GLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT



July 7, 2024

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" - Mark 6:2

Collections and Parish Finance

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



Due to the advance print deadline for the bulletin, the offertory collection for June 30 will be published next week.

Annual Chancery Assessment for fiscal year 2024: \$ 94,171.00

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.



Through the generosity of the SS. Isidore and Maria Parish community, 72% of our financial target has been met. All are encouraged to consider a gift that is appro-

priate for them; let's work together to exceed our parish goal. Donation packets are at the doors of the church, or you may make your donation online at <u>https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/</u>. Thank you for your consideration.



VIDEO SERIES: No Way to Live - Homelessness in Central Connecticut

Dear Parishioners: I recently learned of a fantastic short video series about the homelessness crisis in central Connecticut entitled **No Way to Live**, from Bristol-based

Productions for Change. I was moved by the many unanswered questions raised during the series.

No Way to Live highlights the voices of the unhoused alongside volunteers, non-profit agencies, religious organizations, and governmental entities trying to battle this ageold crisis. It also provides a starting point for understanding the gravity of the homelessness crisis around us.

I invite you to watch the series (http://isidoreandmaria.org/ nowaytolive) with open, Christian hearts so that our parish community can better comprehend the massive issue in our backyards and begin formulating ways we can do our part to alleviate it.

After viewing the series, I welcome your feedback as our parish moves ahead on our journey to live the social justice values we learned from Jesus. Please email me at father@isidoreandmaria.org, or call the parish office at 860-633-9419.

Inspiration for the Week

by Rev. Mark Suslenko

God never ceases to proclaim his Word.

His life-giving presence continues to sustain all things and keep them in being regardless of whether there is the faith to receive or perceive him. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be so hard of heart and obstinate that we fail to see what God is trying to do. While God remains ever present, faith is necessary for God's power to bear fruit. Having recently celebrated our country's independence, let us not forget the difference between liberties and freedom. While our liberties are most welcome treasures, only freedom from what blinds, deceives, and weighs us down can bring happiness. God is all about healing, transformation, and hope. For God to do what God does best, we must invite him in and see him for who he is. Otherwise, God's will for humanity will be something at which we simply take offense, a common reaction when something challenges or unsettles us.

A Message from Father Mark: Family Survey Summer 2024

To further connect with our younger parishioners, I am asking parents to assist their children in completing a brief survey. I want to hear from them, in their own words, what's on their minds. The survey is CONFIDENTIAL. I am the only person who will see



their responses. To take the survey, please visit <u>http://isidoreandmaria.org/familysurvey2024</u>. Thank you in advance for helping your child complete this survey.

2024/2025 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION





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In Christ, Father Mark

Liturgical Schedul	July 7, 2024		
Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, July 6 Fourteenth Sunday in	4 p.m.	Nancy Higgins	Linda Yost
Sunday, July 7 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8 a.m.	D. Joon Yoo	Family
	9:30 a.m.	Richard Inman	Elaine Henry & Family
	11:15 a.m.	Edward Martin	Diane Sereduck
Monday, July 8 Weekday	7:30 a.m.	Special Intentions	Saiza Family
Tuesday, July 9 St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Companions, Martyrs	7:30 a.m.	Urbansky Family	Fran Juda
	7 p.m.	Rosary (St. Augustine Church)	
Wednesday, July 10 Weekday	7:30 a.m.	Fran Juda (living)	Friend
Thursday, July 11 St. Benedict, Abbot		NO MASS	
Friday, July 12 Weekday	12:15 p.m.	Lana Maloney	Lea, Elina & Erin
	After Mass until 2 p.m.	Exposition and Adoration o	f the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday, July 13 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	4 p.m.	Helen & Raymond Paquette	Bryan Paquette
Sunday, July 14 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8 a.m.	Frances Azie (Birthday)	llioje Family
	9:30 a.m.	Michael Kelly	Rich & Trish Ehrhardt
	11:15 a.m.	Robert William Marrion	Frank & Lynn Pulito

We welcome parishioners to add prayer intentions for family members free of charge in the bulletin for one (1) month. To do so, please contact the parish office at 860-633-9419 or contact@isidoreandmaria.org. We cannot publish the names of friends. Thank you for your understanding.



Ellona Bilotta James Bilotta Diane Varni Caisse Sandra Cavanna Thomas Cavanna Chris Delissio Brian Faxon Rita Henson

Sheila Kimball Julia Miller Gilbert Morin Shannon O'Donnell Andrea Villegas **Irene Papaleo** Koa Sage Rachel Sage



Peter Savidge Frank Schultz Garland Taylor John Vroblick Mary E. Wallace Roger Yost



July Prayer Intention from The Holy Father

(Ps 123)

Each month, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention, and you are invited to answer the Holy Father's request. Join people worldwide in praying for the July intention:

Pope Francis

For the pastoral care of the sick

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.





It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their

food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, their work has a magical artfulness and skill that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through everyday things and ordinary people.

Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life. Some may question what's so special about it. A sunset is a sunset, and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

If we're looking for God to come in an event so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, think again. When pondering God's relationship with his people and God's actions in our lives, we must go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run-of-the-mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child, and there wasn't anything unusual to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinariness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors, and did everyday human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but challenges us to look differently at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced mo- ments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope-filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us, either.

~ Rev. Mark Suslenko



Local children – including parishioners – helping others

Five Buttonball Elementary School students - including three SS. Isidore and Maria parishioners - recently took it upon themselves to collect food items from across classrooms at Buttonball for the Glastonbury Food Bank. The rising fourth graders - Reese Wisnowski, parishioner Kate McDonald, parishioner Keira Margarido, parishioner Katherine Kach, and Hazel McCarthy are pictured above with their teacher Patrick Scully, following their community outreach efforts. They are also shown in the lower photo recently delivering what they collected to the town food bank. When asked why they initiated this undertaking, the girls stated it's important to think of those less fortunate and to help those in need. It is a blessing to witness our youngest parishioners living the Good News.



Retreat. Rest. RediscoverSometimes, you need a break from the secular world to become closer to Jesus. Consider embarking upon a Catholic retreat. Whether it's for a half-day, full-day, weekend, or longer, there are several local Catholic retreat centers, each with a full schedule of ongo-

ing day and overnight retreats for individuals and groups. For a list of local retreats coming up soon, please visit http://isidoreandmaria.org/retreats.



PRAY FOR UKRAINE

Coming in September

Sept. 10: SS. Isidore and Maria Golf Tournament and Fundraising Dinner



With golf season in full swing, it's time to register for the annual **SS. Isidore and Maria Golf Tournament and Fundraising Dinner**. It's happening on Sept. 10 at Glastonbury Hill Country Club.

Proceeds from this tournament support teen activities, faith formation scholarships, and other initiatives that support our parish youth. Get the details on registering to golf, attend the dinner or become a sponsor at http://isidoreandmaria.org/golf2024.

Regina's Writings: You?

In the latest edition of *Regina's Writings*, we are reminded that it is impossible to tell from the outside what burdens lie within each person we encounter in our lives – even the faces of family, friends, neighbors and fellow parishioners. Read the full column here: <u>http://isidoreandmaria.org/you</u>





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
Oliver Cary
Beau Douglas
Celia Fajardo
Brandon Farrell
Gabe Forthofer
Kevin Gamache
Chris Gibb
Michael Hitzer

Peter Kamianowski Madeline Lanzi Mark J. Lord Samuel MacDonald Alexis Maher Michael Scott Mullin John W. Murphy Drew Scarfone Timothy Sullivan Jack M. Zaremba



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SAVE THE DATE: Sept. 15 is the Glastonbury Roman Catholic Parishes Fall Festival!



The 2024 Glastonbury Roman Catholic Parishes Fall Festival takes place on Sun, Sept. 15, at The Elk's Club, 98 Woodland St., South Glastonbury, from 1-4 p.m. Join us for an afternoon of food, fun, friendship, and activities for the kids, raffle and more.

ImmaCare Inc.

The next ImmaCare dinner is on Fri., Jul. 12. All are welcome

to participate by preparing food or helping to deliver and serve our meals at the shelter. In addition, our parish supports ImmaCare's daily efforts to feed the unhoused wherever they may be across Hartford. Please help support this **Outreach Program** by donating items from the list provided on the parish website. **Our parish's next pickup for the Outreach Program is on Thurs., Jul. 11.** Items may be left at either St. Augustine Church or St. Paul Church. For more information on all of the work we do to support ImmaCare, please visit <u>https://isidoreandmaria.org/immacare</u>.



Scripture Readings for the Week

SUN 6/30/24	Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd)/ 2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
MON 7/7/24	Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26
TUES 7/8/24	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38
WED 7/9/24	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Mt 10:1-7
THR 7/10/24	Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15
FRI 7/11/24	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23
SAT 7/12/24	ls 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33
SUN 7/13/24	Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/ Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The Lord encourages Ezekiel to be courageous in his role as a prophet, regardless of the response of the Israelites.

Can you think of a time when you had to be courageous in facing uncertainty?

Second Reading:

Paul learned a "thorn in his flesh" that was given to him to teach him that God's grace alone should be sufficient for his ministry. What are some obstacles in your life you have had to overcome?

Gospel:

We hear how the villagers of Nazareth were "offended" by Jesus and lacked faith in him. *How do you support family or friends who have been hurt by others?*

This Day in History — July 9, 1932



King Camp Gillette (January 5, 1855 – July 9, 1932) was an American businessman who invented a best-selling safety razor. Gillette's innovation was the thin, inexpensive, disposable blade of stamped steel. Gillette is often erroneously credited with inventing the so-called razor and blades business model in which razors are sold cheaply to increase the market for blades. However,

Gillette Safety Razor Company adopted the business model from its competitors.

Safety razors were developed in the mid-19th century, but Gillette improved these earlier safety-razor designs and introduced the high-profit-margin stamped razor blade made from a carbon steel sheet. Gillette's razor retailed for a substantial \$5 (equivalent to \$170.00 in 2024) – half the average working man's weekly pay – yet sold by the millions.



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Weekend Masses

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

Daily Mass

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Live streaming of weekend Mass

SS. Isidore and Maria Parish live streams the 4 p.m. Vigil Mass each Saturday from St. Paul Church. Please join us on Facebook, YouTube or the parish website to view the stream. Rebroadcasts of the 4 p.m. Vigil may be found at <u>https://www.youtube.com/@</u> <u>SSIsidoreandMariaParish</u>.

Announcements about additional live streamed liturgies may be found on the parish website, e-newsletter, bulletin and/or St. Paul Church bulletin boards.

Bulletin submission deadline is

Friday. All bulletin submissions must be received no later than each Friday, nine days before the requested bulletin publication date. Please submit your request at http://isidoreandmaria.org/commform.

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each Fri. following the 12:15 p.m. daily Mass (approximately 12:45 p.m.) at St. Paul Church. It concludes at 2 p.m.

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Rosary

Pray the Rosary each Tues. evening at 7 p.m. at St. Augustine Church.

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

If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or 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:

Faith Vos Winkel, MSW

Victim Assistance Coordinator 860-541-6475 faith.voswinkel@aohct.org





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