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December 19, 2021

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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 weekend Masses

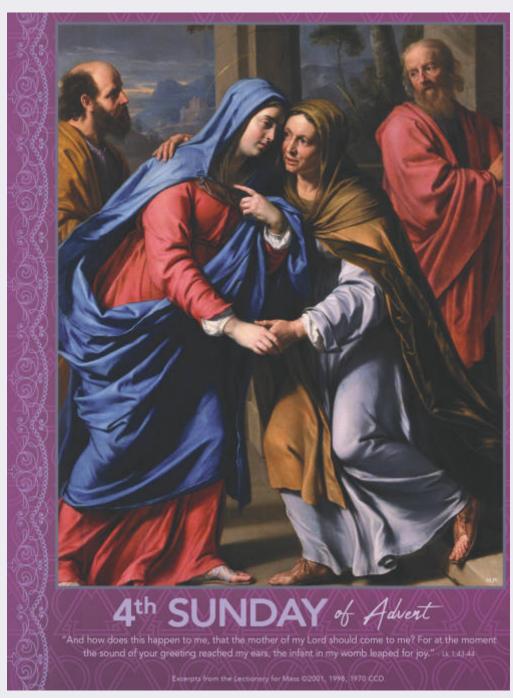
from St. Paul Church takes place each Sat. at 4 p.m. and Sun. at 11:15 a.m., with rebroadcasts of the 4 p.m. Vigil streamed at 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Please visit our Facebook page, YouTube channel or the parish website to worship remotely.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

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





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"It is easy to love the people far away. It is not always easy to love those close to us. It is easier to give a cup of rice to relieve hunger than to relieve the loneliness and pain of someone unloved in our own home. Bring love into your home for this is where our love for each other must start."

"Saint Teresa of Calcutta"

Our Parish Community

Collections and Parish Finance

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

Report for the week of 12/12/2021:

Weekly collection: \$ 9,002.00 **Online Giving:** Total:

2,657.50 \$ 11,659.50

Parish Annual Appeal \$ 122,972.50

Immaculate Conception 12/8/2021 \$ 1,161.00 Retired Religious \$ 1,467.00

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.

Check donations should be payable to: Saints Isidore and Maria. For online giving, go to our website and click on the **DONATE** tab. *Thank you*.

Parish office is closed on Wednesday through Dec. 29, 2021

The central business office for SS. Isidore and Maria Parish, located at St. Paul Church, 2577 Main Street is closed on Wednesdays continuing through Dec. 29, 2021.

Regular Wed. office hours resume on Jan. 5, 2022



Thank you for supporting the 2021 Advent **Giving Program**

The parish Advent Giving program has brought joy

to many children and families in our community over the years - and 2021 is no exception.

Thank you to all who supported the 2021 Advent Giving Program by donating generously to support St. Joseph Residence, the Herbert T. Clark House, Gilmore Manor, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the House of Bread, My Sister's Place, St. Elizabeth House and ImmaCare.

Cover quote:

https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/328379-it-is-easy-to-love-the-people -far-away-it

Inspiration for the Week

by Rev. Mark Suslenko

Did you ever find yourself wishing that God would step in and fix all that is wrong with the world? After all, how much longer can all of this go on? There is so much inequity in life. Our world's political, economic, and environmental systems do not always serve people's best interests. We read stories about injustice, disregard for human life, greed, heartache, and people being hurt and deprived daily. People are still starving, and there is often little regard for human life. This is not the way God intended it to be. Realizing that we have caused most of these problems ourselves, we look to God for an answer and a way out of the difficulties we have created. Taking responsibility for our actions is not something that comes easily. We fail to see that God has already sent the answer in the person of Jesus Christ. God did fix our problem! Mary had to set her needs aside for the Son of Justice to come into the world. We need to do the same. It is only by believing in, listening to, and acting upon what God has spoken that true peace will ever come to be, and God's fix be made known.

2021 Christmas Season Mass Schedule

The 2021 Mass Schedule for Christmas is now available on the parish website. https://isidoreandmaria.org/ christmas-mass-schedule/

Live streaming is available for many Masses, with a post-Mass opportunity to receive communion following the Dec. 24, 5 p.m. Mass (approximately 6 p.m.).

All Masses take place at St. Paul Church. Reservations are not required. Seating is on a first-come, first-seated basis.

And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." - Lk 1:43-45

Excepts from the Lecturary for Mass 00081, 1999, 1970 CCD.

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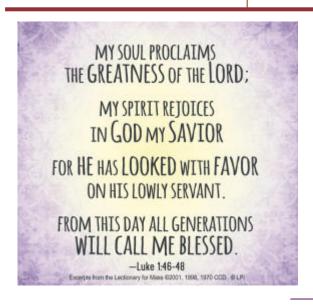
St. Augustine tells us that a "Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps." As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life's necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the

world's ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes. Why doesn't God step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it is. God did take responsibility, and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world's ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility; we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside for the Son of God to come into the world. Mary simply listened and believed.

Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God's vessel so that God's greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God's fix for the world's difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their only vocation is to be God's instrument. What a beautiful. equitable, and just world it would be.

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PODCAST: You are not Alone

"It's commonplace when presented with a challenge to conclude that it is impossible to overcome. Yet if we find the deeper truth, we realize that God gives us faith to put the pieces of life together like a perfect puzzle."

~ Father Mark Suslenko

Advent is a time to stop, look, listen and rediscover God's presence. Father Mark's latest podcast is now available for streaming or download at: isidoreandmaria.org/podcasts

March 2022: Faith, Hope, and Love Revealed: A Night of Sharing and Personal Reflection.

Do you struggle with faith? Do you ask yourself questions like: Who is God? Who am I? Where am I going? What is my purpose?

To fully explore these and other faith questions, we substitute our parish's long-planned Made for More appearance with a locally developed evening of storytelling and reflection. It will take place on Tues., Mar. 8, 2022, at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Church. This program is now free of charge.

If you have already purchased tickets for the Made for More program and have not yet received a refund please contact donna@isidoreandmaria.org.



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Dec. 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent	2:30 p.m. 4 p.m.	Confessions Melinda and George Upton Live Stream at 4 p.m.	Family
Sunday, Dec. 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent	*8 a.m. *9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Philip and Edith Blake Joseph and Dorothy Magnano Michael Stepas Live Stream at 11:15 a.m.	Kathleen Blake Family Stepas Family
Monday, Dec. 20 Late Advent Weekday	7:30 a.m. 6 -7 p.m.	Gerri Ruggiero Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist	John and Donna Ruggiero
Tuesday, Dec. 21 St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church	7:30 a.m.	Rev. John Karash	Fran Juda
Wednesday, Dec. 22 Late Advent Weekday	7:30 a.m.	Thomas Sullivan	Parents
Thursday, Dec. 23 St. John of Kanty, Priest		No Mass	
Friday, Dec. 24 Late Advent Weekday Christmas Eve		No 12:15 p.m. Mass Robert Shepard Mark and Arlene Baker Communion available after 5 p.m. Mass Peter and Charlotte Suslenko	Family From a friend
Saturday, Dec. 25 Nativity of the Lord Christmas Day	9 a.m.	Parishioners of SS. Isidore and Maria No Live Stream No Vigil Mass	
Sunday, Dec. 26 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	No 8 a.m. Mass Amelia and Lucien Daignault Russell Erickson (1st Anniv.) Live Stream at 11:15 a.m.	Family Family

^{*}Rebroadcast of 4 p.m. Vigil Mass



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Ashley Chapman Keith Chapman Patricia Feeney Richard Giguere Dan Hebert

Keith Henson Julia Krawiec **Roger Morin 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.



Oplatek (Christmas wafer) now available

Christmas wafer (oplatek) is now available at the entrance

of St. Paul Church or on the altar rail. Learn more about this Central European tradition on the parish website.





Share your Advent season with Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals provides life-changing meals to some of the world's poorest children every school day.

This Advent season, learn more about the life-changing work they do, and please prayerfully consider donating to this worthy cause: https://www.marysmealsusa.org/



THE NATIVITY STORY: ART OF THE CRECHE

Current Exhibit at The Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center continues through Feb.6, 2022.

The Blessed Michael McGivney

Pilgrimage Center resumes its tradition of showcasing Christmas in art and culture with its 2021/2022 exhibition, The Nativity Story: Art of the Crèche.

The Center continues its custom of free admission and on-site parking. The Center is open to the public from Wednesdays through Sundays. In the interest of public health, several precautions are in place, including the need for timed-entry tickets.

Visit https://www.michaelmcgivneycenter.org when planning your visit.



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:

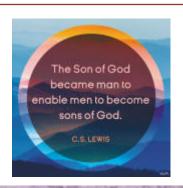
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Do you know someone who is currently on active duty with the U. S. Armed Forces for whom our community prayers would bring comfort, please email the person's name, rank and military branch to: contact@isidoreandmaria.org, or call the parish office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

Rejoice in the Presence of God:

Pausing to rejoice may seem a bit of a challenge to some. We all grapple with life at times. These struggles can be so overwhelming and intense that they rob us of joy and a sense of peaceful wellbeing. Personal, corporate, familial, ecclesial, and social conflicts are all too plentiful. We are constantly bumping elbows with our weaknesses and sinfulness as well as those of the world. Our sad, painful cries reveal our incompleteness. But, if we listen carefully, we can hear within our discomfort God's call to peace, to move beyond and heal the sadness and journey to a better place.

Read the rest of Father Mark's December reflection at: isidoreandmaria.org/december-reflection



Peadings for the Week

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SUN	12/19	Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
MON	12/20	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
TUE	12/21	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
WED	12/22	1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
THR	12/23	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
FRI	12/24	Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79 Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/

12/25 *Day:* Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/

Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

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Celebrating the Saints this week



St. Peter Canisius Feast Day Dec. 21

Born in Holland, St. Peter Canisius (May 8, 1521 – December 21, 1597) was a preacher, teacher, and writer throughout his whole life. At the age of 19, he received a master's degree from the university at Cologne. Soon afterward, St. Peter met

Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius of Loyola, who influenced him so much that he eventually joined the Society of Jesus.

St. Peter Canisius founded colleges and seminaries, served as a missionary, cared for the sick or imprisoned, and wrote close to eight volumes of letters — many about St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great.

A man blessed with many talents, St. Peter Canisius is a beautiful example of a man who developed his talents to further God's work here on earth.

This Day in History — Dec. 22, 1882

First Christmas Tree With Electric Lights



Edward Hibberd Johnson (Jan. 4, 1846 – Sept. 9, 1917) was an inventor and business associate of American inventor Thomas Alva Edison. He was involved in many of Edison's projects, and was a partner in an early organization which evolved into General Electric. When Johnson was Vice President of the Edison Electric Light Company, a predecessor

of Con Edison, he created the first known electrically illuminated Christmas tree at his home in New York City in 1882. Edward H. Johnson became the

Father of Electric Christmas Tree Lights. In the early 1900s, you could rent Christmas tree lights for the season for \$12 - That's equivalent to over \$300 in today's money.



Harry & Oliver's Corner

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edward Hibberd Johnson

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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.



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