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THROUGH the MERCY of GOD, REST IN PEACE.



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Report for the week of 4/20/2025:

 Weekly collection:
 \$ 18,767.00

 Online Giving:
 \$ 3,919.00

 Total:
 \$ 22,686.00

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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.



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/.

Faith Formation



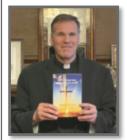
Faith Formation Schedule for the Week of Apr. 27, 2025

- Grades 4-6 Mass: 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul Church (Children, bring your donation of **dish soap** 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 Classrooms.
- Grade 3: 10:45 a.m.-12 p.m. Meet in the Library.
- Grades 4-8 Online Program Regular weekly submissions due by Friday.
- Grades 4-6 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.

Inspiration for the Week

by Rev. Mark Suslenko

Life is about to get very interesting for the disciples. They find themselves questioning what happened to Jesus and whether he was raised from the dead; they are afraid and uncertain. Amid this fear, questioning, and uncertainty, Jesus surprises them with a visit! Complete with the gift of peace, this visit fills the disciples with great excitement and iov. However, their detailed testimony cannot convince their absent friend, Thomas. He wants to see for himself. We struggle with belief as well. It is hard for some to give themselves over to the testimony of another. We want to see the resurrected Christ in person. God, through the gift of eyes of faith, gives us the ability to do precisely that: when we witness the healing that comes from forgiveness, the beauty that flows from love, the wonder of creation, the new life that comes after we fall, and the unique soul that lives behind each person's life. Christ is risen. Life will also get exciting for us when we stop unbelieving and start believing!



Branches on the Vine for Apr. 26 - May 2, 2025

A local priest's book about the paths to conversion is now in its second printing. Learn more in the latest edition of Branches on the Vine from the Archdiocese of Hartford, now available at

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



Apr. 27: Rice Bowl Return Deadline

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowls are due for return to the Faith Formation Office on or before

Sun. Apr. 27. Thank you for your generosity.



Apr. 26 & 27: Parish Diaper Drive

The annual Parish Diaper Drive takes place this weekend at all Masses. This year, the diaper drive is being held in memory of **Joan Dauber**, founder of the Joan C. Dauber Food Bank at Saint

Francis Hospital, who passed away on March 8. Diapers of all sizes (plus wipes!) are needed. Learn how you can help: http://isidoreandmaria.org/diaperdrive25.



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Our Sponsor Spotlight this week:

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Eucharist

"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	
Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Apr. 26 Sunday of Divine Mercy <i>Diaper Drive</i>	4 p.m.	Frank Manganaro	Teresa Hart
Sunday, Apr. 27 Sunday of Divine Mercy <i>Diaper Drive</i>	8 a.m.	Marie F. Cottrell	Tennis Ladies
	9:30 a.m.	Henry C. Ziegler	Rosemary Nemecek
	11:15 a.m.	Jessica Krull	Marge Clisham
	3 p.m.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy (St. Augustine Church)	
Monday, Apr. 28 St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest	7:30 a.m.	Bernard Skierkowski	Kathy & Gerry Brooks
Tuesday, Apr. 29 St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church	7:30 a.m.	For the health of	
		Maria P. Milder	Maria and Gene
	7 p.m.	Pray the Rosary (St. Augustine Church)	
Wednesday, Apr. 30 St. Pius V, Pope	7:30 a.m.	Joseph Tricka	Family
Thursday, May 1 St. Joseph the Worker National Day of Prayer		No Mass	
First Friday, May 2 St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	12:15 p.m.	Robert Malone	Family
Saturday, May 3 Third Sunday of Easter	10 a.m.	First Holy Communion	
	4 p.m.	Raymond & Helen Paquette	Son, Bryan Paquette
Sunday, May 4 Third Sunday of Easter	8 a.m.	D. Joon Yoo	Family
	9:30 a.m.	Irene Gingras	Family
		John Ryscyk	Elaine Ryscyk & Family
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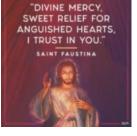
We welcome parishioners to add prayer intentions for family members free of charge in the bulletin for one (1) month. To do so, please contact the parish office at 860-633-9419 or contact@isidoreandmaria.org. We cannot publish the names of friends. Thank you for your understanding.



Apr. 27: Novena in Memory of **Pope Francis Begins**

As we mourn the passing of our beloved Holy Father, Pope Francis, please join with Catholics worldwide starting Sun., Apr. 27, in praying this novena in his memory:

http://isidoreandmaria.org/popefrancisnovena



April 27: Join us for Divine Mercy Sunday

The second Sunday of Easter is also Divine Mercy Sunday. SS. Isidore and Maria Parish invites you to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at St. Augustine Church on Sun., Apr. 27 at 3 p.m. All are welcome.



Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder. Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust, and many of ours are, too.

A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can be a well-disguised defense mechanism to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as foolish. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Because of the boulder blocking his vision, Thomas could not even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's challenging to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are afraid to be vulnerable or trust another's word. It is difficult to be surprised by God when we are closed-minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things differently or become defensive. We need to be less guarded and less self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we discover resurrection faith, we must believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also must trust that the risen Christ is alive in us!

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, many others have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope, and the ones who, despite ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, saints, and many others convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we must do is open our eyes, remove whatever prevents us from seeing and believing, and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!"



A Message from Father Mark regarding the Death of Pope Francis

"We believe that the life of those who believe in Jesus and follow his commandments will, after death, be transformed into new life, full and immortal." - **Pope Francis**

Dear Parishioners:

With sorrowful hearts, we remember Pope Francis, our beloved Holy Father. As we grieve his passing, we give thanks for his life of service and the ways he strengthened

the Church through his example of Christ-like love.

Read Father Mark's message in its entirety at http://isidoreandmaria.org/popefrancis.

PHOTO GALLERY: Holy Week & Easter











It was a joy-filled Holy Week and Easter at our parish. Check out the photo gallery from this year's Triduum and Easter morning Masses.

http://isidoreandmaria.org/eastergallery2025



Nurturing Seedlings: For Parents of Children ages 0-5

Come join other parents of children ages 0-5 to get to know one another and learn some simple skills for helping your baby, toddler or preschooler develop their relationship with Jesus!

For more information, contact the parish office at 860-633-9419.



Easter Hymn: See What a Morning!

This Easter season, we invite everyone to lift their voices in song with our Easter hymn, **See What a Morning** by Keith Getty

and Stuart Townend. This powerful hymn tells the resurrection story with joy and reverence, reminding us of our hope in Christ.

Listen to one or both of our favorite renditions of this inspiring song on the parish website and get ready to sing it with us this Easter season!

http://isidoreandmaria.org/easterhymn25.



Regina's Writings: Just Another Boring Family Dinner

When teen and young adult family and friends join Regina and her husband for family

dinner the event becomes a humbling lesson in perspective! Read the full column here:

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

"But the greatest of all [feast days] is Easter Day, the day of the Lord's Resurrection, because today assurance was given to us to obtain eternal and immortal life in soul and body. Christ gave it to us through his resurrection, which is the cause and the assurance of our resurrection." ~ St. Vincent Ferrer ~

Scripture Readings for the Week

SUN 4/27/25 Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/ Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

MON 4/28/25 Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

TUES 4/29/25 Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

WED 4/30/25 Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/

Jn 3:16-21

THR 5/1/25 Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/

Jn 3:31-36

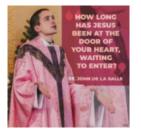
FRI 5/2/25 Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

SAT 5/3/25 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

SUN 5/4/25 Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12,

13 (2a)/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Ministry Highlight — Vocations Ministry



The new parish **Vocations Ministry** is working to create and foster a culture of vocations in our parish, provide encouragement and direction through resources and education, and inspire people to respond to God's call to Catholic marriage and family, the diaconate, priesthood, religious life, or single life. Learn more about

the **Vocations Ministry** - and how you can help - at https://isidoreandmaria.org/vocations.



Thank you to all who helped with donations of food and time for ImmaCare in the month of April. The schedule of ImmaCare events for May is as follows:

- 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 https://isidoreandmaria.org/immacare.











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:

Connor Blomstrom
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Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

In the aftermath of Jesus' resurrection, the Apostles performed "many signs and wonders," healing the sick and exorcising unclean spirits.

Is there something in your life that needs healing?

Second Reading:

John is initially frightened at the strange vision of Jesus, but Jesus reassures him, "Do not be afraid." *How does Jesus calm your fears?*

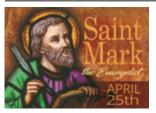
Gospel:

The resurrected Jesus' first words to his disciples are "Peace be with you."

How could you be a peacemaker this week with a family member or neighbor?



This Day in History — April 25 — St. Mark



Much of what we know about St. Mark, the author of the Second Gospel, comes mainly from the New Testament and early Christian traditions. Mark the Evangelist is believed to be the 'John Mark' referred to in the Acts of the Apostles, the history of the early

Church found in the Canon of the New Testament.

According to Christian tradition, Mark also held a close relationship with St. Peter, who referred to Mark as 'his son' in his letter addressed to several churches in Asia Minor (1 Peter 5:13). Clement of Alexandria, Irenaeus, and Papias all indicate that Mark was an interpreter for Peter. St. Mark lived for years in Alexandria, where he died as a martyr while being dragged through the streets.

St. Mark is the patron saint of our "Father" Mark! He also shares the gift of writing. Maybe Dad will share some special treats to celebrate with him, too!



https://www.catholic.org/saints/

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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 Adorationof 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

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