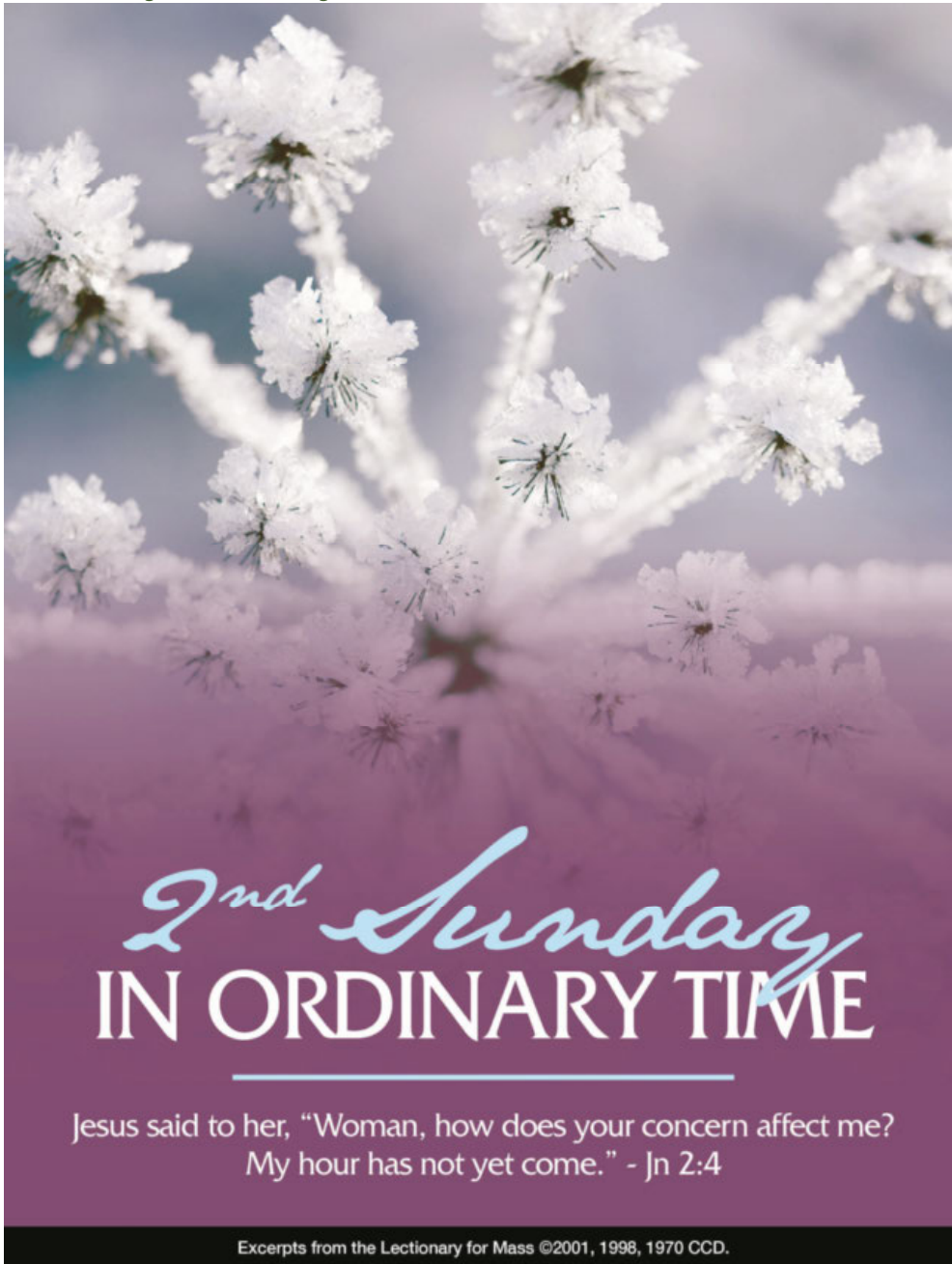


St. Isidore

The Farmer Catholic Parish

19812 E. 1000th Ave., Dieterich, IL 62424

Sunday, January 16, 2022



2nd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me?
My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Regular Mass Schedule

Times may differ on holy days; refer to ministry schedule/Mass Intentions

St. Aloysius Church (Bishop Creek)
19812 E. 1000th Ave.
Dieterich, IL 62424

Tuesday8:00 am
Wednesday.....6:00 pm
Friday.....8:00 am
Saturday6:00 pm
Sunday8:00 am

St. Joseph Church (Island Grove)
16987 N. 200th St.
Teutopolis, IL 62467

Thursday.....8:00 am
Sunday10:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Aloysius Church
Weekly.....9:00 am Tuesday
until 6:00 am Wednesday

St. Joseph Church
Weekly.....6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Monday

Parish Office

Office Phone.....217-925-5788
Fax Number217-925-5879

Answering Machines

Church Office217-925-5788
Rectory.....217-925-5579

Submit written bulletin notices by 9:00
am on Tuesday.

Parish Email: office@stisidore.dio.org

Diocesan website: www.dio.org

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and
Investigation Number (217)321-1155

Parish News & Notes

From Fr. Frank

Jesus was good, holy, bold, strong, courageous, faithful, prayerful, loving, compassionate, and forgiving. All Christians would agree those adjectives accurately describe Jesus. He was all those things and more.

Now what adjectives describe Mary, the mother of Jesus?

We might respond that Mary was obedient, open, loving, caring, serene, devout, pious, religious, virtuous, sympathetic, and motherly. If we look at artistic depictions of Mary, we see such traits in her image.

But this Sunday's Gospel (John 2:1-11) reveals that Mary can also be described by adjectives that we may not so readily associate with her. Mary was bold, assertive, confident, and persuasive.

At the Marriage Feast of Cana described in Sunday's Gospel, Mary is the one who confidently takes action when the wine starts to run out. Sensitive to the embarrassing situation in which the newlyweds and their families find themselves, Mary boldly approaches her son and tells him, "They have no wine."

Mary goes to her son not just to inform him of the situation, but to persuade him to do something about it.

When Jesus seemingly puts her off by saying, "My hour has not yet come," she does not let his response dissuade her. Instead, in earshot of her son, she tells the waiters, "Do whatever he tells you."

Mary obviously expected her son Jesus to do something. In fact, we might even say that Mary put Jesus in a position that if he did not act, he would make his mother look foolish before the waiters and make himself appear as less than an obedient and respectful son.

But Sunday's Gospel is also an epiphany that reveals something about Mary as well.

Mary is no shrinking violet, no passive woman, no subservient female hoping that a male will notice the problem.

She boldly speaks up and, in doing so, she sets in motion the first miracle of Jesus found in the Gospel of John.

Mary, who brought Jesus into the world that first Christmas, is the one who puts his ministry into motion in Sunday's Gospel.

Mary is obedient and pious but she is also assertive and bold!



Office Staff

Pastor: Fr. Frank Folino, OFM

Office secretary: Ruth Dust

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Funeral Ministry: Phyllis Jansen, Ron & Irene Donsbach (Bishop/Dieterich), Bernice Probst, Cris Bierman (Grove)

Sacramental Celebrations

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday, after the 8:00 am Mass (B)

Thursday, after 8:00 am Mass (G)

Saturday, 4:45 pm (B)

Sunday, after 10:00 am Mass (G)

Sacrament of Matrimony

Arrangements must be made a minimum of 6 months in advance with the Pastor. Couples are required to attend a Pre-Cana session and a Natural Family Planning (NFP) class. FOCCUS is required and will be done with Fr. Frank for those doing marriage preparation with him.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are held during Mass and are not scheduled during Advent and Lent. Call the parish office to schedule a baptism.

Parents seeking Baptism for their child must be a registered parishioner for at least six months prior to the Baptism. Non-parishioners would need a letter from their pastor giving permission to have the Baptism at St. Isidore Parish.

A one time attendance to a Baptism Prep. Class is required before baptism. Godparents (not members of St. Isidore Parish) are required to have a letter from their pastor stating they are a *Catholic in Good Standing*. A copy of the child's birth certificate, sponsor names and sponsor forms are to be submitted to the office before a baptism. This is so all records can be kept as accurate as possible.

Sponsors

Please contact the parish office if you have been asked to be a sponsor and are needing a letter stating that you are an active Catholic. You will need to have been a member of St. Isidore Parish for 6 months to receive this letter.

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Articles for bulletins must be submitted by 9:00 am on the Tuesday before the weekend unless noted otherwise.

Parish Calendar

January 16 - 23

Church Hours

St. Aloysius church is open daily—7 am to 8 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays at St. Joseph 6 pm to 8 pm

Tuesdays at St. Aloysius
from 9 am Tuesday to 6 am Wednesday

Weekday and Weekend Masses

Refer to front cover of bulletin & to Ministry Schedule (p. 6)

Sunday, Jan. 16 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
NO Sunday School

Monday, Jan. 17 - Martin Luther King Day - *Parish offices closed*

Wednesday, Jan. 19 - PSR 6:45 to 8:00 PM

Wed., Jan. 19, to Thurs., Jan. 27 - 9 Days for Life Novena

Thursday, Jan. 20 - Finance Council Meeting

Saturday, Jan. 22 - Day of Prayer for the Unborn

Sunday, Jan. 23 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday School

St. Isidore Offerings

Sunday, January 9, 2022

Regular Envelopes (80)	\$ 4,570.00
Loose Change	\$ 377.00
Total	\$ 4,947.00
Building Fund	\$ 520.00
Franciscan Missions	\$ 15.00
Catholic Times	\$ 540.00
First Offering	\$ 140.00

Thank you for your generous support!

How to Continue Giving

- mail your check to the parish office or drop it off at the parish office
- **Donate online**—use the online giving link. Go to:
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OR <http://parishgiving.dio.org/stisidoredieterich>
follow the steps to give (3% transaction fee applies.)
- **NEW!** Arrange for auto-pay on a weekly, bimonthly, or monthly basis. *No fee* charged for this option. Contact the office if you are interested!

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Aloysius Church

9:00 am Tuesday to 6:00 am Wednesday

St. Joseph Church

Monday from 6—8 pm



The St. Isidore Parish would like to extend our sympathies and condolences to the family of

Sr. Mary Berenice Hartke
January 10, 2022

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. May she rest in peace.

Sr. Berenice was the last of the Hartke sisters who became nuns. Her parents, Aloysius & Clara Hartke, also raised Sr. M Claritus and Sr. Mary Lois, as well as Fr. Simon Hartke.

Funeral arrangements were not complete at the time the bulletin was printed.

Baptism

We welcome a new member to our family of faith:

Baptized January 7, 2022

Morgan Dana Brummer

Daughter of Luke & Katie (nee Koeberlein) Brummer

Congratulations!

*A baby is a little bit of heaven sent
down to earth.*

Wedding Congratulations!

The St. Isidore Parish would like to congratulate

Candace Niemerg & Christopher Walk

Married December 31, 2021

and

Cassidy Probst & Troy Hoene

Married January 8, 2022

May you be blessed with many happy years together!



Coffee & Donuts

Sunday, Jan. 23

The Youth Ministry will serve coffee and donuts following the Sunday morning Masses at Bishop and Grove. Proceeds will go to the Family Life Center and FOCUS ministries (FOCUS ministers to college students).

The Youth Ministry is reminded to help with this event.

Special Collections

Catholic Times

The importance of the Catholic Times as a source of information has become more and more evident. Your donation to this collection will help ensure that the Catholic Times continues to provide hope, inspiration, and education to everyone in our Diocese.

Franciscan Missions

The Franciscans' mission is to help the poor in the name of Jesus. Your donation to this cause will help them carry on their work.

Collection for the Church in Latin America

Donations help fellow Catholics in Latin America and the Caribbean who are lacking in material resources. www.usccb.org/latin-america

Use the special envelopes included in your recent packet or write the name of the collection on a regular envelope and put in in the collection basket.



Right to Life Breakfast - Sun., Jan. 16, 2022

The Effingham Area Right to Life Breakfast will be held at the Teutopolis Banquet (KC) Hall from 7AM to 12:30PM with inside dining. Sausage, eggs, sweet breads, and drinks will be served. A quilt raffle and 50/50 raffle will be held.

March for Life in Springfield - Fri., Jan. 21, 2022

The ADULT and YOUTH registration and information paper is in the entrance of church. Leaving Effingham Event Center (KC hall) on charter bus at 7:30am and returning 4:00pm. More important details in the registration paper. Deadline was **Jan 10**.

Questions? Contact Diann Ruholl (217-663-2056)

Day of Prayer for Life: January 22nd, the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision Roe v. Wade, has been designated by the Bishops of the Diocese of the United States of America as a “day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 373). Spend some time today praying for the lives that have been lost through abortion since 1973 and for the return of the protection of unborn children in the future.

9 Days for Life Novena: This annual novena will be held January 19-27, 2022, for the protection of human life. Each day’s intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. To join, go to www.9daysforlife.com. From there, you can download the novena or sign up to receive the daily prayers via email or text message.

Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life

Everyone is welcome to attend the Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life to celebrate the Sanctity of Life at St Michael the Archangel in Sigel on Monday Jan 17. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. Fr. James Flach will be the celebrant for the 6:30 pm mass. The business meeting will follow in the grade school. Refreshments will be served while current legislation and local pro-life events are discussed.

Eucharistic Miracles of the World Poster Exhibit - Blessed Carlo Acutis

Blessed Carlo Acutis, a young boy from Milan, who died at the age of 15 in 2005, showed great interest in helping others renew their faith. In his zeal to promote the teachings of the Eucharist, he created a poster exhibit of documented Eucharistic miracles.



This poster exhibit will be on display for several weeks at the St. Aloysius Parish Hall beginning **Jan. 11 thru Feb. 7**. Hours to view are from 8:30 am—3:00 pm Mon—Fri, after the weekend Masses at Bishop and during PSR on Wed. evenings. A sign up sheet for volunteers to sit with the poster exhibit on weekends can be found in the back of both churches. Please consider how you might support this effort.



PSR & Youth Ministry Notes & News

IMPORTANT PSR NOTES AND EVENTS

Teacher Positions – Catechists are still needed for the 2nd half of the school year. Positions available include the following...
1st grade - 1 teacher

Bishop Grade 2 – First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation date is set for Monday, January 24, 2022 @ 6:30 pm. Additional priests will be available, so parents can plan to attend reconciliation also. A short reception in the St. Aloysius Parish Center will follow for the families and teachers.

Class Masses

Sun., Jan 16
Bishop – Grade 6
Sun., Jan 23
Bishop - Grade 7

Upcoming Youth Ministry Events

Sun., Jan. 23 – Coffee & Donuts @ Bishop & Grove
Sat., Jan. 29 – Pizza & Line Dancing

Eucharistic Miracles Poster Display

Wednesday evening is the perfect time for parents to view the Eucharistic miracles display. St. Aloysius Parish Hall will be open from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Display will also be open during the week from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm and after Masses on the weekend. Dates for this display are January 11 – February 7, 2022.

Diocese of Springfield Illinois March for Life 2022

Important details for those attending include...

- Mass & March for Life in Springfield IL on Friday, January 21, 2022
- Cost for the trip included one bag of size 5 or 6 diapers to be brought on day of the March
- Bus will load at the Effingham Event Center (Old Effingham K of C Hall) at 7:30 am
- Be sure to eat breakfast before boarding the bus/bring a sack lunch for the ride home
- Return the same day at approximately 4 pm
- Please contact Diann Ruholl with any questions (217) 663-2056

FORMED

The Chris Stefanick Show: Interview with General Kevin Chilton (part 2) - Enjoy this interview with General and former NASA Astronaut Kevin Chilton, as he shares his deeply rooted faith and the courage to accept God’s path. <https://watch.formed.org/stefanick/videos/the-chris-stefanick-show>

Unprotected – What does “the pill” have to do with it? Here is a video which makes the connection between the acceptance of contraception and the issues families and the world face today. Mature audiences only. Mary, Queen of Families, pray for us. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/unprotected>

If you have not yet signed into our parish subscription of FORMED, please follow these directions. Go to www.FORMED.org. Click “Sign Up”. Choose “I belong to a parish.” Go to parish name and type “62424”. Select “St Isidore Parish”. Click “Next”. Enter your name and email address. Click “Sign Up”. There will be an authentication email to verify. Once these steps are complete, you and your family can browse through the many Catholic movie or audio options. Enjoy!

Adopt-a-Christmas Poinsettia Program

The poinsettias used in the Christmas decorations at Bishop will be placed in the annex as of the weekend of January 15/16.

Please feel free to take one home.



Second Hand Rose

Jan. 19 / 10 - 1: **Volunteers Needed**

1 - 4: Alice Goeckner, Judy (Ken) Brummer

Jan. 27 / 1 - 4: Rita Mette, Darlene Probst

Meals on Wheels Schedule

Jan. 18 - 21: Immaculate Conception, Dieterich

Please call Michelle Kuhl if you can help (618-686-2092)

Jan. 31 - Feb. 4: St. Joseph, Island Grove

Feb. 7 - 11: St. Aloysius, Bishop

Natural Family Planning (NFP)

Saturday, Feb 26, 2022 / 2:00 - 3:30 pm at St. Francis church

To register, please contact Kate Pruemer at 217-821-1840 or

kpruemer@gmail.com.

Baptism Class

Thursday, Feb. 3—St. Rose (217-924-4553)

Thursday, Mar. 3—St. Francis in St. Clare Hall (217-961-6404)

Tuesday, April 5—St. Isidore (217-821-9178)

Mattoon Deanery Council Convention - Planning Meeting

Parish ladies are encouraged to attend a convention planning meeting on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at The Immaculate Conception Parish Center located at 1920 Richmond Ave., Mattoon.

Please contact Jody Secondino-Crandell, President of Mattoon Deanery Council at jscrandell@yahoo.com with any questions.

Convention date: Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at Immaculate Conception Parish, Mattoon. Mass at 9 AM with meeting to follow.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

February 13, 2022 - 2:30 PM

Join Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, MO

to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony on World Marriage Day!

March 18-20, 2022

Worldwide Marriage Encounter will hold an **IN-PERSON** experience in Springfield, IL at the Villa Maria Catholic Life Center the weekend of March 18-20, 2022.

Early registration is suggested due to limited space. All needed precautions will be in place to provide a safe environment.

For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.



Say What?! The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Poster Exhibit developed by Blessed Carlos Acutis is coming to St. Aloysius?!



FANTASTIC! What a wonderful opportunity to reaffirm our belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, to encourage trust in Jesus' words of this truth, and to reawaken our awareness of the miraculous transformation of bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ at every Mass. **Incidentally**, new additions to our parish library will be shelved during the first week of January, too! Both books complement the Poster Exhibit: [A Biblical Walk Through the Mass: Understanding what we say and do in the Liturgy](#) by Edward Sri and [A Devotional Journey into the Mass](#) (How Mass can become a time of Grace, Nourishment, and Devotion) by Christopher Carstens. **Check them out** and dive deeper into 'the most amazing event on earth' as Sri explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience in the Liturgy and explains their profound significance, while Carstens teaches eight simple ways to make every Mass a joyful time of piety and intense devotion through his explanations of the spiritual meanings behind the signs and symbols, words, and actions of the Mass.

What's Happening...

UPCOMING Events

Every Friday: SonRise Meeting—St. Anthony Parish Center
Coffee is on at 6AM, prayer begins at 6:30AM
Meetings held every Friday. Register online at TMIY.org or call St. Anthony Parish Office at 217-347-7129.

Tues., January 11: CCW Ladies' Christmas Party - Dieterich
Held at Immaculate Conception Hall - Festivities begin at 6:30 PM
Sign up sheets in back of both churches.

Sun., January 16: Right to Life Breakfast - Teutopolis
Held at the Teutopolis Banquet (KC) Hall from 7AM to 12:30PM with inside dining. A quilt raffle and 50/50 raffle will be held. For donations of breads and to volunteer, please text Susan Vogt at 217-663-2084.

Fri., January 21: Pro-Life March - Springfield
Leaving Effingham Events Center (KC hall) on charter bus at 7:30am and returning 4:00pm. Registration papers in both churches.
Sign up deadline: **January 10**.

Sun., January 23: Coffee & Donuts - Bishop & Grove
Served by the Youth Group after 8AM & 10AM Mass. Free will donation - all proceeds go to Family Life Center and FOCUS.

Sat., February 19: Trivia Night - St. Thomas, Newton
Cost: \$160 per team of 8 adults (age 21 and over)
Space is limited so sign up early! **Sign up deadline: Feb. 5**
Forms can be found at the back of both churches.
For more info, contact St. Thomas School - 618-783-3517

Sat., Jan. 29: Wine Tasting - St. Thomas Church, Newton
Newton KC Hall - 5:30 PM. Quilt raffle and auction of various drink baskets at 8 PM. Admission: \$10/person. Come out and enjoy wines from around the world, specialty drinks, and delicious hors d'oeuvres!

Sun., Feb. 6: Newman Breakfast - Teutopolis Banquet Hall
Held from 7 am until noon. Scrambled eggs, whole hog sausage, biscuits & gravy, hashbrowns, French toast sticks, cinnamon rolls, coffee, juice & milk. Baked goods and raffle items will be available for purchase. Co-chairs are Dean & Cindy Kremer (217-821-6453) and Tim & Linda Hemmen (217-343-2486. To donate raffle items, crafts, and/or baked goods, contact Kathy Hartke (217-821-7076).

Newman Breakfast - February 6th

The Teutopolis Knights of Columbus will hold the annual Newman Breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 6, from 7 AM until noon. The menu will include all you can eat scrambled eggs, whole hog sausage, biscuits & gravy, hashbrowns, French toast sticks, cinnamon rolls, coffee, juice, and milk.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to help offset the cost of the breakfast, please make checks payable to "Knights of Columbus-Newman Breakfast" and mail to one of the following:

Dean & Cindy Kremer
12602 N. 1800th St.
Teutopolis, IL 62467

Tim & Linda Hemmen
17811 N. 1650 St.
Teutopolis, IL 62467

Those who donate \$100 or more will receive two complimentary tickets to the breakfast, which will be held for you the morning of the breakfast at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall.

Donations of raffle items, crafts, & baked goods can be brought to the hall after 6 AM the morning of the breakfast or call Kathy Hartke (217-821-7076) to make other arrangements.

To volunteer to work, please contact Cindy Kremer (217-821-6453).

Over 80 Newman Centers throughout the state of Illinois offer college students a chance to gather and practice their faith. All proceeds from the breakfast will go to the Newman Fund.

Ministry Schedule

If you cannot be present for your assignment, you are responsible for getting a substitute.

Thursday, January 20 at 8:00 am St. Joseph Church
 Lector..... Sandy Meinhart
 Sacristan..... Sandy Meinhart
 Saturday, January 22 at 6:00 pm..... St. Aloysius Church
 Lector..... Bob Niemerg
 Comm..... Seth Bohnhoff, Lisa Bohnhoff
 Sacristan..... Christy Repking
 Organist..... Maria Zumbahlen, Megan Brummer
 ServersAndrew & Alicen Niemerg, Grant Probst
 Gifts Tyler Brummer Family
 UshersJohn Beckman, Bob Bierman
 Carl Repking, Tyler Repking

Sunday, January 23 at 8:00 am St. Aloysius Church
 Lector.....Grade 7
 Comm..... Holly Funneman, Maria Westendorf
 Sacristan..... Denise Willenborg
 Organist..... Betty Goeckner
 CantorKen Goeckner
 ServersGrade 7
 GiftsGrade 7
 GreetersGrade 7
 UshersShane Beckman, Russ Goeckner
 Paul Repking, Kevin Willenborg

Sunday, January 23 at 10:00 am St. Joseph Church
 Lector..... Beth Mammoser
 Comm.....Sandy Meinhart
 Sacristan..... Janet Jansen
 Organist & Cantor..... Nancy Meinhart
 CantorAdults
 Servers Adam Koebele, Marc Jansen, Nathan Lidy
 GiftsJohn Grunloh Family
 UshersGeorge Cohorst, Ted Einhorn

Men’s Committee

St. Aloysius—January - Joe Meinhart, Pete Grimes, Dan Kocher, Stan Habing, Bill Goeckner, Brian Bohnhoff, Tim Probst, Paul Brummer, Doug Kinkelaar, Keith Probst, Bob Lueken

St Joseph—January - Mark Mammoser, Barney Probst, Neil Bierman, Paul Meinhart, Doug Mammoser, Dave Jansen

Church Cleaning

St. Aloysius Church—January - Sue Thoele, Cindy Drees, Karla Slifer, Lisa Bohnhoff, Shelly Beckman, Ruth Dust

St. Joseph Church—January - Emily Esker, Anita Emmerich, Lori Probst, Brenda Salyers, Cindy Einhorn

Men’s Committee Lists

Copies of the Men’s Committee List are in back of both churches. Please feel free to pick up a copy. Thanks for all your hard work!



Brad Robards, Stuart Stephenson, Jessica Spiker, John & Theresa Flinn, Steve Zumbahlen, Marilyn June Hartke, Roger Thoele, Alice Swingler, Mike Bierman, Carol Gapsis, Judy McClellan, Larry Emmerich, Pauline Repking

Please remember in your prayers these men and women serving to defend our country and our freedom.

Matthew Kocher, Anthony Vahling, Colin Beckman, Devin Mette, Nick Bierman, Randy Brummer, Jesse Koester, Tom Bierman



Tuesday, January 18, 8:00 am: Jack Hardiek
 Wednesday, January 19, 6:00 pm: Jerry Bierman
 Thursday, January 20, 8:00 am: Leroy Haarman
 Friday, January 21, 8:00 am: Frank & Anna Drees
 Saturday, January 22, 6:00 pm: St. Isidore Parishioners
 Sunday, January 23, 8:00 am: Clete Westendorf
 Sunday, January 23, 10:00 am: Ron Helmink, Marian Weishaar

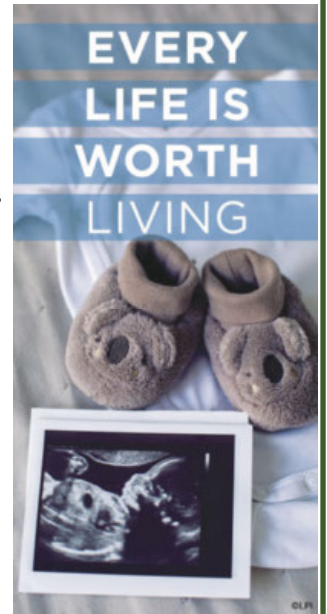
If you want a Mass intention for someone (living or deceased), please call the church office. The stipend for the Mass is \$10.

A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God’s love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

It Takes All Kinds

“If every flower wanted to be a rose,” wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, “spring would lose its loveliness.”

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of “varieties of tongues” might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, “Do whatever he tells you,” her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God’s instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God’s word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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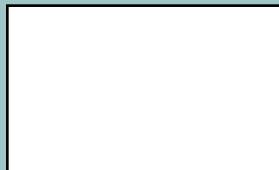
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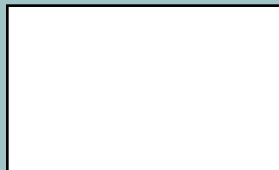


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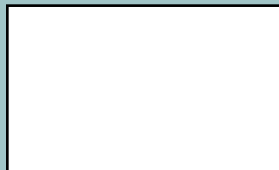


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