE

Join us for an exciting and uplifting concert that will stir your Christmas spirit. Intertwining popular worship songs with Christmas favorites, this concert will leave you full of wonder, celebration, and hearts overflowing with gratitude and praise as we celebrate the season of light with *JOY! He Shall Reign!*

Presented by our own choir with orchestra, and a stunning visual experience.

This is a great free night for the family that will conclude with Christmas cookie decorating!



Saturday, December 21 // 11:00 AM

## CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Calling all able-bodied St. Isidore elves to help "Deck the Halls" of our Sanctuary and Gathering Space beginning at 11:00am. Volunteers will enjoy fellowship and a complimentary pizza lunch following the decorating.

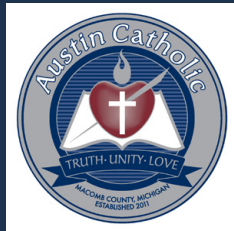
All available elves please RSVP via email to [amy@stisidore.church](mailto:amy@stisidore.church) if you are able to assist.



Sunday, January 5

## FLEECE DONATIONS NEEDED

SITE's service project for January will be making fleece blankets for the local organization: Friends of Foster Kids. They are asking for your help by donating two pieces of fleece fabric, one solid and one coordinated pattern in 2 yard sections each. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office marked Y.M. Blessing Blankets, by January 5. Your donations are greatly appreciated!



## AUSTIN IN ACTION

### JOIN US FOR MASS

Tuesdays/Thursdays 7:20 a.m. and Fridays 10:12 a.m.  
Contingent upon School Schedule, please call to confirm.

### AUSTIN SHADOW DATES

Shadowing is the best opportunity for you to experience what it is like to be an Austin Crusader. Prospective 7th and 8th graders and transfer students are invited to spend a day shadowing a current Austin student to witness the Austin Advantage as you spend a day in the life of an Austin Crusader. Shadow Days during the 2019 - 2020 school year are: 12/13, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7 and 2/21

# WINNERS OF THE ALTAR SOCIETY RAFFLE

Lions - Stacy Weegmann  
 Super Heroes - Maureen Terranova  
 Hours of Fun - Damien Chu  
 Have a Nice Day - Mariana  
 Lottery Wreath - Mark Kerpert  
 Holiday Decor - Ken Meerschaert

Thank you for your support for our annual bake sale and raffle.

- St. Isidore Altar Society



## S.I.T.E YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth in grades 9-12 & their friends are invited!  
 Contact Beth Beebe at (586)286-1700 ext. 2116 or beth@stisidore.church



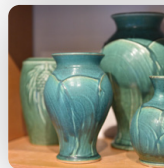
### OPLATEK (WAFER) SALE

December 7-8 // After all Masses  
 The Christmas Wafer recalls a many centuries old custom. Shared at the Christmas meal it offers best wishes to family and friends.



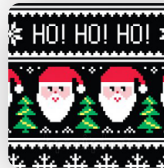
### CHRISTMAS MAGNET SALE

December 7-8 // After all Masses  
 Keep 'Christ' in Christmas magnets. // \$5 each



### PEWABIC POTTERY OUTING

Saturday, December 14 // 9:30 AM  
 The day starts with a tour and making our own Pewabic Pottery followed by a bag lunch, tour and Mass at Solanus Casey Center. // \$15



### SITE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 15 // 6:30 PM  
 Ugly Sweater Contest, Games, White Elephant Gift Exchange & Dinner! RSVP by Mon., 12/9/19 if you would like to attend. All HS teens welcome! Free

## MEETINGS

Sunday, December 8

### LEAVING FOR WINTER?

Please help us by letting us know!

Please complete the form below to put your mailings on hold. It can be turned in via the collection basket or the office during business hours. Thank you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope #: \_\_\_\_\_

Returning: \_\_\_\_\_

## READINGS



### SUNDAY

IS 11:1-10;  
PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;  
ROM 15:4-9;  
MT 3:1-12

### MONDAY

GN 3:9-15, 20;  
PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4;  
EPH 1:3-6, 11-12;  
LK 1:26-38

### TUESDAY

IS 40:1-11;  
PS 96:1-2,3 AND 10AC, 11-12, 13;  
MT 18:12-14

### WEDNESDAY

IS 40:25-31;  
PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 AND 10;  
MT 11:28-30

### THURSDAY

ZEC 2:14-17 OR RV 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB;  
JDT 13:18BCDE, 19;  
LK 1:26-38 OR LK 1:39-47

### FRIDAY

IS 48:17-19;  
PS:1:1-2, 3,4 AND 6;  
MT 11:16-19

### SATURDAY

SIR 48:1-4, 9-11;  
PS 80:2AC AND 3B, 15-16,  
18-19; MT 17:9A, 10-13

### SUNDAY

IS 35:1-6A, 10;  
PS 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10;  
JAS 5:7-10;  
MT 11:2-11

## WE PRAY FOR THE SICK



Bob Aguis  
Jonathan Bisdorf  
Tom Buback  
Nancy Campbell  
Alexis Caramagno  
Cerrito Family  
Pam DeClercq  
Michael Digregorio  
Bridget Enrici  
Julie Falletta  
Isaiah Ford  
Fraser Family  
Richard Gdowski  
Patty Haberkamp  
Dale Harris  
Barbara Haworth  
Dale Heath  
Holland Family  
Georgiann Kaptur  
Kathy Karpinski  
Kenneth Karpinski  
Jenny Kasselmann  
William Kellstrom  
Joseph Klingkammer  
Pat Kush  
Bernadette Lapinski  
Bill Lawicki  
Joseph W. Lynch  
Vince Mariani  
Debbie McCarthy  
Janet McDonald  
Kenneth Meerschaert  
Dominic Messina  
Michels Family  
Jeri Nofs  
Joseph Nothdurft  
Samuel Nothdurft  
Amanda Oswald  
Natalie Perini

Louisa Pietrowsky  
Darlene Pische  
Pauline Pische  
Yolanda Polisen  
Jerry Pukala  
Mary Kay Puvalowski  
Roxanne Puvalowski  
Eric Racette  
Albert Reider  
Cindy Reider  
Gary Ross  
Don Sabalinski  
Carolyn Sands  
Conrad Sands  
Denise Schibal  
Jerry Schmeiser  
Linda Schrieber  
Joyce Scott  
Marie Slominski  
John Strauch  
Darlyn Stephens  
Breanne Talmadge  
Anthony Tancredi  
John Terry  
Albert Toccaceli  
Romano Umberto  
Suzanne Umberto  
Jason Warner  
Robert Warner  
Rosemary Warner  
George Willard  
Curtis Wellhausen

## MILITARY LIST



PFC Tanner Adkins, Army – Afghanistan  
WO1 Jeremy Bentley, Army – Iraq  
Christian Bobbish, Navy  
Pvt. Troy Ciaramella, Army – USA  
GySgt. Sean Collins, 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  
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## REST IN PEACE

### GERALD ULFIG

Entered eternal life on November 24

### DOROTHY CERK

Entered eternal life on November 27

### MARIO MAIURI

Entered eternal life on December 3

## BAPTISMS DECEMBER 1

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Son of Richard and Molly

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## STEWARDSHIP

**Budget update as of:** December 1, 2019  
Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$ 24,519.23  
Actual Amount Received: \$ 26,320.25  
Comparison to budget: \$1,801.02

**Fiscal Year to Date:** July 1, 2019 to December 1, 2019  
Budgeted Amount: \$ 563,942.99  
Amount Received: \$ 510,163.04  
Comparison to Budget Target: **(\$53,779.25)**

**This week:**  
Envelopes Returned: 683  
Online Gifts: 197  
Registered Households: 3263  
Percentage of people making contributions: 24%

**CSA as of November 17, 2019**  
CSA 2019 Goal \$ 192,588.00  
CSA 2019 Pledges \$ 281,738.72  
CSA 2019 Payment on pledges \$ 244,408.60  
**Monies returned to the parish\* \$ 89,150.72**

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

Bishop Arturo Cepeda will celebrate Mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral this Wednesday, December 11, in honor of an important feast day to our Hispanic Catholic community.

The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Juan Diego, a native Mexican, twice in 1531 on Tepeyac hill near Mexico City. We celebrate the feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. St. Juan Diego's feast day is December 9.

Gifts to the CSA help fund Hispanic Ministries, which include conferences for men, women, and youth, as well as religious education, adult faith formation, leadership, and catechist formation programs for Hispanic families.

The celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will begin at 5 p.m. with the Rosary followed by singing and dancing. Bishop Cepeda will celebrate Mass at 7 p.m.  
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DECEMBER 29 BULLETIN // Due: December 17

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John the Baptist said, "I baptize you with water for repentance." What else did he say?

Use this grid to fill in the blanks.

	5	6	7	8	9
4	N	E	L	W	F
3	M	S	A	Q	C
2	H	Y	D	U	I
1	P	T	J	R	O

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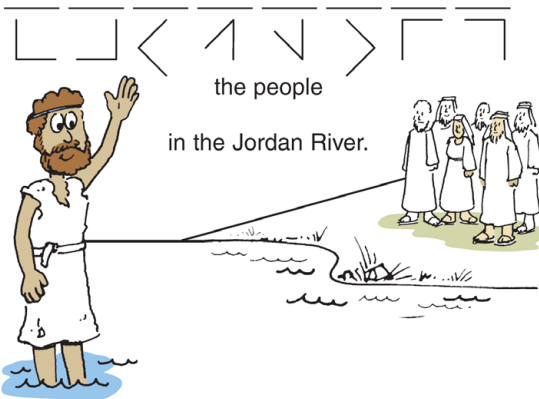
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What did John say to the people?

Use the code to see what John said to the people.

A	B	I	N
D	E	Z	P
		T	R

" \_\_\_\_\_  
 N T < T V A  
 for the kingdom  
 of heaven is near."  
 What did John do?

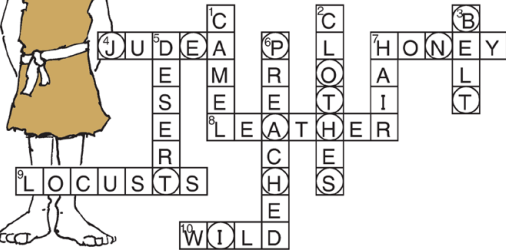


John Prepares the Way



God sent a man to Judea to preach.

Copy the words from the crossword to learn more about him. Then unscramble the letters that are circled to spell the mystery phrase.

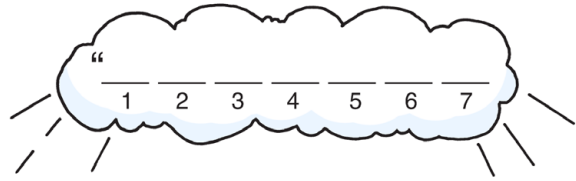


I wore (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (7D) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_.  
 I wore a (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_.  
 I ate (9) \_\_\_\_\_ and (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (7A) \_\_\_\_\_.  
 I (6) \_\_\_\_\_ in the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of (4) \_\_\_\_\_.  
 I am \_\_\_\_\_

What else did John say?

Circle the letter that answers each question as true or false. Write the circled letters in order on the lines below.

	True	False
1. John the Baptist lived in London.	A	P
2. John wore rough clothes of camel hair.	R	D
3. John's diet was locusts and wild honey.	E	S
4. John preached in the desert of Alaska.	T	P
5. John preached in the desert of Judea.	A	B
6. John baptized people with water in the Ohio River.	P	R
7. John baptized people with water in the Jordan River.	E	C



the way  
for the Lord."