SS. Isidore and Maria Parish

2577 Main Street - Glastonbury, CT 06033





March 30, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Lent



"One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." - John 9:25



Apr. 1: Solemn Celebration of Evening Prayer with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Join us on **Tues., Apr. 1 at 6:30 p.m.** at **St. Paul Church** for the next Solemn Celebration of Evening Prayer and Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This service is an hour of traditional prayer and music. It includes the recitation

of The Liturgy of the Hours and the Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It is a wonderful opportunity to focus on Jesus Christ and his presence in the Eucharist.

PLEASE NOTE: Tuesday night Rosary will not be held on Apr.1 at St. Augustine Church so the parishioners may attend this special evening of prayer.

PRAYER + FASTING + ALMSGIVING

Inspiration for the Week

by Rev. Mark Suslenko

Seeing is much more than just a function of our eyes. We can look at something with clear vision but not really see it. Often, what we think we see is colored by our presuppositions. prejudices, assumptions, and needs. We judge things by appearance, but God looks into our hearts. God's sight has a much wider range and far greater depth. Receiving things or people just based on appearance can lead us to erroneous and hurtful judgments. We think we are seeing clearly, but we are not. Allowing God to restore our sight to truly see is a worthy goal for our Lenten journey. Look within and look without. What do you see? Allow God to complete the picture for you. Ask him to give you the insight to look into someone's heart. Don't draw hasty conclusions or presume you know the truth. Be open and humble enough to receive the sight that only God can give.

Mar. 29 & 30: Catholic Relief Services Collection

This weekend, SS. Isidore and Maria Parish joins parishes across the U.S. in taking up a collection to support the work of six Church-related entities that all aid the vulnerable in carrying out Christ's mandate in Matthew's Gospel to care for the "least of these."

We thank you for your prayerful consideration of making a donation to this second collection. Please use the specially marked envelope in your packet or place your donation in an envelope marked "Catholic Relief Services Collection" and place it in any donation kiosk. Please make any check out to SS. Isidore and Maria Parish with a note in the memo line that it is for the *Catholic Relief Services Collection*.



Branches on the Vine

Mar. 29 – Apr. 4 Check out how a volunteer ministry at St. Margaret Church in Madison and St. George

Church in Guilford perform little miracles for the children in their communities: http://isidoreandmaria.org/category/brancheson-the-vine/.

Parish Support

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." +++ 1 Peter 4:10

Collections and Parish Finance

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



Report for the week of 3/23/2025:

 Weekly collection:
 \$ 7,387.02

 Online Giving:
 \$ 5,958.50

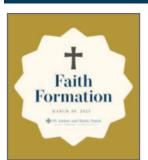
 Total:
 \$ 13,345.52

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.

Faith Formation



Faith Formation Schedule for the Week of Mar. 30, 2025

Sun., Mar. 30

• Grades 4-8 Online Program: Regular weekly submissions due by Friday.

Fri., Apr. 4

• Stations of the Cross – 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul Church. *Families should*

attend two prayer services throughout Lent and submit their reflections afterward. The reflection form may be found here: http://isidoreandmaria.org/reflectionform.



Apr. 10: Parish Book Club Meeting

The next Parish Book Club meeting will be on Thur., Apr. 10, at 1 p.m., in the education wing of the St. Paul campus. The book selection is

"Ten Prayers God Always Says Yes To"

by Anthony DeStefano. For more information or to register, please visit http://isidoreandmaria.org/bookclubapr10



REGINA'S WRITINGS: God Uses Cracked Pots

God loves us despite (or perhaps because of) our messy imperfections. He isn't bothered by what we don't have or can't do. He asks what we do have and if we're willing to let Him use it.

according to M. Regina Cram in her latest column. Read it here:

http://isidoreandmaria.org/category/reginas-writings/.



Requesting 2024 Year-End Tax Statements

If you would like to receive a tax statement with your total donations to SS. Isidore and Maria in 2024, please get in touch with Melissa by phone (860) 633-9419 or

by email. Please specify if you would like your statement mailed or emailed to you. There will not be an automatic mailing of statements. You must request it.

PLEASE NOTE: Online Giving users may print their statements from the Online Giving dashboard.

"Only by <u>Giving</u> are you able to receive <u>More</u> than you already have." ~ Jiм Rohn



NOW UNDERWAY: 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Our goal is to engage our entire parish family in this year's Appeal and to pray for the success of the Appeal!

All funds contributed are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements. Please respond as generously as your means allow at

https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/.



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Our Sponsor Spotlight this week:

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You don't know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, 'Lord, I don't know how to pray!' you can be sure you have already begun. ~ St. Josemaria Escriva

Pray for peace in the Holy Land

"There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more **Eucharist** precious. He would have given it to us." +++ St. John Maria Vianney **Date** Time Intention Requested by Saturday, Mar. 29 4 p.m. Angelo Casanelli Aaron Pinto Fourth Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday Sunday, Mar. 30 Paul & Sharon Hesler 8 a.m. Kara Nealon LaPlante Fourth Sunday of Lent 9:30 a.m. Henry A. Barrera (32nd Anniv.) Daughter Pat & Family Laetare Sunday The Tennis Ladies 11:15 a.m. Patricia Randall Taylor Monday, Mar. 31 7:30 a.m. Jane Turchetta Family Lenten Weekday 12-1 p.m. Confession Tuesday, Apr. 1 7:30 a.m. Anne Kilbourn Caretto Family Lenten Weekday 6:30 p.m. Solemn Evening Prayer with Exposition and THE LORD **Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament** Wednesday, Apr. 2 7:30 a.m. Victor Grabowitz Family IS MY Lenten Weekday Thursday, Apr. 3 SHEPHERD; No Mass Lenten Weekday THERE IS First Friday, Apr. 4 12:15 p.m. Patricia & Richard Gagnon Family Lenten Weekday **After Mass** NOTHING St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor until 2 p.m. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament of the Church Day of Abstinence LSHALL 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross (St. Paul Church) Saturday, Apr. 5 4 p.m. Anita Wolf Linda Yost WANT. Fifth Sunday of Lent Sunday, Apr. 6 (PSALM 23) Family 8 a.m. Rodolfo Caranfa Fifth Sunday of Lent 9:30 a.m. D. Joon Yoo Family 11:15 a.m. Nick Del Rosso Margie Clisham

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.



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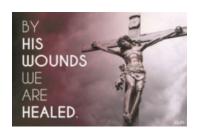


New to the Parish? Welcome!

Are you new to SS. Isidore and Maria Parish? If you are, we welcome you! To register as a member of our parish, please visit:

https://isidoreandmaria.org/parish-registration, or scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin.

Looking to receive donation envelopes? Contact the parish office at 860-633-9419.





Seeing Is Believing

"Do you believe in the Son of Man?" Jesus wants to motivate each one of us to see the truth.

After developing a

relationship with Jesus, the blind man "sees" Jesus as someone very special. The Pharisees, due to the blindness caused by their ignorance, prejudice, and need for self-preservation, still remain blind. Presuppositions, biases, assumptions, and our needs can easily blind us to the truth. We see what we want or need to see, not what is there. In addition, our stubbornness continues to convince us that we are right and our vision is perfect. Only God can complete the picture. Look around at our world. So much of what is happening today is due to folks' reluctance to allow themselves to be stretched and brought to see what

is there. Many react to what life presents to them more with the lenses of ignorance than lenses of clarity. The Gospel carries great transformative value. With it, God corrects our vision and replaces our limited sight with the fullness of his sight. God opens our eyes so we can see that it is not about preserving what we have created but living in the immensity and wonder of God's kingdom.

Through a simple loving relationship with God, we can break through the tethers of prejudice, eradicate fear, dispel the darkness of hatred and sin, discover freedom, live in peace, work for justice, be effective stewards of creation, assist the migrant and the immigrant, and safeguard our economic systems and policies so that they truly serve all of God's children. What we see is often a self-created artificial lie. Our truth is much bigger than what our limited sight believes it to be. Allow God to work in and through you. Do not be afraid. Be open and be humble enough to know that you need help. Many people live with severe

Lenten Activities

For more information please visit isidoreandmaria.org/lentschedule2025

Lenten Confessions

For Lent, SS. Isidore and Maria Parish will conduct the Sacrament of Reconciliation each **Monday** from **12 noon to 1 p.m.** at St. Paul Church. This is in addition to reconciliation on Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. The dates are as follows:

• Mon., Mar. 31

• Mon., Apr. 7

• Mon., Apr. 14



Stations of the Cross

Each Friday in Lent at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul Church as follows:

• Apr. 4

Apr. 11

April 18*

*Stations of the Cross take place at St. Augustine Church on Good Friday, Apr.18.

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.



2025 CRS Rice Bowls Available

SS. Isidore and Maria Parish is coming together with more than 13,000 Catholic communities

across the United States to help feed the hungry nation-wide with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl now at the entrances of the church or make your online donation at https://www.crsricebowl.org/.



2025 Lenten Giving Program is here!

The Lenten Giving Program for 2025 is here, with donations supporting the parish **HOPE Ministry**. HOPE works to enhance the quality of life and help build self-sufficiency for those in our community who need financial and social services.

Donations close on Easter Sunday - April 20, 2025. Visit http://isidoreandmaria.org/lentengiving2025 to make your online Lenten Giving Program donation to the parish HOPE Ministry, You may also place a cash or check donation (checks payable to SS Isidore and Maria) in an envelope labeled **HOPE Ministry** into the collection kiosks.



Thank you to all who gave so generously of their time and donated food for ImmaCare in March. It is very much appreciated. The schedule of ImmaCare events for April is as follows

• Thurs., Apr. 3: ImmaCare Outreach Program pickup

Fri., Apr. 4: ImmaCare Dinner nightFri., Apr. 11: ImmaCare Dinner night

For **ImmaCare Dinner Nights**, anyone is welcome to participate by preparing food or helping to deliver and serve our meals at the shelter. Please visit

https://isidoreandmaria.org/immacare to sign up for the dinner service of your choice.

ImmaCare's Outreach Program continues throughout the month. The program seeks 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.

For a list of needed items, visit https://isidoreandmaria.org/immacare.

Jun. 7 – 13, 2025: Travel to Italy During the Jubilee Year

Join parishioners from Annunciation Parish in Newington to experience the 2025 Jubilee Year of the Catholic Church in Rome. Occurring only once every 25 years, the 27th Jubilee Year in 2025 promises to be a time of grace for thousands of pilgrims and the world's faithful. Learn more about it here http://isidoreandmaria.org/italy2025

Scripture Readings for the Week

SUN 3/30/25 Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/

2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/ Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

MON 3/31/25 Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and

13b/Jn 4:43-54

TUES 4/1/25 Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

WED 4/2/25 Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/

Jn 5:17-30

THR 4/3/25 Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/

Jn 5:31-47

FRI 4/4/25 Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and

23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

SAT 4/5/25 Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/

Jn 7:40-53

SUN 4/6/25 Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/

Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 *Scrutiny:* Ez 37:12-14/ Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/ Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Ministry Highlight — Music



The Parish Music Ministry fosters the connection between God's people and God through carefully curated music; assisting the assembly in expressing and sharing the gift of faith during weekend Masses, weddings, funerals,

major feast days, and other celebrations; elevating our Parish liturgies to a higher form of praise; and promoting full conscious and active participation of the faithful. This ministry includes adults (both professional and amateur), young adults, and children of various abilities and skills who participate as volunteers in the Gallery Choir (adults) and the Children and Youth Choir (Grades K-10). Anyone who plays a musical instrument is also welcome to volunteer their time and add to the joy of celebrating Christ in music. To volunteer, contact **David Garrido-Cid** at david@isidoreandmaria.org. Learn more about the Parish Music Ministry at http://isidoreandmaria.org/musicministry.

June 5-8: Women's Retreat

St. Philip The Apostle Church will be sponsoring a Women's ACTS Retreat June 5-8, 2025, at the Immaculate Conception Center, in Putnam, CT. This is a simple, reverent, Catholic retreat with goals of renewing yourself spiritually, strengthening your faith in your daily life, and creating lasting and supporting friendships within your church community. All women are invited to attend. For more information contact the retreat director: **Maureen Fleming** at **860-338-1392**.





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:

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Beau Douglas
Celia Fajardo
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Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Much to Samuel's surprise, the Lord instructed him to anoint the youngest of Jesse's sons, David, to be the next king of Israel. When have you been surprised by God?

Second Reading:

Paul urges the Ephesians: "Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord." What do you think pleases the Lord?

Gospel:

Jesus' healing of the blind man created confusion, anger, and fear among some of the people witnessing this event. In a real sense, Jesus' healing exposed the blindness of others. How do we prevent ourselves from being blind to God's presence in this season of Lent?

This Day in History — April 3, 1973



Cooper holding a DynaTAC cellphone

Martin Cooper (born December 26, 1928) is an American engineer. He is a pioneer in the wireless communications industry, especially in radio spectrum management, with eleven patents in the field.

On April 3, 1973, he placed the first public call from a handheld portable cell phone while working at Motorola, from a Manhattan sidewalk to his counterpart at competitor Bell Labs.

Cooper reprised the first handheld cellular mobile phone (distinct from the car phone) in 1973 and led the team that redeveloped it and brought it to market in 1983. He is considered the "father of the (handheld) cell

phone".

Say Oliver, personal communications have come a long way! The "telephone" can now keep us in touch with one another and take pictures too! We can even take "selfies"! Let's email these to Dad!



larry & Oliver's Corner

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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.

Rosary

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

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Faith Vos Winkel, MSW

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



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