

First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2019

SAINTS ISIDORE AND MARIA PARISH

PREPARE



“So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

MATTHEW 24:44

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Saturday 4:00 p.m. at St. Paul
Sunday 7:30 a.m. at St. Augustine
Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. at St. Paul

Weekday Masses are 7:30 a.m.
Mon., Wed., Fri. at St. Augustine
Tues., Thurs. at St. Paul

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Collections and Parish Finances

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

Due to the early submission of the bulletin, the report for the week of November 24, 2019 will appear in next week's bulletin.

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.

Black Friday. Cyber Monday.

#GIVINGTUESDAY

December 3, 2019

It is only with **YOUR** help that we will be able to achieve the Annual Appeal goal of **\$10 Million!** This year's Appeal goal may be a challenge – but it is nothing compared to the challenge many suffer with each and every day of their lives. This funding provides support to families and individuals for life's basic necessities: a warm meal, a bag of groceries, a place to sleep, or a place to turn for guidance and support. The Annual Appeal is one way to share our blessings and express thanks for the blessings with which God has graced us with our neighbors.

This December 3rd, please remember the 2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal!!

Please visit the Appeal website:

www.archdioceseofhartford.org and follow the link **Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations**, to learn more and make your gift today. All pledges can be paid through December 31, 2019 towards this year's Appeal.



If you have a family member, friend or neighbor who would like to receive Holy Communion at home please contact Melissa at 860-633-9419, or email: melissa@isidoreandmaria.org. One of our Extraordinary Ministers will be happy to coordinate a visit.

Date	Church	Time	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, November 30 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	St. Paul	2:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
	St. Paul	4:00 p.m.	Samuel & Maria Arsego	Jerry & Eileen Cleary
Sunday, December 1 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	St. Augustine	7:30 a.m.	Paul E. Poulin	Parents
	St. Paul	9:30 a.m.	Frank Glemboski	Family
	St. Paul	11:15 a.m.	Patricia Delany	Suzanne Delany
Monday, December 2 <i>Advent Weekday</i>	St. Augustine	7:30 a.m.	Greg Priest & Robert Eagen, Sr.	Family
Tuesday, December 3 <i>St. Francis Xavier, Priest</i>	St. Paul	7:30 a.m.	Frank & Mary Loscalzo	Marie Loscalzo
	St. Augustine	7:00 p.m.	Rosary and Adoration	
Wednesday, December 4 <i>Advent Weekday</i>	St. Augustine	7:30 a.m.	Frances Dzialo	Dzialo family
Thursday, December 5 <i>Advent Weekday</i>	St. Paul	7:30 a.m.	Ruth Murphy	Family
Friday, December 6 <i>Weekday - First Friday</i>	St. Augustine	7:30 a.m.	Delsie Antico	Family
Saturday, December 7 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	St. Paul	2:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
	St. Paul	4:00 p.m.	Dorothy & Joseph Magnano	Lori, Kristen & Shane Lowry
Sunday, December 8 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	St. Augustine	7:30 a.m.	John & Evaline Zawilinski	Mary Ann Zawilinski
	St. Paul	9:30 a.m.	Zulmira Nunes (<i>9th Anniversary</i>)	Son & Family
	St. Paul	11:15 a.m.	Edward A. & Eileen M. Sweeney	Family

If you are offering a Mass Intention and you & your loved ones would like to bring up the gifts, please see one of the ushers prior to the start of the Mass. They will be happy to assist and direct you.



Readings for the week of December 1, 2019

Sunday:	Is 2:1-5/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 1]/Rom 13:11-14/ Mt 24:37-44
Monday:	Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4c-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118: 1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday:	Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Reminder: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is not a Holyday of Obligation this year.
The usual morning Mass will be celebrated on Mon. Dec. 9, 2019

PARISH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Coffee and . . . will be held **this Sunday (Dec.1) after the 7:30 am and 9:30 am Masses.**
This month will be hosted by

Karen Bolla and Michelle Lukas at 7:30am
Ushers and Greeters at 9:30 a.m.

Please join us after Mass!

We are always looking for families, friends & neighbors to host our monthly Coffee and...

Contact Kathleen Blake at (860) 633-0587 or Kathy Kray at (860) 633-7420 if you are interested.



Knights of Columbus



Parish Healthcare

COATS FOR KIDS CAMPAIGN

The Knights of Columbus and the Healthcare Ministry are conducting a **Coats For Kids Campaign** again this year.

We are accepting new and gently used **children's coats, hats, mittens, scarves, and gloves.**

All items can be placed in the **Coats for Kids bins** located at the entrances of both St. Paul and St. Augustine's Churches.

If you wish to make a monetary donation please make a check payable to the *Knights of Columbus #2533* placed in an envelope marked *Coats for Kids* and place in the offertory basket.

All donated items will be distributed to families in need at the Town's Social Services Holiday Gift Program on December 18

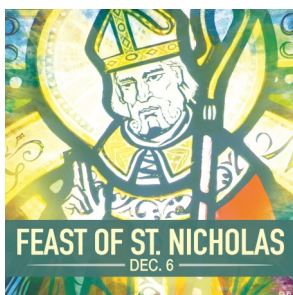
Questions/Comments can be directed to:
coatsforkids@kofc-glastonbury.org

Women of the parish!

Give yourself the gift of a weekend! Sign up now for our parish retreat at **Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center** in Farmington, CT on the weekend of **January 17-19, 2020.**

"How Can I Keep From Singing?" is this year's theme.

For information call **Rita** at **860-965-7674** or visit www.ourladyofcalvary.net



IMMACARE OUTREACH PROGRAM

During the renovation period at ImmaCare Shelter in Hartford, we will be providing monthly donations to the Program. This program provides nourishment five days each week to the homeless living on the street, in abandoned buildings, or wherever shelter can be found. **There is virtually no funding for this program; an acute need exists for food and water to accompany sandwiches that are distributed.**

Items should be left in the basement at St. Augustine's Church, labeled for "ImmaCare Outreach." **The next delivery will take place on December 13.**

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS INTENDED FOR IMMACARE AT THE ST. VINCENT de PAUL PANTRY.

All donations should be taken to ST. AUGUSTINE'S NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11.

We appeal to each of you for donations of the following:

- ◆ Fresh Fruit (*apples, oranges, bananas*)
- ◆ Fruit Cups (*fruit pieces in small plastic cups*)
- ◆ Granola Bars
- ◆ Peanut Butter and/or Cheese Crackers (*wrapped*)
- ◆ Small bags of Potato Chips
- ◆ Juice Boxes (*such as CapriSun*)
- ◆ Bottled Water
- ◆ Cupcakes (*wrapped*)
- ◆ Cookies (*wrapped*)
- ◆ Napkins
- ◆ **Tall** Brown Paper Lunch Bags

Please note: drivers are needed to help deliver donated items to the Outreach office on Hungerford Street in Hartford.

Questions may be directed to:

Bob and Esther DeLucia pembroke88@cox.net
Gary Giannelli giannelli1@cox.net

New England Chamber Choir and
Instrumental Ensemble

Richard Wm. Donohue, Conductor

Music for Christmas

Sunday, December 15, 2019

At four o'clock in the afternoon

Saints Isidore and Maria Parish

At Saint Paul Church

Free admission — Donations welcome

Reception to follow performance

PARISH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS



"In-Dwelling"

"We are all meant to be mothers of God, for God is always needing to be born."

~Meister Eckhart

This famous quote reminds us of our importance as people of

faith. We can either help to bring God's presence into the world, to birth Christ, or behave like it's somebody else's job.

The holy season of Advent is a time filled with choices about what really is important to us. And those choices are shaped by our expectations. If we feel that Advent is a time to ensure that Christmas day will answer all the material needs of our families and friends, then we spend our time doing what will make that expectation a reality.

But if we remember that long, long ago a baby was born in poverty, whose teachings would come to shape the world, then a different expectation might arise. We can expect that if we spend our Advent days with our spirits and actions reflecting Jesus' teachings – compassion, forgiveness, love, healing, joy, peace – then on Christmas day, whether man or woman, we will have become mothers of God. We will have helped to bring God's presence into a world desperately in need of it. Please come to our parish Advent series and think about how God can be born in you.

**We'll meet with Chris Seethaler in the library at St. Paul
December 5, 12, and 19 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.
You can register either on-line or in our churches.**

The Ss. Isidore and Maria Parish Advent Giving Program 2019

You have **two (2)** options this year to support the Christmas season program.

Option #1 is the giving of gifts and clothing for the needy at Gilmore Manor in Glastonbury and Immaculate Conception Homeless Shelter (ImmaCare) in Hartford. Angel tags will be available from the Advent Giving Trees at both St Augustine Church and St Paul Church. Please help those in need by taking an angel tag, buying the gift, placing it unwrapped in a gift bag, securing the angel tag to the gift bag and returning the gift to the Advent Giving

Tree in the church by Sunday, Dec 8. In order to keep track of the tags taken, please sign the sheet with the angel tag#, your name and contact information. When the gift is put under the tree, please place an ornament from the basket onto the tree.

Option #2 is a monetary donation supporting people in need at the following agencies: St. Joseph Residence, The Herbert T. Clark House, St. Vincent DePaul Society, St. Elizabeth House, My Sister's Place and Catholic Family

Services. Donation envelopes are available at the entrances/exits of both churches. Please place your donation envelope in the collection basket by Sunday, Dec 8, and make payment to Ss. Isidore & Maria. For more information or to volunteer your service, please contact **George Jachimowski -860-568-7274** shadownell@comcast.net **Ann Lohr - 860-430-2105** a.lohr@cox.net

Thank You for your support and Keeping Christ in Christmas.

Parish Choir

**Sunday 12-1 7:30 Choir, 9:30 CME,
11:15 Choir**



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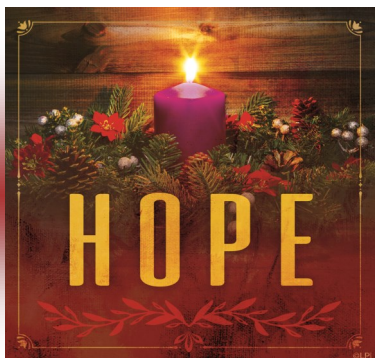
Starting January 8 at 7:00 PM:

**"Living in the Father's Love:
A Woman's Guide to the Bible"**

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? Join us for "Living in the Father's Love: A Woman's Guide to the Bible," a brief yet powerful six-week Bible study is the ideal way to revive and refresh yourself.

We'll gather each Wednesday from January 8 - February 12 from 7 - 8:30 PM at St. Augustine Church to discover just how much God loves us and how the Gospels are deeply relevant to our relationship with God and with those you love. For more information or to register, visit our website: www.isidoreandmaria.org, call the rectory at (860) 633-9419, or visit the parish Facebook page at facebook.com/isidoreandmaria.



FAITH FORMATION

Advent Family Nights

Monday 12/2, Tues., 12/3, & Thurs., 12/5

Grade 1-8 families, this week we are looking forward to the Advent Family Nights during your child's regular classes on 12/2, 12/3, and 12/5. At least one parent is asked to attend with their child/children. Optionally, we will also be collecting Christmas donations geared towards both children and adults at this event. Use this as a chance to convey to your child the importance of service to others, especially now during the holiday season. Suggested items: Grades 1-2 toys, Grades 3-4 pajamas, Grades 5-6 underwear/t-shirts, Grade 7 socks or slippers, and Grade 8 hats, gloves or scarves.

Grade 8 - Mass, Dinner, & Annual Retreat - Sat., 12/7

All Grade 8 students and their families should plan to attend the Vigil Mass at St. Paul Church on Saturday, December 7th. Immediately after Mass, students and at least one parent should gather in the South Wing for check-in and a pizza dinner. Sam Todzia of Red Barn Ministries will facilitate the event which will conclude at 7:15pm.

Monthly Teen Mass - Sun., 12/8

Due to the Christmas holiday, our monthly Teen Mass is earlier this month, on Sunday, December 8th at 11:15am at St. Paul Church. All are welcome!



Youth Ministry Monthly Meeting - Wed. 12/15

Come join your peers for some fun, activities, and food on Wednesday, December 15th 7:00-8:30 in the Library at St. Paul Church. All teens in grade 7-12 are invited to attend the festivities. Each teen should bring a pair of new fun socks filled with small gift items (\$25 limit) as we'll have a traditional Secret Santa Sock Swap. Be creative - boys should bring boy-themed socks and girls bring girl-themed socks and we'll let the fun begin. Hope you can join the festivities! Please contact Donna Berger, our Youth Minister, at donna@isidoreandmaria.org with any questions.

Service events for teens in Grades 7-10

Please continue to check the **parish website (under Teens > Service events)** for the monthly listing of service opportunities available to the teens in our parish.



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SAVE THE DATE:

Annual Christmas Pageant - Sat., 12/14

Everyone is welcome to attend the Christmas Pageant at St. Augustine Church on Saturday, December 14th at 5:30pm. A Carol Sing and refreshments will immediately follow.

Confirmation Candidates

Assignments due on Sun., 12/15

All candidates should bring their completed assignments to class on Sunday, December 15th. Grade 9 candidates: the Saint Essay, and Grade 10 candidates: the Sponsor certificate.

Bible Study continues on Friday afternoons

Our Bible Study continues on Friday afternoons in the Library from 2:30-3:30pm. We are reading selections from Exodus, then will move on to the letters of Saint Paul. All are welcome! Please contact Jon Sozek for more information.

Join our Children's Choir or Teen Choir

We are looking for children in Grades 2-12 to join our Children's/Teen Choirs. Each choir rehearses once per month on a Saturday and again on the morning of the Sunday when they are scheduled to sing. The Children's Choir sings at the 9:30am Mass, the Teen Choir at the 11:15am Mass. For more information, please contact Cathy Hartley at 860-633-3662 or email our Faith Formation Office.



In your prayers please remember our sick parishioners and friends:

**Lindsay Smith
Anne DiNuccio**

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.

The great thing to remember is that, though our feelings come and go, God's love for us does not.
C.S. Lewis