

# **SS.** Isidore and Maria Parish

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January 9, 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

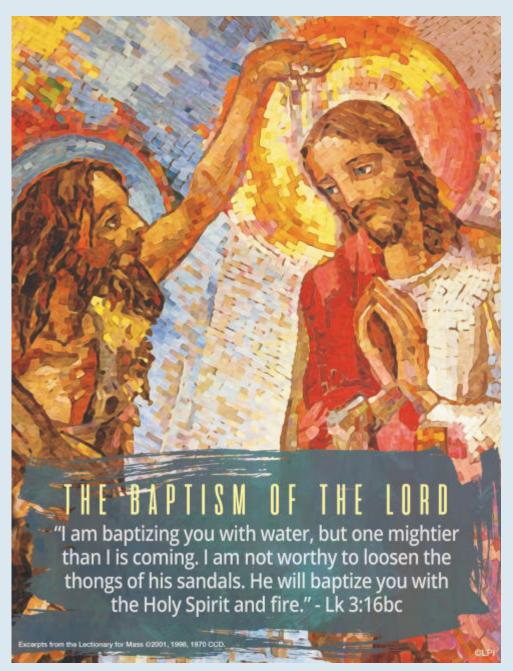
Confessions at St. Paul Church: Sat. at 2:30 p.m. *Masks are requested.* 

# Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

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



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What good is it to me that Mary gave birth to the Son of God fourteen hundred years ago, and I do not also give birth to the Son of God in my time and in my culture? We are all meant to be mothers of God. God is always needing to be born. ~ Meister Eckhart

#### **Collections and Parish Finance**

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

Report for the week of 1/2/2022:

Weekly collection: \$ 9,804.21 Online Giving: \$ 5.972.50 Total: \$ 15,776.71

 Solemnity of Mary:
 \$ 846.00

 Online Giving:
 \$ 65.00

 Total:
 \$ 911.00

#### 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*.

#### Inspiration for the Week

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly remarkable and inspiring. He let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus through gentle and straightforward action. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters, God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear, and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor, and God is delighted.

#### THIS WEEKEND



#### SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: 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.



View the 2020 financial report for the Archdiocese of Hartford: https://archdioceseofhartford.org/finance/





#### Learn about the parish Mental Health Ministry

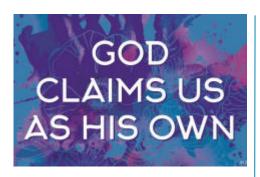
A year ago, SS. Isidore and Maria Parish launched its Mental Health Ministry. The purpose was - and continues to be - working toward an environment where people living with mental illness and their family and friends can meet, share their experiences with others, and grow spiritually closer in their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

This weekend, Jan. 8 and Jan. 9, volunteers from the Mental Health 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.



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#### **Citywide Homes**



What reference point do you use when making decisions? Impulse often takes control, and decisions are based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these kinds of decisions can get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a fundamental understanding of what is essential and valuable, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well-informed and purposeful decisions. God claims us as His own by this simple gesture and

provides us with the identity and purpose we need to live life properly.

It is tremendously reassuring when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or wander. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on these core Gospel truths, we act as Christ himself,

revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It isn't easy to swim against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection, we are called to order our lives and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular, but who said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life, and God is delighted. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

©LPi ~ Rev. Mark Suslenko

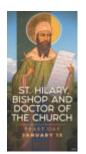


# **NEW PODCAST:**Faith and Friendship Spoken Here

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. To listen, visit: isidoreandmaria.org/faith-friendship-pod



#### St. Hilary of Poitiers | Jan. 13

Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which

denies Christ's divinity. From Phyrgia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.



#### SS. Isidore and Maria Parish Joins River East Resettlement Alliance

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Maria 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.



Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
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
Monday, Jan. 10 Weekday First Week in Ordinary Time		Peter and Maryann Jiovo Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist (St. Augustine Church)	Family
Tuesday, Jan. 11 Weekday	7:30 a.m.	Lorraine Brown (1st Anniv.)	Family
Wednesday, Jan. 12 Weekday	7:30 a.m.	Rev. Edward Chadziewicz	Henry Family
Thursday, Jan. 13 St. Hiliary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church		No Mass	
Friday, Jan. 14 Weekday	12:15 p.m.	Mary Simoes	Graham Family
Saturday, Jan. 15 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	2:30 p.m. 4 p.m.	Confessions Fred J. Nemecek  Live Stream at 4 p.m.	Rosemary Nemecek
Sunday, Jan. 16 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	*8 a.m. *9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Caroline Baribault Joanne Buckley Anne DeNuccio Live Stream at 11:15 a.m.	Kathy Gauches Howley Family Lisa Lynch

<sup>\*</sup>Rebroadcast of 4 p.m. Vigil Mass

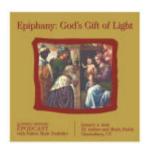


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**Ashley Chapman Keith Chapman Patricia Feeney Richard Giguere Dan Hebert** 

**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.



#### PODCAST: **Epiphany:** God's Gift of Light

"The profound truth of Christmas is that God has become one like us in Jesus Christ. In doing so, He becomes one like us in Jesus Christ; that's the profound truth of

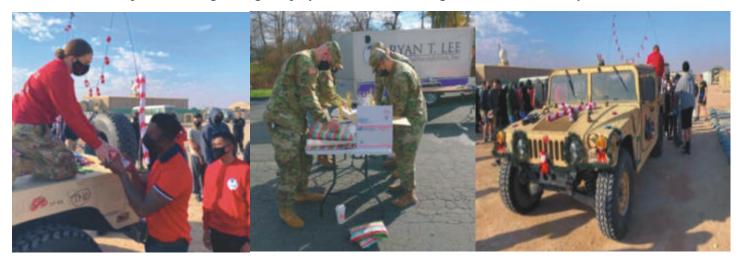
Christmas. Today we celebrate that light that has scattered the darkness has come into the world, not for a select few, but for all of humanity in all corners of the world. Not to judge or to condemn, but to enlighten and embrace.

When God came into the world, he showed us that he is the essence of perfect love. And so the true gift of that life is God's love as it enters into the human soul and it's ready to create this space to welcome that love."

Listen to the entire podcast at isidoreandmaria.org/podcasts

# Glastonbury Knights of Columbus, Lions International, team up to help deployed Connecticut military

The Glastonbury Centennial Lions and the Knights of Columbus (Council #2533) partnered to donate care packages and money to military personnel serving overseas during the holidays. The 2021 Care Package shipment included over 800 packages supporting nearly 600 Connecticut National Guard soldiers of the 102nd Infantry Regiment, assigned to work in the Horn of Africa as part of the largest single deployment of Connecticut guardsmen in about 12 years.



# Readings for the Week

SUN	1/9/22	Sunday: 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
MON	1/10/22	1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/ Mk 1:14-20
TUE	1/11/22	1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/ Mk 1:21-28
WED	1/12/22	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
THR	1/13/22	1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/ Mk 1:40-45
FRI	1/14/22	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/ Mk 2:1-12
SAT	1/15/22	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
SUN	1/16/22	Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1

Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11



#### **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	Michael Hitzer
Paul Carbonell	<b>Samuel David Hovanec</b>
Oliver Cary	Peter Kamianowski
Liam Connelly	Samuel MacDonald
Daniel Conrad	Alexis Maher
Charles Edwards	Michael McHale
Steven F. Egan	Michael Scott Mullin
Celia Fajardo	John W. Murphy
Brandon Farrell	Jack M. Zaremba
Chris Gibb	

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.

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

## Reflect and Respond to Scripture

#### First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah was called to bring words of comfort and good news to the beleaguered Israelites held captive in Babylon. How do you minister to those in your life struggling to find God's presence?

#### **Second Reading:**

Paul taught Titus that baptized believers are called "to live temperately, justly, and devoutly." How well do you think you live by this moral and ethical standard?

#### Gospel:

We hear today the account of the baptism of Jesus and God's words from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

What do you imagine Jesus did (prior to the start of his public ministry) that was so pleasing to God?

#### This Day in History — Jan. 10, 1984



Clara Peller

#### Where's the Beef?

The Wendy's hamburger chain first airs it famous commercial starring 81-year-old Clara Peller. Wendy's sales jumped 31% during the ad campaign. Peller was paid actor-scale wages of \$317.40 per day for the first commercial. It is reported that she was paid about \$500,000 for the series of commercials that followed. Peller became an overnight sensation and went on to appear on TV talk shows, Saturday Night Live, and even served as a guest time-keeper for the Battle Royale at WrestleMania 2.

After she did a commercial for Prego spaghetti sauce in which she wondered, "Where's the beef?" and exclaimed, "I found it! I really found it", Wendy's terminated her contract stating, she was only allowed to find the beef at Wendy's.

Say, Oliver, Clara really knew the right question to ask! We are always asking Fr. Mark, "Where's the beef"?

Guess Fr. Mark likes "surf" rather than 'turf". All we ever hear is, "Where's the fish"?



Harry & Oliver's Corner

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clara\_Peller

https://www.thisdaytrivia.com/trivia/january-10

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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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