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August 18, 2024 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time شهریتریک

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord." - John 6:56



The annual **SS. Isidore and Maria Golf Tournament and Fundraising Dinner** is just three weeks away. Sponsors, golfers and dinner-only guests are welcome to join us on Tues., Sept. 10 at Glastonbury Hills Country Club. Proceeds benefit support teen activities, faith formation scholarships, and other initiatives for our parish youth. For more information or to register visit https://isidoreandmaria.org/golf2024.





# <u>SAVE THE DATE</u>: Aug. 26 is SSIM Sings!

Everyone has their favorite hymns, and now is the time for the SS. Isidore and Maria (SSIM) community members to let us know theirs! You can vote on your top five hymns either electronically or via forms available at the entrances to St. Paul Church. Once these are tallied,

we're inviting everyone to join us in singing the top picks as a parish community at SSIM Sings! on Mon., Aug. 26 at 6:30 p.m. Ballots and ballot boxes are available now through Aug 25 at the entrances of the church, and online at http://isidoroandmaria.org/humpyoto

http://isidoreandmaria.org/hymnvote.

2024/2025 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION NOW CLOSED

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SS. Isidore and Maria Parish

# <u>Concluded</u>: Registration for the 2024/2025 Faith Formation year

Registration for the **2024-2025 Faith Formation** has concluded. Please contact Donna Berger at <u>donna@isidoreandmaria.org</u> you have any questions.



GOD IS AS REALLY PRESENT IN THE CONSECRATED HOST AS HE IS THE GLORY OF HEAVEN. ~ *St. Paschal Baylon* 

# **Collections and Parish Finance**

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



# Report for the week of 8/11/2024:

Weekly collection:	\$	7,498,76
Online Giving:	\$	3,010.50
Total	\$ .	10,509.26

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

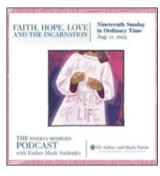
For a more detailed report please visit our website under the **ABOUT** tab. The monthly accountability reports can be found in the Financial Accountability folder.

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

appropriate 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.



# PODCAST:

Faith, Hope, Love, and the Incarnation At its core, the mystery of the Incarnation teaches us that which is common and ordinary is actually profound and extraordinary. Doing so with faith, hope, and love provides us with appropriately

calibrated lenses with which to look at our chaotic world and one another - and see the wonder and awe gifted to us by God himself. Learn more by listening to Father Mark's latest podcast episode, now available at <u>https://isidoreandmaria.org/podcasts</u>.



SS. Isidore and Maria Parish sincerely thanks the sponsors whose generosity makes our bulletin possible.

Our Sponsor Spotlight this week: **CENTRAL SEALING INC.** 



# THIS WEEKEND (Aug. 17 & 18): Missionary Weekend

Despite its beauty, the Diocese of St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands is the smallest and poorest Diocese in the nation. Their

Chancery, parishes, and schools rely heavily on outside donations to cover the cost of their operations, especially after the devastating hurricanes that have inflicted a serious blow on their economy. In addition, there is a great deal of poverty within this Diocese. Many people live far beneath the poverty line.

This weekend we'll hear more about all of this from *Father Andrew Lesko*, with an opportunity to donate toward making better the lives of those residing in this Diocese. We hope you'll donate generously to this work on Missionary Weekend.



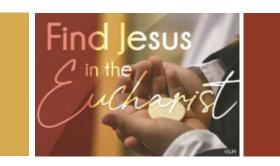
# Summer Pop-Up Choirs are here!

What's a pop-up choir? It's a spontaneous gathering of parishioners wishing to sing together in the choir loft during Mass. No experience is re-

quired, and there's no need to RSVP. Just bring your joyfilled voice for a brief rehearsal before one of the following Masses:

- Pop-up <u>Children & Youth Choir</u> (through high school) Sat., Aug. 24 at 4 p.m. *(rehearsal at 3:15 p.m.)*
- Pop-Up Gallery Choir for <u>Adults</u>
  Sun., Aug. 25 at 9:30 a.m. (rehearsal at 9 a.m.)

Questions? Reach out to **David Garrido-Cid**, Director of Music Ministries, at david@isidoreandmaria.org. We hope to see you in the choir loft soon!



Liturgical Schedule and Intentions August 18, 2024				
Date	Time	Intention	Requested by	
<b>Saturday, Aug. 17</b> Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	4 p.m.	Richard J. Murray	Julie Chappel & Family	Apart from
Sunday, Aug. 18 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Monday, Aug. 19 St. John Eudes, Priest	9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Mary Acunto Cheryl Gagnon Bernadette Kasunic Carmen Wosczctna	Matthew Acunto Joyce & Lorie Reardon Reynard Family Flores Family	the cross, there is
<b>Tuesday, Aug. 20</b> <i>St. Bernard, Abbot &amp;</i> <i>Doctor of the Church</i>	7:30 a.m <b>.</b> <b>7 p.m.</b>	Roberta & Glenn Christman Rosary (St. Augustine Church	Mary & Jerry Fenerty	no other ladder
Wednesday, Aug. 21 Si. Pius X, Pope	7:30 a.m.	Bob Vaillancourt	Bill & Carol Kelly	by which
<b>Thursday, Aug. 22</b> Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary		NO MASS	we may get	
<b>Friday, Aug. 23</b> St. Rose of Lima, Virgin	12:15 p.m. After Mass until 2 p.m.	Exposition and Adoration of	Elaine Henry the Blessed Sacrament	to heaven."
<b>Saturday, Aug. 24</b> Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time	4 p.m.	Geno Draghi	Mary-Joann Picone	St. Rose of Lima
<b>Sunday, Aug. 25</b> Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30 a.m.	Herbert Roy Catherine McGuiness Elisabeth Lucy	Friends Carmela, Susie & Jeannette Erickson Hallisey Family Scott Lucy	

If you are offering a Mass Intention and you and your loved ones would like to bring up the gifts, please see the greeters prior to the start of Mass. One of them will be happy to assist you.

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 <u>contact@isidoreandmaria.org</u>. 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 Robin DiTarando Brian Faxon Jennifer Graham Rita Henson Sheila Kimball Julia Miller Gilbert Morin Shannon O'Donnell Irene Papaleo Rachel Sage Peter Savidge Frank Schultz Garland Taylor Andrea Villegas John Vroblick Mary E. Wallace Roger Yost



AUGUST 22

Hail holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

Pray for us O holy Mother of God, that we made be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.



They are the courageous wisdom women who ground us, focus us and inspire us. They are the courageous, wise women who ground us, focus us, and inspire us. They are the good mothers who walk with us and light our way. They teach us life lessons and help us heal and navigate challenges and difficulties. We need people to point the way. Sometimes, these wise ladies are not our biological mothers but other women in our

lives who, through their strong and faithful presence, anchor us and remind us that we are loved. We need these women. Human beings do their best when they have cheerleaders in their lives. They show us there is always a brighter tomorrow, even when facing despair or failure.

Jesus needed his mother. She had to be that faithful anchor, that guiding presence, in his life. Jesus needed to be affirmed and encouraged just like any other human being, and Mary had to be there, right by his side, doing precisely that. Even when her heart was pierced as he was nailed to a tree, she did not give up hope. Most certainly, she continued to wait, watch, hope, and love until he took his final breath. Then, all she could do was hold him. That's what mothers do. Even when their hearts break, they persevere.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary reminds us that our Blessed Mother is our biggest cheerleader! Taken up to heaven in body and soul, she points to and directs us toward our final destiny. Life eternal waits! Any disappointment, fear or anxiety can be set aside as she gently reassures us of God's love and promise. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given. We can persevere and do what we must to live well, with faith, hope, and love as our guiding lights. Knowing who we are and who we will one day become helps us better chart the course and direction of our earthly lives. Looking to the example of our Blessed Mother, we receive the assurance we need. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!

~ Rev. Mark Suslenko



Welcome: Let Us Get to Know You Our parish has grown tremendously since the post-COVID-19 resumption of in-person Masses. I know this simply from looking out at all the new faces I see when I celebrate Mass with you throughout the week. To all new to our parish, please know you are welcome and loved.

I believe it is important for people to have a relationship with their parish, pastor, and Pastoral Staff. It is also important for people to know that their presence and needs matter. While it is virtually impossible to know everyone's name, it is possible to know something about you: where you come from, your hopes and expectations, what you seek,

and what you need. Having this information goes a long way in helping me and our Pastoral Staff more effectively minister to our parish.

That's where you can help! If you are new to worshipping at SS. Isidore and Maria Parish, or perhaps have been here awhile and would like a stronger connection to our community, I hope you'll help me get to know you by visiting <u>http://isidoreandmaria.org/gettingtoknowyou</u> and answering a few simple questions about yourself. This is NOT a registration with the parish - it is an opportunity to create a relationship between our parish and those who call it home. If you'd like to submit this information to the parish office, please take one of the pamphlets now available at the entrances to St. Paul Church (pictured) and fill it out at your leisure. You may return it via the collection kiosks or directly to the parish office at St. Paul Church any weekday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Thank you for helping me and my staff to serve you to the best of our ability.



# ImmaCare Thanks You

Thank you to those who donated items and served for this month's ImmaCare dinner held on Aug. 9. The next ImmaCare dinner is on **Fri., Sept. 6**. All are welcome to participate by preparing food or helping to deliver and serve our meals at the shelter.

In addition, ImmaCare's Outreach Program continues to seek food to supplement its street outreach program, which provides nourishment five days each week to the unhoused living on the street, in abandoned buildings, or wherever shelter can be found. A list of needed items is available on the parish website. Our parish's next pickup is on Thurs., Sept. 5. Items may be left at either St. Augustine Church or St. Paul Church. For more information or to volunteer, please visit

https://isidoreandmaria.org/immacare.



Remember to pray for all missionaries who dedicate their lives to bringing the love of God and the Good News to our brothers and sisters throughout the world.

# **Coming in September**



# UPDATE: Glastonbury Roman Catholic Parishes Fall Festival!

Here's where we stand with planning the 2024 Glastonbury Roman Catholic Parishes Fall Festival, on Sun., Sept. 15, at the Elks Club, 98 Woodland St., from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.:

- **Raffle prizes:** Anyone interested in donating a raffle prize can drop off a gift card at the parish office, or by placing the card in the offertory kiosks in an envelope marked "Fall Festival."
- Desserts: Anyone interested in donating a dessert
- item should email Dottie Horan or call 813-695-7339.
- **RSVP:** If you and your family plan on attending this year's Fall Festival, let us know at <u>http://isidoreandmaria.org/fallfest2024RSVP</u>. Your RSVP helps our organizing committee get a headcount to order food and drinks for all!

**Questions?** Please contact Damien Walsh 860-430-9608 or Erin Sullivan <u>eireann21@hotmail.com</u>.



# Scripture Readings for the Week

- **SUN 8/18/24** Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a)/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58
- MON 8/19/24 Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/ Mt 19:16-22
- **TUES 8/20/24** Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30
- WED 8/21/24 Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/ Mt 20:1-16
- **THR 8/22/24** Ez 36:23-28/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/ Mt 22:1-14
- FRI 8/23/24 Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Mt 22:34-40
- **SAT 8/24/24** Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/ Jn 1:45-51
- SUN 8/25/24 Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-6

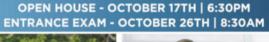


# Sept. 29: Welcome Home!

Do you ever wonder what your life's purpose is? Do you struggle to find peace of mind? Do you want to be more confident about the future? Do you feel isolated and alone, even when surrounded by others?

If you answered yes to any of these (or know someone who might), all are welcome to join us on Sun., Sept. 29 at 12:30 p.m. to hear life-changing stories of profound encounters with God.

This event is free of charge and open to the public. A reception will follow. Registration is requested, though all are welcome. Questions? Reach out at welcomehome@isidoreandmaria.org.









Back to School Dates: Newly Enrolled Families Picnic - August 24th Senior Orientation - August 26th Junior Orientation - August 27th Sophomore Orientation - August 28th Freshman Orientation - August 29th First Day for All - August 30th Back to School Night - September 5th

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# 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 Carey 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

# **Reflect and Respond** to Scripture

# **First Reading:**

We hear from Proverbs how Wisdom herself invites us to a deeper understanding of life. Is there someone in your family or among your friends who you consider a "wise" person?

# Second Reading:

Paul taught the Ephesians that a wise person strives to understand the will of the Lord and lives a life of prayer and gratitude. What are some ways we can grow in prayer and gratitude in our daily lives?

# **Gospel:**

Jesus promises eternal life those who believe in him if we eat his flesh and drink his blood (participate in the Eucharist). How can we show our gratitude to the Lord for such a gift?

# This Day in History - August 19, 1960



On August 19, 1960, two dogs named Belka (Russian for "squirrel") and Strelka (Russian for "little arrow")

were launched into the Earth's orbit by the Soviet Union aboard the Sputnik 5 spacecraft. Forty mice, two rats, and a variety of plants were also on-board. Recovered the next day after

18 orbits, the menagerie became the first living creatures to return safely to Earth after being placed into orbit.

Strelka

Oliver and I salute our friends for making this historic space journey. We think our Dad would like us to join the space program, too. After a day of "alerting" him to all the critters I smell (with Oliver joining in), he always mentions how great we would be in "outer space"! I bet the space station has plenty of treats!!!! Let's call NASA!

Harry & Oliver's Corner

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

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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 https://www.youtube.com/@ SSIsidoreandMariaParish.

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.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belka and Strelka

www.isidoreandmaria.org

#### 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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