HARVEST NEWS

St. Isidore CHURCH

September 27, 2026
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



CONNECTING POINT

Fr. John Bettin - Pastor frjohn@stisidore.church

"Actions speak louder than words!" "Talk is cheap!" "Put your money where your mouth is!" "Do as I say, not as I do!" "Say what you mean and mean what you say!" All of these sayings have to do with "paying lip service" rather than getting something done. Most, if not all, of us are guilty of doing this at some point in our lives—talking about something but not doing anything. We must remember, however, that actions speak louder than words! This adage is also very true in our faith lives.

In this weekend's Gospel reading, we hear the story of the two brothers who respond differently to the Father's request. One brother says what the Father wants to hear, while the other eventually does what the Father wills—and is ultimately esteemed by Jesus. These two practical examples in the Parable of the Two Sons emphasize the importance of actions over words in our faith lives. Thus, this teaching offers important insights for the life of discipleship.

First, note how easily one can say "yes" to God's will without understanding what that commitment entails or without even intending to fulfill it in daily life. We enter into commitments of faith

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Calendar

SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 4

SUN 27

7:30 AM **MASS** CH
9:30 AM **MASS/CLW** CH
10:30 AM **OCIA** ECR/CR9 & 10
11:30 AM **MASS/CLW** CH
5:30 PM **MASS/CLW** CH

MON 28

8 AM **MASS** CH
5 PM **DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION** CH
6:30 PM **COR - MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** RC
6:30 PM **DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION** CH
7 PM **LECTOR / EMHC RETREAT AND AFTERGLOW** CH/SH

TUE 29

6:30 AM **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** VIR
8 AM **MASS** CH
9 AM **ADORATION** RC
9 AM **TUES BIBLE STUDY - ACTS** CR9
1 PM **COMFORT CRAFTERS** SH
5 PM **DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION** CH
6:30 PM **DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION** CH

WED 30

8 AM **MASS** CH
9:30 AM **SCRIPTURE GRP** RC
5 PM **JOYFUL NOISE - CHILDREN'S CHOIR** MR
6 PM **YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY** SH
6:30 PM **ALTAR SERVER TRNG** CH
7 PM **YOUNG ADULTS (YCS)** SH
7 PM **WED BIBLE STUDY - ACTS** RC
7 PM **CHOIR REHEARSAL** MR

THU 1

8 AM **MASS** CH
6 PM **MINDFULNESS CLASS** YR
6:30 PM **ALTAR SOCIETY MTG** RC
7 PM **HISPANIC ROSARY** FCR
7:30 PM **TEEN ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL** CH

FRI 2

7 AM **ADORATION** CH
8 AM **MASS** CH
8:45 AM **FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP** SH
7 PM **ALTAR SOCIETY EUCHRE TOURNAMENT** SH

SAT 3

9 AM **STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL MTG** ECR
3:15 PM **CONFESSIONS** CH
4 PM **FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY** CH
4:30 PM **MASS** CH
5:30 PM **APPLE PIE CONTEST** SH

SUN 4

K OF C PANCAKE BREAKFAST AFTER ALL MORNING 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
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

Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels

Fr. John Bettin frjohn@stisidore.church

This week, on September 29, 2026, we celebrate the wonderful feast honoring the three archangels specifically named in Sacred Scripture, Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. This feast, traditionally called "Michaelmas" is celebrated by the Roman Catholic Church every year on September 29th as a fixed feast day in the Church's liturgical calendar. Historically, Michaelmas was linked to the dedication of the basilica of St. Michael near Rome beginning in the fifth century. While this beautiful feast is not a holy day of obligation in the United States, it is held in high esteem by the universal Church because of the significant role these archangels play in our lives, the life of the Church, and in salvation history. This feast highlights the archangels' roles as messengers, protectors, and healers.

The ending in each name is the Hebrew word for God, "El" or the plural Elohim ("God" or "gods"). The meaning of each archangel's name is therefore; Michael ("Who is like God"), Gabriel ("God is my strength"), and Raphael ("God heals"). Other words in the bible also contain the ending "El" for example, Bethel ("house of El") and Israel ("Prince of El").

There are three hierarchies and nine orders (or choirs) of angels. The highest order or choir are the Seraphim, followed by the Cherubim, Thrones, Dominions, Archangels, Powers, Virtues, Principalities, and Angels (who are closet to the material world and human persons, caring and social, and always ready to help those who call upon them). Archangels are the "great heralds of the Good News" because God sends them to deliver important messages to humankind.

All angels are pure spirits meaning they do not have bodies, unlike human persons who are corporeal beings who have bodies and souls. Also, we do not become angels at death or any other time – our human nature deems us to have body and soul, thus human persons because of our human nature will always have bodies – in this life a material body and in the eternal life a glorified body. Angels, on the other hand, will never have bodies because their very nature or essence deems them pure spirits, non-corporeal.

Let us give thanks to God for the angels who serve God and us throughout salvation history until we all meet in the Heavenly Kingdom! Enjoy the Fall weather that is upon us!

In the Peace of Christ,
Fr. John

Respect Life Month

Linda Popko - Evangelical Charity Committee

Each October, the Catholic Church celebrates Respect Life Month. As Catholics, we are called to value the gift of human life and to help build a culture that cherishes and protects it.

During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. The Catechism of the Catholic Church #2258 states: "Human life is sacred because from its beginning, it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of Life from its beginning to its end: no one can under any circumstances claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being."

We ask you to commit to prayer and fasting during Respect Life Month and dedicate your prayers to the conversion of hearts to the Gospel of Life. Please pray for an end to abortion, euthanasia, child trafficking, and all life issues. St. Isidore is sponsoring or supporting several activities to promote the Respect Life Month. Join us in supporting life:

- Pray the Rosary daily or join the St. Isidore congregation in praying a Respect Life Rosary before morning Mass.
- Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet or join our Divine Mercy Prayer group in prayer after morning Mass.
- Attend Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday from 8:45 AM to 4:15 PM.
- Pray the respect Life Novena October 22 - 30. Subscribe by email at respectlife.org.
- Attend 40 Days For Life Prayer 9/23 -11/1.
- Participate in the Abigayle Ministry Baby Bottle Drive October 10-25.

EVENTS



WED, SEP 30 AT 6:30 PM OR SAT, OCT 3 AT 1 PM

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

We invite everyone ages eight through adults to consider becoming an Altar Server. Altar Servers have a special role in helping our priests and deacons celebrate the Sacred Liturgy. You will learn about the Mass, grow in confidence, meet other young parishioners, and become an important part of our parish liturgical ministry. No previous experience is necessary! Community service points are available for students.
We would love to have you join us! To RSVP or for more info, please email amy@stisidore.church or call (586) 286-1700 ext. 2109.



FRI | OCT 2 | 6:30 PM DOORS OPEN

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

Join St. Isidore's Ladies Altar Society for a fun and friendly Euchre Tournament. The cost is $20 per person, with tickets available at the office, before Mass this weekend, or at the door, if available. Enjoy an evening of cards, fellowship, and friendly competition. Attendance is limited to 132 players. For details: Cheryl Shabro at 586-747-4173.



REGISTER HERE

SAT | OCT 3 | 5:30 PM

APPLE PIE BAKE-OFF

Put your baking skills to the test in our Apple Pie Bake-Off! Bake your favorite homemade apple pie and bring it to the parish for judging after the 4:30 PM Mass. Whether your recipe is a treasured family tradition or a new creation, we'd love to have you participate. Register online or at the parish office to reserve your spot. Additional details and contest guidelines will be provided after you register.



SUN | OCT 4 | AFTER ALL MORNING MASSES

K OF C PANCAKE BREAKFAST

A delicious pancake breakfast will be held on October 4 after all morning Masses and includes pancakes, sausage links, applesauce, coffee, milk, and orange juice still at the very low cost of $6. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship!



SUN | OCT 4 | 1 PM | ST. THERESE

RIGHT TO LIFE - LIFE CHAIN

Right-to-Life LIFESPAN will be having its annual Life Chain public prayer and rosary outside, in front of St. Therese Parish (along Schoenherr Rd). Please join us in respectful public witness and prayer outside the church to support LIFE.



THU | OCT 8 | 6 - 8 PM

EUCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS WITH CONFESSION

As part of our participation in the National Eucharistic Rosary Congress, on Thurs., Oct. 8, from 6-8 PM, there will be Eucharistic Adoration, recitation of the Rosary at 6 and 7 PM, and Confessions from 6-8 PM, with special prayers for the Church, the Nation, and the Archdiocese restructuring. Please join the St. Isidore family in this important worship and prayer opportunity.



MEN'S AND WOMEN'S WEEKENDS AVAILABLE | HOLLY, MI

CURSILLO FALL WEEKEND RETREATS

Step out in faith and attend an inspirational, fun and deeply spiritual 3-day Cursillo (**cursillodetroit.com**) weekend at beautiful Maryville Retreat Center in Holly, MI. In His love and wisdom, God gives people just what they individually need! You will never regret this special experience of God's grace in tandem with fellow Catholics. The next men's weekend is scheduled Oct. 8-11, followed by a women's weekend scheduled for Nov. 12-15. Materials with details are available in the Front Office. Call ambassadors Dan & Kathy Banas to have all your questions answered: 586-764-9402.



SAT | OCT 10 | 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM | ST. ANASTASIA, TROY

TOGETHER IN HOLINESS CONFERENCE FOR COUPLES

The St. John Paul II Foundation and the Archdiocese of Detroit will host the fifth annual Together in Holiness Conference at St. Anastasia Church in Troy. This conference inspires couples within the diocese to grow together in holiness and empowers and equips parents to form their children in the Catholic faith. On-site childcare and sponsorships are available. To learn more and register, visit togetherinholiness.org/detroit.



SAT & SUN | OCT 10 & 11 | PICK UP BOTTLES AFTER MASSES

ABIGAYLE MINISTRIES - BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Make a difference in the lives of homeless pregnant women and their babies by contributing to the Abigayle Ministries' Baby Bottle Drive. Fill a baby bottle with spare change, cash, or checks (made out to ST. ISIDORE CHURCH) to provide essential support like shelter, parenting education, and spiritual guidance. Your contribution helps Mom's break free from poverty and embrace the future God has planned for them. Pick up a bottle at Masses Oct. 10 & 11 and return it to the office by Oct. 25. Thank you for your support!



SUN | OCT 11 | AFTER 9:30, 11:30 AM & 5:30 PM MASSES

COLD BREW & WARM FELLOWSHIP

Join us, as we welcome Kolbe Coffee for great coffee, fellowship, and Catholic mission. Enjoy Guatemalan hot coffee and cold brew, with donuts and fruit after the 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses, and hummus, fresh veggies, and crackers after 5:30 PM Mass.

Meet the Kolbe Coffee team, learn about their mission supporting Catholic coffee-farming families in Guatemala, and purchase bags of coffee to take home and enjoy! Great coffee. Catholic mission. Community together.



REGISTER HERE

SAT | OCT 17 | 9 AM - 1:30 PM

HARMONY & HOPE: A DEMENTIA SEMINAR

Caring for the whole person – body, mind & spirit. This inspiring seminar will explore the physical, mental, and spiritual dimensions of dementia through expert presentations, practical caregiving strategies, community resources, and faith-filled encouragement. Whether you are living with dementia, caring for a loved one, serving in healthcare or ministry, or simply want to learn more, you are warmly invited. Registration is required.

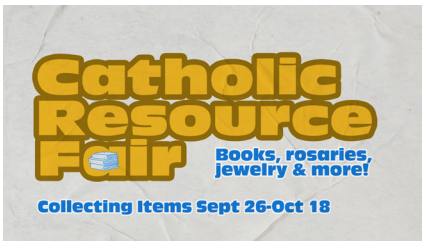
For more information or to register, use the QR Code or stop in at the St. Isidore Parish Office.



FRI - SUN | OCT 16 - 18 | FARMINGTON HILLS

RETROUVAILLE MARRIAGE PROGRAM

Marriage stressed out? Come relax and rediscover as we kick off the next Retrouvaille Program Friday, October 16th at 8pm. Confidentially call 800-470-2230 or visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.org.



DONATIONS ACCEPTED THROUGH SUN, OCT 18

CATHOLIC RESOURCE FAIR

Do you have gently used or new Catholic books, rosaries, medals, statues, or religious jewelry that need a new home? Help us pass on the faith! We are collecting items through Oct. 18. Please drop your donations in the designated boxes in the Gathering Space. Then, join us for the Catholic Resource Fair on Nov. 7–8 before and after all Masses. Everyone is welcome to browse and take items at no cost. Free-will donations are gratefully accepted and will support our parish Evangelization initiatives.



REGISTER HERE

SUN | OCT 18 | 2:30 - 4 PM

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Trunk-or-Treat is back! Join from 2:30–4:00 PM for an afternoon of costumes, candy, and family fun! Trick-or-treat from creatively decorated vehicles, grab a drink from the coffee truck, and check out vehicles from the Macomb County Sheriff's Department including SWAT vehicles and ATVs! Want to join the fun? We're looking for volunteers to decorate their vehicles and pass out candy. Whether you're decorating or attending, please register in advance to help us plan!



DRIVE RUNS OCT 3 - 25

FILL A BAG. FEED A NEIGHBOR.

St. Isidore will host a Brown Bag Food Drive throughout the month of October, benefiting the Agape Center and the St. Francis–St. Maximilian Food Pantries. Brown bags will be available in the Gathering Space from Oct. 3 through Oct. 25, 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 Oct. 25. Your generosity is a beautiful way to live out Christ's call to feed the hungry and care for our neighbors in need.



FRI - SUN | NOV 6 - 8 | CAPUCHIN RETREAT HOUSE

MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

Consider joining a quiet weekend retreat for men at the beautiful Capuchin Retreat House in Washington Twp. There will be opportunities for receiving the sacraments of the Eucharist, Reconciliation, and Healing along with several thought-provoking breakout sessions and prayerful reflection. You will have plenty of time to enjoy the 90 acres of wooded pathways throughout the grounds. Total weekend cost: $300 (includes $100 deposit). On-line Registration and payment is available at **capretreat.org**. For more details contact Dave Bisdorf: 586-202-7000 dbisdorf@aol.com.

We Need Your Trunk!

Matt Kush - Director of Engagement

Trunk-or-Treat is returning to St. Isidore on Sunday, October 18, and there's one thing we need to make it work: trunks!

Last year, nearly 500 people joined us for an afternoon of costumes, candy, and Halloween fun and we are looking to build on that this year. However, at the heart of Trunk-or-Treat is still the volunteers who transform their vehicles into fun stops for our kids to trick-or-treat.

And you don't have to create something elaborate! Pick a theme, add some decorations, grab some candy and have fun with it. Go spooky, funny, creative, movie-themed, sports-themed, or keep it incredibly simple. What matters most is having plenty of vehicles for our families to visit.

This year, we're also teaming up with the Macomb County Sheriff's Department, whose officers will join the fun with candy and several of their vehicles, including SWAT vehicles and ATVs for kids to explore and take photos with.

But we still need you to help fill the parking lot!

Scan the QR code to register your vehicle. And if you're planning to attend with your family, we ask that you please register too, so we know how many trick-or-treaters to expect.



Connecting Point (Con't)

sometimes without even realizing it. Such commitments benefit us only if we are prepared to fulfill them. The Jewish leaders of Jesus' time went to hear John the Baptist's preaching (Matthew 3:5–7a), but they did not conform their lives to it. Therefore, they implicitly said "yes" by going to hear him but then failed to respond to his teaching and ended up saying "no." For Christians, upon our baptisms, we enter into commitments of faith that oblige us to become members of Christ's Body, temples of the Holy Spirit, children of God, active members of the Church, and so forth. We also enter into a profound commitment of faith when we receive the Eucharist and are commissioned to become the Body of Christ in the world, allowing the Lord's presence in the Eucharist to live in and through us.

The second thing to focus on is the importance that Jesus gives to actually doing the will of God. A great saying states, "People may not believe what you say, but they will believe what you do." Matthew's Gospel previously reiterated this point when Jesus said, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord', will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven" (Matthew 7:21–22). Actions always speak louder than words. In an ideal world, both our words and actions would conform to the will of God. The sad reality of human weakness is that it is easier to say the right thing than to do the right thing. So, in our relationships with God, our actions are usually what's lacking. An authentic relationship of faith calls for a complete and consistent response to God's will—both in what we profess and how we live.

The question for each of us this week is, "Do I walk the talk of my faith, or do I simply talk about my faith but not really live it out in my everyday life?" A wonderful role model for each of us is St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis actually lived out his faith daily instead of simply preaching about it. The famous quote (misattributed to St. Francis), "Preach the Gospel at all times, and when necessary, use words," is something we are all required to do as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Eucharistic Adoration - New Location

Dave Bisdorf - Worship Commission

Beginning Tuesday, October 6, Eucharistic Adoration will be moved from the Resource Center to the Church.

The hours will remain the same:

- Adoration will begin immediately following the Tuesday morning, 8:00 AM Mass, and conclude with Benediction at 4:00 PM
- NOTE: In the event that a funeral is scheduled for a Tuesday, Eucharistic Adoration will be moved back to the Resource Center for that day.

We will continue to offer Eucharistic Adoration every Friday morning, beginning at 7:00 AM and concluding with Benediction at 7:45 AM, followed by Mass.

Special Week of Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary

Dave Bisdorf - Worship Commission

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked parishes across the nation to offer as many hours of Eucharistic Adoration as possible during the week of October 3–9, accompanied by the Rosary prayed aloud at the top of each hour for the intentions of our Church and Nation. The Archdiocese of Detroit has also requested prayers for the intention of the restructuring of our Archdiocese.

To participate in this nationwide call to prayer, our parish will offer the following opportunities:

Tuesday, October 6

- Eucharistic Adoration Immediately following morning, 8:00 AM Mass, until 4:00 PM
- The Rosary will be prayed aloud at the top of each hour during Adoration

Thursday, October 8

- 6:00–8:00 PM: Evening Eucharistic Adoration and Confession
- 6:00 PM: Rosary led by the Knights of Columbus
- 7:00 PM: Rosary led by the Altar Society
- Confession: available throughout the two-hour period
- 8:00 PM: Benediction, conclusion of Adoration, and confessions

Friday, October 9

- 7:00–7:45 AM: Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:00 AM: Rosary
- 7:45 AM: Benediction
- 8:00 AM Mass follows

Please try to attend one—or even all three—of these wonderful opportunities to spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Let us unite our hearts in prayer for the needs of our Church, our Nation, and the restructuring of our Archdiocese.

Apple Pie Bake-Off

Gretchen McAleer - HOF Committee

Do you love apple pie? Help us to decide who makes the best one here at St. Isidore in our Apple Pie Bake-Off on October 3 after the 4:30 Mass. Enter your favorite homemade apple pie by registering it online or in the parish office. Registration ends on September 27. Voting ballots will be given out with admission; prizes will be awarded to first, second, and third place winners. Also available at the Bake Off will be pita sandwiches, snack bags, and beverages for the admission of $5 per person; children under 10 enter free. An apple pie with ice cream station will be available to enjoy for a free-will donation.





Upcoming Events

- Oct 8 – Reconciliation & First Communion PARENT ONLY mtg. 6 PM
- Oct 18 – Trunk-or-Treat – 2:30 - 4:00 PM in Romeo Plank Parking Lot
- Oct 22 – 7th Grade students Confirmation Student & Parent mtg. 6 PM
- Oct 25 – Austin Catholic High School Open House 1:00 – 3:00 PM
- Oct 31 – Happy Halloween
- Nov 1 – All Saints' Day
- Nov 2 – All Souls' Day



The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Lord uses this parable to remind us that our *actions* speak *louder* that our words. If we choose to turn away from the bad choices, and start doing what is right, God is so happy and he forgives us.

Family Time Challenge
This week, make every effort to follow through on the things people ask of you.

Service in Ministry

Amy Righi - Music & Liturgy Director

Lector & Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
Retreat and Formation

You are invited! Whether you are currently serving as a Lector or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or are prayerfully considering this ministry for the first time, we invite you to join us for an evening of prayer, reflection, formation, and fellowship.

Come discover more deeply the sacred meaning of these liturgical ministries and the privilege we share in serving Christ and his people. Together, we will reflect on how our ministry calls us not simply to perform a task, but to become attentive and faithful instruments of God's presence within the liturgy and our parish community.

Our evening will be guided by our new Pastor, Fr. John, and will provide an opportunity to pray, learn, and share our experiences with one another as we grow together in faith and in our call to serve.

The evening will take place on Monday, September 28, at 7:00–9:00 PM, concluding with a fellowship afterglow reception, featuring treats and refreshments. A wonderful opportunity to enjoy one another's company and continue the conversation in a relaxed setting.

Current ministers, returning ministers, and those who are new to these ministries are all warmly welcome. Come with an open heart and a desire to grow deeper in your understanding of the beautiful privilege of serving at the table of God's Word and the Table of the Eucharist.

Please join us! We look forward to gathering with you.

Power in Prayer

Sue Rebits - Evangelization Committee

This Week's Intention: Partnership

Suggested Prayer: A Prayer of Trust Based on 1 Corinthians 3:9

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for the privilege of being co-workers in Your kingdom. Help us to faithfully plant and water seeds of faith, trusting in Your power to bring us growth. Give us peace in knowing You are in control and working in ways we cannot see. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.
(St. Mary Hudson)

Sacred Seeds

Worship Commission

Sacred Seeds

Question: What is the purpose of the first Scripture reading at Mass, and how does it relate to the Gospel?

(Answer on page 14)

> ***For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building.***
>
> 1 Corinthians 3:9



Did You Know?
Partnership in Divine Purpose

When Paul describes us as "God's field," it is an invitation to remain open to be cultivated by the Spirit, ready to receive seeds of grace, wisdom, love and purpose. We are watered through the Word and pruned for fruitfulness. However, I often wonder: Are we receptive to God's care? Have we created space in our hearts where God can work, even when growth seems slow or invisible? Can we trust God to soften even the hardest soil in our hearts?

Paul also describes us as "God's building." It's an invitation to see ourselves as dwelling places for God's Presence, to be God's co-workers and part of a masterpiece being brought to life. What an incredible and humbling invitation!

So, when unforeseen storms threaten my growth, peace and foundation, I find solace in God's invitation to partnership, trusting that every act of faith, every step forward, is another stone laid upon the foundation that is Christ.

God Who Cultivates, we trust you to fully guide our growth.

(Vivian Amu, Living Faith)

Baby Pantry - Request List

babypantry@stisidore.church 586-745-9501

The Baby Pantry provides support to qualifying families on a monthly basis. Families in need of essential supplies for babies newborn through age three should call 586-745-9501 to review program requirements.

If you know of a family in need, have them call the Baby Pantry.

The Baby Pantry is in need of:

- Ensure - vanilla
- Individually wrapped Goldfish crackers or animal crackers
- Sensitive baby lotion (i.e., Aveeno/Aquaphor/Cetaphil)
- Packing bags with handles
- Socks, girls, newborn to 12 mos.
- Socks, boys, 24 mos. to 4T
- Pouches
- Boys 3T - 4T long pants/ sweatpants
- Girls 9 mos. long pants/ sweatpants

Donated items may be placed in the “Pac 'n' Play” outside the office door or the office lobby. Monetary donations may be placed in an envelope, labeled “Baby Pantry” and left in the weekend collection baskets, or dropped to the office during business hours.

The Baby Pantry volunteers appreciate your kindness.

> ***It is not a slight thing when those so fresh from God love us.***
> Charles Dickens

Baby Pantry - Thank You

Heather Herbst - Parish Nurse

The Baby Pantry Ministry would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of our generous parishioners who have donated support to our mission, with a special thanks to the anonymous donor of a substantial gift! Your kindness and generosity allow us to provide essential items to infants and children in our community whose families are in need. Every donation, no matter the amount, is a beautiful expression of compassion, and is also a reminder of our duty as followers of Christ to care for one another. Because of your generosity, our Baby Pantry can continue to offer diapers, formula, food, and other essentials to families who are struggling. Your support not only provides practical help, but it gives families hope and reminds them of Christ's love.

We are also grateful for the way our parish family continues to live out Christ's call to love and serve others. May God continue to bless you abundantly for your generosity and for helping us make a difference in the lives of His children.

Fill a Bag. Feed a Neighbor.

Mike Aprile - Evangelical Charity Coordinator

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

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

Brown bags will be available in the Gathering Space October 1, with each bag containing 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 October 25.

For many of us, putting food on the table is something we rarely have to think about. For others in our community, rising costs and difficult circumstances can make providing even basic necessities a daily challenge. Our Brown Bag Food Drive gives each of us a simple and meaningful opportunity to respond.

Through our generosity, we can help stock local food pantries, support our neighbors in need, and put our faith into action by living Christ's call to care for the least among us.

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

St. Vincent de Paul

conference621@gmail.com 586-745-9513

The Catholic Church remembers Saint Vincent de Paul, patron saint of Catholic charities on this day Sunday, September 27.

Thank you for taking the time in your daily lives to help SVdP serve those in need. Our August expenditure report is as follows:

In-Kind Donations (includes Food, Other Goods, Gift Cards, Store Vouchers, and additionally Back-to-School Distribution for 25 families, 112 people)

- People Helped: 215
- Families Helped: 56

Monetary Assistance

- People Helped: 20
- Families Helped: 7
- Rent: $2,079
- Utilities: $1,700

Please keep our pantry needs in mind as you shop in stores or online this week:

- ☐ $25 Gift Cards – Meijer, Kroger, Walmart
- ☐ Cash Donations – Blue Envelopes Located on SVdP Bins
- ☐ Laundry Soap
- ☐ Dish Soap
- ☐ Pump Hand Soap
- ☐ Toothpaste
- ☐ Spaghetti Sauce – Cans
- ☐ Ravioli
- ☐ Rice Sides – Pouches
- ☐ Canned Chicken
- ☐ Baked Beans
- ☐ Tuna Helper
- ☐ Peanut Butter & Jelly
- ☐ Canned Fruit – All Kinds
- ☐ Crackers
- ☐ Cookies & Graham Crackers
- ☐ Canned Green Beans
- ☐ Candy
- ☐ Jello & Pudding
- ☐ Cereal

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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SAT. SEP. 26 4:30 PM
✝ Tommy Schang, Family
✝ Greg Deakin, K of C

SUN. SEP. 27 7:30 AM
✝ Annette & Mike LaLama, Family
✝ Andrea Fliger, Mom
✝ William J. Haener, Gasparovich Family
Rita & Walter Kachorek, Pietras Family
Tiffany Menard, Mom
Tad Mikszan, Kimberly Mendard
✝ Patti Yandura, Family

SUN. SEP. 27 9:30 AM
✝ Joseph Twoney, Family
✝ Sam Ciaramitaro, Wife and Family
✝ Maurice Hellebuyck, K of C
✝ Vincenzo Esposito, Family
Roy and Michael Paoletti, Family
St. Vincent de Paul Feast Day and for Members
Kimberly Kane, Kimberly Menard
Sara Mandeville, Kimberly Menard
Christopher Mikszan, Kimberly Menard
Blaze Lang, Grandma & Grandpa

SUN. SEP. 27 11:30 AM
✝ Raffael Scenna, Friend
✝ Robert Spence, K of C
✝ Martha Mironski, Elaina & Don Hoffman
✝ Delbert Asbury, Friend

SUN. SEP. 27 5:30 PM
People of St. Isidore Parish
Success of Parish Mission Initiatives

MON. SEP. 28 8:00 AM
Noah and all sick children, Danski Family
✝ Shawn Lechner, Susan Lechner

TUE. SEP. 29 8:00 AM
✝ Antonia Valentini, Daughter
✝ John Maciag (Wed Anniv), Family
✝ Joseph Torey, Konon Family
Chery Wesoloskie, J. Cholewa

WED. SEP. 30 8:00 AM
✝ Richard Josephs (Bday), Wife, Rosanne
Gary Zilli, Family

THU. OCT. 1 8:00 AM
✝ Stefano DeBellis, Wife
✝ Esse Salamie (Bday), Bill & Cheryl Cobert

FRI. OCT. 2 8:00 AM
Menard and Daniel Families, Family
✝ Virginia Grzadzinski, Friend, Ted
✝ Dorothy Gacki, Family

SAT. OCT. 3 4:30 PM
People of St. Isidore Parish
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✝ Schang Family, Family
✝ Shakir & Gorjia Jarbo, Family
✝ Calmeyn and Monserez Families, Family
✝ Thomas J. Youngblood, Wife
✝ Mary Schultz, Carl & Linda Yaden
✝ Edward Jackimowicz, Family

SUN. OCT. 4 7:30 AM
✝ Eleanor Kaslatas, Family
✝ George & Petrina Boyd, Family

SUN. OCT. 4 9:30 AM
✝ William Francis, Family
✝ Michael S. Jarosz (21st Anniv), Jarosz Family
✝ Christopher Cammarata, Family
Roy and Michael Paoletti, Family
✝ Greta Hargrave, Eric, Rose, Michael, Melissa Swanson
✝ Maria Vettraino, Family
✝ Giovanni Vettraino, Family
✝ Vincenzo Barretta, Family

SUN. OCT. 4 11:30 AM
✝ Robert Mason, Family

SUN. OCT. 4 5:30 PM
✝ Michael Burtnyk, Jr., Michael & Rose Burtnyk

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Sacred Seeds

Readings

SUNDAY
Ez 18:25-28;
Ps 25:4-9;
Phil 2:1-11;
Mt 21:28-32

MONDAY
Job 1:6-22;
Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7;
Lk 9:46-50

TUESDAY
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or
Rev 12:7-12ab;
Ps 138:1-5;
Jn 1:47-51

WEDNESDAY
Job 9:1-12, 14-16;
Ps 88:10bc-15;
Lk 9:57-62

THURSDAY
Job 19:21-27;
Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14;
Lk 10:1-12

FRIDAY
Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5;
Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab;
Mt 18:1-5, 10

SATURDAY
Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17;
Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130;
Lk 10:17-24

SUNDAY
Is 5:1-7;
Ps 80:9, 16, 19-20;
Phil 4:6-9;
Mt 21:33-43

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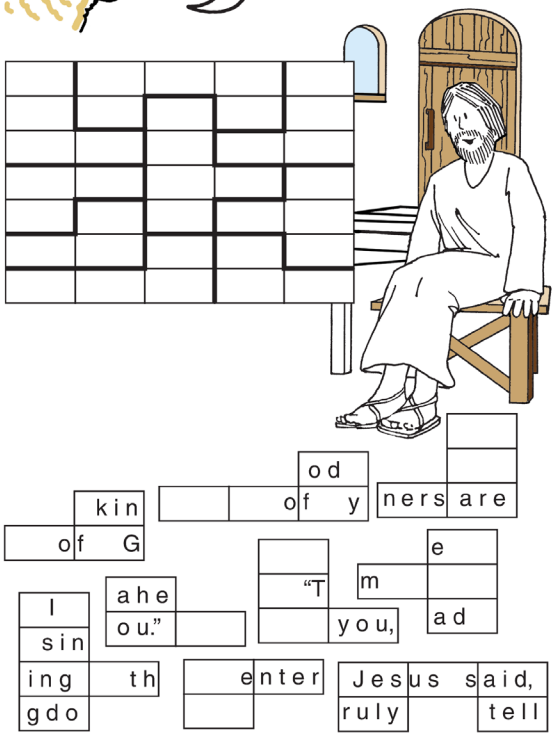
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Fit the pieces into the puzzle.
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Jesus' Authority, and a Parable

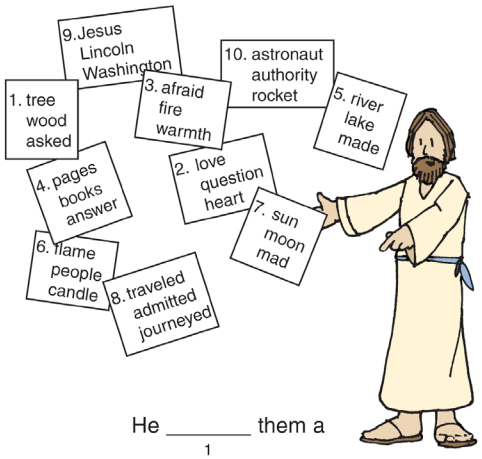
Jesus taught in the temple courts.
The chief priests and elders were not happy
with things Jesus was doing.

Find 12 (12) hidden in the picture.



The chief priests and elders asked Jesus who gave Him the authority* to preach and perform miracles. What did Jesus say?

Find the word in each set that does not belong.
Write them on the numbered lines.



He _____ them a
1

_____ they were _____ to _____!
2 3 4

They would have _____ the_____ _____ or
5 6 7

_____ _____ was the _____!
8 9 10

* Authority - the right to do something.

Jesus told a parable: A man had two sons.
He went to the first and said, "Son, go and work today in the vineyard."

Use the code to finish
the "Parable of the Two Sons."

A B D C	1	E F H G	2	I J L K	3	M N P O
R S U T	5	V W Y X	6	Z	7	Q

The son said ...



"___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
3 6 3 3 3

___ ___ ___,"
4 4 5

___ ___ ___
1 5 5

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6 2 4 5 3 1 5 2 5



Then the father went to the other son, and said the same thing. The son said ...

"___ ___ ___ ___ ___, ___ ___ ___,"
3 6 3 3 3 5 3 5

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Jesus asked, "Which of the two did as the father wanted?"

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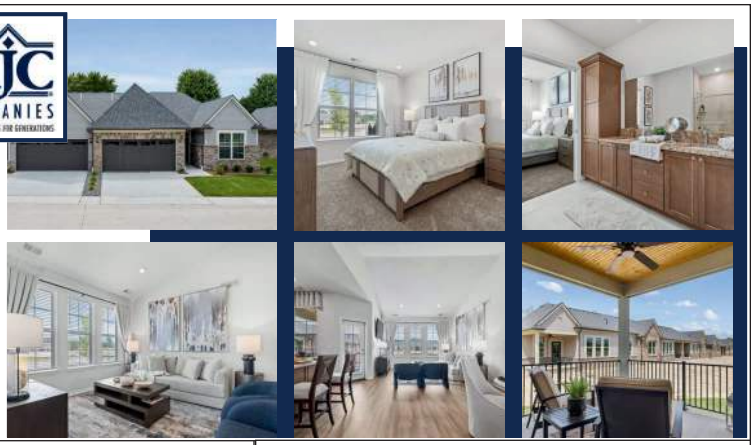
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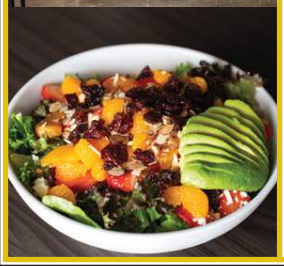
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