HARVEST NEWS

St. Isidore CHURCH

February 22, 2026
1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



CONNECTING POINT

Amy Righi - Music & Liturgy Director amy@stisidore.church

What do I reach for instead of trusting God? Answering this question caused me to dig deeply into my anxieties, fears, and conflicts. Self-examination on this level is uncomfortable. Like many of you reading this, I am a believer; I trust God, but I don't always respond in ways that maximize the power of that sacred trust. In Genesis (2:7–9), our humanity began in a garden overflowing with everything we could ever possibly need. Even in this plentiful place, free-will turned heads toward something bright, shiny, alluring, and seemingly desirable. Here and now, in 2026, we are definitely not in the Garden anymore! Amidst the countless struggles of our lives, what in this crazy world promises wisdom, control, self-sufficiency, and peace?

Is it self-reliance? "I can fix this." "I'll be better next time." (Hmm... how's that working out?)

Does research and fact-checking bring true **peace** or self-righteous feelings of control? (The jury is out.)

Escaping into entertainment, including food, alcohol, sex, shopping, and scrolling, can temporarily numb pain but won't replace the **healing** that's truly

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Calendar

FEBRUARY 22 - MARCH 1

SUN 22

7:30 AM **MASS** CH
9:30 AM **MASS/CLW** CH
11:30 AM **MASS/CLW** CH
5:30 PM **MASS/CLW** CH

MON 23

8 AM **MASS** CH
8:45 AM **ARMCHAIR AEROBICS** RC
4:30 PM **DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION** CH
6:15 PM **DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION** CH
6:30 PM **COR MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** RC
6:30 PM **SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP** FCR

TUE 24

6:30 AM **MEN'S BIBLE** VIR
8 AM **MASS** CH
9 AM **ADORATION** RC
9 AM **THE PROPHETS BIBLE STUDY** CR9
1 PM **COMFORT CRAFT** SH
4:30 PM **DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION** CH
5 PM **JOYFUL NOISE CHILDREN'S REHEARS** MR
6:15 PM **DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION** CH

WED 25

8 AM **MASS** CH
9:30 AM **SCRIPTURE GRP** RC
2 PM **FORGOTTEN HARVEST** PL
7 PM **YOUNG CATHOLIC SOCIETY** SH
7 PM **THE PROPHETS BIBLE STUDY** RC
7 PM **CHOIR REHEARSAL** MR

THU 26

8 AM **MASS** CH
10 AM **SMALL GROUP** YR
1:30 PM **SVDP MTG** ECR
5:30 PM **MINDFULNESS MEDITATION** YR
6:30 PM **TOASTMASTERS** CR9
6:30 PM **GRIEF SUPP** ECR
7 PM **HISPANIC ROSARY** FCR
7 PM **K OF C OFFICERS MTG** RC
7:30 PM **TEEN ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL** CH

FRI 27

7 AM **ADORATION** CH
8 AM **MASS** CH
8:45 AM **FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP** SH
4 PM **K OF C FISH FRY** SH
7 PM **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** HSW

SAT 28

3:15 PM **CONFESSIONS** CH
4:30 PM **MASS** CH

SUN 1

COFFEE & DONUTS AFTER 7:30 AND 9:30 MASSES
7:30 AM **MASS** CH
9:30 AM **MASS/CLW** CH
10:30 AM **OCIA** ECR/CR9 & 10
11:30 AM **MASS/CLW** CH
1 PM **SLOWING DOWN TO THE SPEED OF JOY** SH
5:30 PM **MASS/CLW** CH

A-Atrium, CH-Church, CR-Classrooms, CY-Courtyard, ECR-Executive Conference Room, FCR-Front Conference Room, FO-Front Office, GS-Gathering Space, K-Social Hall Kitchen, MR-Music Room, PL-Parking Lot, OS-Off Site, RC-Resource Center, REC-Rectory, SH-Social Hall, YR-Youth Room, VIR–Virtual, HSW-Holy Spirit Wing, HFW-Holy Family Wing

Fasting and Abstinence: Lenten Observances

Amy Righi - Music & Liturgy Director

Lent is the 40 days before Easter when Catholics prepare to commemorate Jesus' Resurrection through prayer, penance, fasting, and almsgiving.

Lenten Fasting Guidelines
Catholics ages 18-59 are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday which involves eating one full meal and two smaller meals. The total amount of food consumed in the two smaller meals should not be equal to a full meal. Additionally, all Catholics over age 14 are expected to abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent.

Note: No eating between meals (solid food); liquids (like water, juice, tea, coffee) are permitted.

Excused
Those who are sick, elderly (60+), pregnant or nursing, manual laborers with serious work demands, or otherwise whose health would be jeopardized by fasting/abstinence are not obligated to follow these laws, though they are encouraged to undertake suitable acts of penance instead.

"Lent reminds us, therefore, that Christian life is a never-ending combat in which the "weapons" of prayer, fasting, and penance are used. Fighting against evil, against every form of selfishness and hate, and dying to oneself to live in God is the ascetic journey that every disciple of Jesus is called to make with humility and patience, with generosity and perseverance." (From Catholic Answers Insider Newsletter)

Purpose and Encouragement
The Church emphasizes that these practices are not merely rules but are meant to foster penance, spiritual renewal, and conversion of heart. Catholics are also encouraged to take on additional prayer, almsgiving, and personal penances throughout Lent beyond the minimum requirements.

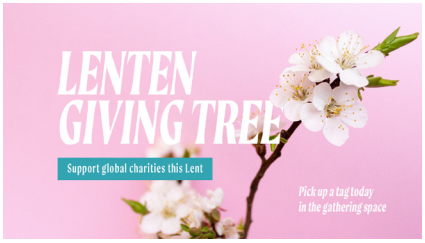
Lenten Giving Tree - 2026

Jenny L. Racette - LGT Chairperson

This year Ash Wednesday was February 18, which also began another St. Isidore Lenten Giving Tree Program. During Lent we spread God's Word through our good works around the world. This year St. Isidore parish family will be sponsoring three charities and supporting God's people from around the world who are in desperate need. In future articles the Lenten Giving Tree committee will introduce you to the organizations and the charities for 2026.

Two of the three Lenten Giving Trees will be set up in the Gathering Space with envelopes hanging from their branches, and the third tree will be set up by the Romeo Plank, Mary's Garden Entrance. The envelopes will have instructions guiding you as to how to designate your donation to your charity of choice. There is an informational flyer placed in each envelope for easy reference to each charity. The trees will be set up from February 18, Ash Wednesday, through Sunday, March 22.

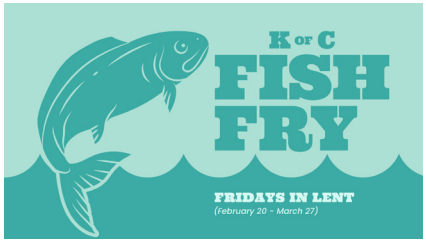
Envelopes will be collected through Palm Sunday, March 29. If you are donating by check, please make the check payable to "St. Isidore" and on the memo line indicate which charity you would like to sponsor. Donations are tax-deductible and 100% of the contribution goes for services directly involving God's people we are sponsoring.



Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes Me; and whoever welcomes Me does not only welcome Me, but the One who sent Me.

Mark 9:36-38

EVENTS



FRIDAYS THROUGH MAR 27 | 4 - 7 PM

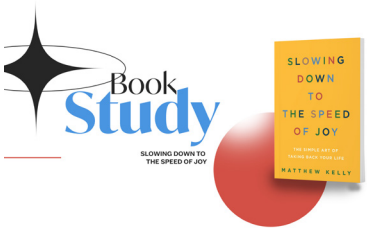
K OF C FISH FRY

Enjoy food, music, and fellowship featuring dine-in, take-out, and drive-thru. Enter from Romeo Plank. Proceeds will support local K of C charities. Cash, check, or credit card accepted and prices include sales tax. Menu (no subtitutions):

Dinner ($15): One Entree: fried fish, baked fish, or fried shrimp. Sides included: redskin potatoes, coleslaw, mac-&-cheese, and roll.

Lite Meal ($6): One Entree: 2 slices of cheese pizza or mac-&-cheese. Sides included: coleslaw and roll.

Allergy Warning - Fish and Shellfish may come in contact with one another during cooking. Sponsored by St. Isidore Knights of Columbus Council #7200.



SUN | MAR 1 | 1 - 3 PM

SLOWING DOWN TO THE SPEED OF JOY: TWO-HOUR BOOK STUDY

Slow down for a two-hour review and book study based on Matthew Kelly's *Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy.* This easy-to-read book was gifted at Christmas and can be read in one evening. (If you did not receive a copy of the book, contact the Parish Office.) The session will include prayer, discussion, reflection, and practical ways to reclaim joy and your Sundays, especially through Sunday rest. **Register by calling the Parish Office at 586-286-1700.**



SUN | MAR 1 | AFTER 7:30 AND 9:30 AM MASSES

COFFEE, DONUTS, FRUIT... BUILDING THRIVING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

All donations—matched dollar for dollar—will be given to the Community Housing Network (CHN). CHN is a nonprofit organization committed to helping Metro Detroiters build thriving communities and overcome homelessness and housing instability.

Please join us to support our youth as they continue to grow in faith and service, making this ministry even more meaningful.



THU | MAR 5 | 8:30 AM - 7:30 PM | ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH ADORATION, PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING

Adoration is a time to be with Jesus in prayer and praise; all are welcome, regardless of age. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed following the 8:30 AM Mass and remain exposed for Adoration until 7:30 PM. Additionally, a Taco Bowl and fellowship will be available from 5 to 6:30 PM, and music, praise, and worship will be from 6:30 to 7:30 PM.



SUN | MAR 8 | 1 - 5 PM

GAME DAY WITH CHICKEN DINNER

Winner, winner and chicken dinner! Come out for an afternoon of fun games and a delicious chicken dinner, including dessert, coffee, and tea. Bring your friends and your favorite game. The Altar Society will provide the food and snacks while you play. Enjoy door prizes, a Spring Raffle, and a money draw (tickets sold separately). Cost is $20 per person. Dinner tickets sold after all Masses Feb. 21–22 and Feb. 28–Mar. 1. Raffle tickets also available Mar. 7–8. For information, contact Kathy Shipton at 586-291-7769.



THU - SUN | 2 WEEKENDS AVAILABLE | HOLLY, MI

CURSILLO SPRING WEEKENDS

You are invited to take a step out in faith and attend an inspirational, amazing, fun, and pertinent 3-day Cursillo (**cursillodetroit.com**) weekend at Maryville retreat center. In his love and wisdom, God gives people just what they individually need! You will never regret this special experience of grace and friendship. Two weekends available:

- Men's - March 12-15
- Women's - April 23-26

Materials with details are available in the Front Office. Call ambassadors Dan & Kathy to have all your questions answered: (586) 202-9085.



WED | MAR 18 | 6 - 7:30 PM | AUSTIN CATHOLIC HS

AUSTIN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Austin Catholic HS offers a strong college-preparatory education taught by dedicated teachers who know and support their students. With competitive athletics, engaged leadership, and a close school community, Austin Catholic continues to grow and deliver real results.

We invite you to learn more about Macomb County's only Cognia-accredited, co-educational Catholic HS, now accepting applications for the 2026–2027 school year by applying online at **AustinCatholicHighSchool.org/apply-now.**



VOLUNTEER SIGNUP

SAT | MAR 21 | 8 AM - 2 PM | ST. THERESE

KIDS COALITION AGAINST HUNGER

We'll work together to pack meals that bless families around the world and in our own community. Our goal is 20,000 meals, and we need your help!

Past events have been filled with joy and fellowship as parishioners of all ages—children, teens, parents, and grandparents—worked side by side in a fun, fast-paced environment. It's a wonderful way to serve together and make a real difference.

Use the QR code to access the multiple volunteering opportunities.



BAGS DUE TUE, MAR 31

BROWN BAG FOOD DRIVE

Sharing Christ's Love in March

St. Isidore will host a Brown Bag Food Drive throughout the month of March, benefiting the Agape Center and the St. Francis–St. Maximilian Food Pantries. Brown bags will be available in the Gathering Space all month long, each containing a list of needed items. We invite you to fill a bag with these items and return it to the Gathering Space by March 31. Your generosity is a beautiful way to live out Christ's call to feed the hungry and care for our neighbors in need.



MON - FRI | MAY 4 - 8

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Save-The-Date for the Spring, 2026 Rummage Sale. Dates are:

- May 4 & 5: Drop-off
- May 7 & 8: Sale

Donations are strongly encouraged and appreciated!



FRI - SUN | JUL 17 - 19

NORTHERN MICHIGAN PILGRIMAGE

Join St. Isidore on a tour of Northern Michigan. Trip includes:

- Round-trip deluxe motorcoach transportation
- Two nights' stay and two breakfasts at Alpena-area hotel
- One group dinner at a restaurant
- One boxed lunch
- One lunch at St. Augustine Church
- Two performance opportunities
- Visit to the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center
- Two-hour retreat at Cross in the Woods

For info: 866.466.2202, info@ctscentral.net, or at classicperformancesbycts.com.

Brown Bag Food Drive - Sharing Christ's Love in March

Mike Aprile - Evangelical Charity Coordinator

Catholic Social Teaching reminds us that in a world marked by growing inequality, we are called to remember the story of the Last Judgment—and to place the needs of the poor and vulnerable at the heart of our actions.

In response to this Gospel call, St. Isidore will host a Brown Bag Food Drive throughout the month of March, benefiting the Agape Center and the St. Francis–St. Maximilian Food Pantries.

Brown bags will be available in the Gathering Space beginning March 1. Each bag will include a list of needed items. We invite you to take a bag, fill it with the requested items, and return it to the Gathering Space by March 31.

This simple act of generosity is a powerful way for our parish community to live out the Church's call to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first. Thank you in advance for your kindness and for sharing Christ's love with those most in need.

> ***For I was hungry and you gave me food...***
>
> Matthew 25:35

Rediscover Joy. Slow Down. Reclaim Your Sunday

Beth Beebe - Evangelization Committee

Join us on Sunday, March 1 at 1:00 - 3:00 PM for a two-hour book study on Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy.

Life moves fast and most of us feel it. Between work, family, commitments, and constant noise, it's easy to feel rushed, distracted, and spiritually drained. This one-day book study is an invitation to step out of that pace and rediscover the joy God desires for us.

This study is based on *Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy*, a simple and approachable book that many of you already own because it was gifted to all parishioners and visitors at our Christmas Masses. The book is an easy read and can be finished in a single evening, but its message has the power to reshape how we live, pray, and experience God.

Together, parishioners from St. Isidore and St. Therese of Lisieux will gather for a relaxed, welcoming 90-minute session that includes prayer, guided reflection, small-group conversation, silence, and practical take-aways. We'll explore how busyness shapes our lives, how joy is often found at a slower pace, and how reclaiming Sunday can be a powerful first step toward a more peaceful and faith-filled week.

You don't need to be a "book study person" to come, just bring yourself, your curiosity, and a willingness to pause. Whether you feel overwhelmed, spiritually restless, or simply in need of a reset, this afternoon is for you.

Register by calling St. Isidore's Parish Office at 586-286-1700.

Come slow down with us and let God meet you there.

Join a Small Group This Lent - A Simple Way to Get Started

Beth Beebe - Small Group Coordinator

St. Isidore's Small Groups are launching this Lent, and we warmly invite you to consider joining one. If you've ever thought about joining a small group but weren't sure where to begin, this is a low-pressure, easy way to start. No prior experience is needed—just an open heart.

Each Small Group will meet regularly for about one hour. Together, we'll reflect on the Scripture readings for the upcoming weekend Masses, along with the associated Connecting Point. A group leader will guide the conversation, so there's no need to prepare anything in advance beyond simply showing up.

From my own experience, reading and reflecting on the Scriptures before Mass makes a remarkable difference. It deepens understanding, enriches prayer, and transforms how you experience the Mass—it's truly a game changer. An added blessing is the sense of connection and community that naturally grows within the group.

If you're interested in joining a Small Group—or simply want to learn more—please feel free to contact me at beth@stisidore.church or 586-286-1700. While we hope people join Small Groups the week of February 22, if that doesn't work for you, you can join at any time.

Lent is a great time to take a simple step toward a deeper faith and meaningful connection. We'd love to walk that journey with you.



Coffee, Donuts, Fruit... Building Thriving Communities Together

Mike Aprile - Evangelical Charity Coordinator

Please join us for fellowship following the 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses on March 1, where coffee, donuts, and fruit will be available as we gather in community. All donations collected—matched dollar for dollar—will support Community Housing Network (CHN). CHN (communityhousingnetwork.org) is a nonprofit organization committed to helping Metro Detroiters build thriving communities and overcome homelessness and housing instability.

All free-will donations from this month's gathering, along with a dollar-for-dollar match, will benefit Community Housing Network.

Through permanent supportive housing, rental assistance, and essential support services, they help people secure safe, stable housing and work toward long-term independence.

As Catholics, we are called to uphold the dignity of every human person and to respond to the needs of the vulnerable. "The Lord hears the cry of the poor" (Psalm 34:6). Your generosity on March 1st will help provide hope, stability, and a place to call home for our neighbors in need.

Please join us—not only for coffee and donuts, but to share in the joy of community and the blessing of being able to make a difference together.

Crime Prevention for Seniors

Marilyn Cito, St. Therese of Lisieux Parish Nurse marilync@stol.church

Senior citizens are the fastest-growing segment of the U.S. population. One in eight Americans is 65 or older, totaling 35 million people. By 2030, as life expectancy increases, this will rise to 64 million.

There are numerous ways seniors can be taken advantage of, so they need to be aware of these risks. Because seniors often have significant financial resources, they are often targets of fraud and scams. Seniors are targets of telemarketing, direct mail scams, online scams, home-improvement fraud, door-to-door salespeople, and identity theft.

Seniors are targeted by scammers for several reasons. Older Americans often own their homes, have excellent credit, and have saved for retirement. They also tend to *trust* other people. In addition, seniors are less likely to report incidents because they don't know who to contact, are too embarrassed, or don't even realize they have been scammed.

As we get older, seniors should be aware of safety precautions at home, in the car, while shopping, and in public. Family members can help ensure seniors' safety by checking in daily via phone, email, or text. Family members should also speak with seniors about any unusual calls, emails, texts, or visits from strangers they may have received. Also, set up an emergency plan, such as a safety alert button, in case they need help or fall. Safety precautions include:

Personal Safety:

- When someone knocks on your door, do not open it unless you know who it is.
- If you return home and the door is ajar, do **not** go inside; call the police instead.
- Have good locks, including a deadbolt.
- Don't carry a large amount of cash.
- Use direct deposit instead of mailed checks.

Telephone/Internet Safety:

- Don't answer a call from an unknown caller.
- Don't give personal/identification information over the phone. The IRS, banks, police, and other institutions do not call to request personal information. Hang up. **You** can call the organization.
- If the phone call is threatening, hang up and dial 911.
- Be aware of scams that claim you've won a prize and ask for payment.
- Be careful with emails and texts. Do not respond/open attachments unless you are certain of who is sending them.

Home Improvement Schemes:

- Avoid home improvement schemes offered door-to-door, by telephone, or online.

Health Fraud:

- Avoid "instant cures" or gadgets that relieve pain promoted on TV, online, or in the newspaper.
- Avoid fake/free laboratory tests.

General Fraud Recommendations:

- Avoid get-rich-quick schemes.
- Read contracts before signing. Don't leave sections blank or skim through fine print.
- Review bills for errors, additions, and services you did not use.
- Contributions to charity should be made to an organization, **not** an individual.

On Sunday, March 1, from 11 to 12:30 PM, St. Therese will host Macomb County Prosecutor Peter Lucido to discuss crime prevention for seniors, including *how* seniors are targeted and exploited by criminals and *what to do* if a senior becomes a victim. Please RSVP to the St. Therese of Lisieux Parish Secretary at 586-254-4433 or Marilyn Cito, Parish Nurse, at 586-254-4433 Ext. 320, or Marilync@stol.church.

References:

- beverlypd.org/pdf/PERSONAL SAFETY/CRIME PREVENTION FOR SENIORS
- https://agesafeamerica.com/crime-prevention-tips-elderl

Sacred Seeds

Worship Commission

Question: Why do we pray the Stations of the Cross?

Answer: Lent is about conversion through the Cross of Jesus.

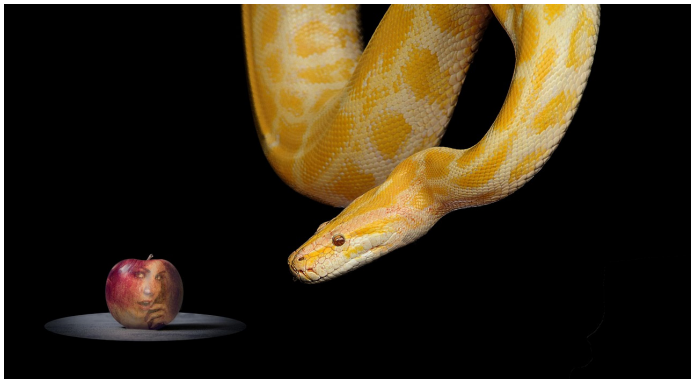
Lent calls us to repentance, humility, and self-giving love. Praying and reflecting on the Stations slows us down and places us face-to-face with Christ's Passion—not as distant history, but as something we are involved in. We stop to share in His life, suffering, death, and resurrection.

Sacred Seeds



Upcoming Events

- February 22 – 1st Sunday of Lent
- February 27 – Fish Fry
- March 1 – Coffee, Donuts & Fruit after 7:30 & 9:30 Masses
- March 1 – 2nd Sunday of Lent
- March 3 – Total Lunar Eclipse



The First Sunday of Lent
The Lord shows us that even when temptations are high we do not need to indulge. We should listen to God and follow his rules.

Family Time Challenge
As a family read the story of Adam & Eve from your Children's Bible and discuss the temptations provided. Then work together as a family to try and memorize the *Act of Contrition*. Remember we are all tempted and give in sometimes so we use this prayer to show sorrow for our sins as we celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

K of C Monthly Recognition

Brian McAleer - K of C

The St. Isidore K of C Council monthly recognizes a "Knight of the Month" and a "Family of the Month" for their efforts in serving the council/parish/community. Shown are William Hicks and Debbie (John not present) Rak receiving certificates for February's Knight and Family of the Month from Grand Knight Patrick Lang.





Power in Prayer

Sue Rebits - Evangelization Committee

This Week's Intention: Fighting Temptation

Suggested Prayer: Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Or simply say "Dear Jesus help me."

Suggested Activity: Actively remove yourself from places, situations, or digital environments that provoke temptation. Practice self-control over what you look at and dwell on. Acknowledge your weakness and trust in God's strength to overcome temptation. Use spiritual warfare by attending Mass, receiving the Eucharist, going to Confession, reading Scripture, and praying the rosary.

> ***Jesus permits the spiritual combat as a purification, not as a punishment. The trial is not unto death but unto salvation.***
>
> Padre Pio



Did You Know?
In Jesus We Shall Triumph

"Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil" (Matthew 4:1).

Jesus did not go into the desert primarily for a prayerful retreat. Rather, the Scriptures say he was "led by the Spirit... to be tempted by the devil." To begin his ministry, Jesus must face Satan directly and endure his taunts and temptations and emerge triumphant.

Some people become upset when they suffer temptations and assaults from the Evil One. They may wonder: " What am I doing wrong?" Jesus' life makes it clear that enduring the devil's temptations is a part of every Christian life. Moreover, just as Jesus triumphed, in him so shall we.

But it will not always be easy or one-and-done. Throughout his ministry Jesus was the object of attacks by evil forces. The spiritual battle continues until the end.

Msgr. Stephen J. Rosette (Living Faith)

St. Vincent de Paul

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Let your heart be full of compassion for the poor, and lovingly assist them, because the name of Jesus is engraved on their countenance. When you have not the means of helping your neighbor, recommend him fervently to God, Whose sovereign dominion holds all creatures.
St. Paul of the Cross

Our parishioners have such compassion for the poor and greatly assist them by filling up the donation bins for the pantry. Hold our neighbors in your prayers as many of them struggle with food insecurity. Please keep our pantry list in mind as you shop in stores or on-line this week.

- ☐ $25 Gift Cards – Meijer, Kroger, Walmart
- ☐ Dish Soap
- ☐ Kleenex
- ☐ Shampoo
- ☐ Boxed Pasta – Spaghetti & Elbow
- ☐ Canned Ravioli
- ☐ Pasta Roni
- ☐ Chicken Noodle Soup
- ☐ Canned Tuna
- ☐ Tuna Helper
- ☐ Canned Sloppy Joe
- ☐ Canned Chili
- ☐ Oatmeal Packets
- ☐ Canned Peas
- ☐ Canned Carrots
- ☐ Mac & Cheese
- ☐ Cereal

God Bless you for loving our neighbors,
St. Vincent de Paul Society

Giving Report

FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2026

BUDGET THIS WEEK

100%

$24,903 ACTUAL — $24,962

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

107%

$883,072 ACTUAL — $823,731

CSA

157%

$304,047 ACTUAL — $193,553

463 Envelopes Returned

264 Online Gifts

24% Families Contributing

Our 2025 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) has now surpassed the assigned AOD goal. Donating to CSA remains the best way to support St. Isidore. Any excess CSA funds beyond our goal are not subject to the 7% assessment and will not be included in future CSA assessments (14.5%), making them extremely valuable to our parish. Your generosity enables our parish to thrive. Thank you!

Visit stisidore.church/give for the safest and easiest way to support St. Isidore

How to Donate to St. Vincent de Paul

We use all donations to help our neighbors who are in financial distress with rent, utilities, and food. All donations are tax-deductible.

To make a donation, put cash or a check (to St. Isidore SVdP) in one of the blue envelopes located at church entrances, and place in the collection basket at Mass.

Connecting Point (cont'd)

needed.

Even work can be an escape, diving into career, productivity, money, reaping the status of self-satisfaction, wherein worth becomes more impressive than **faith**.

Giving up. "There's nothing I can do." "This world is so messed up." "God isn't helping." Anger, blame, and even resignation can feel resolute, but they merely mask grief.

According to Romans (5:12, 17–19), our tendencies are not just personal weakness; they are part of the inherited brokenness of sin entering the world. Sin distorts trust and convinces us that life is something we can manage, earn, or protect on our own rather than receive through faithful dependence on God.

Like Adam and Eve, I often reach, not because I doubt but because I think I can do it on my own, forgetting in the moment that God is truly enough and that trusting in Him will lead to life.

In Matthew (4:1–11), Jesus refuses to reach. He does not seize control, prove Himself, or demand comfort. Instead, He anchors Himself in the Word of God and chooses trust over self-reliance. Where humanity failed in the Garden, Jesus remains faithful in the wilderness. Through Christ's obedience, grace now reigns. We are no longer bound to the instinct to grasp. We are invited to **trust**.

Come to Him in Prayer

When we feel isolated, we need connection. Coming to God in fervent prayer may seem futile at times, but it is the exact connection that we need. God calls us into a true relationship with Him, one that involves bearing all our frustrations, anxieties, and feelings of helplessness to Him without reservation. God's power is not an idea to manage when we need it; His loving presence is always there to **trust**.

God looks forward to hearing from you.

Baby Pantry Request List

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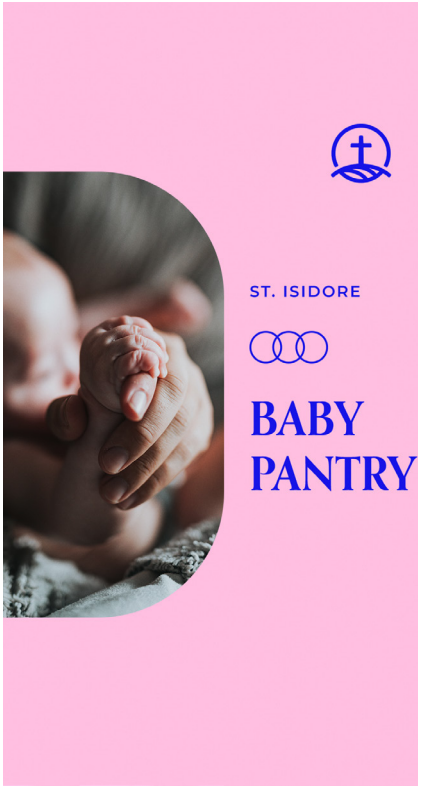
"Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: 'Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs.'" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

Lent is a great time to reflect on how generous God has been to us and the opportunities he gives us to in turn be generous to others.

If you are able, please donate:

- Wipes
- Size 5 diapers

St. Isidore Baby Pantry



Mass Intentions

SAT. FEB. 21 4:30 PM
- ✝ Patricia Miller, Family
- ✝ Ben & Dorothy Decker, Family
- ✝ Charles & Virginia Yaden, Family
- ✝ Schang Family, Family
- ✝ John Czulinski, Family
- ✝ Larry Prudhomme, Wife, Sherrie
- ✝ Alice Stefanie, Family
- ✝ Ervin & Eleanor, Family
- ✝ Marie Berarducci, Husband
- ✝ Richard Tercha, Family

SUN. FEB. 22 7:30 AM
People of St. Isidore Parish
Success of Parish Mission Initiatives
- ✝ Ray and Gary Campbell, Ray Campbell Family
- ✝ Marlene Caramagno, Larry Opalewski

SUN. FEB. 22 9:30 AM
- ✝ William Francis, Family
- ✝ Fred Goike, Family
- ✝ Robert Monson (21st Anniv), Family
- ✝ Elaine Canepa, Joann Wilson Family
- ✝ Maria Vettraino, Family

SUN. FEB. 22 11:30 AM
- ✝ Eric Pauli (Bday), Family and Friends
- ✝ Barbara Serra, Joe Serra
- ✝ Howard Culbert, Jr., Marisa, Mom and Maria
- ✝ Dolores & Richard Slivak, Family
- ✝ David Zelek, Family
- ✝ Robert Gura, Jeff & Jennifer Hinkle

SUN. FEB. 22 5:30 PM
- ✝ Russell Paquin, Patrick & Michelle Lang
- ✝ Rosemary Joynt, Family

MON. FEB. 23 8:00 AM
- ✝ John Maciag, Irene Maciag
- ✝ Ray Weingartz (10th Anniv), Family
- ✝ Rick Steakley (Bday), Mother
  Noah and all sick children, Family
- ✝ Shawn Lechner, Family

TUE. FEB. 24 8:00 AM
- ✝ Fernando DiFelice, Wife and Family
- ✝ Domenico Natuzzi, Daughter
  Fr. Ron Victor (Bday), Jarosz Family

WED. FEB. 25 8:00 AM
- ✝ Rose Campbell, Richard & Jeannie Koss
  Hoover and Beebe Families, Family

THU. FEB. 26 8:00 AM

FRI. FEB. 27 8:00 AM
- ✝ Annette & Mile LaLama, Family
- ✝ Shawn Lechner, Family

SAT. FEB. 28 4:30 PM
- ✝ Christopher H. Bohlmann (Bday), Parents
- ✝ Marie Zanni, Family
- ✝ Antonia Valentini, Daughter
- ✝ Tommy Schang, Family
- ✝ Deceased Members of the Muzyk Family, Jeff & Kathy
- ✝ Angelina Parker, Lang Family
  Amy Lipiccolo, Lang Family
  Greene Family, Lang Family
- ✝ Elaine Canepa, Joann Wilson Family

SUN. MAR. 1 7:30 AM
- ✝ Stefano DeBellis, Wife
- ✝ George & Petrina Boyd, Family

SUN. MAR. 1 9:30 AM
- ✝ James Budzynowski, Patrick & Michelle Lang
  People of St. Isidore Parish
  Success of Parish Mission Initiatives
- ✝ Mary Graca, Donna Groldis and Randy Graca
- ✝ Fred Goike, Goike Family
- ✝ Maria Vettraino, Family
- ✝ Barbato Rubano, Wife
- ✝ Marian & Filippo Torre, Family

SUN. MAR. 1 11:30 AM
- ✝ Robert Mason, Family

SUN. MAR. 1 5:30 PM

Readings

SUNDAY
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7;
Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;
Rm 5:12-19;
Mt 4:1-11

MONDAY
Lev 19:1-2, 11-18;
Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46

TUESDAY
Is 55:10-11;
Ps 34:4-7, 16-19;
Mt 6:7-15

WEDNESDAY
JONAH 3:1-10;
PS 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
LK 11:29-32

THURSDAY
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25;
Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12

FRIDAY
Ez 18:21-28;
Ps 130:1-8;
Mt 5:20-26

SATURDAY
Dt 26:16-19;
Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Mt 5:43-48

SUNDAY
Gn 12:1-4a;
Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
2 Tim 1:8b-10;
Mt 17:1-9

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February 9

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February 10

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After the devil tested Jesus a third time, Jesus sent the devil away. What did Jesus say?

Find the letters that appear in the box six or more times and cross them out. Write the remaining letters in order on the lines below.

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How did Jesus answer?

Fit the words from this list into the crossword puzzle. Then transfer the letters from the crossword to the numbered lines below.

by	One	live	bread	comes
the	God	that	alone	mouth
not	from	word	every	written



“It is _____, _____ does _____
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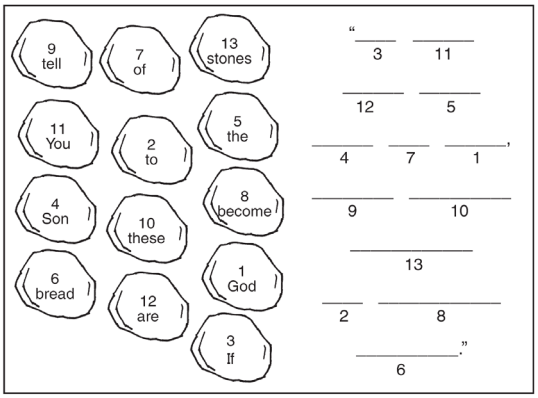
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The Temptations of Jesus



Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After 40 days, Jesus was hungry and the devil tested Him. What did the devil say?

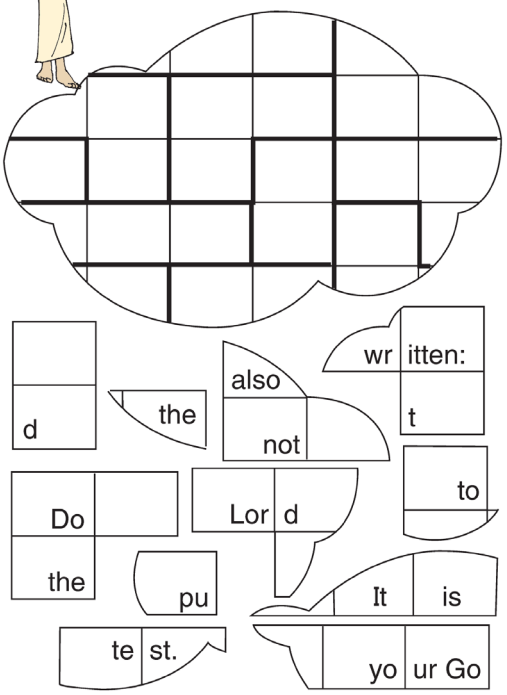
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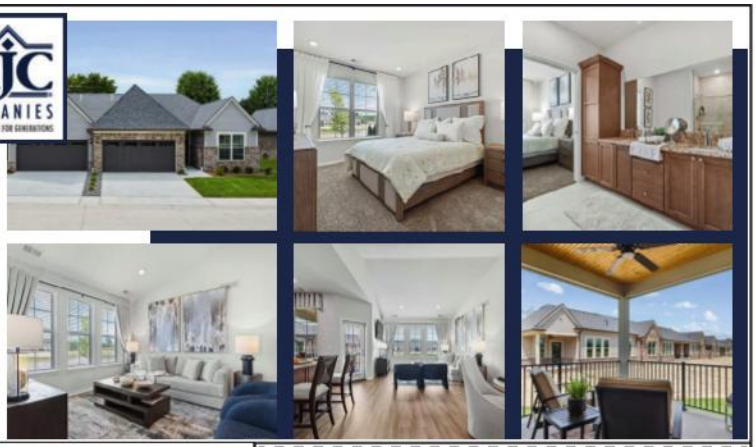
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