SS. Isidore and Maria Parish

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October 3, 2021

Clergy

Rev. Mark S. Suslenko, Pastor
William G. Dziatko, Deacon
Stephen L. Weaver, Deacon

Weekend Masses

All Masses celebrated at St. Paul Church

Sat. Vigil: 4 p.m.
Sun: 8 a.m.
Sun: 9:30 a.m.
Sun: 11:15 a.m.

Daily Mass

Daily Mass at St. Paul Church:
Mon., Tues., Wed. - 7:30 a.m.
Fri. - 12:15 p.m.

Live streaming of all weekend Masses

from St. Paul Church takes place each Sat. at 4 p.m. and Sun. at 11:15 a.m., with rebroadcasts of the 4 p.m. Vigil streamed at 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Please visit our Facebook page, YouTube channel or the parish website to worship remotely.

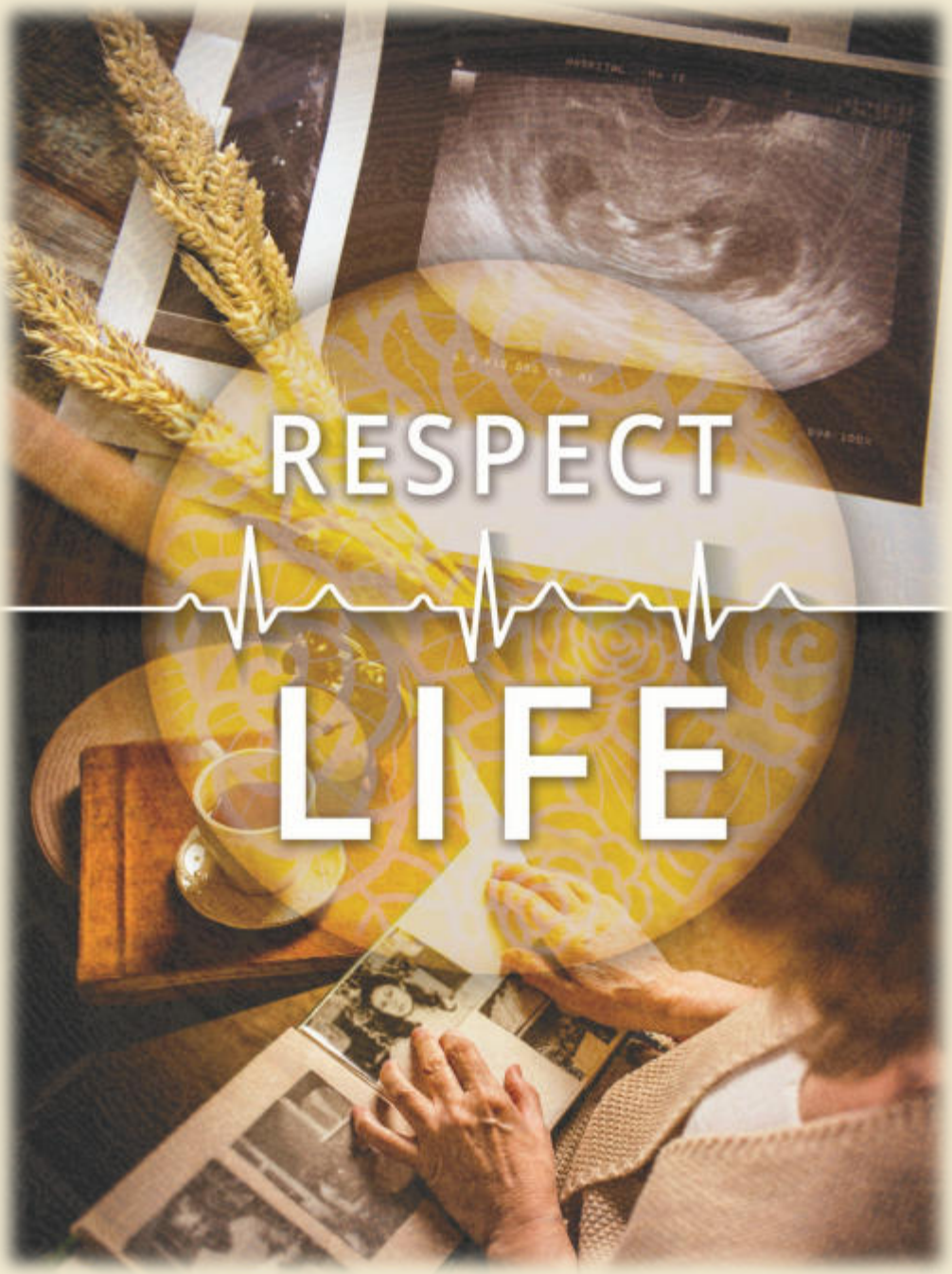
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions at St. Paul Church:
Sat. at 2:30 p.m.
Masks are required.

Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

Mondays, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m at St. Augustine Church

In accordance with local ordinance, masks or face coverings are required for anyone visiting our parish churches, St. Paul and St. Augustine. This remains in effect at all times until further notice, regardless of vaccination status or social distancing.



Year of Saint Joseph

"Each of us can discover in Joseph - the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence - an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble."

~ Pope Francis

"Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person – among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life."

– Catechism of the Catholic Church 2270

Collections and Parish Finances

We are grateful for your generous support of our Sacrificial Giving Program.

Report for the week of 9/26/2021:

Weekly collection:	**$ 8,600.50**
Online Giving:	**$ 2,109.50**
Total:	**$ 10,710.00**
HOPES	**$ 1,151.00**

Annual Chancery Assessment for 2021: $76,927.00

*For a more detailed report please visit our website under the **ABOUT** tab. The monthly accountability reports can be found in the Financial Accountability folder.*

Eagle Scout Project Benefits, Beautifies Parish Grounds

Have you noticed the three new benches outside St. Paul Church? They are the result of the hard work and leadership of parishioner and newly-minted Eagle Scout Joseph Hart. Read more at: https://isidoreandmaria/hart-eagle-scout

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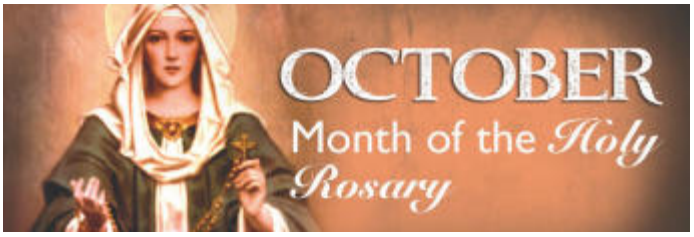

Inspiration for the Week

by Rev. Mark Suslenko

"What God has joined together." We are all familiar with these words. Because man and woman are essentially of the same substance, although also distinctively different, there is an innate desire to be connected and united. Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. But they can also be celebrations of great union and happiness. This is proven by couples who have been married for many years who still have that same twinkle of devotion in their eyes that was present on their wedding day. God designed it to be this way. By God's power, the two become one. This is not of human design. The true intimacy of marriage is a Divine Intimacy. It is a bond created by a power far greater than any found in the two people who are joined. Marriage is where the virtue of love is most fully expressed

Welcome Ana

Welcome Ana Torres (center, held by Father Mark), daughter of Maria and Gabriel Torres (right). Ana who was baptized in Christ at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sept. 26. Also pictured are godparent proxies Thomas Janjigan and Alexis Riroussard. Gabriel and Thomas are teammates on Hartford Athletic, Connecticut's pro soccer team. Congratulations to all.

From the Archdiocese of Hartford:

Fight the "Human Infrastructure" bill

In addition to the ongoing efforts to end the Hyde Amendment and similar laws that have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years, members of Congress are now moving forward with a "human infrastructure" bill that is likely to include funding for elective abortions. Please read more and email Congress at: http://ow.ly/CqP950G9cVH

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God." Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey!

~ Rev. Mark Suslenko

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Pray for Those Who Are Serving

God, keep special watch over these men and women serving in the Navy, National Guard, Army, Marine Corps., Air Force, Coast Guard and keep them safe:

Paul Carbonell
Oliver Cary
Liam Connelly
Daniel Conrad
Charles Edwards
Steven F. Egan
Celea Fajardo
Brandon Farrell
Samuel David Hovanec
Peter Kamianowski
Samuel MacDonald
Alexis Maher
Michael McHale
Michael Scott Mullin
John W. Murphy
Jack M. Zaremba

Do you know someone who is currently on active duty with the U. S. Armed Forces for whom our community prayers would bring comfort, please email the person's name, rank and military branch to: contact@isidoreandmaria.org, or call the parish office at 860-633-9419.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the Latin translation for Hail Mary?

Answer: Ave Maria

Readings for the Week

SUN	**10/3**	Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12
MON	**10/4**	Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
TUE	**10/5**	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42
WED	**10/6**	Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4
THR	**10/7**	Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/ Lk 11:5-13
FRI	**10/8**	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/ Lk 11:15-26
SAT	**10/9**	Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28
SUN	**10/10**	Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/ Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Oct. 2 *27th Sunday in Ordinary Time* *Respect Life Sunday*	2:30 p.m. 4 p.m.	Confessions Valer Wnuk ***Live Stream at 4 p.m.***	Kathie McGuireFamily
Sunday, Oct. 3 *27th Sunday in Ordinary Time* *Respect Life Sunday*	*8:00 a.m. *9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Rita Koslak James Sherry Marc Pomerleau ***Live Stream at 11:15 a.m.***	Roger and MaryAnn Bouchard Wife, Ann Family
Monday, Oct. 4 *St. Francis of Assisi*	7:30 a.m. 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Roger De La Cruz Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist *(St. Augustine Church)*	Sister
Tuesday, Oct. 5 *Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest*		***No Mass*** Convocation of Priests	
Wednesday, Oct. 6 *St. Bruno, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin*		***No Mass*** Convocation of Priests	
Thursday, Oct. 7 *Our Lady of the Rosary*		***No Mass***	
Friday, Oct. 8 *Weekday*	12:15 p.m.	Bernard Skierkowski	Kathy and Gerry Brooks
Saturday, Oct. 9 *28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*	2:30 p.m. 4 p.m.	Confessions Jeffrey Gauches ***Live Stream at 4 p.m.***	Dolores Silvestro
Sunday, Oct. 10 *28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*	*8:00 a.m. *9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Edith Blake Bud Peterson Gilbert Gagnon ***Live Stream at 11:15 a.m.***	Kathleen Blake Berger Family Wife and Children

*Rebroadcast of 4 p.m. Vigil Mass

Altar flower offerings

Oct. 3 - Oct. 10, 2021

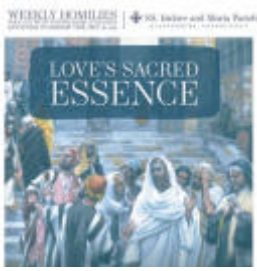
In Memory of Bill Vassar, Sr.

as requested by Carol Vassar

PRAYER REQUESTS

Susan Bowhall
Bob Caisse
Diane Varni Caisse
Sandra Cavanna
Thomas Cavanna
Donna Chapman
Ashley Chapman
Keith Chapman
Ellery Eberhardt
Patricia Feeney
Richard Giguere
Dan Hebert
Julia Krawiec
Lilly Sinnamon
Roger Yost

To add a prayer intention, please contact our parish office and their name will be listed for ONE month. We cannot publish names of friends. Thank you for your understanding.



PODCAST: God's Sacred Essence

"God's sacred essence is found in all of life and every one of his children Therefore what I do to my neighbor is a direct reflection on what I'm doing to God."

Jesus summarizes God's precepts in his two-fold primary commandment to love God and to then love your neighbor as yourself. Father Mark provides insights on how we, as Christians, may better incorporate this precept into our lives.

Listen now to Father Mark's latest podcast, "Love's Sacred Essence." It's free for streaming or download: isidoreandmaria.org/podcasts.

Registration now open for 2022 Teen Mission Trip

Registration for the 2022 Mission Trip is officially open now through Thursday, October 21!

We will be traveling to Frederick, MD July 24-30, 2022 to serve the local community while growing closer to Jesus Christ. Any teen entering high school in the fall of 2022 is eligible to attend.

Please email Donna Berger: donna@isidoreandmaria.org or call 860-633-9419 with questions. Don't hesitate as spots will fill up fast.

Coming March 2022 to Glastonbury

The second Connecticut presentation of "Made for More: Visions of the Promised Land" will be hosted by SS. Isidore and Maria Parish in March 2022. This evening of visual beauty, live music and dynamic presentation is sure to open your heart and your senses to the secret of God reveled in all creation. Tickets are $25 each, and may be purchased at isidoreandmaria.org/faithformation/activities/made-for-more.

"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. *So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate.*" — Mk 10:7-9

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

Fall Food Drive: Oct. 16 and Oct. 17

We're calling upon the parishioners of SS. Isidore and Maria Parish to take part in the upcoming Fall Food Drive after all Masses on Sat., Oct. 16 and Sunday, Oct. 17.

We seek donations of non-perishable food items and grocery store gift cards. All that is collected will be distributed to anyone in need locally through the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

OCT. 13: Family support group meeting

for adults with loved ones experiencing symptoms of mental illness.

SS. Isidore and Maria Parish Mental Health Ministry has partnered with the Connecticut Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) to offer a monthly, free, confidential, peer-led family support group for any adult with a loved one who has experienced symptoms of a mental health condition. The next meeting of this group takes place on Wed., Oct. 13 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information, visit the parish website: https://isidoreandmaria.org/NAMI-support

How may I receive the Holy Eucharist after watching Mass online or on TV?

If you watch Mass from home, the opportunity to receive the Holy Eucharist is available to you immediately following the Sunday 11:15 a.m. Mass at SS. Isidore and Maria Parish. Whether you watch Mass online, or on television, a Eucharistic Minister or Deacon is available at St. Paul Church until 12:30 p.m. each Sunday to unite you more closely to Jesus through His gift of the Eucharist.

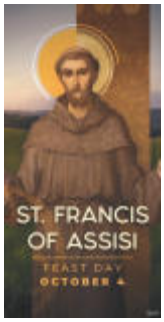
Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:
Today's creation account of man and woman is the foundation of our Judeo-Christian understanding of the covenant of marriage. When a male and a female marry, "the two of them become one body."
What do you see as some modern implications in this understanding of marriage?

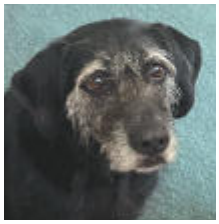
Second Reading:
The author of Hebrews tells us that we are "brothers" with Jesus in our common experience of suffering and death. *In what way do you find comfort in this idea?*

Gospel:
Both in public with the Pharisees and later in private with the disciples, Jesus takes a strong stand on the sacred and unbreakable bond of marriage.
How do you imagine the Pharisees and the disciples reacted to Jesus' position?

This Day in History — Oct. 4



St. Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226) left a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of St. Clare, the Third Order of St. Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land.
St. Francis of Assisi was renowned for drinking and partying as a youth. He spent nearly a year in prison and began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, St. Francis of Assisi claimed to have heard the voice of Christ, who told him to restore the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. As a result, St. Francis of Assisi abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the Catholic faith.
Today, St. Francis of Assisi, known for his deep love of nature and animals, is the patron saint of the environment and animals. Each October, many animals are blessed on his feast day.



Say Harry, I see that you got a "shave and a haircut" to look stylin' for the Pet Blessing on Saturday. It was sure fun to see all our friends come out to honor St. Francis. Lookin' good, Harry!

Harry & Oliver's Corner

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How to Report an Incident of Sexual Abuse to the Archdiocese of Hartford

If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to: Kathleen D. Nowosadko, Victim Assistance Coordinator, 860-541-6475 kathleen.nowosadko@aohct.org

Altar flower offerings

Requests are now being accepted to donate toward floral arrangements for the sanctuary.

Donations may be made honoring a family member or individual, celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or special occasion, or in memory of loved ones.

Only three requests will be accepted for each week. Donation is $35.00. Please contact the parish office 860-633-9419 to arrange a date.

Bulletin submission deadline is *Friday*. All submissions must be received in advance by Friday to be published in the following week's bulletin. Send notices to: theresa@isidoreandmaria.org

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