



## HOW CAN PATIENCE BE A *blessing?*

### 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

### FR. RON'S REFLECTIONS

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as "Gaudete Sunday." Gaudete means rejoice. We rejoice because the coming of Christ is near. The "Sun of Justice" is about to rise and dispel the injustice that darkens the world in which we live. The rose vestments we wear today, the rose candle we light on the Advent wreath, the Advent hangings behind the altar table, and the antependiums (decorative altar cloths) on the table all reflect the beauty of the sky just before dawn. We also see the rising sun on the tapestry on the west wall of our worship space.

In scripture, to be "just" means to live in right relationship with God, with ourselves, with other people, and with all of creation. Breakdowns in any of those relationships bring darkness into our lives. As we rejoice today, let us take time to reflect on our relationships and what we need to do during the approaching Christmas season to bring healing to those relationships that are broken. How we can grow closer to God in prayer. How we can come to accept our shortcomings and those of others. What prejudices



**Pope Francis**  
@PONTIFEX



Let us pray for all the pastors of the Church, that they might guide the flock entrusted to them with the same firmness and tenderness of the Good Shepherd. #GeneralAudience

Posted on December 4

## FR. RON'S REFLECTIONS

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keep us from being in right relationship with people different from ourselves? What family relationships can I help mend this Christmas? How can we take better care of creation, our common home? Rather than bemoan the darkness, we have the power, in Christ, to overcome it. That is a true cause for rejoicing!

We hope you can join us this Friday, December 20 at 7:00 PM, for *Joy! He Shall Reign*, a Christmas Celebration of Praise featuring our choir and orchestra and stunning visuals. The concert will be followed by what has become a custom for us: decorating Christmas cookies. This is a real treat for children. We encourage you to bring the entire family, including kids and grandkids!

We are saddened by the recent death of Elizabeth Muma, mother of Fr. Sama Muma, our former associate pastor. Her funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, January 4, 2020, at Corpus Christi parish in Detroit. Fr. Muma's address is  
SS Peter and Paul Parish  
6645 Washington Street  
North Branch, MI 48461.

Blessings,  
Fr. Ron



### *How can patience be a blessing?*

John the Baptist, the messenger, has been sent and he has prepared us for the coming of our Lord.

We can feel a sense of rejoicing begin as we move into the 3rd week of Advent. We are moving closer and closer to the light of Jesus' birth. People begin to pick up speed at this point and frantically race toward the finish line that is Christmas, all the while forgetting that we are still in Advent, a time of waiting.

How can patience be a blessing at this time of year when we are striving to finish the present shopping, complete the Christmas dinner menu, and clean the house for guests? We lose focus and feel that gift wrapping, baking cookies and addressing Christmas cards are more important than the coming of Christ.

By focusing on patience we are reminded that Advent gives us the time we need with our immediate family. At this moment, can we take time to help cultivate the kingdom of God right here and now? Encourage your family to plan an activity that reaches out to those in need this holiday season and help all people see the strength of God's love. By patiently moving to Christmas may we find ways to raise up those who are defeated and heal those who are suffering. We can live the faith we profess.

In the serving of others, we get closer and closer to the light of Christmas and the celebration of Jesus' birth.  
"...And so let us be glad and bear with patience everything the world throws at us, secure in the knowledge that it is then that we are most in the mind of God."

ST. BASIL THE GREAT - "GATEWAY TO PARADISE"

-Ann De Rey



# Christmas Schedule

MAKE PLANS TO BE WITH US

## Christmas Eve

**DECEMBER 24**

**4:00 PM** Modern Worship

**6:00 PM** Children's Mass

**MIDNIGHT** (11:30 PM Concert)

## Christmas Day

**DECEMBER 25**

**8:30 AM** Mass

**11:00 AM** Mass

MORE INFO: [STISIDORE.CHURCH/CHRISTMAS](http://STISIDORE.CHURCH/CHRISTMAS)

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

**SUN**  
DEC  
15

**BLESS THE BABY JESUS**  
ALL MASSES  
**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

**WED**  
DEC  
18

**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  
**VICARIATE RECONCILIATION**  
7:00 PM // ST. LAWRENCE

**SAT**  
DEC  
21

**MASS**  
8:00 AM // CH  
**CHRISTMAS DECORATING**  
11:00 AM // CH  
**CONFESSIONS**  
3:15 PM // CH  
**MASS**  
4:30 PM // CH

**MON**  
DEC  
16

**MASS**  
8:00 AM // CH  
**ARMCHAIR AEROBICS**  
8:45 AM // RC  
**INTERCESSORY PRAYER**  
1:30 PM // CH  
**FAITH FORMATION**  
4:30 PM // SH  
**FAITH FORMATION**  
6:15 PM // SH  
**VICARIATE RECONCILIATION**  
7:00 PM // ST. THERESE

**THU**  
DEC  
19

**MASS**  
8:00 AM // CH  
**EVANGELIZATION MEETING**  
2:45 PM // FO  
**TOASTMASTERS**  
6:30 PM // CR-9  
**REHEARSAL 6P CHRISTMAS MASS**  
7:00 PM // CH  
**TEEN ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL**  
7:00 PM // CH

**SUN**  
DEC  
22

**MASS**  
7:30 AM // CH  
**MASS**  
9:30 AM // CH  
**RCIA**  
10:30 AM // ECR  
**MASS**  
11:30 AM // CH  
**CHRISTMAS CONTEMP. REH.**  
2:00 PM // CH  
**MASS**  
5:30 PM // CH

**TUE**  
DEC  
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 MEETING**  
7:00 PM // ECR

**FRI**  
DEC  
20

**ADORATION**  
7:00 AM // CH  
**MASS**  
8:00 AM // CH  
**FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP**  
8:45 AM // SH  
**JOY! HE SHALL REIGN CONCERT**  
7:00 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, 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 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  
 Griebel-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

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 16**

Bartkowicz Family  
 † James Van Steenkiste  
 † Vince Avellino

Irene Maciag  
 Wife + Family  
 Family

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17**

† Joan Seger  
 † Theodore Kolasa  
 † Vince Avellino

Family  
 Family  
 Family

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18**

Mary Herc  
 † John Filipek  
 † Vince Avellino  
 Mary Lee

Children  
 Irene Maciag  
 Family  
 Family

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19**

† Genevieve Schang 7 YEAR ANNIVERSARY  
 Diane Fraser BIRTHDAY  
 Lauren Richards BIRTHDAY  
 † Anthony Lucido  
 † Vince Avellino

Daughter, Mary  
 Family  
 Family  
 Wife  
 Family

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20**

† M/M Michael Rybinski + Sons  
 Francis Varkey  
 † Vince Avellino  
 † Marguerite and Walter LaCombe

Daughter  
 Family  
 Family  
 Family

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21**

**4:30 PM**

† Joan Orsini  
 † Larry Prudhomme  
 † Maria Monserez  
 † Miller + Kraslewski  
 † Bruno, Mary, John Slominski  
 † Orsini Family  
 † Joseph Micheal Barone  
 † Dolores Busacca  
 † Julian and Marie  
 † Duane Mousty  
 † Jerry Cusenza 8TH ANNIVERSARY

Husband  
 Wife  
 Maria Monserez  
 Family  
 Family  
 Family  
 Family  
 Family  
 Family  
 Wife, Virginia  
 Wife

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**

**7:30 AM**

† Joseph Hoang  
 † Helen Kustarz  
 † Andrew Nicosia  
 † Leo and Frances Lacroix  
 † Donald and Therese McCoy  
 † Umberto Romano

Kelly Doan Family  
 Daughter, Bonnie  
 Family + Friends  
 Family  
 Family  
 Fiorini Family

**9:30 AM**

† Kenneth Mlutkowski  
 † Josephine Bosek  
 † Bill Pullen  
 † Vincent Sancimino BIRTHDAY  
 † Victor Porto  
 † Stella and Joe Frankowski  
 † Margaret and Frank Jochum

Wife  
 Family  
 Wife, Marge  
 Wife  
 Family  
 Diane and Jerry  
 Diane and Jerry

**11:30 AM**

Zari Balo  
 † Frank DiPonio  
 † Ligaya Lanni  
 † Charles Ruman  
 † John Seibert  
 † Vince Avellino  
 † Felisa Brummell 16TH ANNIVERSARY  
 † Allen Buckenhizer  
 † Edward and Mary Hajski

Tony, Rita, + Family  
 Family  
 Virginia Ohl  
 Wife + Family  
 Wife  
 Family  
 Family  
 Diane Buckenhizer  
 Diane Buckenhizer

**5:30 PM**

† Del Hogan Birthday Remembrance  
 † Don and June Holland  
 † Agnes and Leo Easterman

Hicks Family  
 Daughter  
 Family

**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



“Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.”

ROMANS 12:11-13

We are less than a week away from our Christmas Food Distribution! Please keep those who struggle during this time of year in mind when you are shopping this week. Please bring food items no later than Wednesday morning. These items are still needed:

## Our Pantry needs are:

\$25 Gift Cards for purchasing fresh items

Jelly

Juice

Sides – Rice & Pasta

Frosting

Spaghetti Sauce - Cans & Jars

Soups - Chicken Noodle, Tomato

Crackers - Saltine or Club

Pancake Syrup

Canned Fruit – Especially Peaches, Pears & Fruit Cocktail

Canned Pasta – Ravioli, Spaghetti O’s

Spaghetti Noodles & Elbow Noodles

Tuna

Shampoo

Deodorant – Men’s & Women’s

Laundry Soap

Dish Soap

Hand Soap – Pump

God Bless

# PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY



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

Unconditional love always requires sacrifice. Partnership with Christ means living a life of love for others. A prayer blanket or shawl is one way to bring the loving comfort of Christ to others.

“Reaching out to others takes loving time: time to talk with the lonely, frightened, worried... We can become Christ for others when we allow ourselves to glimpse Christ in them. Prayer: O God of Love, help us to see Your face in the faces of others.”

ELIZABETH-ANNE STEWART

Advent is a sharing-with-others time. Know that you will bring hope and love to others when you gift one of our hand-made items to a friend or relative needing comfort. Prayer blankets and shawls are available - free - in the church office. Please include all prayer blanket and shawl recipients in your prayers.

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

Thank you from “The Comfort Crafters.”

# BABY PANTRY



SVDP: This week St. Vincent de Paul will distribute Christmas food and other items to our local low-income families. Please read the SVDP list of needed things and help if you are able to do so. Thank you!

“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.”

AESOP, “THE LION AND THE MOUSE”

## Please donate:

- Baby lotion
- Size 5 diapers
- Baby shampoo or wash
- A & D ointment without zinc oxide

St. Isidore parishioners are the ones that make it possible for us to assist families in need. You are the ones that help keep our baby pantry stocked so that we can respond to our neighbors who desperately need our help. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!

God bless all of you!



# *A Christmas Celebration of Praise*

WITH CHOIR, ORCHESTRA, & A STUNNING VISUAL EXPERIENCE

+ HANG AROUND AFTER FOR *Christmas Cookie Decorating!*

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!

**THIS FRIDAY AT 7:00 PM**



## WHAT'S HAPPENING?



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.



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.



Monday, December 16 // 1:30 PM

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Please join us in the church for our monthly Intercessory Prayer gathering. This month's theme is "Devotion to keep Jesus at the center of our holidays."

We meet before the Tabernacle for an hour of prayer. We hope you will be able to join us!



Saturday, December 28 // 3:45 PM

### K OF C ROSARY

The Knights of Columbus invite all members of the St. Isidore Church together in a spiritual activity to promote devotion to the Blessed Mother. Please join with us to recite the Rosary.



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!



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!





Saturday, January 11 // 6:00 PM

## K OF C DESERT MEAL

The Knights of Columbus welcome you to a Pasta Dinner. Help support our Seminarians trip as they embark on their Holy Land Pilgrimage.

Prices: \$10.00 adults, \$5.00 children 12 and under.

Dinner includes: pasta, salad, bread, dessert, and beverage.



## 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



Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?  
 Frustrated, hurt or angry?  
 Constantly fighting?  
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 We surveyed attendees & 76% of respondents were still married after 5 years!

Retrouvaille has saved over 150,000 marriages... how can we help yours?

The next Retrouvaille Weekend will begin Friday, January 17 in Southfield.

For information 800-470-2230 // [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_



**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](mailto:beth@stisidore.church)



**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



**BLESSING BLANKETS**

Sunday, January 5 // 2:15 PM  
 SITE + Confirmation Teens are living out our Corporal Works of Mercy by making fleece blankets for local organization: Friends of Foster Kids.

**MEETINGS**

Sunday, December 15  
 Saturday, January 5

Thank you to our incredibly supportive parishioners who purchased magnets last weekend and equally to our Knights of Columbus who donated the magnets to the S.I.T.E. Teens. The proceeds from the sales will help pay for our two main retreats: CYO Rainbow Conference in February and Subiaco in May. Additionally donations will be made to local charities determined by the Teens. If you didn't get your magnet(s), all is not lost! There are a few magnets still available in the parish office at \$5.00 per magnet.

Thank you again,  
 S.I.T.E

## READINGS



### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

NM 24:2-7, 15-17A;  
PS 25:4-5AB, 6 AND 7BC, 8-9;  
MT 21:23-27

### TUESDAY

GN 49:2, 8-10;  
PS 72:1-2, 3-4AB, 7-8, 17;  
MT 1:1-17

### WEDNESDAY

JER 23:5-8;  
PS 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;  
MT 1:18-25

### THURSDAY

JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A;  
PS 71:3-4A, 5-6AB, 16-17;  
LK 1:5-25

### FRIDAY

IS 7:10-14;  
PS 24:1-2, 3-4AB, 5-6;  
LK 1:26-38

### SATURDAY

SG 2:8-14  
PS 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21;  
LK 1:39-45

### SUNDAY

IS 7:10-14;  
PS 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;  
ROM 1:1-7;  
MT 1:18-24

## 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



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WO1 Jeremy Bentley, Army – Iraq  
Christian Bobbish, Navy  
Pvt. Troy Ciaramella, Army – USA  
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Sgt. Tyler Dean, Army – Kuwait  
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LCpl Blake Doetsch, Marines  
CPL Brian Domzalski, Marines  
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Justin Francis, Army  
WO4 Jason Gaboury, Army – Kuwait  
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Jason Kurpiewski, Navy – Afghanistan  
Audrey Lynch, Marines – North Carolina  
Spec. Michael Manning, Army – Afghanistan  
Connor McDonald – Navy, Texas  
Tristan Newton, Navy  
Courtney Osborne, Navy – Afghanistan  
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MC2 Jeffrey Richardson, Navy – Afghanistan  
SSgt Justin Santiago, Air Force – Guam  
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Pvt Andre Ventmiglia, Army – USA  
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## BAPTISMS DECEMBER 15

### CARLO ANTHONY BASILICO

Son of Bartholomew Joseph and Lauren

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## STEWARDSHIP

**Budget update as of:** December 8, 2019  
Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$ 24,519.23  
Actual Amount Received: \$ 24,319.26  
Comparison to budget: **(\$199.97)**

**Fiscal Year to Date:** July 1, 2019 to December 8, 2019  
Budgeted Amount: \$ 588,461.52  
Amount Received: \$ 534,232.30  
Comparison to Budget Target: **(\$54,229.22)**

**This week:**  
Envelopes Returned: 652  
Online Gifts: 187  
Registered Households: 3263  
Percentage of people making contributions: 26%

**CSA as of December 8, 2019**  
CSA 2019 Goal \$ 192,588.00  
CSA 2019 Pledges \$ 281,738.72  
CSA 2019 Payment on pledges \$ 244,783.89  
**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 CSA are not assessed by the Archdiocese (7%) nor are they part of future CSA calculations (14.5%).*

Each December, the Catholic Television Network of Detroit (CTND) features programming focused on the true meaning of Christmas, helping families throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit prepare for the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ.

Gifts to the CSA has allowed CTND to broadcast faith-filled programming since 1985 that informs, educates, inspires, and entertains 900,000 homes in southeast Michigan. Since 2011, CTND has been an affiliate of Boston-based CatholicTV Network.

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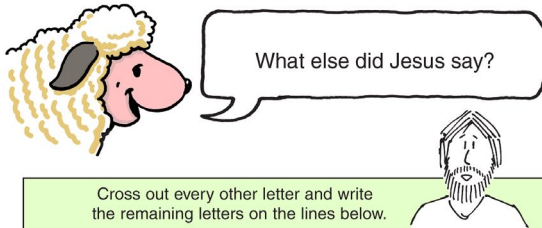
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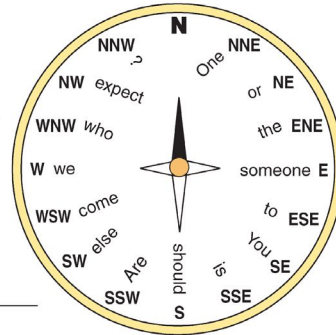
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December 15, 2019 • Matthew 11:2-11

**Jesus and John the Baptist**

John the Baptist was in prison. He heard what Jesus was doing and sent his friends to Jesus with a question. What did John ask?

Use this compass code to fill in the blanks.



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Jesus said, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see." What did they report?

Use the code to find the answer.

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Then Jesus said, "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A prophet? Yes, but John is even more than a prophet. ..."

Write the name of each picture in the boxes. The darker boxes will spell the missing word below.



... This is the one about whom it is written: 'I will send My \_\_\_\_\_

ahead of You, who will prepare Your way before You."

