

How can

my family

help others?

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.



FR. RON'S REFLECTIONS

Today we continue to celebrate Christmas as we rejoice in the Feast of the Holy Family. The family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph is a model for our own families. While no family is perfect, (probably not even the Holy Family-they were human!), EVERY family is sacred. Families take on various forms these days, but each family is the setting in which we grow in love and faith.

The Gospel for today's feast is the account of the "Flight Into Egypt." There are a couple of lessons about families and family life in this story.

My sister-in-law, who recently retired after serving many years as a social worker in the Utica School District, very passionately maintains that "every child should know that their parents would walk through fire for them." In today's Gospel, Joseph gets up in the middle of the night, awakens Mary and Jesus, and begins the long, exhausting, dangerous journey to a strange land to protect the child from Herod. Jesus' parents



Pope Francis
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Every conversion comes from a previous experience of mercy, from God's tenderness that captures the heart.

Posted on December 17

FR. RON'S REFLECTIONS

"walked through fire" for him! My parents did for me! It is one of the things that make families holy!

The Holy Family is also a migrant family. Many people are fleeing from places where their children are in danger from drugs, gangs, rape, murder, hunger. They go in search of a place where their children will be safe. They are like the Holy Family. Let us welcome and support them as we would Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

May God bless all of our families!
Fr. Ron



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"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."
COLOSSIANS 3:17

This Sunday we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In the Gospel, we hear of Joseph being visited by the angel of the Lord and being advised to flee with his family. On their journeys, the Holy Family is assisted by many communities. If the Holy Family had come to you in need of help, how would your family have helped?

Before we can help others in need, there needs to be peace and harmony within our own family. Pope Francis teaches that families should imitate "the amazement in the Holy Family." He states that we need to treasure each member and use that love "to draw strength to face the difficulties of each day." Sometimes there will be anguish in our families. That anguish can come from arguments, financial difficulties or even health issues. Joseph and Mary surely felt anguish for the three days when Jesus was lost in the temple, but once they found him that anguish disappeared. The same is true for our families. When we find Jesus Christ within our own families, our anguish disappears.

Once our families imitate the Holy Family, we can begin to help others in need. As I was praying about how my family could help others, the Holy Spirit reminded me that we are all a HOLY FAMILY. Our "family" is not just the immediate members but includes all of our Christian brothers and sisters. So the better question became: How can my Holy Family help those in need? The RCIA process was the answer.

All of our needs can be quenched in the waters of Baptism and in the light of Christ. We as a community and family at St. Isidore are blessed with the opportunity to assist others as they begin their journey in the Catholic faith. Just as Mary and Joseph were assisted on their journey to Nazareth, the RCIA team and the entire community is asked to support our Catechumens and Candidates as they prepare to become a part of our Catholic family. This week as we celebrate the Holy Family, let us reflect on how we as one big family can be inclusive and assist others in need to find amazement in the love of Jesus Christ.

-John Kovacic

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUN
DEC 29
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

WED
JAN 1
MASS
10:00 AM // CH

SAT
JAN 4
MASS
8:00 AM // CH
CONFESSIONS
3:15 PM // CH
FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY
3:45 PM // CH
MASS
4:30 PM // CH

MON
DEC 30
MASS
8:00 AM // CH

THU
JAN 2
MASS
8:00 AM // CH
YOUNG AT HEART
11:00 AM

SUN
JAN 5
MASS
7:30 AM // CH
MASS
9:30 AM // CH
RCIA
10:30 AM // ECR
MASS
11:30 AM // CH
SITE BLESSING BLANKETS
2:15 PM // SH
MASS
5:30 PM // CH
SITE MEETING
6:30 PM // YR

TUE
DEC 31
MASS
4:00 PM // CH

FRI
JAN 3
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 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 28**4:30 PM**

† Francesco Ricci
 † M. Dutton + Sister Stephanie
 † Edward O'Donnell
 † Ricci Family
 † Eleanor Mielewski
 † Anthony + Teofila Slominski
 † Ines Franczak 3RD ANNIVERSARY
 † Tricia Mocerì BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
 † Stephen and Lottie Muzyk
 † Renee Maciejewski
 † Mary Schultz
 † Ilene Rose Matt BIRTHDAY
 † Cass Borowicz Family

Friend
 Family
 Wife
 Friend
 Friend
 Granddaughter
 Family
 Hicks Family
 Jeff Muzyk
 Leona Hallaert
 Carl & Linda Yaden
 Friends
 Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29**7:30 AM**

† Gus + Mary Spriet
 † Msgr. Ferdinand DeCneudt
 † Leo Silvestri
 † Sylvester DeCock
 † Stefano DiBellis
 † Yvonne Koss
 † Mary Lee
 † Rose Marie Wlodeck

Family
 Friend
 Family
 Virginia
 Elisa and John DiBella
 Richard Koss Family
 Family
 Mary Lou and Ron Pratt

9:30 AM

† David Urben
 † Kenneth Mlutkowski
 † Vince Avellino
 † Mark Drohan
 † Thomas & Stephanie Mule
 † Diane Venuto
 † Fr. Francis Faraci
 † Jacob and Veronica Kosinski
 † Paolo Persichetti
 † Albert and Theresa Toccaceli
 † Valentage

Quinn and Liam
 Wife
 Family
 Son, Dominic
 Mary, daughter
 Family
 Sapienza Family
 Sapienza Family
 Carlo & Debbie Vennettilli
 Friend
 Mom

11:30 AM

† Joan Seger
 † Elena Lena 2ND YEAR ANNIVERSARY
 † Ronald Sloan BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
 † Laberge Family

Family
 Family
 Hilton Family
 Family

5:30 PM

† Edward Kosinski Family

Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

† Lloyd Peterson
 † Vince Avellino

Wife, Denise
 Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

New Years Eve

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

New Years Day

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

† Joan Seger
 † Kenny Medel
 † August Fecteau
 † Vince Avellino

Family
 Mary and Family
 Mary and Family
 Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

† Dolores Busacca BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
 † Dale Clancy BIRTHDAY
 † Theresia Pfeffer BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
 † Frank J. Cynowa

Family
 Family
 Erika & Tom Domsic
 The Grzenkowicz Family

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

† Robert Bronson
 † Edward O'Donnell
 † Francesco Ricci
 † Andrew Nicosia
 † Mary & Herman Schultz
 † Bob VanEenoo
 † Mule' Family
 † Matthew Kosalka
 † Aquilino Cruz

Wife, Julie
 Family
 Marietta Ricci
 Family/Friends
 Carl & Linda Yaden
 Wife
 Mary
 Family
 Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5**7:30 AM**

† Dolores Busacca
 † Evelyn Edwards
 † Petrina Boyd
 † Tony Silvestri

Susan Decker
 Mary Lou and Ron Pratt
 Family
 Carla Silvestri

9:30 AM

† Virginia Siwicki
 † Dolores Rinaldi
 † Members of the Kos and Frankowski Families
 † Members of Hoste and Jochum Families
 † Ann and Sam Sapienza
 † Paolo Persichetti

Family
 Family
 Diane and Jerry
 Diane and Jerry
 Family
 Carlo & Debbie Vennettilli

11:30 AM

† Joan Seger
 † Margaret & Raymond Dobroolski WED. ANN.

Altar Society
 Family

5:30 PM**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

"In each person there's an invaluable treasure, a facet of the face of Christ that can't be found in anyone else."

Consoling the Heart of Jesus – Fr. Michael Gaitley

We are in the process of re-stocking our shelves after our Thanksgiving and Christmas food distributions. Our current Pantry needs are:

Jelly
Canned fruit - All kinds
Ravioli
Spaghetti's
Soups - Tomato, Chicken Noodle
Peas
Tuna
Canned Meats - Chicken, Beef Stew
Mac & Cheese
All "Helpers" - Hamburger, Chicken, Tuna
Pump Hand Soap
Laundry Soap
Paper Towel
Bar Soap

God Bless

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY

Prayer blankets and shawls are available in the office.

"I am the representative between Jesus and the persons with whom I come into contact. I am the only 'Jesus' some people will ever see. In Jesus' name I offer compassion, care, kindness and love. I am privileged to draw others to Jesus."

SR. CHARLEEN HUG, S.N.D.

All of us are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering. We give them reason to believe and to trust. Please continue to remember those who are struggling. Thank you to all who help us spread the love of Jesus by giving a prayer blanket or shawl to a person who needs comfort.

May peace and joy be yours in the New Year!

BABY PANTRY

Four years ago our Pastor, Father Ron, suggested that St. Isidore Church launch a new Christian Service outreach ministry. Its purpose would be to help low-income moms with infants less than two years of age. And our Baby Pantry was born!

We meet with every family we assist, give advice and referrals, and also provide some of the family's necessary baby items. Each family we interview increases our commitment to this vital ministry.

Our dedicated volunteer ministry, working with our parish nurse, provides care, concern and compassion for those who reach out to us. We operate solely on donations from parishioners, St. Isidore parish organizations, agencies, local churches and schools. Sincere gratitude goes to all our donors. Without generous people and groups, we will cease to exist.

The Catholic Church celebrates "The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph" this weekend. Members of the St. Isidore Baby Pantry Ministry share the values of the Holy Family with the families we assist. One of our goals is to spiritually touch the lives of local low-income families with the good news of Jesus Christ.

We wish the families we serve, all St. Isidore families, friends and guests a happy and healthy New Year.

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

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, January 5
Sunday, January 12

WHAT'S HAPPENING?



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.

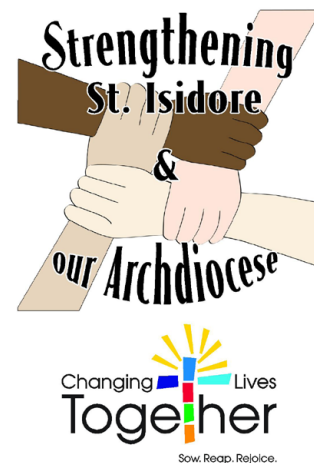
Dinner includes: pasta, salad, bread, dessert, and beverage.



ReSOUNDing Worship P R O J E C T

Nearly a decade ago a monumental fundraiser for the Archdiocese of Detroit called Changing Lives Together was kicked off with St. Isidore being in the first phase of the campaign. Nearly 1,000 of our families responded to this campaign, pledging more than \$1 million. St. Isidore used the money raised from the campaign to strengthen our parish. Most notably, we officially retired our parish debt (which was more than \$1,200,000 at the onset of the campaign) during Fiscal Year 2013-2014. We also put away extra money to focus on our 5-Year Parish Plan which included upgrading technology and communications.

Our current project, the *Resounding Worship Project*, is being funded through the remaining monies that were set aside during *Changing Lives Together* as well as by a large single donation from one of our parish members. We wanted to take a moment to again thank all of the people who were involved with the *Changing Lives Together* campaign for allowing us to move forward with improvements to our worship space. Our parish continues to operate from a solid financial position due to the foresight of your support. Thank you.
-Chris Kozlowski



READINGS



SUNDAY

SIR 3:2-6, 12-14;
PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5;
COL 3:12-21
MT 2:13-15, 19-23

MONDAY

1 JN 2:12-17;
PS 96:7-8A, 8B-9, 10;
LK 2:36-40

TUESDAY

1 JN 2:18-21;
PS 96:1-2, 11-12, 13;
JN 1:1-18

WEDNESDAY

NM 6:22-27;
PS 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
GAL 4:4-7;
LK 2:16-21

THURSDAY

1 JN 2:22-28;
PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4;
JN 1:19-28

FRIDAY

1 JN 2:29—3:6;
PS 98:1, 3CD-4, 5-6;
JN 1:29-34

SATURDAY

1 JN 3:7-10;
PS 98:1, 7-8, 9;
JN 1:35-42

SUNDAY

IS 60:1-6;
PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;
EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6;
MT 2:1-12

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK



Bob Aguis
Mary Aguis
Jonathan Bisdorf
Tom Buback
Nancy Campbell
Alexis Caramagno
Cerrito Family
Pam DeClercq
Michael Digregorio
Bridget Enrici
Julie Falletta
Isaiah Ford
Fraser Family
Jason Gaca
Richard Gdowski
Marge Grekowicz
Fred Grzelak
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
Mario Monacelli

Jeri Nofs
Joseph Nothdurft
Samuel Nothdurft
Amanda Oswald
Natalie Perini
Louisa Pietrowsky
Darlene Pische
Pauline Pische
Yolanda Polisen
John Privett
Jerry Pukala
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Roxanne Puvalowski
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Cindy Reider
Nicholas Rinehart
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Don Sabalinski
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STEWARDSHIP

Budget update as of: December 15, 2019
Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$ 24,519.23
Actual Amount Received: \$ 27,314.03
Comparison to budget: \$2,794.80

Fiscal Year to Date: July 1, 2019 to December 15, 2019
Budgeted Amount: \$ 612,980.75
Amount Received: \$ 561,396.33
Comparison to Budget Target: (\$51,584.42)

This week:
Envelopes Returned: 902
Online Gifts: 127
Registered Households: 3263
Percentage of people making contributions: 32%

CSA as of December 15, 2019
CSA 2019 Goal \$ 192,588.00
CSA 2019 Pledges \$ 282,843.72
CSA 2019 Payment on pledges \$ 247,793.07
Monies returned to the parish* \$ 90,255.72

**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%).*

CSA MINUTE

This Sunday is the Feast of the Holy Family, which celebrates Jesus, Mary, and Joseph — along with all Catholic families.

Archbishop Allen Vigneron is seeking to reclaim Sundays for family time along with worship and rest. In the spring, he released an Unleash the Gospel pastoral note, The Day of the Lord, a guide to reclaiming the Lord's Day as part of the Unleash the Gospel movement.

Gifts to the CSA support families, at all stages, with programs and services like marriage preparation, Natural Family Planning, and family and marriage support.

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Joseph took his family to safety.
Where did they go?

Use the code to find the answer.



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What was the warning that Joseph heard?

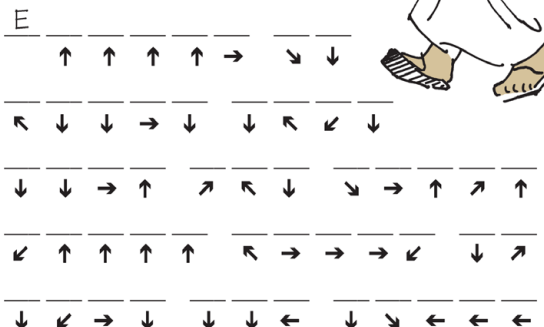
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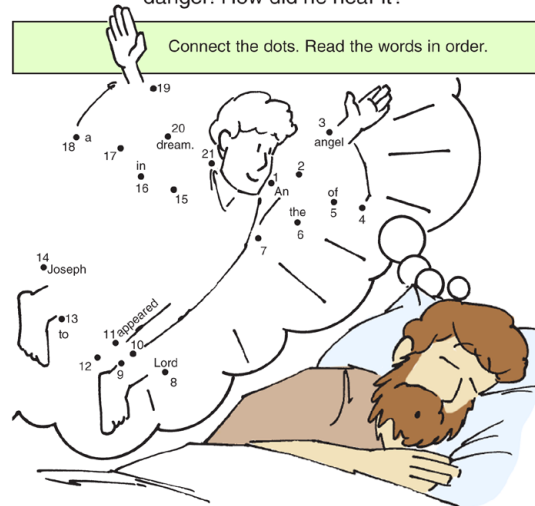
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December 29, 2019 • Matthew 2:13-23

The Escape to Egypt

Joseph was warned that the Child Jesus was in danger! How did he hear it?

Connect the dots. Read the words in order.

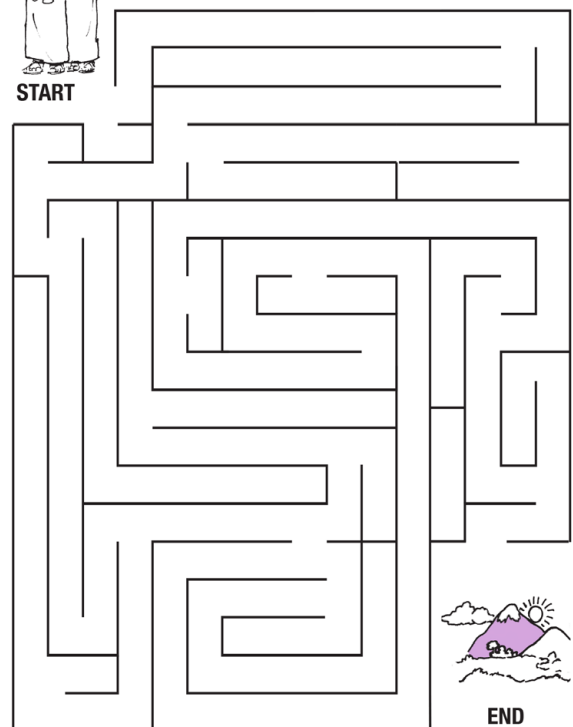


After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the Child and His mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the Child's life are dead."



START

Help Joseph, Mary and Jesus find their way back to Israel.



END