++++ SS. Isidore and Maria Parish

2577 Main Street - Glastonbury, CT 06033



April 6, 2025 Fifth Sunday of Lent

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." - John 11:25-26

Inspiration for the Week

by Rev. Mark Suslenko

We face death every day. Whether it comes with the actual death of someone we love, someone we don't even know, a failed relationship, the loss of a job, a broken dream, or pondering our mortality, death is always around us. What does death say to us? What we believe about our death experiences is going to speak volumes about how we live our lives. Jesus comes to us today just as he did many years ago to people who were struggling with loss and death and wondering what to do. He calls us out of our tombs where we have been closed up in fear and despair and shouts, "Come out!" Jesus leads us out of death and gives us hope. There is always hope. There is always transformation. Although we may not always see where the road of life is taking us or God's presence with us on our journey, we will be brought to a new place and given new life. Walk with God and listen to him call you. Tomorrow there awaits another surprise.



2025 Holy Week Schedule

Join us during Holy Week 2025 (Apr. 17 -Apr. 20) as we walk together through Christ's journey — from His sacrifice to His glorious resurrection on Easter!

Unless otherwise noted, Lenten and Holy Week events occur at St. Paul Church, 2577 Main Street, Glastonbury, CT.

Thurs., Apr. 17 at 6 p.m.: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (with live stream)

Fri., Apr. 18 at 3 p.m.: Good Friday of the Lord's Passion (with live stream)

Fri., Apr. 18 at 6:30 p.m.: Stations of the Cross (St. Augustine Church)

Sat., Apr. 19 at 11 a.m. – 12 noon: Confession

Sat., Apr. 19 at 12 noon: Blessing of Food

Sat. Apr. 19 at 8 p.m.: Easter Vigil Mass (with live stream)

Sun., Apr. 20 at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:15 a.m.: Easter Sunday Mass

Mon., April 21: Easter Monday: Parish office closed No daily Mass



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

Our Sponsor Spotlight this week: Heaven's HANDS Home Care Agency "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 3/30/2025: Weekly collection: \$ 8,390.33 Online Giving: \$ 4,150.50 Total: \$12,540.83

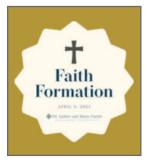
Catholic Relief Services \$1,512.14

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 Apr. 6, 2025

Sun., Apr. 6

• Grades 7 & 8 Mass: 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul Church (Children: Bring your donation of coffee or tea for the Glastonbury Food Pantry to Mass)

- Grade 1: 10:45 a.m. 12 p.m.
- Meet in the Parish Center • Grade 2: 10:45 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Meet in the Library

- Grade 3: 10:45 a.m. 12 p.m. Meet in the Classrooms. Please bring your completed First Communion Banner to the session.
- Grades 4 8 Online Program Regular weekly submissions due by Friday
- Grades 7 & 8 Family Program (4:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. or 6 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.) Meet with a parent at your designated time and location
- Grade 9/Year 1 4:30 p.m.-5:45 p.m. Meet in the South Wing

Tues., Apr. 8 or Thurs., Apr. 10

• Grades 4-6 Family Program – Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. OR Thursday 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Children only meet in the Library.

Fri., Apr. 11

• 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.

Faith Formation Students Donate to Local Food Bank

Thank you to our Grades 9 and 10 Faith Formation students for their generous donations of boxed macaroni and cheese during the March 23, 9:30 a.m. Mass. Your continued support of the Glastonbury Food Bank is terrific and helps others in need in our community!



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 Giving are you able to receive More than you already have." ~ JIM 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/.

AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Mary Hoffman from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks.

As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.

Mary Hoffman

(860) 836-8486



"There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious. He would have given it to us." +++ St. John Maria Vianney

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Date	Time	Intention	Requested by	
Saturday, Apr. 5 Fifth Sunday of Lent	4 p.m.	Anita Wolf	Linda Yost	
Sunday, Apr. 6 Fifth Sunday of Lent	8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	D. Joon Yoo	Family Family Margie Clisham	
Monday, Apr. 7 Lenten Weekday St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest	7:30 a.m. 12-1 p.m.	For the health of Jim Peretta Confession	Deb & Carmine Esposito	
Tuesday, Apr. 8	7:30 a.m.	Joseph & Anna Yellen	Fran Juda	CA C
Lenten Weekday	7 p.m.	Pray the Rosary (St. Augustine Church)		
Wednesday, Apr. 9 Lenten Weekday	7:30 a.m.	Welton Maynard	Ron & Davey Vernier	R. L
Thursday, Apr. 10 Lenten Weekday		No Mass		
Friday, Apr. 11	12:15 p.m.	John Kump	Daughter	You
Lenten Weekday <i>St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr</i> Day of Abstinence	After Mass until 2 p.m.	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament		came
	6:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross (St. Paul Church)		that we
Saturday, Apr. 12 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	4 p.m.	Joseph & Ruth Kaminski	Family	might
Sunday, Apr. 13 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	William Fagan	Mother John & Maryann Kuschman Mulcahy Family	have life.
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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.



PODCAST: Climbing God's Ladder

Are your Lenten disciplines bringing you closer to God? That's Father Mark's question in his latest podcast as he reflects on the story of the blind man whose sight is restored by Jesus. Listen now at

reandmaria.org/podcasts.



Branches on the Vine

One local priest keeps in touch with his parishioners through a daily evening prayer broadcast on Facebook. Learn more in the latest Branches on the Vine from the Archdiocese of Hartford, now available on the parish website at

https://isidoreandmaria.org/category/branches-on-the-vine.

Reflect

+++ By Father Mark Suslenko



Come Out!

Even though we say that we believe in eternal life, there is a part of us that doesn't. There are many times in our lives when we experience death, whether it be the physical death of someone we love, a failed relationship, the loss of a job, or a broken dream. As we are going through these death experiences, we can easily find

ourselves reaching out to God to make it better and fix it! We think that the proper order of life is to maintain the things of this world, especially those essential to my sense of well-being and security. We do not like change. The grieving that comes from our death experiences can keep us stuck and in despair. If we have lost something or someone of great value, life's meaning and essence are lost. We need gentle companions to lift us from despair; that is precisely who God desires to be in our lives.

God calls us out of our tombs where we have been closed up in fear and despair. He shouts, "Come out!" He

desperately wants to show us the path to hope and that new life that is possible after loss and death. But our faith can be weak, and we still prefer to cling to the memory of what we had rather than the joyful possibilities of tomorrow. We sometimes live as if God is not real and that the transformative power of his resurrected presence is only a story found in the Bible rather than a narrative unfolding in our lives.

God is the God of surprises, not our demise. God opens new possibilities, begins new chapters, creates new verses, and brings us to new heights! We spend so much time and energy ruminating over what we left behind yesterday that we are far too tired to see what can unfold tomorrow. Loving someone new doesn't negate our past loves. Embracing the love of a person, God, or life itself tomorrow doesn't diminish the love of yesterday. Each of our loves is different, and one cannot be replaced by another. They don't cancel each other out. God has tended to every detail of our lives, and if we listen to those details, we find that they all lead us back to him. Jesus wants us to come out of our closed-up tombs. Are we going to listen or remain in the musty darkness, pretending we didn't hear?

Lenten Activities

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., 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. 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.

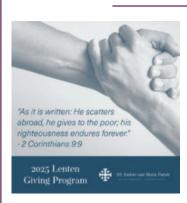
For more information please visit isidoreandmaria.org/lentschedule2025



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 nationwide 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 <u>https://www.crsricebowl.org/</u>.



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 selfsufficiency 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.

COMING UP This Week

Apr. 8: Wellness Ministry Meeting

The Parish Wellness Ministry meets on Tues., Apr. 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the education wing of St. Paul Church. All interested in the wellness of our community are invited to attend. For more information, please email **Sue Ryan**.



Apr. 9: NAMI Family Support Meeting

The SS. Isidore and Maria Wellness Ministry and the Connecticut Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) welcome all to a free, confidential, peer-led family support group for any adult with a loved one who has experienced symptoms of a mental health condition. The group meets on Wed., Apr. 9 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the classroom wing of St. Paul Church.



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 <u>http://isidoreandmaria.org/bookclubapr10</u>



Scripture Readings for the Week

- SUN 4/6/25 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 MON 4/7/25 Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:12-20 TUES 4/8/25 Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/ Jn 8:21-30 WED 4/9/25 Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42 Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ THR 4/10/25 Jn 8:51-59 FRI 4/11/25 Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/
- **FRI 4/11/25** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/ Jn 10:31-42
- SAT 4/12/25 Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/ Jn 11:45-56
- SUN 4/13/25 Lk 19:28-40/ls 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/ Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

Ministry Highlight — Readers



The Parish Reader Ministry brings to life the Liturgy of the Word during the celebration of the Mass by delivering the words of the Sacred Scriptures to the faithful with clarity, engagement, and reverence. Volunteers are always welcome to join this ministry, which asks for just one hour of training and about two hours each week. Learn more about

how you can become involved at <u>https://isidoreandmaria.org/readers.</u>

ImmaCare Inc.

The schedule of ImmaCare events for April and May is as follows:

- Fri., Apr. 11: ImmaCare Dinner night
- Thurs., May 1: ImmaCare Outreach Program pickup
- Fri., May 2: ImmaCare Dinner night
- Fri., May 9: 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.

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 or to volunteer for an upcoming ImmaCare dinner, please visit <u>https://isidoreandmaria.org/immacare</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 Beau Douglas Celia Fajardo Brandon Farrell Gabe Forthofer Kevin Gamache Chris Gibb Darius Gittens Michael Hitzer Peter Kamianowski Madeline Lanzi Mark J. Lord Gannon Lynch Samuel MacDonald Alexis Maher Michael Scott Mullin John W. Murphy Drew Scarfone Timothy Sullivan Jack M. Zaremba

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

God revealed to the prophet Ezekiel his divine plan for the resurrection of the dead: "I (will) open your graves and make you come up out of them, my people!" As a person of faith, how does this promise give you hope?

Second Reading:

Paul insists that for believers, the Spirit dwelling within us gives life to our mortal bodies, raising us from the dead as Christ was raised from the dead. *How does this impact your thoughts about death itself?*

Gospel:

In her grief and sadness at the death of her brother Lazarus, Martha professes her belief in Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God. *As the season of Lent draws to a close, in what ways have the last 40 days strengthened your faith in Jesus as our Lord and Savior?*

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This Day in History — April 6, 1931

James Alexander Dewar (Feb. 5, 1897 - June 30, 1985) was a Canadian inventor known for inventing the Twinkie in 1931.

Dewar began his career in 1920 at the Continental Baking Company that later, through a series of mergers and acquisitions, became Hostess Brands. He started as a delivery boy by delivering pastries by horse-drawn cart. Dewar eventually rose up through the ranks to be a plant manager.

In 1931, Dewar's plant was making strawberry shortcakes, but only during strawberry season. Dewar came up with an idea to create a shortcake with cream on the inside instead of strawberries. Having seen a billboard for a shoe company called the "Twinkle Toe Shoe Co.", he was inspired to call his shortcake invention a "Twinkie".

Dewar said he would give his kids and grandchildren Twinkies regularly. Some people said that Dewar had at least 3 twinkies and a glass of milk before he went to bed though that was never confirmed nor denied by Dewar.

Harry, I know that Twinkies are one treat we will NEVER see in our house. Dad would not even eat one if it were stuffed with broccoli!



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Harry & Oliver's Corner

https://www.thisdaytrivia.com/trivia/april-6 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Dewar

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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.

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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