

✠ SS. Isidore and Maria Parish

GLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT



August 10, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

- Luke 12:40

Inspiration for the Week *by Rev. Mark Suslenko*

The fruits of our labors are not always seen in our lifetimes. Faith is not conditional on seeing results. Faith is a radical trust in what is unseen. It requires vigilance and self-investment. It requires our attention even when our efforts don't bear fruit or are unappreciated or unrecognized. A person who is open to accepting God's presence and is willing to share the love received with others is a true inspiration. Good works will flow from this vigilant depth of faith. It will be directed where it is most needed and detached from the need for recognition or gratitude. Faith exercised in secret is the most profound expression of faith and a testament of true love for our Creator. Only God must know our hearts' humility, generosity, and goodness. Standing erect and watchful, we are prepared to receive the gift of Divine Love and freely share it with others without recognition or self-benefit.

Aug. 9 & 10: Blood Pressure Screenings

The **Parish Wellness Ministry** conducts its monthly blood pressure screenings, provided free of charge, after the 4 p.m. Mass on Sat., Aug. 9, and after the 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses on Sun., Aug. 10. Screenings are held in the conference room of the South Wing of St. Paul Church. All participant names and results are confidential.



Aug. 15: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Fri., Aug. 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics. The parish will hold Masses at St. Paul Church as follows:

- **Thur., Aug. 14** at 6 p.m. (vigil)
- **Fri., Aug. 15** at 12:15 p.m.



Have you ordered your Polo Shirt yet? Benefits Hands On Hartford

SS. Isidore and Maria Parish is holding a **spring/summer polo shirt fundraiser** now through Aug. 15! Order yours today!

<https://nacstores.com/collections/parish>.



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Our Sponsor Spotlight this week is:

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Collections and Parish Finance

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



Report for the week of 8/3/2025:

Weekly collection: \$ 8,017.25

Online Giving: \$ 6,436.18

Total: \$ 14,453.43

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.



PODCAST: The Plans We Make Versus the Path God Sets

There's an old Yiddish proverb that states, "Man plans. God laughs." It's a proverb that suggests that, even though human beings make meticulous plans for a day or a lifetime, God ultimately has the final say in how things unfold. In his latest podcast, an encore, Father Mark explores this powerful and often uncomfortable truth and how the traps of vanity and self-delusion keep humans from simply letting God be born within us. Listen now at <https://isidoreandmaria.org/podcasts>.

Sept. 15: Catholic Vocations Q & A Night



Join us for a special Catholic Vocations Q & A Night, an open and welcoming evening designed for anyone curious about God's call in their life. It's happening Mon., Sept. 15 from 7-9 p.m. at St. Dunstan Parish, Father Bannon Hall, 1345 Manchester Road, Glastonbury.

Whether you're discerning a vocation to the priesthood, religious life, marriage, or a life of dedicated singlehood, this event offers a safe space to ask questions, share thoughts, and hear from those who've walked the path of discernment. Whether you are just beginning to wonder or are well along on your discernment journey, this event will offer guidance, inspiration, and community support. Refreshments will be served. Registration is required. For more information or to register, please visit <http://isidoreandmaria.org/vocationssept2025>.



Aug. 16 & 17: Mission Collection to Benefit Diocese of St. Thomas

Despite its beauty, the Diocese of St. Thomas, VI is the smallest and poorest diocese in the U.S. Their Chancery, parishes, and schools currently rely heavily

on outside donations to cover the cost of operations, especially after the devastating hurricanes that inflicted a severe blow on their economy and destroyed their tourism industry in recent years.

On Aug. 16 & 17, SS. Isidore and Maria Parish holds our annual Mission Appeal, with all proceeds benefiting the Diocese of St. Thomas. Please use the gold envelopes in your packet for this donation, or simply place your donation in a regular envelope marked "St. Thomas 2025" and deposit it into the collection kiosk. Please make checks out to SS. *Isidore and Maria Parish*. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

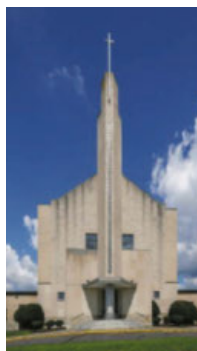


Aug. 24: The Return of the Pop-up Choir! The Summer Pop-Up Choir is back!

The Summer Pop-up Choirs a spontaneous gathering of parishioners wishing to sing together in the choir loft during

Mass. No experience or RSVP required. Just bring your joy-filled voice for a brief rehearsal before the 11:15 a.m. Mass on Sun., Aug 24 (rehearsal is 10:45 a.m.), then sing along with us at 11:15!

This event is for ANYONE who wants to try or resume choral singing in a fun, low-pressure community event! Questions? Email david@isidoreandmaria.org.



Branches on the Vine for Aug. 9 - 15

Maria Reina de la Paz Parish at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church in Hartford is being elevated to an archdiocesan shrine. Learn more about it in Branches on the Vine from the Archdiocese of Hartford:

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

"You will see by this that no man should be judged by another here in this life, for the good or evil he has done. Deeds may be properly judged, whether they are good or bad, but not men."

~ *The Cloud of Unknowing* Translation by Clifton Wolters

Eucharist

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

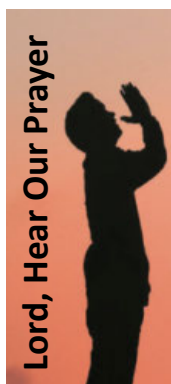
+++ St. John Maria Vianney

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, August 9 <i>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4 p.m.	Cecilio, Rose, Don Giles & Joy Flores	Family
Sunday, August 10 <i>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Paul Ezinwoke (Birthday) Raymond Hemeon Genevieve Fon-Ndikum	Family Gingras Family Kenta-Bibi Family
Monday, August 11 St. Clare, Virgin	7:30 a.m.	Genevieve Ndikum	Kenta-Bibi Family
Tuesday, August 12 St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious	7:30 a.m. 7 p.m.	Madeline Agin Pray the Rosary (St. Augustine Church)	Her sister, Rosemary
Wednesday, August 13 SS. Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs	7:30 a.m.	Ely, Grant, Ianni, Lombardo and Kunofsy Families	Family
Thursday, August 14 St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr	6 p.m.	Paul Romanelli Vigil Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Dr. Richard J. & Mrs. Risinger
Friday, August 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation	12:15 p.m. After Mass until 2 p.m.	Fred Pettit Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Carol Vassar
Saturday, August 16 <i>20th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Mission Appeal Weekend</i>	4 p.m.	Cecilio, Rose, Don Giles & Joy Flores	Family
Sunday, August 17 <i>20th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Mission Appeal Weekend</i>	8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Angelo Barresi Manuel Falcon (Birthday) Lee Leniart & Walter J. Leniart	Jeanette & Sal Family Family

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be His own.

Psalms 33

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.



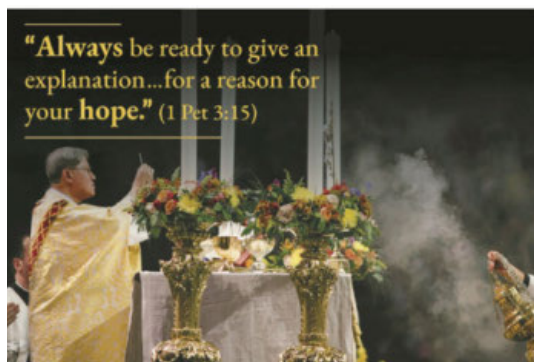
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Sept. 21: Catechetical Sunday

Catechetical Sunday is celebrated nationwide on Sept. 21 and takes place this year during the Jubilee of Hope. The theme this year is "Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope" 1 Pet 3:15.

All parents along with their family members are invited to join us on Sept. 21 for the 9:30 a.m. Mass to be recognized and blessed along with our parish catechists and aides.



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.



St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us, "Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe, to know what he ought to desire, and to know what he ought to do."

Everyone is called to work toward their salvation and ultimate union with God. Those who take this call seriously must embark upon a journey inward to the deepest recesses of their soul. In the adventure and wonder of that journey, we work out the details of our union with our Beloved. We cling to what we need to believe, remain firm in what we truly desire, and are guided by what we know we have to do. Once we know that our goal is to be one with our Creator, life becomes an exciting expedition to pursue that end. We make necessary preparations, follow the map, and remain on course.

Whenever we want something, we put our entire selves into achieving it. Being fully invested in our labor, we will-

ingly work extra hours, devote an abundance of energy and effort, and remain vigilant for beneficial opportunities that may come our way. We certainly do not passively sit by doing nothing! Such an attitude leads to laziness and accomplishing little. Worse yet, some look to others to do the work for them, hoping to reap the benefits of another's efforts. Conscientiousness and diligence are the only means to success.

For the one who eagerly awaits the day when they can be with God fully, life becomes a joyous adventure indeed! Alert, ready, focused, convicted, and willing to be a servant, they constantly watch and prepare themselves for meeting the Lord. Loving the journey and being in love with their Creator, their lives become joyful witnesses of love and service. They are secure in their hope, confident in their faith, and perfect in their love. Never looking for recognition or gratitude, they stand as gentle inspirations of what the Holy Spirit can do in the hearts of those who believe. Because we do not know what tomorrow will bring, we stand ready to be used as God wills and run eagerly toward Him when He comes. How much do we desire to experience the joy of salvation?

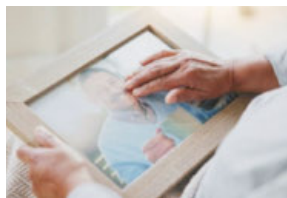


Sept. 7: World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

The Fifth World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is to be held in the U.S. on Sun., Sept. 7. This year's theme is "*Blessed are those who have not lost hope*" (cf. Sir 14:2).

Established by Pope Francis in 2021, the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is intended to be an opportunity to reflect on how the presence of grandparents and the elderly can become a sign of hope in every family and church community.

Visit <http://isidoreandmaria.org/grandparents2025> to learn more about it, and how you can celebrate with your loved ones!



A New Day Bereavement Program Begins Sept. 9

The Parish Bereavement Ministry is offering another FREE session of *A New Day* beginning Sept 9. The sessions will take place in classroom 4 in the education wing of St. Paul Church from **6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.** each Tues. for ten weeks.

A New Day is a faith-based, confidential, small group support program coordinated by volunteers who act as facilitators and accompany participants on their journey from grief to healing.

It is open to all men and women who are coping with the loss of a loved one. Registration is required: <http://isidoreandmaria.org/newdayfall2025>



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	Kevin Gamache	Samuel MacDonald
Tammy Breiner	Chris Gibb	Alexis Maher
Aaron Bryant	Darius Gittens	Michael Scott Mullin
Beau Douglas	Michael Hitzer	John W. Murphy
Celia Fajardo	Peter Kamianowski	Drew Scarfone
Brandon Farrell	Madeline Lanzi	Timothy Sullivan
Gabe Forthofer	Mark J. Lord	Jack M. Zaremba
	Gannon Lynch	



Oct 14: The 2025 SS. Isidore and Maria Golf Tournament

Sign-ups are now underway for golfers, sponsors, and dinner-only guests for the 2025 SS. Isidore and Maria Golf Tournament takes place

on Tues., Oct. 14 at Glastonbury Hills Country Club. For more information or to register, visit <http://isidoreandmaria.org/golf2025>.



Scripture Readings for the Week

SUN 8/10/25	Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40
MON 8/11/25	Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27
TUES 8/12/25	Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
WED 8/13/25	Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20
THR 8/14/25	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1
FRI 8/15/25	Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
SAT 8/16/25	Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15
SUN 8/17/25	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Ministry Highlight — VOCATIONS



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>.



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

UPDATES from the Office of Lifelong Faith Formation

- Is your child entering **first grade** this fall? Now's the time to enroll your first-grader in the parish Faith Formation program! Questions? Email ann@isidoreandmaria.org.
- This Fall, we'll be expanding our **Lifelong Faith Formation Process**. In partnership with RENEW International, our parish will begin a series of small adult faith sharing groups. You may have been part of a RENEW faith sharing group years ago. Founded in 1978, RENEW International is a not-for-profit organization based in Plainfield, NJ. Their mission is simple yet powerful: to connect faith and life. The RENEW process combined with a theme will meet the needs of our community and help us build small groups to transform the Church so the Church can transform the world. The usual commitment is for about 90 minutes once per week for six-week periods. Look for future announcements and plan to join one of the groups this fall.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Join us on Sat., Nov. 8, for our first annual **Fall Faith Formation Forum**. This inaugural conference for adults of all ages celebrates the Jubilee of Hope through prayer, Mass, presentations by local and national speakers, and a time to enjoy our neighbors and friends. Details will be shared shortly but don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity.



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Faith Formation Volunteers Needed!

Your talents are needed **NOW** to support the Grades 1-10 Parish Faith Formation Program. Visit <http://isidoreandmaria.org/ffvolunteers2025> to learn more about how you can help and the next steps to volunteering!

“The Immaculate Virgin however invites us not to fix our eyes on her but to pass beyond, and as much as possible, to enter into the mystery in which she was conceived: the mystery of God who is One and Three, full of grace and fidelity. As the moon shines with the light of the sun, so the immaculate splendour of Mary is totally relative to that of the Redeemer. The Mother leads us to her Son; passing through her, we reach Christ. For this reason, Dante Allighieri notes fittingly: “that her radiance alone can dispose you to see Christ”. ~ Pope Saint John Paul II



ImmaCare Inc.

UPDATE

Thanks for your support of the parish ImmaCare ministry. The schedule of ImmaCare events for Sept. is as follows:

- Thurs., Sept. 4: ImmaCare Outreach Program pickup
- Fri., Sept. 12: 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>.

This Day in History — August 9, 1944



*Smokey Bear's debut poster.
Art by Albert Staehle.*

Smokey Bear

The first Smokey Bear poster debuts in 1944. Because of this, August 9 is used as Smokey's birthday.

The poster used the slogan, "Care will prevent 9 out of 10 forest fires!" In 1950, a bear cub was rescued from a New Mexico wildfire and became the live embodiment of the cartoon Smokey Bear. The slogan eventually became, "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires."

Harry and I want to remind all our friends to be extra careful this summer with fire while enjoying hikes, barbecues and fire pits.
Remember... "Only YOU can prevent wildfires."



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

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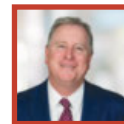
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