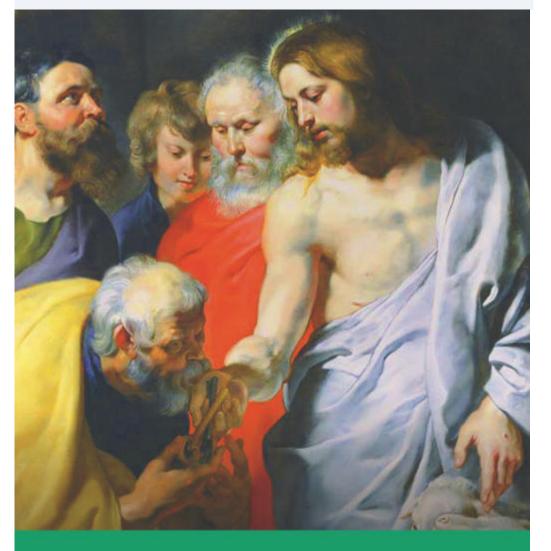
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August 23, 2020



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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"Take care of your body as if you were going to live forever; and take care of your soul as if you were going to die tomorrow."

~ Saint Augustine of Hippo ~

Clergy

Rev. Mark S. Suslenko, Pastor William G. Dziatko, Deacon Stephen L. Weaver, Deacon

Weekend Masses

All Masses are celebrated at St. Paul Church

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday: 11:15 a.m.

No registration is required -

seating is available on a first-come, first-seated basis, up to 100 people. Standard social distancing protocols will be in place.

Daily Mass

Daily Mass is held at 7:30 a.m. every **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday** at St. Paul Church.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are held each Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at the St. Paul Church Gazebo. In the event of inclement weather, please see the usher at the main door of the church for instructions.

Live streaming of all weekend Masses

from St. Paul Church takes place each Sat. at 4 p.m., and each Sun. at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:15 a.m. Please visit our **Facebook** page, **YouTube** channel or the **parish website** to worship remotely.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

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Collections and Parish Finances

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

Report for the week of 8/16/2020:

Weekly collection: \$ 7,810.00 Online Giving: \$ 4,932.00 Total: \$ 12,742.00

Annual Chancery Assessment for 2020: \$80,115.00

For a more detailed report please visit our website under the **ABOUT** tab. The monthly accountability reports can be found in the Financial Accountability folder.

Check donations should be payable to: **Saints Isidore and Maria.** For online giving, go to our website and click on the **DONATE** tab. *Thank you*.



Serving Parishioners Remotely

The SS. Isidore and Maria Parish offices at St. Paul Church - including the Faith Formation office - remain closed to the public at this time. Please know that staff

continue to meet your needs and answer your questions by phone or email on any parish matter.

Though the process may look different, our long-time staff remain committed to helping you with all your parish-related related needs. Simply either email at: contact@isidoreand-maria.org, or call 860-633-9419.



Register Now for Faith Formation!

As summer winds down, just a quick reminder that registration for faith formation

at SS. Isidore and Maria Parish is more than halfway over. It will continue through August 31st. Registration is extrasimple this year: for Grades 1-8, just choose between two online programs; for Confirmation, just choose between two Sunday class times. For more information or to register now, visit: https://bit.ly/3f3JedO

As always, please contact us at: faithformation@isidoreand maria.org or 860-633-9419 if you have questions. We are grateful for your commitment to your child's faith formation.



Tammy S. Hewittt

Meet Tammy S. Hewitt: Parish Director of Evangelization and Discipleship

We are excited to announce a new member of our parish team.

Tammy S. Hewitt has joined the staff of SS. Isidore and Maria Parish as the Director of Evangelization and Discipleship.

Tammy is a lifelong Catholic and comes to us with over five years of experience in parish ministry, primarily in adult faith formation and as a Pastoral Associate.

In addition to earning a Master's Degree in Business Administration, she is also a graduate of the Archdiocese of Hartford's Leadership Formation Program (formerly the Lay Ministry Program) and has earned a Certificate in Spirituality from the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry Crossroads Program.

Learn more about Tammy on our website: https://bit.ly/3kUxfU0

Come and worship! No Registration Required!

Attending weekend Masses.at SS. Isidore and Maria Parish requires no pre-registration. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-seated basis, up to 100 people. Standard social distancing protocols remain in place, and Communion will still be available at the conclusion of every Mass. Live-streaming of weekend Masses will also continue.



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

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

AUGUST 23, 2020

Date	Church	Time	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, August 22 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Paul <i>Li</i>	4:00 p.m. ve Stream at 4:0	David Anthony Santoli 00 p.m.	Raellen Rivard
Sunday, August 23 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Paul St. Paul St. Paul	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Philip Blake Emilio Prizio Fico Behrens & Constantino Cremidis s Live Streamed	Kathleen Blake Irene & Salvatore Prizio Mother and Sisters
Monday, August 24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle	St. Paul	7:30 a.m.	Louis Preli (1st Anniversary)	Wife, Irene
Tuesday, August 25 St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest	St. Paul	7:30 a.m.	Betty Jones	Dr. Robert & Patricia Galvin
Wednesday, August 26 Weekday	St. Paul	7:30 a.m.	Julianna Lazaridis	Tom & Carol Herzog
Thursday, August 27 St. Monica	No Mass			
Friday, August 28 St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	St. Paul	7:30 a.m.	Roseann Cohen	Elaine Henry
Saturday, August 29 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Paul 4:00 p.m. John (Jack) Hitchcock Kathy McGuire Live Stream at 4:00 p.m.			
Sunday, August 30 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Paul St. Paul St. Paul	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Harold Teveris Nancy Heley Lee S. Leniart Walter J. Leniart s Live Streamed	Kathy Blake Health Care Ministry Family

Readings for the Week of Aug. 23, 2020

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/

Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18

[12]/Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13

[13b]/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 [1]/

Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [1]/

Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 [5]/

Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab

and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/

Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



Friday Daily Mass Time Changes to 12:15 p.m.

In order to be accommodate people who would like to participate in Daily Mass, beginning on **September 4**th our parish **Friday**

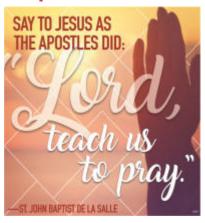
Mass will be celebrated at 12:15 p.m. Daily Mass on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays will remain at 7:30 a.m. Thank you!



Sandra Cavanna Anne DeNuccio Shannon O'Donnell Thomas Cavanna William Ivey

To add a prayer intention, please contact our rectory office and their name will be listed for ONE month. We cannot publish names of friends. Thank you for your understanding.

Inspiration for the Week



To stand in the presence of God is to stand in the presence of incomprehensible mystery. We are people of proofs and facts. With good reason, we are becoming more doubtful of what presents itself to us, as technology makes it easy to fabricate false images and distort what is actually true. What we think is real

actually may not be. We become skeptical. Does this skepticism affect our relationship with God?

To have faith in God means that we must be willing to trust in the absence of full knowledge. To know the mind of God means we would know God himself, and that is impossible. To acknowledge Jesus as the Christ means we acknowledge that the reality and presence of an incarnate God has a fundamental claim on who we are. When we name this truth, we participate in a depth of knowledge that stretches us far beyond the scope of our minds. It brings us to silence, which is the only way to touch our soul.

~ Rev. Mark Suslenko

Sept. Diaper Drive Challenge



Did you know that **one in three** families of infants and toddlers struggle to provide clean diapers for their babies?

The SS. Isidore and Maria Parish Health Care Ministry **challenges all households in**

Glastonbury to donate one box of diapers per family on Sept. 26th & 27th.

We will be collecting diapers, wipes, and monetary donations outside St. Paul Church, 2577 Main Street, Glastonbury for one weekend only. Collection will take place as follows:

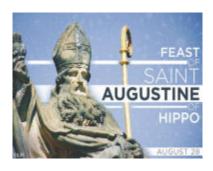
Sat. Sept. 26th: 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Sun. Sept. 27th: 8 a.m. - 12 noon

We are donating the diapers to **St. Francis Hospital & Medical Center** for distribution through the volunteer-led **Joan C. Dauber Food Bank**. It provides diapers to approximately 275 children monthly with needs of close to 14,000 diapers. This challenge takes place during National Diaper Need Awareness Week (Sept. 21-27, 2020).

Please note that there is a particular need for larger sized diapers as well as pull-ups.

Cash/check donations are welcome. Please make checks payable to SS. Isidore and Maria Parish, with "diaper drive" in the memo section.

For more information, please contact the parish office at 860.633.9419, or email: contact@isidoreandmaria.org.



Saint Augustine, was a theologian, philosopher, and the bishop of Hippo Regius in Numidia, Roman North Africa. His writings influenced the development of Western philosophy and Western Christianity, and he is viewed as one of the most

important Church Fathers of the Latin Church in the Patristic Period. His many important works include *The City of God*, *On Christian Doctrine*, and *The Confessions*.

When the Western Roman Empire began to disintegrate, Augustine imagined the Church as a spiritual City of God, distinct from the material Earthly City. His thoughts profoundly influenced the medieval worldview. The segment of the Church that adhered to the concept of the Trinity as defined by the Council of Nicaea and the Council of Constantinople closely identified with Augustine's On the Trinity.

Augustine is recognized as a saint in the Catholic Church, the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Anglican Communion. He is also a preeminent Catholic Doctor of the Church declared by Pope Boniface VIII in 1298 and the patron of the Augustinians. His memorial is celebrated on August 28 the day of his death, in the year 430. Augustine is the patron saint of brewers, printers, theologians, and a number of cities and dioceses.

Augustine's mother, St. Monica, is the patron of mothers whose life is a perfect example of perseverance in prayer. She did not know how the story of her son would turn out. The energy of her love for her son fueled her prayer and grace transformed hi seeking heart. It took nearly 2 decades but it happened.

Source: catholicsonline.wordpress.com

REFLECT

First Reading

The Lord condemns Shebna (a scribe under King Hezekiah) for ignoring Isaiah's prophetic warning and elevates Eliakim with "a seat of honor."

How well do you listen to prophetic voices?

Second Reading

We hear today Paul's concluding remarks from Romans 9:11 (reflections on God's plan of salvation for Jews and Gentiles). Paul contends that God's ways are beyond our understanding.

Do you find this comforting or unsettling?

Gospel Reading

Jesus informs Peter that his confession of him as "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" is divinely inspired. How do you imagine Peter personally reacted to the news of this revelation?



The only way to know God is to love God. Our minds will never fully grasp the mystery of God, but our hearts and souls can learn to love the mystery. Years ago, when life had a more innocent quality to it, we believed what we were told or witnessed, unless there was direct evidence otherwise.

This was especially true if the information came from someone in authority. In a sense, we were a bit more gullible on one hand but also more trusting on the other. The latter is an admirable quality that sadly can be eroded when we realize we have been duped. With education and technological advances, we find ourselves more skeptical and less likely to too quickly accept and believe what we see and hear.

For all of the good that social media can do, it can also easily distort reality and truth. Photoshop and a myriad other technological truths can add to, fabricate, and make even the non-existent seem real. It is amazing. How far do we allow this obviously justifiable skepticism to take us? Questioning and doubting are healthy elements of any good relationship as long as we don't allow them to turn us away from a deeper experience of love and encounter. If we cannot get our minds around something or empirically justify or prove it, we tend to declare it a hoax, untrue, or unauthentic and walk away. The very same trust that can quickly be eroded is exactly what is essential for all of our relationships, especially our relationship with God. With all things and people that make

a profound claim on us, we have to trust in the absence of knowledge. Full self-investment involves plunging completely into the unknown!

Simon Peter said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Peter came to this knowledge, which is not "head knowledge" because of the relationship he shared with Jesus and what God was able to reveal in and through that relationship. Peter simply "knew" because of love that this is who Jesus really is. The silent exchange of love between

friends, and not an intellectual exercise of the mind, brought Peter to this place. When we stop and think about it, there are many things in life that we simply know but do not completely under-



stand. When someone sacrifices their own well-being for another, it may not make intellectual sense when examined. But it makes a world of sense when it is carried out. The vastness of reality and an encounter with incomprehensible mystery all lead us to profound silence where we simply know something to be true. Have you trusted enough to allow your relationship with God to bring you to this place or are you still too skeptical?

~ Rev. Mark Suslenko



Walking with Purpose: A 22-Week Women's Guide to the Bible.

Ladies: Do you sometimes doubt if God really loves you? Are you searching for purpose? Do you struggle to measure up to our culture's definition of beauty? Is there someone you need to forgive, but you don't know how?

SS. Isidore and Maria Parish introduces "Walking with Purpose: The Woman's Guide to the Bible," a powerful, in-depth 22-week foundational course designed for women at every level of their Bible study experience. Join us as we examine the core questions that we wrestle with if we want to experience all that God has for us.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the key to the SS. Isidore and Maria Parish Walking with Purpose program is flexibility, providing a combination of in-person and online gathering options.

Registration is open now through Thursday, September 16th, with the first class set to take place on Wednesday, October 14th! The cost is \$40 to cover the cost of

the study guide. Waivers to cover the cost of the fee are available if there is an income-based need.

For more information or to register, visit the parish website: http://bit.ly/36PY6d8, call the parish office at 860-633-9419, or email: contact@isidoreandmaria.org.

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All submissions must be received in advance by Friday to be published in the following week's bulletin. Send notices to: theresa@isidoreandmaria.org

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Your resources for updated parish Information

Getting the latest information on parish happenings regarding COVID-19 is easy. Simply bookmark our webpage, follow us on social media and keep our contact information handy.

Website: https://isidoreandmaria.org

Phone: 860-633-9419

Office email: contact@isidoreandmaria.org

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/isidoreandmaria/

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Online Prayer Intentions, Memorial Candles

Prayers for the SS. Isidore and Maria prayer basket as well as candle lighting requests are now available.

Simply complete the form on the home page of our website: www.isidoreandmaria.org so that we may remember your loved ones in our prayers!

Parish Health Care Ministry

If anyone wants to speak with a nurse please contact the Parish Office by phone or email. You will be put in touch with a nurse by phone.

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If you are new to the area or are interested in becoming a member of our community, please call the parish office for information on registration. Welcome to SS. Isidore and Maria! Parish!

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