# **H** SS. Isidore and Maria Parish

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January 16, 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

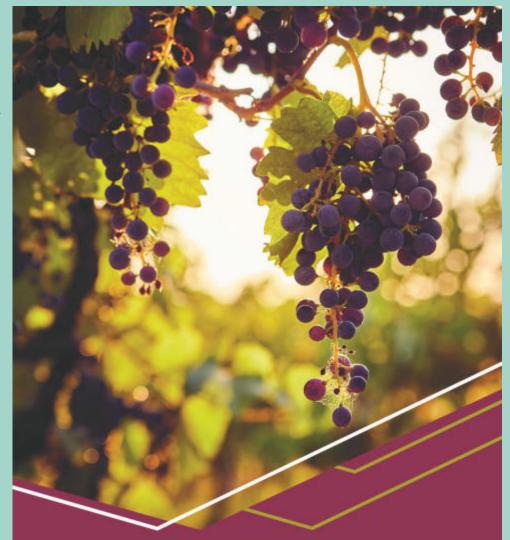
Confessions at St. Paul Church: Sat. at 2:30 p.m. *Masks are requested.* 

## Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

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



 Update your parish registration or register with
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Maria Parish.
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### 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

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

"Martin Luther King Jr. was the conscience of his generation. He gazed upon the great wall of segregation and saw that the power of love could bring it down. From the pain and exhaustion of his fight to fulfill the promises of our founding fathers for our humblest citizens, he wrung his eloquent statement of his dream for America. He made our nation stronger because he made it better. His dream sustains us yet."

In 1977, the Presidential Medal of Freedom was posthumously awarded to King by President Jimmy Carter. The citation reads as above.

#### All Are Welcome

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

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

Report for the week	1/9/2022	
Weekly collection:	\$	9,215.00
<b>Online Giving:</b>	\$	2,682.50
Total:	<b>\$</b>	11,897.50

Collection for Kentucky: \$ 3,950.00

#### 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*.



#### Offertory Kiosks: A Safe, Secure Means for Making A Donation to Your Parish

Your donations are vital to the work we do each day here at SS. Isidore and Maria Parish, and may be made in-person

using the offertory kiosks at the main and south wing entrances to St. Paul Church. *Thank you!* 

#### Outreach to Haiti

It's a sad reality that some families in Haiti cannot afford a funeral for their loved ones because the cost of the funeral is often more than a family earns in an entire year.

Through the SS. Isidore and Maria Parish "Burial Clothes for Haiti" ministry, you can share time, talent and treasure to help prepare and send burial clothes to Haiti so that the deceased can be buried with dignity. For more information, visit: isidoreandmaria.org/burial-clothes

#### **Online Prayer Requests**

Prayers for the SS. Isidore and Maria Parish Prayer basket as well as candle lighting requests are now available online: https://isidoreandmaria.org/

#### The need for blood is ongoing.

To make an appointment to donate blood, visit www.redcrossblood.org, or call **1-800-RED CROSS** (1-800-733-2767). *Thank you!* 

Cover quote: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin\_Luther\_King\_Jr.#Christianity



people in our lives are either acquaintances and associates or true friends is a journey that takes time. Identifying and celebrating those who care about us is a lifelong adventure involving moments of intense joy and heartache. Some relationships are more easily definable than others. Two people in love must decide whether the love they share has the freedom and depth necessary for lifelong commitments. Other relationships may look like friendship but may harbor grave dysfunction and toxicity. Discernment is needed on all fronts. Our relationship with God also requires definition and understanding. God has taken creation as His spouse and human beings as His children. God delights in us and all that He has made. The wedding feast at Cana demonstrates God's investment in all of this, especially our happiness. Life is a time for celebration and great rejoicing!



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

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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 at: isidoreandmaria.org/refugeeresettlement



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God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the bottomless measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister played on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God wants us to be happy! The wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love. God is with us through for the long haul. He is with us through the challenges, sorrows, successes, and accomplishments. Even though we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

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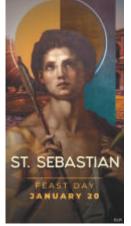
~ Rev. Mark Suslenko



In 2022, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) takes place from Jan. 18-25. The WPCU has a history of over 100 years, in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian

unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. John 17:21)

"Dialogue" first entered the Church's vocabulary as the method of approaching the modern world Pope Saint Paul VI promoted. This illustrates the spirit of the Second Vatican Council, which produced *Unitatis Redintegratio* and *Nostra Aetate*, the foundational documents that guide the Church's relations with other Christians and religious communities. Thus, the Church committed itself irrevocably to building fruitful relationships with others: fostering bonds of friendship, mutual understanding, and constructive collaboration. Learn more at: https://www.usccb.org/ committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs



#### St. Sebastian | Jan. 20

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 - 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna, and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually,

he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian, and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time, the death sentence against St. Sebastian was carried out, and he was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.



To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Couples will explore their personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited, and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank and or visit them at https://wwmectw.org/.

Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at https://wwmectw.org/.

#### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

**JANUARY 16, 2022** 

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
<b>Saturday, Jan. 15</b> Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	2:30 p.m. 4 p.m.	Confessions Fred J. Nemecek <i>Live Stream at 4 p.m.</i>	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 <i>Live Stream at 11:15 a.m.</i>	Kathy Gauches Howley Family Lisa Lynch
<b>Monday, Jan. 17</b> St. Anthony, Abbot Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	7:30 a.m. 6 -7 p.m.	Mary Manning Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist (St. Augustine Church)	Doreen and John Blondin
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 18</b> Weekday	7:30 a.m.	Brendan Viggiano	Bob McCarthy
Wednesday, Jan. 19 Weekday	7:30 a.m.	Ralph Stegner	Bob McCarthy
<b>Thursday, Jan. 20</b> St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr		No Mass	
<b>Friday, Jan. 21</b> St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr	12:15 p.m.	Brian Kleinhen	Family
<b>Saturday, Jan. 22</b> <i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	2:30 p.m. 4 p.m.	Reconciliation (Confession) Amelia and Lucien Daignault <i>Live Stream at 4 p.m.</i>	Family
Sunday, Jan. 23 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	*8 a.m. *9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	D. Joon Yoo Frank Famiglietti Henry Schecher <i>Live Stream at 11:15 a.m.</i>	Family Shea and Howley Families Wife

\*Rebroadcast of 4 p.m. Vigil Mass



**Susan Bowhall Bob Caisse** Diane Varni Caisse Keith Chapman Sandra Cavanna **Thomas Cavanna** 

**Donna Chapman Ashley 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.

Baptism: Putting on Christ Now and Always



#### **PODCAST**:

"What does baptism really do for us? It's not just the rite that we celebrate to become a Christian, although it certainly is that. But it's much, much more powerful than that." ~ Father Mark

Explore the everlasting benefits - and occasional challenges of baptism in Father Mark's latest podcast, "Baptism - Putting on Christ Now and Always."

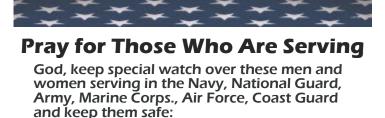
Listen today at: isidoreandmaria/podcasts.

#### **CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN** Question: What are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit?

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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
MON	1/17/22	1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
TUE	1/18/22	1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
WED	1/19/22	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
THR	1/20/22	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
FRI	1/21/22	1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
SAT	1/22/22	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
SUN	1/23/22	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



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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.



Good and gracious God, you blew into our nostrils the breath of life. You are the One to whom we owe our very existence.

Give us the courage to take that unpopular position of protecting those who have no voice, the unborn child in the womb to the person taking his or her last breath.

The life you have given us is a gift beyond measure. Embolden us to speak the truth about protecting the child, the elderly, and the one without a voice in the public square.

With thankful hearts, we ask all this of the One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. Pope Francis has said that respect for life is not just about the unborn child in the womb, but also about the least of our brothers and sisters. Yes, it is even upon the undocumented resident alien who has no voice but ours. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are all called to protect the voiceless.

The over 60 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture." However, we have great trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, Jan. 22 (or Jan. 23, when Jan. 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."

As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms. Another way to take part is through participating in special events to observe the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Call your local diocese to find out what events might be taking place in your area.

https://www.usccb.org/committees/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/january-22-day -of-prayer

"Some seek **knowledge** for the *sake of knowledge:* that is *curiosity*. Others seek knowledge that they may *themselves be known:* that is *vanity*. But there are still others who seek knowledge to *serve and edify others* and that is *charity*."  $\sim$  St. Bernard of Clairvaux

#### Reflect and Respond to Scripture

#### **First Reading:**

The prophet Isaiah used marriage imagery (bride and groom) to describe the Lord's love for his people, Israel. *What do you see as some implications* 

of this marriage imagery?

#### Second Reading:

Paul taught the Corinthians that the individual gifts of the Holy Spirit are meant to benefit and unify the community of faith. *How do you use your spiritual* gifts within your faith community?

#### Gospel:

Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana was one of the first public "signs" he performed revealing his divinity. It also showed Jesus' compassion, sparing the family shame at running short of wine. *How do you imagine the family reacted to Jesus' intervention and rescue?* 

#### This Day in History — Jan. 15, 1929



**Martin Luther King Jr. Day** (officially Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., and sometimes referred to as MLK Day) is a federal holiday in the United States. It marks the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and is observed annually on the third Monday of January.

Dr. King was born on Tuesday, January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia. A Nobel Peace Prize laureate, Dr. King was the chief spokesperson for nonviolent activism in the Civil Rights Movement, which protested racial discrimination in federal and state law.

Dr. King in 1965

The campaign for a federal King holiday began soon after his assassination in 1968. President Ronald Reagan signed the holiday into law in 1983, and it was



Ronald Reagan and Coretta Scott King at the Martin Luther King Jr. Day signing ceremony first observed three years later. Initially, some states resisted observing the holiday, giving it alternative names, or combining it with other holidays. It was officially observed in all 50 states for the first time in 2000.





https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin\_Luther\_King\_Jr.\_Day

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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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