

✠ SS. Isidore and Maria Parish

GLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT



June 22, 2025

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

"Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied."

- Luke 9:16-17

Inspiration for the Week *by Rev. Mark Suslenko*

Good dietitians will remind us that we are the product of what we eat and the disciplines we undertake. Many people spend a great deal of time and effort eating a healthy diet, getting sufficient rest, and engaging in regular exercise. Experts tell us that attending to these increases our chances for a longer life. While this is certainly a worthy pursuit, is our earthly life the one that requires the most attention and effort? Faith kicks in to remind us that we are meant to live forever with God. Hence, doesn't our eternal destiny require most of our effort and attention? The Body and Blood of Christ are the food and nourishment we need to achieve this goal and fine-tune our souls for this promised inheritance. Only this heavenly sustenance will unite us with God and our brothers and sisters, strengthen us to do what the Gospel asks us to do, and prepare us for life eternal. Through the discipline of prayer, our desire to receive our Lord is deepened. It is this yearning, above anything else, that we want to see front and center when we close our eyes in death. God loves us so much that he gave us his only begotten Son. Let us rush to receive him!



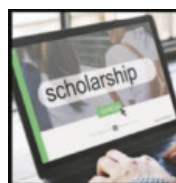
THIS SUN. Jun. 22: Corpus Christi Procession

Join us today following the 11:15 a.m. Mass, to experience the magnificence and grandeur of the Procession of the Feast of Corpus Christi. We'll go forth from St. Paul Church, bringing Christ to the streets, witnessing to our faith, and giving due honor and glory to God in the Eucharist.

PETER'S PENCE

June 28 & 29: Peter's Pence Collection

On the weekend of Jun. 28 & 29, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit <https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html>.



Makena Kinyua awarded 2025 Joseph J. Melzen Sr. Memorial Scholarship

SS. Isidore and Maria Parish is pleased to announce that **Makena Kinyua** is the 2025 recipient of the Joseph J. Melzen Sr. Memorial Scholarship.

Makena is the daughter of Nellie and Nyamu Kinyua. She will be attending Syracuse University (Honors College), majoring in Law, Policy, and Society with a minor in Religion.

Congratulations, Makena, and best wishes as you embark upon your college adventures!

Parish Support

Collections and Parish Finance

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



Report for the week of 6/15/2025:

Weekly collection: \$ 15,703.49

Online Giving: \$ 5,190.50

Total: \$ 20,893.99

Annual Chancery Assessment for fiscal year 2023: \$ 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.

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NOW UNDERWAY:

2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. 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/>.



PHOTO GALLERY: Bishop Michael Miabesue Bibi

SS. Isidore and Maria Parish was honored to have Bishop Michael Miabesue Bibi of the Diocese of Buea, Cameroon celebrate the 4 p.m. vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Bishop Bibi is shown above with family members, including his nephew, E.J. Kenta-Bibi, who served by his side as an altar server. See the full gallery of Bishop Bibi's visit on the parish website at

<http://isidoreandmaria.org/bishopbib2025>.



Ministry Highlight — Greeters

Our parish greeters are the friendly faces you see at Mass each weekend, welcoming you with a hearty smile, and a worship aid on the way in, or a bulletin on the way out. During Mass they help people find seats (and bathrooms), ensure the comfort of all, and even arrange for medical assistance on those rare occasions it's needed. If you're an extrovert,

this is a ministry for you! Learn more about it at <https://isidoreandmaria.org/greeters>.

A Message from Father Mark regarding parish staff updates

I'm pleased to share two exciting staff updates here at SS. Isidore and Maria Parish!

Donna Berger, who faithfully served as our Director of Faith Formation for four years, will now bring her gifts and leadership to a new role as **Director of Volunteers and Ministries**. In this position, Donna will help guide, support, and grow the many vibrant ministries that serve our parish community.

Mary Helmlinger, previously our Ministries Coordinator, is transitioning into a new position as **Director of Social Justice**. Mary will lead our efforts to live out the Gospel through justice, service, and advocacy, fostering compassion and outreach both within and beyond our parish walls.

Please join us in praying for Donna and Mary as they begin these new chapters of ministry in service to our parish family.



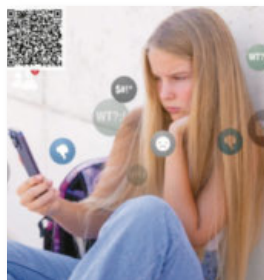
Branches on the Vine

Jun. 20 – Jun. 27, 2025

With the 2025 Connecticut Legislative session now over, the Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Office - the policy arm of all Connecticut dioceses - has an update about gains

made this session, and work still to be done. Learn more in the latest edition of Branches on the Vine from the Archdiocese of Hartford. Read it at

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



Jun. 25: Tweens, Teens, and the Dangers of Social Media

Mental health and social media are in the news more than ever, but what does it mean to care for our mental well-being? And how can we help our children and teens navigate the online world?

Join us on **Wed., Jun. 25 at 6:30 p.m.**, for a free virtual presentation featuring **Thomas Burr**, Public Policy & Affiliate Relations Manager at NAMI Connecticut (National Alliance on Mental Illness), as he shares both a personal story of hope and recovery and a practical guide for families like yours!

This presentation is open to all parishioners and friends, and is especially recommended for parents, grandparents, educators, and youth ministry volunteers.

For information or to register, scan the QR code above, or visit <https://isidoreandmaria.org/socialmediadangers2025>.

The parish office is CLOSED

**Thurs., Jun. 26 and
Fri., Jun. 27, 2025**

It will reopen on
Mon., June 30 at 9 a.m.

Office closed and no 12:15 p.m. Mass
on Fri., July 4, 2025



SS. ISIDORE AND MARIA PARISH
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Eucharist

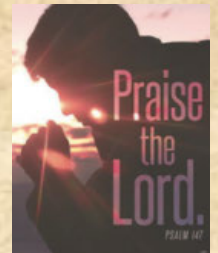
"There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us."

+++ St. John Maria Vianney

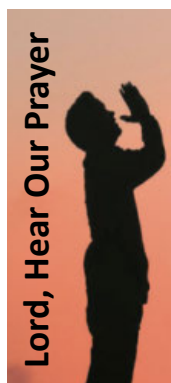
Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, June 21 Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	4 p.m.	Amelia & Lucien Daignault	Family
Sunday, June 22 Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	8 a.m.	Gerry Castro	Lynn Thompson & Marcel Jeanson
	9:30 a.m.	Marion Hemeon	Family
	11:15 a.m.	Francis DeLoreto	Family
	Corpus Christi Procession following 11:15 a.m. Mass		
Monday, June 23 Weekday	7:30 a.m.	Madeline Agin	Kathy Gauches
Tuesday, June 24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist	7:30 a.m.	Santo & Jennie Cassarino	Family
	7 p.m.	Pray the Rosary (St. Augustine Church)	
Wednesday, June 25 Weekday	7:30 a.m.	Susan LeMay	Steve Leniart
Thursday, June 26 Weekday	No Mass		
Friday, June 27 Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	12:15 p.m.	Sharon Kwask	Elaine Henry
	After Mass until 2 p.m. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament		
Saturday, June 28 Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles	4 p.m.	Brenda Flanagan	Linda Yost
Sunday, June 29 Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles	8 a.m.	Edward & Wanda Urbansky	Fran Juda
	9:30 a.m.	Brother Thomas Ryan C.F.X.	Zdrojeski Family
	11:15 a.m.	Rose & Ray Gamboratta	Family



This is
My Body
given
for you.
Do this
in memory
of Me.



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.



Ellona Bilotta
James Bilotta
Diane Varni Caisse
Sandra Cavanna
Thomas Cavanna
Chris Delissio
Robin DiTarando
Brian Faxon
Jennifer Graham
Dan Hebert
Rita Henson
Sheila Kimball
Julia Miller

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Stephen O'Brien
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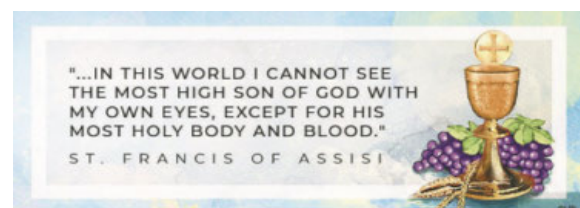


PODCAST: Faith, Hope, and the God Who Is Love

Who is God? It's a question we all wrestle with, and Father Mark's latest podcast episode offers a profound, simple answer: God is love. Inspired readings from the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, you are invited you to explore the Trinity not as a theological

puzzle, but as a living, breathing expression of divine love. Listen now at <https://isidoreandmaria.org/podcasts>.

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.





Jesus went to those most in need. He forgave the sinner, ate with the outcast, and defended and fed those who were poor and hungry. He worked for true justice, risked being unpopular, willingly accepted suffering and

death, and constantly stayed connected with his Abba, Father. Jesus consistently reminded folks that God's compassion, love, and mercy trump everything, even the law. This is the Christ that the Eucharist calls us to be. As we look around our churches, towns, cities, and the world, many people need to see the face and body of Christ. Some of those most in need may be right within our families. But it is always in the poorest of the poor and those most vulnerable that we find the greatest need. Many cannot function on their own. When the gift of the Eucharistic Christ takes root in our hearts, we can see more readily the face of Christ in others. Many people are vulnerable. The highest on that list are people experiencing homelessness. They show us the face of Christ. Whatever

the cause, to have no place to go and no place to call home takes a toll on the human spirit. For Jesus, when there were hungry people, they were fed. God asks us to do the same: feed people. Many are hungry in body, mind, and spirit. Gifted by the Eucharistic presence of Christ, we can bring them Christ. Who are the hungry around us, and how can we feed them?

When someone is hurting, you comfort them. When someone is hungry, you feed them. When someone needs clothes, you provide them. When someone is cold, you warm them. When someone is in prison, you visit them. With over a million unhoused people, including over a quarter of them children, it is vital to ask the question, "Why?" and strategize ways to lessen or alleviate the problem.

Nevertheless, we are not off the hook for responding to the immediate needs at our doors. Whether a person's current station in life is self-imposed or the result of being victimized, they are sacred vessels. We cannot lock the door, send them away, and still believe we bear the Eucharistic presence of Christ. It doesn't work like that.



ImmaCare Inc.
UPDATE

The schedule of ImmaCare events for July is as follows:

- Thurs., Jul. 3: ImmaCare Outreach Program pickup
- Fri., Jul. 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.

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>.

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



Our Sponsor Spotlight this week:

**GRAVER'S
TREE CARE**

**THE SACRED HEART
OF JESUS**

JUNE 27



SAVE THE DATE: Oct. 14 is the Annual Parish Golf Tournament and Fundraising Dinner

Registration is now open for the annual parish Golf Tournament and Fundraising Dinner on Tues., Oct. 14 at Glastonbury Hills Country

Club. It is a wonderful community event with the tournament proceeds supporting teen activities, faith formation scholarships, service programs, and other initiatives that support our parish youth.

There are several ways that you can participate.

- **You can play in the tournament** either by registering with your own foursome or we can gladly pair you with other golfers.
- **You can become a sponsor.** Sponsorship levels range from \$25 up to \$2,000.
- **You can donate a raffle or silent auction item.** Tickets or gift cards to local sporting events, theatres, nail salons, spas, ski resorts, etc. and golf items are always a big hit!
- **You can join other parishioners** for a nice night out and attend the dinner.

Visit the parish website for more information or to register.



**Regina's Writings:
Love Changes Us**

An ordinary baseball game provides a chance for players on both teams to learn important life lessons on inclusion, sacrifice, and love. Read her latest column at

<https://isidoreandmaria.org/category/reginas-writings>.

Beginning a Conversation. . .



OFFICE OF LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION
SS. Isidore and Maria Parish
GLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT

The Office of Lifelong Faith Formation is in the process of planning for the 2025- 2026 lifelong faith formation year. The goal of lifelong faith formation is to lead us to a deeper encounter with Christ and engagement in the Church. This goal is accomplished in various ways, involving many people, and each person contributes by utilizing their special gifts and talents in collaboration with the needs of the Church. During the next several weeks, we will be sharing specific opportunities for service that the faith formation program for children and teens in grades 1 through 10 has regarding catechists (echoers of God's WORD) and aides (those who assist the catechist and model true Catholic life).

Ministry descriptions and time commitments will be provided for various volunteer positions.

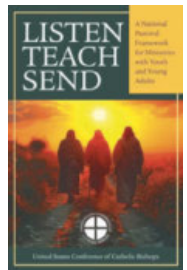
In the meantime, please take a moment to reflect on how you can contribute to our formation programs and processes. Feel free to contact Ted at ted@isidoreandmaria.org or 860-633-9419, ext. 202, for more information.

Listen, Teach, Send... An Invitation for Young Adults

Listen, Teach, Send is the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) National Framework for Ministries with Youth and Young Adults, encouraging parishes to revitalize their outreach and accompaniment to youth and young adults.

As we continue to expand our lifelong faith formation process at SS. Isidore and Maria, we invite you to join us for a casual light meal and conversation in the library (basement) of St. Paul Church on **Wed., Jul. 9, at 6:30 p.m.** to learn more about your wants and needs from your parish.

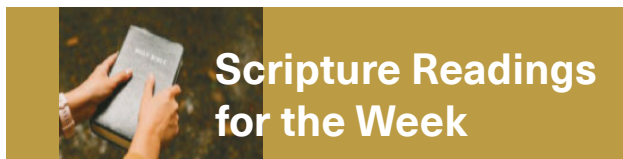
Email Ted Musco at ted@isidoreandmaria.org or call 860-633-9419, ext. 202, to let us know you're coming, and feel free to extend an invitation to your friends and colleagues. Attendance does not mean commitment — we want to see what will work best for you. If you have questions, please let us know. Hope to see you on July 9!



Registration for the Family Faith Formation — Process for Grades 1-10 Begins in July

All Children entering Grade 1 this September should be enrolled in the Family Faith Formation Process here at SS. Isidore and Maria Parish. First grade begins their formal journey to the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation. In July, please complete the registration process and review the program information found on the Lifelong Faith Formation website, which is currently undergoing renovation. Parents of children in other grades who have not enrolled in the Family Faith Formation Program in the past should do so this year.

Please contact Ted Musco, Director of the Office of Lifelong Faith Formation at Ted@IsidoreandMaria.org or 860-633-9419, or Ann Poker at Ann@IsidoreandMaria.org or 860-633-9419 for more information or to answer questions.



SUN 6/22/25	Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 (4b)/ 1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17
MON 6/23/25	Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/ Mt 7:1-5
TUES 6/24/25	<i>Vigil:</i> Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17 <i>Day:</i> Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c- 15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
WED 6/25/25	Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/ Mt 7:15-20
THR 6/26/25	Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/ Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 7:21-29
FRI 6/27/25	Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/ Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7
SAT 6/28/25	Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-17
SUN 6/29/25	<i>Vigil:</i> Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/ Jn 21:15-19 <i>Day:</i> Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19



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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:

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Chris Gibb
Darius Gittens
Michael Hitzer
Peter Kamianowski

Madeline Lanzi
Mark J. Lord
Gannon Lynch
Samuel MacDonald
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**Jul. 17 - 19:
CT Chamber
Music Fest at
St. Paul Church**

SS. Isidore and Maria
Parish will host the

2025 **CT Chamber Music Fest** from Jul. 17 – 19.

The festival brings together **world-class artists** to perform and work with intermediate and advanced violinists, violists, and cellists of all ages, giving them the chance to develop their talents, make new connections, and take advantage of valuable performance opportunities.

Featured faculty include our parish **Director of Music Ministries, David Garrido-Cid**, and **violinist Vincent Kaverud**, as well as distinguished faculty from the UCONN School of Music, The Hartt School at the University of Hartford, and the New England Conservatory of Music. **Application deadline is July 1.** For more information or to apply, visit <https://www.vincent-kaverud.com/ct-chamber-music-fest>.

This Day in History — June 24, 1954

Otto Fredrik Gideon Sundbäck (April 24, 1880 – June 21, 1954) was born on Sonarp farm in Ödestugu Parish, in Jönköping County, Småland, Sweden. After his studies in Sweden, Sundbäck moved to Germany, where he studied at the polytechnic school in Bingen am Rhein, graduating in engineering in 1903. In 1905, he emigrated to the United States.

A zipper (N. America), zip, zip fastener (UK), formerly known as a clasp locker, is a commonly used device for binding together two edges of fabric or other flexible material. The zipper gets its name from a brand of rubber boots (or galoshes) it was used on in 1923. The galoshes could be fastened with a single zip of the hand, and soon the hookless fasteners came to be called "Zippers".

Oliver, the zipper is a great invention! Dad seems to like zippers; sometimes he looks at us and says, "Why don't you two 'zip it up!'" I wonder what he means? Probably, he wants us to be sure our SS. Isidore & Maria Hoodies are zipped up!



Harry & 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.

**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
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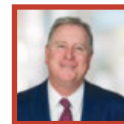
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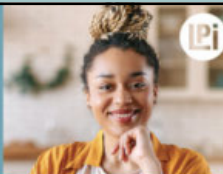
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