HARVEST NEWS

St. Isidore CHURCH

October 4, 2026
27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



CONNECTING POINT

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In Matthew 21:33–43, the tenants are entrusted with the vineyard but fail miserably to be faithful with what the owner has given them. Instead of honoring the owner's instructions, they allow their greed to possess them, and they even murder their master's son.

Thankfully, most of us are not greedy enough to murder, but are we all generous with the gifts God has given us?

During this season of harvest, we often take inventory of our blessings. We take time to reflect and thank God for what He has given us. God has entrusted each of us with unique gifts and talents. He calls us not to hide them under a bushel but to use them for His glory and the good of others. What better way to express our gratitude to God than to use our gifts to build His kingdom here on earth?!

Do you like to sing? Do you play an instrument? Consider joining one of the musical ensembles in our Family of Parishes. Do you have a clear speaking voice? Proclaim the Word of God as a lector. Do you like working with children? Think about helping with Discipleship Formation or other children's programming.

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Calendar

OCTOBER 4 - 11

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

MON 5

8 AM **MASS** CH
8:45 AM **ARMCHAIR AEROBICS** RC
1:30 PM **DIVINE MERCY** RC
5 PM **DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION** CH
6:30 PM **DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION** CH
7 PM **PARISH NURSE MTG** FCR

TUE 6

6:30 AM **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** VIR
8 AM **MASS** CH
9 AM **ADORATION** RC
9 AM **ROSARY MAKER** ECR
9 AM **TUES BIBLE STUDY - ACTS** CR9
1 PM **COMFORT CRAFT** SH
5 PM **DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION** CH
6:30 PM **BAPTISM CLASS** ECR
6:30 PM **DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION** CH
7 PM **USHERS MTG** RC

WED 7

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
7 PM **YOUNG ADULTS (YCS)** SH
7 PM **WED BIBLE STUDY - ACTS** RC
7 PM **CHOIR REHEARSAL** MR

THU 8

8 AM **MASS** CH
1:30 PM **SVDP** ECR
6 PM **K OF C MEMBERS** RC
6 PM **1ST EUCHARIST & RECONCILIATION MTG** SH
6 PM **EUCHARISTIC ROSARY & ADORATION** CH
6 PM **MINDFULNESS** YR
6:30 PM **TOASTMAST** CR9
7 PM **HISPANIC ROSARY** FCR
7:30 PM **TEEN ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL** CH

FRI 9

7 AM **ADORATION** CH
8 AM **MASS** CH
8:45 AM **FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP** SH

SAT 10

ABIGAYLE MINISTRY BOTTLE DRIVE

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

SUN 11

ABIGAYLE MINISTRY BOTTLE DRIVE

9:30, 11:30 & 5:30 COFFEE & TREATS AFTER MASSES

7:30 AM **MASS** CH
9:30 AM **MASS/CLW** CH
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

Act like you own it, but realize you don't!

Fr. John Bettin frjohn@stisidore.church

In both the first reading from Isaiah and the Gospel reading from St. Matthew, we hear about God's vineyard. In this metaphor, Israel is the vineyard and the friend to whom Isaiah refers is God who is the owner of the vineyard. Isaiah does not scream or scold Israel but, instead, sings because he is addressing his friend, God! The owner of the vineyard, God, is undoubtedly unhappy with the lack of love and care that Israel has taken in producing the fruit. Rather than producing luscious, sweet grapes (i.e., justice, fidelity, virtues, and all good things) the vineyard (Israel) has produced wild, sour, bitter grapes (i.e., injustice, infidelity, sin and vice, and evil things) despite God's loving manner in cultivating the vineyard. God must, therefore, exact justice of His judgment, for Israel's lack of care in producing good fruit. The lesson we are to get from this passage is; 1) God expects moral fruit from His people, from us; 2) privilege demands responsibility; 3) sin leads to spiritual desolation and separation from God; and God's justice flows from His Love, not anger, as a parent's love for a child who has behaved.

Clearly, Jesus is echoing the above passage from Isaiah when He tells the parable of the vineyard and the evil laborers. The common theme between the Isaiah passage and the one from St. Matthew's Gospel is the idea that we have a responsibility and a moral duty, especially those in leadership or who have authority, to care for one another. The tenants (i.e., priests, scribes, and elders) failed to care and guide God's people in righteousness and their covenantal relationship with God. Instead, they often rejected the prophets and ultimately Jesus Christ Himself (the landowner's Son). Every Christian is charged by the landowner (i.e., God) with the care of the vineyard (i.e., one another) in building up of the Kingdom here and now until the fulfillment of the Heavenly Kingdom yet to come – this is especially true for leaders and those in the Church with authority. The lesson we draw from this parable and the text from Isaiah, is that life itself is a gift from God which is entrusted to each one of us as good stewards to produce good fruit, not bad! The sin of pride, which was committed by our first parents Adam and Eve, cause us to act like we are the owner (God) rather than the caretakers – we should act like we own it (i.e., our lives) but know that we don't! And finally, God expects us to produce good fruit – justice, righteousness, charity, etc.

Have a blessed week!

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. John

Mass of Anointing

Joan Fetty - Worship Commission

Mass of Anointing — October 17 at 4:30 PM

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a beautiful gift of Christ's healing presence. Through the prayer of the Church and the anointing with blessed oil, those who are experiencing illness, the difficulties of aging, or an upcoming serious medical procedure receive God's grace, strength, peace, and comfort.

Anointing of the Sick is not only for those who are near death. The Church encourages Catholics who are seriously ill, whose health has become weakened by age, or who are preparing for serious surgery to receive this sacrament. It may also be received again if an illness becomes more serious or if a new serious illness develops.

Our parish will celebrate a special Mass of Anointing on Saturday, October 17, at 4:30 PM. During the Mass, those who have registered to receive the sacrament will be invited to receive the laying on of hands and anointing with the Oil of the Sick.

If you or someone you love is in need of Christ's healing grace, we warmly invite you to join us. Family members and caregivers are also encouraged to attend and pray with those receiving the sacrament.

Registration is required for those wishing to be anointed. Please call the Parish Office at 586-286-1700 to register.

> ***Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.***
> James 5:14

EVENTS



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.



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 16 at 8 PM. Confidentially call 800-470-2230 or visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

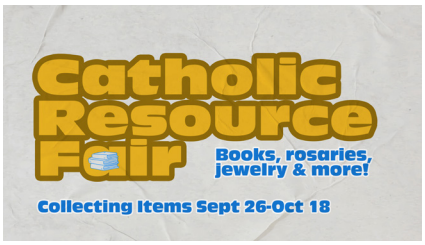


REGISTER HERE

SAT | OCT 17 | 8 AM CHECK-IN, 9 AM - 1:30 PM CONFERENCE

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.



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!

Trunk-or-Treat + Police Vehicles

Matt Kush - Director of Engagement

Our Trunk-or-Treat is just a couple of weeks away, and we're adding something new to this year's Trunk-or-Treat on Sunday, October 18 from 2:30–4:00 PM. We've teamed up with the Macomb County Sheriff's Department, and officers will be joining us for the afternoon with several of their vehicles, including SWAT vehicles and ATVs.

Kids will be able to get an up-close look at the vehicles, take photos and meet some of the officers who serve our community. And, of course, the Sheriff's Department will be getting into the Trunk-or-Treat spirit and handing out candy too!

We'll also have a fancy coffee truck and Wetzel's Pretzels on site to round out the afternoon.

But we cannot do this without you and your trunks! Last year nearly 500 people attended, and we need plenty of volunteers willing to decorate their vehicles and pass out candy. Your setup can be as simple or elaborate as you'd like. Seeing the expressions on the kids' faces is absolutely the best!

Scan the QR code to register to decorate a vehicle or even to attend. The more trunks we have, the better the experience will be for all of our kids!

Knights of Columbus

Brian McAleer - K of C

Highway Cleanup

Have you ever driven on M53 between 27 and 29 Mile Roads? You will hopefully not have noticed much trash on the passenger side of the road. For the last 35 years the Knights of Columbus Council 7200 has adopted both the Northbound and Southbound roadsides of this stretch of highway through the Adopt-A-Highway program. We pick up trash along this stretch three times per year. On Saturday, 9/19/26, 14 people spent 1 and a half hours each picking up trash during our third and final such session this year. Shown are members of Council 7200, along with some family members, prior to collecting on that Saturday.



Texas Road House Fundraiser Results

The K of C hosted a fundraiser on Tuesday, 9/15/26, at the Texas Road House restaurant to benefit the St. Isidore Baby Panty. With the participation of the parishioners, we were able to raise just over $500. We thank those who participated in this event. The Knights also recently delivered two cases of infant coats to the Baby Pantry, as part of the Coats for Kids Program. Shown are two members from the Baby Pantry, Marge Francis (on the LHS) and Lenee Komosinski, with some of the coats.



Connecting Point (Con't)

Even if you don't think you have any special or unique gifts, we all share the gift of time. Don't let the excuse of "I don't have enough time" prevent you from stepping out of your comfort zone to help in one of the many volunteer opportunities in our parish communities and beyond. We can all choose to make time to do something.

You're likely already using your gifts, but we can all take inventory periodically and do more for Christ. Take time in prayer to ask God where you are needed, for the courage to step out, and to encourage others to share their gifts in service, as well. If we make Christ our priority, everything else will fall into place.

ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT

Archdiocesan Restructuring

Thank You!

We are deeply grateful to the lay faithful across the Archdiocese of Detroit for your generous participation during this important phase of the restructuring process. More than 40,000 parishioners attended 412 parish listening sessions, and over 17,000 individuals shared their feedback through the survey. Thank you for the time you have invested, the insights and experiences you have shared, and the spirit of faith with which you have engaged this process. Your continued prayers, participation, and commitment to the Church are helping us discern together how best to strengthen our parishes and advance the mission of Christ throughout southeast Michigan.

What Happens Next? Parish Modeling Refinement

Throughout August and September, all of the feedback and data received was reviewed, organized, and analyzed. The restructuring team, consultative bodies, and the Catholic Leadership Institute are now working together to evaluate that input and prepare for the next phase of the process: the refinement of the parish models.

Round 1: Faithful
APRIL-JULY 2026



Priests, faithful, volunteer facilitators, KPLs, PPOC, Curia, Parish Renewal & CLI

Round one draft models were developed during the Priests' Discernment Workshop in January and subsequently shared with the faithful through parish listening sessions and the restructuring website. Feedback was collected through the listening sessions, an online survey, and various consultative bodies, ensuring that the perspectives of clergy, parish leaders, and the lay faithful were incorporated into the refinement process.

Round 2: Parishes
SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2026



Priests, KPLs, deacons, Parish Renewal & CLI

Round one draft models will be refined with input from consultative bodies, priests, deacons, lay ministers, and the lay faithful. The refined Round two draft models will be released in October 2026 at **RESTRUCTURING.AOD.ORG**. Pastors and Key Parish Leaders will then be invited to give additional feedback. After further refinement, the final recommended models will be presented to the Archdiocesan Restructuring Commission and then to Archbishop Weisenburger for his discernment as he considers the future configuration of parishes across the Archdiocese.

Final Announcement
APRIL 17-18, 2027

Archbishop Weisenburger

Archbishop Weisenburger will enter a time of prayerful discernment, carefully considering the proposed parish models and the feedback received from clergy, parish leaders, and the lay faithful. After completing this discernment, he will announce the final restructuring models and priest assignments during the weekend of April 17-18, 2027.

Model Refinement FAQs

WHAT HAPPENS IN REFINEMENT?

Once all of the feedback has been read, the Modeling Team, together with a select group of priests and lay leaders from each planning area, will gather to review the feedback for their planning area and refine the models. The work done in the refinement workshops will result in a set of Round two draft models for each planning area. In some cases, one or both models may remain the same as the Round one draft models that were shared at parish listening sessions. In other cases, one or both models may be new or revised in some way.

At that time, Key Parish Leaders (KPLs) and priests at each parish will gather to review the models and share their feedback. The Round two draft models will also be published to the restructuring website at this time. We anticipate that Round two draft models will be published in October 2026.

WHO IS PARTICIPATING?

We want to be transparent about how participants were selected and the perspectives represented, while also protecting the integrity of the working sessions. For that reason, we are not publishing individual participant names.

This allows participants to engage candidly in the refinement process without being viewed as representatives of a particular parish or constituency or being contacted or lobbied outside the workshops. We believe this strikes the right balance between transparency about the process and creating an environment where participants can thoughtfully consider the parish feedback and make the difficult decisions needed to develop the Round two draft models.

HOW WERE PARTICIPANTS FOR MODEL REFINEMENT SELECTED?

Participants were selected based on their involvement in and exposure to the restructuring process to date. Most are members of the Modeling Team, restructuring commission, and/or project work streams. The group includes priests, deacons, parish staff, and lay leaders who collectively bring a range of perspectives and familiarity with the pastoral and practical realities of the planning areas.

During the workshops, participants will review the feedback gathered through the parish listening sessions, evaluate the Round one draft models, and make decisions about how those models should be refined into the Round two draft models. The Round two draft models will then move forward as the next step in the broader discernment and restructuring process.

WHY DOES MY PRIEST HAVE TO BE REASSIGNED EVEN IF MY PARISH IS HEALTHY?

The rationale behind what we anticipate will be a significant movement of priests has been discussed extensively with our clergy. We have also consulted with several dioceses that have undergone similar restructuring efforts, as well as priests currently serving in those dioceses. Consistently, their recommendation has been that all priests move as part of the transition.

There are several reasons for this approach. First, it allows us to look at the needs of the Archdiocese as a whole and match the gifts, talents, and experiences of our priests with the needs of the pastorates they will serve. Second, it provides both priests and parish communities with an opportunity for a fresh start as these new pastorates are formed.

Most pastorates will consist of multiple parish communities led by one pastor, with other priests serving as parochial vicars (commonly known as associate pastors). If priests were to remain in their current assignments and one of those priests was named pastor of the newly formed pastorate, it could create challenges for both clergy and parishioners. Parishioners might naturally continue to look to their longtime priest for leadership, and the pastor could be perceived as favoring the community from which he originally came. These dynamics can make it more difficult to build trust across the pastorate and to lead the newly formed community effectively.

We recognize that this aspect of the restructuring may be difficult to understand and accept, particularly given the strong bonds that often develop between priests and parish communities. Our goal is to position both our priests and our pastorates for long-term success as we seek to continue serving the People of God throughout southeast Michigan.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

MODELING TEAM

The Modeling Team includes priests, deacons, parish staff, and lay leaders who collectively bring a range of perspectives and familiarity with the pastoral and practical realities of the planning areas. This team acts as a consultative body that reviews feedback and refines the pastorate models in collaboration with additional participants from each planning area.

ARCHDIOCESAN RESTRUCTURING COMMISSION

Members of the Archdiocesan Restructuring Commission are priests, deacons, religious and laity from across the Archdiocese of Detroit who advise and consult on the restructuring process.

CURIA

The administrative “headquarters” of the Archdiocese of Detroit, which consists of departments, ministry leaders and officials who assist the Archbishop in his ministry as the chief shepherd and pastor of the local Church.

DEPARTMENT OF PARISH RENEWAL

A new department of the archdiocesan curia set up for the purpose of facilitating, administering and overseeing the archdiocesan restructuring process, as well as advising Archbishop Weisenburger. Fr. Mario Amore is the executive director of the Department of Parish Renewal.

PASTORATE

A grouping of one or more parishes entrusted to the pastoral care of a single pastor and often sharing resources, ministries, and staff. A pastorate may include one pastor overseeing a single parish, or one pastor overseeing multiple parishes.

PRIMARY POINT OF CONTACT (PPOC)

A parish staff member appointed by his or her priest to help navigate the archdiocesan restructuring process and communicate with the larger parish community. PPOCs have three responsibilities: to receive, share, and submit information on behalf of their parish during the restructuring process.

KEY PARISH LEADERS (KPLS)

Individual members of each parish designated by their priest to serve as collaborators in the restructuring effort. Key Parish Leaders must be registered parishioners and may serve as members of the parish/finance council, key ministry leaders, or representatives of a key parish demographic group. Key Parish Leaders will help share, inform, participate and lead the discernment process at their parish.

Cold Brew and Warm Fellowship

Mike Aprile - Evangelical Charity Coordinator

Something special is brewing at St. Isidore! Join us on Sunday, October 11, as we welcome Kolbe Coffee for a day of great coffee, fellowship, and Catholic mission.

We will be serving both freshly brewed Guatemalan hot coffee and cold brew. Following the 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses, enjoy coffee with donuts and fresh fruit. After the 5:30 PM Mass, we'll switch things up with hummus, fresh vegetables, and crackers.

While you're enjoying your cup, meet the Kolbe Coffee team and learn about the mission behind their coffee. Bags of Kolbe Coffee will also be available for purchase, so you can take your favorite home and support their work with Guatemalan, Catholic, coffee-farming families.

Come for the coffee, stay for the fellowship, and discover how something as simple as your morning (or evening) cup can make a difference.

Great coffee. Catholic mission. Community together.

Altar Society Fall Rummage Sale - Thank You!

Jan Stark - Altar Society

Our hearts are full, and our gratitude is overflowing. Thank you to every parishioner, friend, and neighbor who helped make this year's Fall Rummage Sale a wonderful success. Whether you donated items, helped set up, worked the sale, shopped, or stayed to clean up, your generosity and joyful spirit made all the difference.

Because of you, our Altar Society continues its mission of service, fellowship, and care within our parish and community. We are deeply grateful for every hour given, every treasure shared, and every smile offered.

Thank you for showing once again what a loving, faithful community can accomplish together.

On behalf of the Altar Society, thank you and God bless each and every one of you!

Want to Join the Team?

Chris Kozlowski - Mission Support Director

Are you a college student looking for an employer to work around your class schedule? Are you retired and restless? Are you simply looking to add 10-15 hours a week to help supplement your income? If any of these apply to you, please reach out to me as St. Isidore is looking to add a couple part-time people to our maintenance team. Pay is commiserate with experience. No experience, no problem. We are willing to train. For more info email chris@stisidore.church or call 586-745-9514.

Make Halloween a Little Sweeter for Detroit's Children!

Mike Aprile - Evangelical Charity Coordinator

Halloween is approaching, and Sacred Heart Major Seminary (SHMS) is again in need of our help.

Each year, the seminary community opens its doors and hearts to over 2000 children from the surrounding Detroit neighborhood. This annual tradition, which started in 1989, allows neighbors to meet the seminarians and spend an evening of safe fun for the kids. On Halloween, the neighborhood families form a line starting at the building's entrance and entering the vestibule area outside of the seminary chapel.

SHMS's "Halloween Ministry" is a huge undertaking and would not be as successful without the help of the entire Sacred Heart community. If you are able to participate in keeping this important tradition going, please place your wrapped candy donations in the designated bins in the Gathering Space and Mary's Garden Entrance by Sunday, October 25.

This is an opportunity for us to help our seminarians, and especially the children of Detroit, enjoy a safe and fun evening.



Upcoming Events

- Oct 8 – Reconciliation & First Communion PARENT ONLY mtg. 6 PM
- Oct 18 – Trunk-or-Treat – 2:30 to 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 to 3:00 PM
- Oct 31 – Happy Halloween
- Nov 1 – All Saints' Day
- Nov 2 – All Souls' Day



The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lord is patient with us, offering several chances. He provides them if we are willing to repent. We may not always want to hear the words that we need to acknowledge, but they are important. Christ is the corner stone, and has passed on to us the blessings of building His kingdom.

Family Time Fun

It's come to the time of year when the apple orchards are bussing with fun things to do. Consider visiting your local orchard and pick some delicious produce. Or have fun on a hayride and enjoy God's creation!

Power in Prayer

Sue Rebits - Evangelization Committee

This Week's Intention: Life

Suggested Prayer: Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Life

Response: Mary, pray for us.

Mary, Mother of all Life, help us to respect human life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. R

Mary, Mother of Compassion, You showed us how valuable a single life can be; Help us to guard and protect the lives of all people entrusted to our care. R.

Mary, Mother of the Child Jesus, with St. Joseph you formed the Holy Family, Guard and protect all families in this earthly life. R.

Mary, Mother Most Holy, You sanctified the vocation of motherhood; Pour out your heavenly aid on all mothers and help them to be holy. R.

Mary, Mother of Sorrows, Simeon's prophecy foretold that a sword of suffering would pierce your heart; Bring comfort and hope to all mothers who suffer over their children. R.

Mary, Full of Grace, You had a choice in responding to God's call; Help us to always say "Yes" to the will of God in our lives. And strive to do whatever he tells us. R.

Mary, Comforter of the Afflcted, Gather within your motherly mantle all who are in need of God's healing, Especially those who have been involved in an abortion; Help them to experience the love and mercy of Christ, your Son. R.

Mary, Intercessor and Advocate, We lift up the poor, the displaced, the marginalized and vulnerable members of society; Help them to never abandon hope, but to place their trust in the God who gave them life. R.

Mary, Mother of the Word Incarnate, you bore in your womb him who the heavens cannot contain; Help us to bear witness to Christ by the example of our lives, And show the world the extravagant love of God. R.

(Finish with the Memorare prayer in the *Did You Know* article on page 12.)

(usccb.orgprayer)

One Month to Go — Help Us Pack 125,000 Meals!

Mike Aprile - Evangelical Charity Coordinator

We're just one month away from our Kids Coalition Against Hunger Meal Pack on Saturday, November 7!

Our goal is ambitious: pack 125,000 meals and raise $52,500 to pay for them. We can't do it without you.

Volunteer: Hundreds of volunteers of all ages are needed to pack meals. It's fast-paced, fun, and a wonderful opportunity for families, friends, and parishioners from across our Family of Parishes to experience the joy of serving together. Help is also needed for setup on Friday, November 6, and cleanup following the event.
Donate: Each meal costs just $0.42. Every donation brings us closer to 125,000 meals for people in need locally and around the world.
Don't wait-use the QR Code to sign up and/or donate today!

Together, we can turn one morning of service into 125,000 acts of love.

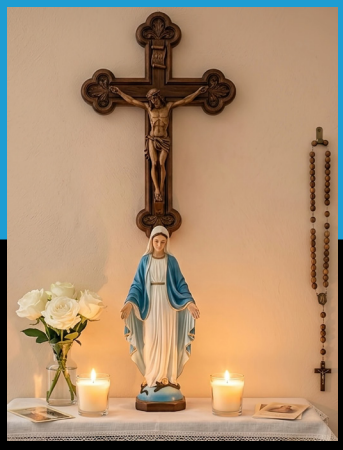
Sacred Seeds

Worship Commission

Question: What is the Responsorial Psalm?

(Answer on page 15)

> ***Then he said to the disciple 'Behold your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.***
> John 19:27



Did You Know?
Welcome to My Home

Have you taken Mary into your home? "Home" could be understood in several ways. Literally, we can welcome Mary into our houses with an image or statue, reminding us of her maternal presence. On a spiritual level, home could mean simply our lives. Just as we pray at Mass that we are not worthy for Jesus to enter under our roof, that is the roof of our bodies and lives, we become a "home" not only for Jesus in holy Communion but, by his exhortation from the Cross, for Mary too.

The Servant of God Chiara Lubich once wrote: "The task of the Church and every Christian is to take Mary home, live with Mary and go to Christ through Mary. She is our spiritual mother..."

When Mary makes her home with us, she rejoices with us and stays by us in our sorrow.

If you took Mary into your home, what difference do you imagine it will make? Why not give her a chance?
(Fr. Edward Looney - Living Faith)

Memorare
Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

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 newborns through age three may call the Baby Pantry at 586-745-9501 to review program requirements.

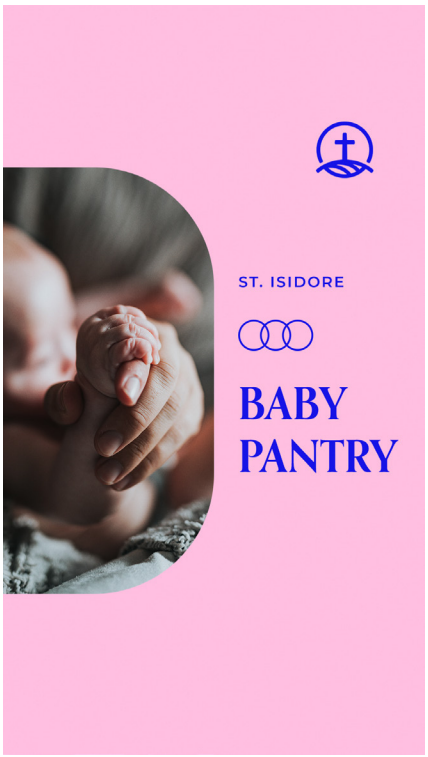
Parishioners, if you know of a family in need, have them call the Baby Pantry.

The Baby Pantry is in need of the following items:

- Ensure - vanilla
- Individually wrapped Goldfish crackers
- Diapers size 5 & 6
- Boys pull ups, 4T & 5T
- Goodnights, XL, girls
- Wipes
- Puffs
- Pouches
- Diaper ointment w/zinc and without zinc
- Baby shampoo, and baby wash
- Pediasure
- Dreft washing soap
- Boys winter pj's and clothes for 9 mos., 24 mos., 3T, 4T & 5T
- Girls winter pj's and clothes, 12 mos.
- Girls winter tops and pj's, 18 mos.
- Girls winter pj's and clothes, 4T & 5T
- Halloween books

Donated items may be placed in the "Pac 'n' Play" outside the office door or in 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.



"Comfort Crafters" Prayer Blanket/Shawl Ministry

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"...Comfort, comfort my people, says your God" (Isaiah 40:1).

People (especially those suffering from illness, depression, grief, loneliness, poverty, etc.) need comfort every day.

Let's try to imagine the scary feeling any of those people must have. How frightening it must be for them.

Jesus asks us to help others and comfort them.

St. Isidore parishioners have always responded to others in need. Thank you. Please get and deliver one of our blankets or shawls to someone who needs to know you care about them and love them. Colder weather makes a comforting blanket or shawl help diminish the loneliness.

Our items are free. Get one in the church office during business hours. All items are wrapped with ribbons. Prayers are attached.

Let us bring Jesus to others.
Thank you for helping us help others.

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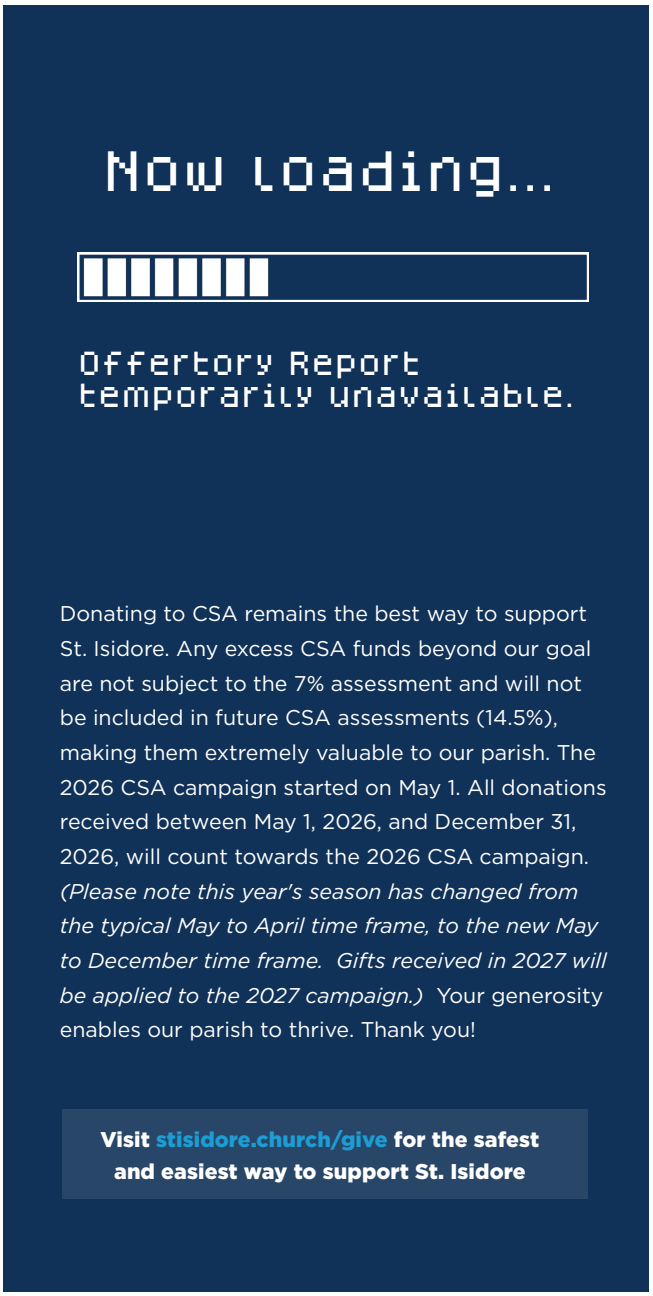
Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing.
St. Therese of Lisieux

When we get to the foundation and heart of things, and we look deeply into another person's life, their problems, their hopes, their dreams, or their experiences, we take the time to walk in their shoes. Then we might find empathy for others less fortunate, especially when it comes to their basic needs in life. You might wonder how can I help? Some people may provide aid or bequest, or donate food, or clothing, or help to pay struggling neighbor's home rent, utilities, repairs, and other basic needs. These kind acts of love can alleviate what the poor experience.

Please keep your cash donations and our pantry needs in mind as you shop in stores or online this week. The pantry needs are listed below in order of most importance:

- ☐ $25 Gift Cards – Meijer, Kroger, Walmart
- ☐ Cash Donations – Blue Envelopes Located on SVDP Bins
- ☐ Laundry Soap
- ☐ Toilet Paper
- ☐ Paper Towel
- ☐ Shampoo
- ☐ Dish Soap
- ☐ Toothpaste
- ☐ Pump Hand Soap
- ☐ Peanut Butter
- ☐ Jelly
- ☐ Progresso Soup
- ☐ Chunky Soup
- ☐ Cookies
- ☐ Graham Crackers

God Bless you for loving our neighbors,
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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. The 2026 CSA campaign started on May 1. All donations received between May 1, 2026, and December 31, 2026, will count towards the 2026 CSA campaign. *(Please note this year's season has changed from the typical May to April time frame, to the new May to December time frame. Gifts received in 2027 will be applied to the 2027 campaign.)* 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.

Mass Intentions

SAT. OCT. 3 4:30 PM
People of St. Isidore Parish
Success of Parish Mission Initiatives
✝ 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
✝ Gina Goike, Darlene & Charles Infantino

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
✝ Casimer Pawczuk, Mertz Family
✝ James Pawczuk, Mertz Family

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

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

MON. OCT. 5 8:00 AM
✝ Shawn Lechner, Susan Lechner
Noah and all sick children, Danski Family
Divine Mercy Members

TUE. OCT. 6 8:00 AM

WED. OCT. 7 8:00 AM
Sue Lechner (Bday), Richard & Jeannie Koss

THU. OCT. 8 8:00 AM
Tom & Bernie Jarosz (60th Wed Anniv), Jarosz Family
✝ Giovanni Vettraino, Family

FRI. OCT. 9 8:00 AM
✝ John Maciag, Family
✝ Mary DeMil, Richard & Jeannie Koss
✝ Buck Steeland, Friends

SAT. OCT. 10 4:30 PM
✝ Tommy Schang, Family
✝ John Czulinski, Family
Jerome & Carol Verschaeve (60th Wed Anniv), Family
Betty Smolarek, Moceri Family
✝ Carol Sobolewski, Carol & Bill
✝ Doris Marie Wouters, Forletta Family

SUN. OCT. 11 7:30 AM
People of St. Isidore Parish
Success of Parish Mission Initiatives
✝ Domenica & Pasquale Spalvieri, Daughter
✝ Michael Majchrzak, Wife, Eleanor
Rita & Walter Kachorek, Pietras Family
✝ Robert & Matthew DeJonchkheere
✝ George & Dolores Zdilla
✝ Jane Davis, Richard & Jeannie Koss
✝ Cheryl Nowak, Eileen Nowak
✝ Barbara Borwicz, Mertz Family

SUN. OCT. 11 9:30 AM
✝ Richard Josephs, Wife, Rosanne
✝ Frank Kulinski (8th Anniv), Family
✝ Kimberly Jurczak, Sue Thomas
✝ Patrick Ziemba, K of C
Roy and Michael Paoletti, Family
✝ Maria Vettraino, Family
✝ Dcn. Bill Schmitz (8th Anniv), Wife and Family
✝ Ryan Davalos, Mark Sobetski

SUN. OCT. 11 11:30 AM
✝ Antonio Dinardo, Family
✝ Thomas Chmielewski, Mr. & Mrs. Henshaw
✝ George and Ken Scargall, Family
✝ John Czulinski (1st Anniv), Family
✝ Maurice Hellebuyck, K of C
✝ Theresa & Thomas Jacob, Daughter, Rose Ryan
✝ Gregory Sokol, Family

SUN. OCT. 11 5:30 PM

Sacred Seeds Answer: Immediately after the First Reading these verses are carefully selected to match the theme – the message, of the First Reading. We are given a voice to speak back to God in prayer and song. Just as in the ancient Jewish synagogue, the worship included Psalms.

Sacred Seeds

Readings

SUNDAY
Is 5:1-7;
Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20;
Phil 4:6-9;
Mt 21:33-43

MONDAY
Gal 1:6-12;
Ps 111:1b-2, 7-10c;
Lk 10:25-37

TUESDAY
Gal 1:13-24;
Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15;
Lk 10:38-42

WEDNESDAY
Gal 2:1-2, 7-14;
Ps 117:1bc, 2;
Lk 11:1-4

THURSDAY
Gal 3:1-5;
Lk 1:69-70-75;
Lk 11:5-13

FRIDAY
Gal 3:7-14;
Ps 111:1b-6;
Lk 11:15-26

SATURDAY
Gal 3:22-29;
Ps 105:2-7;
Lk 11:27-28

SUNDAY
Is 25:6-10a;
Ps 23:1-6;
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20;
Mt 22:1-14

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Scott Bell
Purita Bernadez
Dennis Boyd
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Stephen Bruck
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Mary Ann Calabro
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Shirley Clay
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John Kolodziej
September 4

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September 22

Kenneth DeGroot
September 18

Gina Goike
September 21

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SEPTEMBER 26/27

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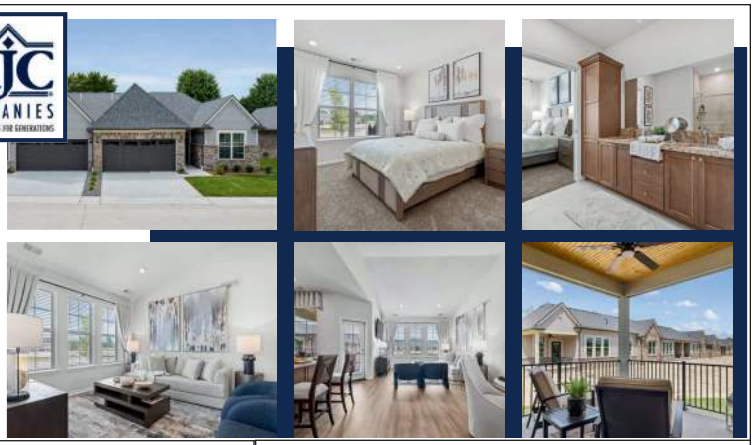
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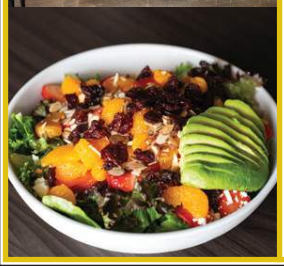
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