

SS. Isidore and Maria Parish

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January 2, 2022

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 weekend Masses

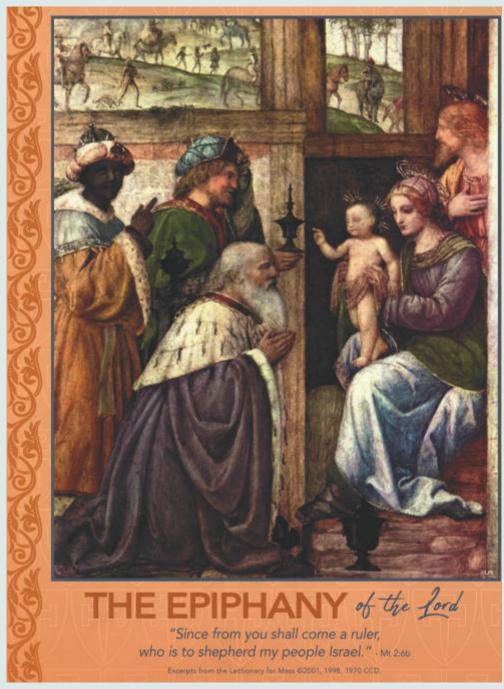
from St. Paul Church takes place each Sat. at 4 p.m. and Sun. at 11:15 a.m., with rebroadcasts of the 4 p.m. Vigil streamed at 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Please visit our Facebook page, YouTube channel or the parish website to worship remotely.

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



"During this new year I resolve to begin a new life. I do not know what will happen to me during this year. But I abandon myself entirely to you, my God. And my aspirations and all my affections will be for You. I feel so weak, dear Jesus, but with Your help I hope and resolve to live a different life, that is, a life closer to You."

Our Parish Community

Collections and Parish Finance

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

Report for the week of 12/19/2021:

Weekly collection: \$ 10,858.16 Online Giving: \$ 2.360.00 Total: \$ 13,218.66

Report for the week of 12/26/2021:

Weekly collection: \$ 8,168.00 Online Giving: \$ 4,222.50 Total: \$ 12,390.50

 Christmas collection:
 \$ 11,606.27

 Online Giving:
 \$ 1,310.00

 Total Offertory:
 \$ 12,916.27

Parish Annual Appeal \$ 131,345.00

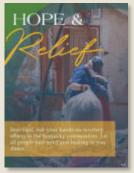
Annual Chancery Assessment for 2021: \$76,927.00

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*.

Wed. office hours resume this week

SS. Isidore and Maria Parish's central business office at St. Paul Church, 2577 Main Street, will resume regular Wed. office hours (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.) on Jan. 5, 2022.



SECOND COLLECTION Jan. 8 & 9: Kentucky disaster relief.

On Dec. 10, 2021, a series of tornados brought severe destruction and devastation to the state of Kentucky and other portions of the South and Midwest. An appeal has been made nationally from the

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops for a collection to be taken up in each diocese for the relief efforts underway in this area.

This collection, administered by Catholic Charities U.S.A., takes place at SS. Isidore and Maria Parish the weekend of Jan. 8 and Jan. 9. Please place your donation in a separate envelope marked "Kentucky" and place it in the offertory kiosk.



Inspiration for the Week

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization are offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines, pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

Mary, Mother Of God

Question:

If God is eternal and infinite, how can He have a mother? Why don't we call Mary just the mother of Jesus?

Answer

The tile of "Mary, Mother of God" can be confusing. We aren't implying that Mary existed from eternity or that she is divine herself. We aren't promoting some kind of Marian superpowers. The Church has fought for this title throughout the centuries for one simple reason: Christ's identity is at stake.

As the Church grew in the early centuries, theologians wrestled with what it meant for Jesus to be both God and man. Many distortions of his identity began to emerge. One of these was propagated by a man named Nestorius. Nestorius and his followers denied that Jesus' human nature and his divine nature were inseparable. Following that logic, Mary could have only conceived Jesus' human nature. But people don't give birth to a "nature." They give birth to a whole person. For Jesus, his whole person is both human and divine. In 431 A.D. the Council of Ephesus denounced Nestorius. The bishops affirmed that Jesus is both fully human and fully divine and proclaimed Mary "Theotokos". Translating the Greek to English, that means "God-bearer." Note that this isn't "God-generator" or "God-creator." Mary bore Jesus, God and man, in her womb and gave him birth. She is mother to the whole person, the whole Jesus, and therefore Mother of God. ©LPi



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Facets Counseling



n his Apostolic Exhortation, "The Joy of the Gospel," Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This message and truth are not meant to be shared with only a

select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and selfabsorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

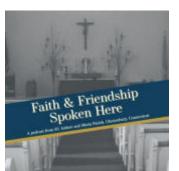
Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even people of faith can get distracted and lose their focus. God is revealed in Jesus Christ in all of His fullness, and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. Today is a day of great joy for those who are struggling and lost. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This

presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night points us to truth and reminds us that we are loved

~ Rev. Mark Suslenko

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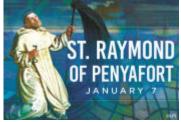


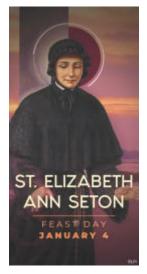
NEW PODCAST: Faith and Friendship Spoken Here

Faith and Friendship Spoken Here is the new podcast from the SS. Isidore and Maria Parish Mental Health and Communications ministries. It features two parishioners in conversation about the struggles and joys faced daily by everyone on the journey of faith.

This first episode introduces the podcast hosts and their Advent reflections as they look forward to Christmas and the year ahead. To listen, visit: https://isidoreandmaria.org/faith-friendship-pod







St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Feast Day | Jan. 4

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Aug. 28, 1774 – Jan. 4, 1821), was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman. Together, they have five children. In 1803, however, her husband died of tuberculosis, leaving Elizabeth a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years of struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women founded and based in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which triggered the exponential growth of Catholic-based education in the United States.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized on Sept. 14, 1975, in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI. She was the first natural-born U.S. citizen to be given the title of "saint."

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Not a Holy Day of Obligation	2:30 p.m. 4 p.m.	Confessions Nancy Heley Live Stream at 4 p.m.	Husband, Skip
Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022 Epiphany of the Lord	*8 a.m. *9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Parishioners of SS. Isidore and Maria Parishioners of SS. Isidore and Maria Renato Catubig, Satornina Catubig <i>Live Stream at 11:15 a.m.</i>	Family
Monday, Jan. 3 Holy Name of Jesus		Bernardo Jarumay Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist (St. Augustine Church)	William Curley
Tuesday, Jan. 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious	7:30 a.m.	Alfredo Lacambra	William Curley
Wednesday, Jan. 5 St. John Neumann, Bishop	7:30 a.m.	Romy De La Cruz	His Sister
Thursday, Jan. 6 St. Andre Bessette, Religious		No Mass	
First Friday, Jan. 7 St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest	12:15 p.m.	Robert Dussault	Mary Lou Tanski
Saturday, Jan. 8 Baptism of the Lord	2:30 p.m. 4 p.m.	Confessions Daisy Kisosondi (1st Anniv.) Live Stream at 4 p.m.	Parish Staff
Sunday, Jan. 9 Baptism of the Lord	*8 a.m. *9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Emily Condio and Elaine Connors Maria Falcon Jose Tavares <i>Live Stream at 11:15 a.m.</i>	Leslie Family Family Scola Family

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



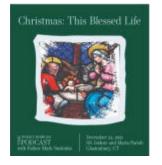
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To add a prayer intention, please contact our parish office and their name will be listed for ONE month. We cannot publish names of friends. Thank you for your understanding.

Faith never knows where it is being led, but it loves and knows the One who is leading. - Oswald Chambers



PODCAST: The Blessed Life

Father Mark's Christmas homily reminds us of the blessings bestowed upon us by God. Entitled "This Blessed Life," this podcast episode is now available for streaming or download at: isidoreandmaria.org/podcasts.





SS. Isidore
and Maria
Parish Joins
River East
Resettlement
Alliance

SS. Isidore and Ma-

ria Parish recently joined other local faith-based and civic community groups to form an alliance called the River East Resettlement Alliance (RERA). RERA is a community of volunteers from the greater Hartford area who have come together to support refugee families as they resettle in the greater Hartford area.

The RERA co-sponsorship will support families with the challenges faced as they resettle in our area. These include housing, healthcare, enrolling the children in school, learning English, obtaining employment, learning the public transportation system, and much more.

Your assistance is needed to make this resettlement a success. Deacon Steve Weaver is leading this effort on behalf of the parish. Learn more about how you can help: isidoreandmaria.org/refugee-resettlement.



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:

Tammy Breiner
Paul Carbonell
Oliver Cary
Liam Connelly
Daniel Conrad
Charles Edwards
Steven F. Egan
Celia 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.



Jan. 8 and 9: Learn about the parish Mental Health Ministry

News outlets and social media sites are filled with dire stories of the pandemic's effect on the mental health of individuals, particularly children, adolescents, and young adults.

A year ago, SS. Isidore and Maria Parish launched its Mental Health Ministry. The purpose was - and continues to be - working toward an environment where people living with mental illness and their family and friends can meet, share their experiences with others, and grow spiritually closer in their relationship with God.

On the weekend of Jan. 8 and Jan. 9, volunteers from the ministry will be available in the South Wing of St. Paul Church after each Mass to provide information and answer questions about our work. We're also seeking additional volunteers to help us carry out this vital mission. Visit our website for more information: isidoreandmaria.org/mental-health.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Separate Vision the Landscope's for Phys. 00000, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Readings for the Week

SUN	1/2/22	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
MON	1/3/22	1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/ Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
TUE	1/4/22	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
WED	1/5/22	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/ Mk 6:45-52
THR	1/6/22	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/ Lk 4:14-22a
FRI	1/7/22	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Lk 5:12-16
SAT	1/8/22	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
SUN	1/9/22	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/ Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15- 16, 21-22

The prayer intentions of the Holy Father for 2022:

JANUARY For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Read more about Pope Francis' Worldwide Prayer Network at: www.vaticannews.va/ en/pope/news/2021-02/pope-francismonthly-prayerintentions-2022.html

This Day in History — Jan. 2, 2022

Epiphany also known as Theophany in the east, is a Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ. In Western Christianity, the feast commemorates principally (but not solely) the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child, and thus Jesus Christ's physical manifestation to the Gentiles. It is sometimes called Three Kings' Day, and in some traditions celebrated as Little Christmas.

Either on the eve of the feast of the Epiphany, or on Epiphany Day itself, many Christians write on their doors with chalk in a pattern such as 20 + C + M + B + 22, with the numbers referring to the calendar year (20 and 22, for instance, for this year, 2022); the crosses stand for Christ; and the letters have a two-fold significance: C, M and B are the initials for the traditional names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar), but they are also an abbreviation of the Latin blessing, Christus mansionem benedicat, which means, "May Christ bless this house." In some localities the chalk used to write the Epiphanytide pattern is blessed by a Christian priest or minister on Epiphany Day, then taken home to write the pattern.

Oliver and I wish everyone a blessed Epiphany Day and a Happy Little Christmas! We are still celebrating, so Father Mark can give us more treats!



Harry & Oliver's Corner

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chalking the door

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Epiphany (holiday)

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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.



Looking to update your ! parish registration?

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