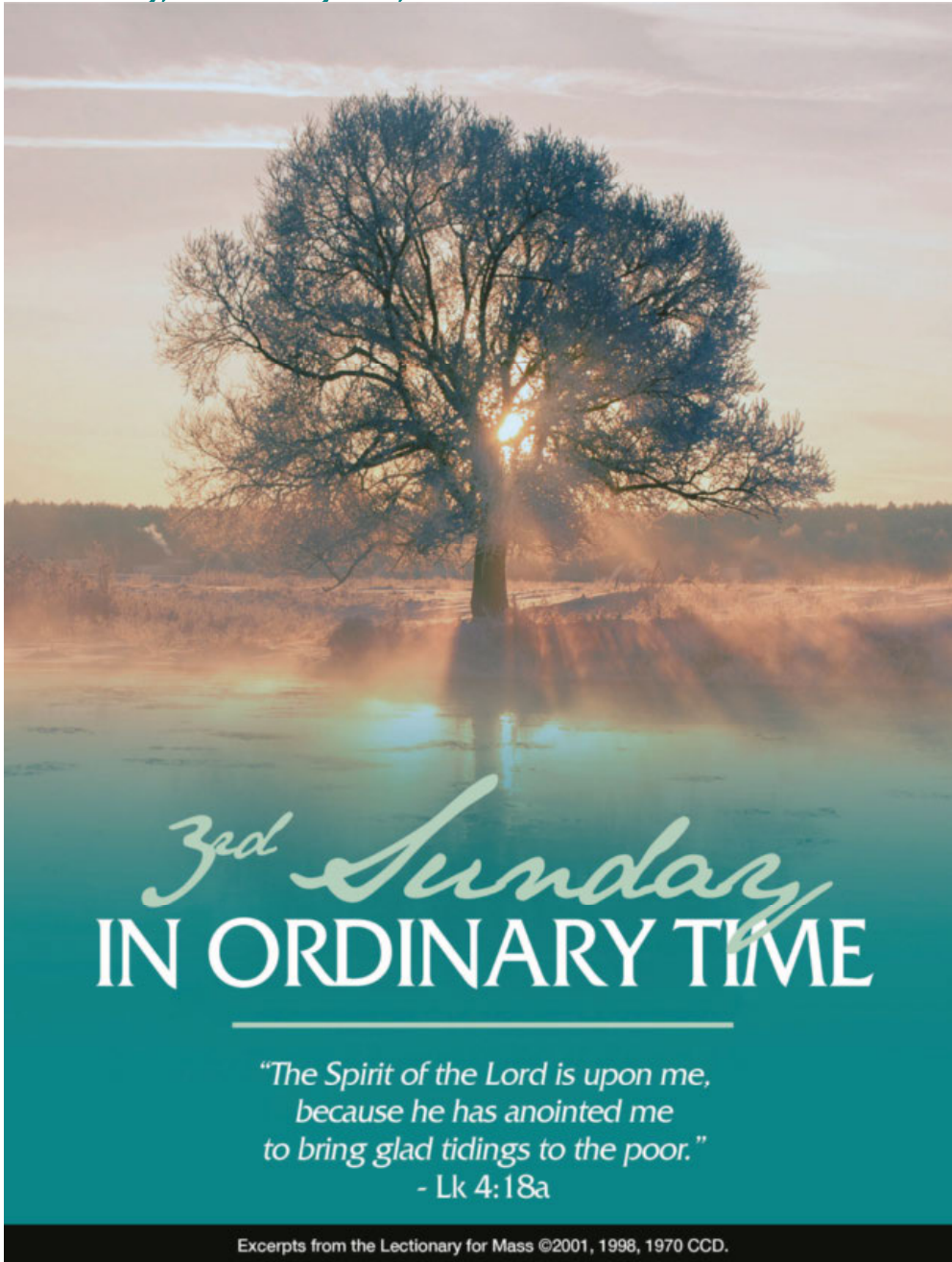


St. Isidore

The Farmer Catholic Parish

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

Sunday, January 23, 2022



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

A shoemaker, says Edwin Markham, through a dream was told that he would see Jesus the next day. He waited in his store all day. The only one who came in the morning was a senior citizen. His shoes were worn out. The shoemaker gave him a fresh pair at no charge. In the afternoon came an old woman. She was hungry. The shoemaker promptly gave her his own lunch. As evening approached, a child came in crying bitterly. She was lost. The shoemaker took her home to the other end of town. Returning, he was certain that he had missed his rendezvous with the Christ.

Then he heard a voice. "...I kept my word. Three times today I came to your door. Three times my shadow was on your floor. I was the beggar with bruised feet. I was the woman you gave food to eat. I was the lost child you took home."

Today's Gospel puts the Master back in His hometown of Nazareth. He had come back for a long weekend. He was anxious to spend quality time with His mother. At this point, He was a celebrity. The news about the miracle at Cana had preceded Him. After all, Cana was only about four miles away. Politely He had declined to appear on the cover of a national magazine.

His name was on everybody's lips. A local boy had made good. Every eye in town was on Mary's door. The natives were expecting some kind of fireworks to erupt from the house. If He could do the hat trick in Cana, why not in His own backyard? Imagine what it would do for the town's tourist business. However, the Teacher to everyone's annoyance remained out of sight.

Probably He did much-needed carpentry repairs on Mary's house. No doubt she knocked herself out making Him His favorite meals. She was appalled at the weight He had lost on the road. She had heard much about those fast-food shops down in Jerusalem.

But on the Sabbath Mary's door swung outwards. With her arm in her Son's, they walked to the synagogue. He would not miss Sabbath worship for all the olive oil in Palestine. There must have been many times when He was bored out of His skull by long, dull homilies. Yet, every Sabbath found Him in a synagogue in whatever town He was. If you have concluded that He was telling us we should be at Mass each Sunday, you have broken the code. There was never anything subtle about the Lord.

You can bet your life the synagogue was packed to the rafters that morning. Not even a shoehorn would get another body in. If scalpers could have sold tickets, they could have retired that day and moved to the south of France. I share your hunch that Jesus and His mother were given two seats on the aisle way up front immediately.

Predictably the synagogue president invited our Leader to read the Scriptures. He well knew that if he had not, he might be lynched by his fellow townspeople.

The Teacher deliberately chose the particular passages from Isaiah that He wanted to share with His neighbors that morning. These are the first recorded adult words of Jesus the Christ. The sixty first chapter of Isaiah is oftentimes called the Gospel of the Old Testament. The words of Isaiah would constitute the inaugural address of the Saviour. They tell us what Jesus is all about and what He considers His most important mission.

He had come among His own to bring happy news to the poor, to tell captives they were free, to open the eyes of the blind, and to relieve the burdens of the oppressed.

Having finished the reading, He rejoined His proud mother. She realized that every eye in the synagogue was on her Son.

Luke does not tell us how His audience reacted to the message, for their reaction is not really important. The one that is crucial is mine and yours. The Christ allows each of us to make up our own minds.

Office Staff

Pastor: Fr. Frank Folino, OFM

Office secretary: Ruth Dust

Pastoral Council: Matt Brummer, Lori Bierman, Joe Meinhart, Dan Kocher, Sam Bierman, Jodi Locey, Cheryl Zacha, Emily Uthell, Chris Probst

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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.

Cont'd.

As we make up our minds, listen to the sixteenth century Spanish mystic, St Teresa of Avila. "Christ has no body on earth now but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which He is to bless people now."

The shoemaker took her advice. Why don't we?

Parish Calendar

January 23 - 30

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)

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

Sunday School

Sun., Jan. 23, to Thurs., Jan. 27 - 9 Days for Life
Novena continues

Wednesday, Jan. 26 - PSR 6:45 to 8:00 PM

Sunday, Jan. 30 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
NO Sunday School

St. Isidore Offerings

Sunday, January 16, 2022

Regular Envelopes (66)	\$ 4,496.00
Loose Change	\$ 372.00
Total	\$ 4,868.00
Building Fund	\$ 11.00
Franciscan Missions	\$ 201.00
Catholic Times	\$ 240.00
First Offering	\$ 60.00

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: dio.org scroll down and click on the online giving link 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



Couples Night Out - Feb. 13, 2022

Couples Night Out is returning! This celebration of marriage will be held on Sunday, Feb. 13, beginning with a Prayer Service at 6:30 PM at St. Aloysius Church followed by dinner & a speaker at 7:00 PM in St. Aloysius Hall. Tickets will be on sale the weekends of Jan. 29/30 and Feb. 5/6.



Freshmen & Sophomore students are asked to help with this event.

Greeting Cards

Do you have some greeting cards - Christmas, birthday, anniversary, etc. - that you just don't know what to do with? Christy Repking is collecting the FRONTS ONLY of greeting cards; those fronts must be CLEAN and without any writing on them. You can place the card fronts in the back of Bishop church for pick-up.



Baptism

We welcome new members to our family of faith:

Baptized January 15, 2022

Vivian Aliceann Looman

Daughter of Jack & Megan (nee Hartke) Looman

Baptized January 16, 2022

Emily Renee Emmerich

Daughter of Lucas & Megan (nee Bahl) Emmerich

Congratulations!

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



Coffee & Donuts

Sunday, Jan. 23

The Youth Ministry will serve coffee and donuts following the Sunday morning Masses TODAY 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.

Newton Family Life Center - Position Open

The Family Life Center in Newton is now hiring a Registered Nurse.

Training will be in Effingham, Monday through Thursday, 9-5, with similar hours when the Center is open in Newton later this year.

Job duties include being a one-on-one advocate for clients, offering options counseling, pregnancy testing, STI testing, prenatal and parenting education along with education on sexual risk avoidance.

Interested applicants can send a resume to director@familylifepcc.org or drop it off at 605 Eden Ave, Effingham.



Goodness
is the only investment
that never fails.

- Henry David Thoreau





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.



No experience necessary - All tools and items provided
All ages welcome - Coffee and donuts!

Rosary making from 9-11am on Thursday, Feb. 24, at the home of Luke and Julia Thoele
10447 N 1775th Rd
Effingham, IL 62401

9-10:15 Rosary making 10:15 Pray the Rosary

Rosaries will be shared locally and nationally.

Call or text Julia at 815-429-0158 or email at juliathoele@gmail.com with any questions.

Bring a friend!

College Scholarships

The Diocese offers two scholarships to Quincy College; the Bishop's Scholarship for \$10,000 & the Diocesan Scholarship for \$500.

The Diocesan CCW is also offering four scholarships of \$500 each to female high school seniors.

Please contact the parish office for more information.



PSR & Youth Ministry Notes & News

IMPORTANT PSR NOTES AND EVENTS

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. 23
Bishop - Grade 7
Sun., Jan. 31
Bishop – Grade 8
Grove – Grade 7/8
Sun., Feb. 6
Bishop – Grade 9

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

Eucharistic Miracles Poster Display
Wednesday evening during PSR is the perfect time for parents to stop and view the Eucharistic miracles display at the St. Aloysius Parish Hall. The display will be open Wednesday evening 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 3:00 pm and after weekend Masses. Dates for this display are January 11 – February 7, 2022. Come and renew your faith in the Eucharist!

FORMED
The Chris Stefanick Show: Fitness with Dakota Lane - Dakota Lane, fitness trainer, professional body builder and business owner, shares his personal Catholic faith journey and how improved physical fitness can bring us closer to God. <https://watch.formed.org/stefanick/videos/the-chris-stefanick-show-1-17-22>

Feminism Misunderstood: One Woman's Journey to Peace by Jane Brennan (audio) - Jane Brennan, former member of NOW and former Planned Parenthood volunteer, shares her heart-wrenching story of abortion and subsequent years of depression, resulting in her eventual conversion to the Catholic Church. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/feminism-misunderstood-one-woman-s-journey-to-peace-by-jane-brennan>

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!

**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.

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.

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., 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., Jan. 30: Coles Country Catholic Worker Soup Supper
Immaculate Conception Parish Center, 1920 Richmond Ave., Mattoon, 3:30 - 7:00 PM

Drive Thru Event. Menu includes (while supplies last) chili, Bohemian potato, chicken noodle, and sauerkraut soups, ham sandwich, and delicious cookies. Free will donation. Proceeds support the three Charleston Catholic Worker Houses and Mattoon's new St. Mary House.

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).

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

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.

"The power to decide what is good and evil does not belong to man, but to God alone."

St. John Paul II, cited by John E. Fagan, Excerpt from: *Centesimus Annus of Rerum Novarum, The Teachings of Pope John Paul II, Reprinted by permission of author*

Ministry Schedule

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

Thursday, January 27 at 8:00 am St. Joseph Church
 Lector.....Mary Meinhart
 Sacristan.....Mary Meinhart
 Saturday, January 29 at 6:00 pm..... St. Aloysius Church
 Lector.....Melissa Ruholl
 Comm.....Ruth Dust, Donna Lueken
 Sacristan.....Diane Bierman
 Organist.....Maria Zumbahlen, Megan Blackwell
 Servers.....Dawson Beckman, Payton Higgins, Eli Niemerg
 Gifts.....Adam Donsbach Family
 Ushers.....Paul Beckman, Neil Goeckner
Tim Hardiek, Ron Repking
 Sunday, January 30 at 8:00 am St. Aloysius Church
 Lector.....Grade 8
 Comm.....Gene & Alice Drees
 Sacristan.....Tracy Brummer
 Organist.....Rose Ohnesorge
 Cantor.....Leslie Jansen
 Servers.....Grade 8
 Gifts.....Grade 8
 Greeters.....Grade 8
 Ushers.....Ralph Bierman, Gene Niemerg
Mark Niemerg, Dale Pruemer
 Sunday, January 30 at 10:00 am St. Joseph Church
 Lector.....Grades 7 & 8
 Comm.....Deb Niemerg
 Sacristan.....Dan Shadle
 Organist.....Linda Probst
 Cantor.....Men's Choir
 Servers.....Anna Probst, Isabelle, Probst, Levi Salyers
 Gifts.....Grades 7 & 8
 Ushers.....George 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, Wyatt Hartke



Tuesday, January 25, 8:00 am: Doris Repking
 Wednesday, January 26, 6:00 pm: Brad Lustig
 Thursday, January 27, 8:00 am: Norbert Probst
 Friday, January 28, 8:00 am: Carol Hartke
 Saturday, January 29, 6:00 pm: St. Isidore Parishioners
 Sunday, January 30, 8:00 am: Ben & Anna Bierman
 Sunday, January 30, 10:00 am: Evelyn Helmink

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

Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/ Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/ 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

Observances for the week of January 23, 2022

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
Monday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Wednesday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
Thursday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin
Friday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

TAX TIME is coming!! Do you need a report?

The New Year means that tax time is close. Do you need a report of your 2020 contributions? You can print it out at any time from your online parish record.

The website is:

www.servantkeeper.com/member-portal/stisidorethefarmer. After you login in to your online record, click on "GIVING HISTORY" on the black bar at the top of the page, then click on the DE-TAIL link. You can then set up the report and print it out for your taxes.

You say you never received an email to log in? Then contact the office (217-925-5788) to update your file and you too, can use the online system to track your contributions and print reports!



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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