



# SS. ISIDORE AND MARIA PARISH

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May 9, 2021

## Clergy

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

## Weekend Masses

All Masses celebrated at St. Paul Church

Sat. Vigil: 4 p.m.  
Sun: 8 a.m.  
Sun: 9:30 a.m.  
Sun: 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 at St. Paul Church:  
Mon., Tues., Wed. - 7:30 a.m.  
Fri. - 12:15 p.m.

## 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.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions at St. Paul Church:  
Sat. at 2:30 p.m.  
*Social distancing protocols are in place. Please wear a mask.*

## Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

Sat., 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
Social distancing protocols are in place. Please wear a mask.  
*(This event is live streamed)*

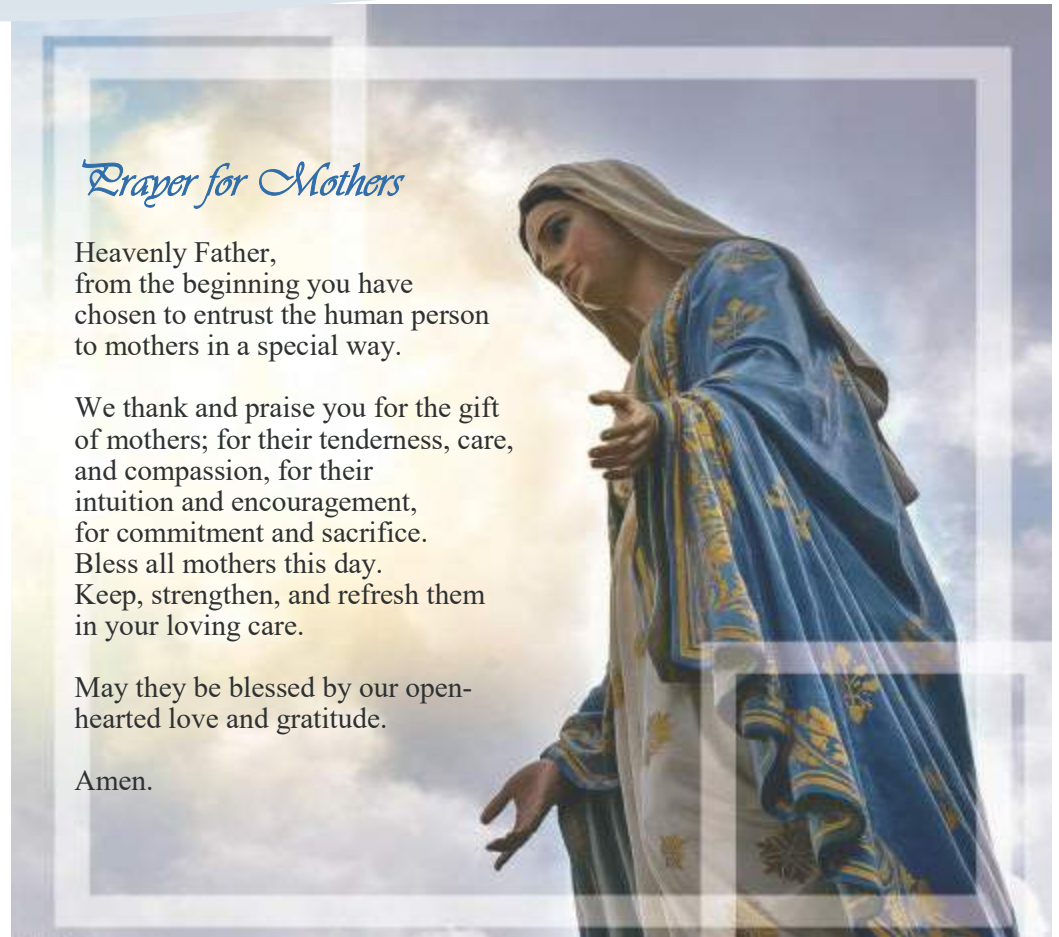
## Prayer for Mothers

Heavenly Father,  
from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way.

We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice. Bless all mothers this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care.

May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude.

Amen.



Congratulations to all who received The Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time this year. We also thank the dedicated teachers and parents who helped to prepare the Students for this most important event in their spiritual lives.

## First Communion Class of 2021

Harrison Adams  
Gianna Allen  
Benjamin Bassi  
Stella Belmont  
Emanuella Brancato  
Rhea Burke  
Colin Cafarella  
Liliana Calciano  
Dominic Casdia  
Milo Costantini  
Madison Dabiri  
Gabriel de Dios  
Ella Etheridge  
Kellen Etheridge  
Isabella Fortier  
Cameron Fox  
Samantha Gaieski

Maya Golino  
Anthony Graff  
Mark Grant  
Cassandra Greco  
Teagan Gregorski  
Michael Hartnett  
Chloe Hawkins  
Danielle Hoepfner  
Conor Janus  
Kayla Kurnik  
Parker LaCroix  
Luke Lantieri  
John Laplante  
Emma MacDonald  
Anna Margarido  
Connor McCall

Amelie Moromisato  
James Ossino  
Francisco Penagaricano  
Gabriel Penagaricano  
Charles Perham  
Samantha Pers  
Mila Portereiko  
Benjamin Proctor  
Nicholas Ricker  
Payton Sansoucy  
Valentina Santilli  
Khawan Schug  
Tyler Stechliniski  
Julia Tanski  
Remington Varni  
Chatham Wackerman  
Genevieve Wrona

## Collections and Parish Finances

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



Report for the week of 5/2/2021:

Weekly collection:	\$ 10,545.50
Online Giving:	\$ 3,829.50
Total:	\$ 14,375.00

Annual Chancery Assessment for 2021: \$76,927.00

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.

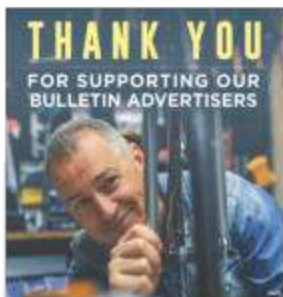
Check donations should be payable to: **Saints Isidore and Maria**. For online giving, go to our website and click on the **DONATE** tab. *Thank you.*

## May: The Month of the Blessed Virgin

It has been a long-standing Catholic tradition to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary during the month of May. One of the many ways in which we celebrate Mary year after year is by holding a "May Crowning," at which the faithful place upon a statue of the Virgin a crown made of blossoms or other hand-crafted materials to signify her queenship as the mother of Christ the King. We continue that tradition here at SS. Isidore and Maria Parish by holding a May crowning ceremony at every Mass on Mother's Day weekend (May 8 and May 9).

## Ascension Thursday: May 13, 2021

The Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ, also called Ascension Thursday, commemorates the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and is a holy day of obligation for Catholics. SS. Isidore and Maria Parish will hold Ascension Thursday services on **May 13 at 12:15 p.m. and 6 p.m. at St. Paul Church**. Pre-registration is not required, though we ask that those in attendance wear face masks and abide by standard social distancing guidance.



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

Our Sponsor Spotlight this week is:

**Brothers Oil Co.**

## Inspiration for the Week

by Rev. Mark Suslenko

**God is love.** These three simple words deserve a great deal of attention. They have the power to transform our relationship with God from something that is static and distant to one that is personal and real. We all know the power of love and how important it is to completing all of the human and divine circuits of our lives. But we do not often consider the awesome fact that it is given to us as a gift and is not simply part and parcel of the human package. God is the author of love and love itself. When we truly love another human being, it is really God being God in and through us. The love to which we are called and the love of which the Gospel speaks is a selfless love that seeks the wellbeing of not only our significant others but of all of our brothers and sisters. This love, which is of God, is a love that will endure all things and bring immeasurable joy when experienced. It is the most sincere form of friendship.

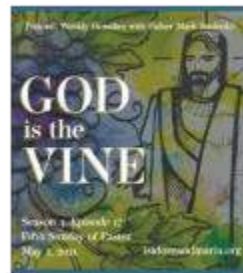


## 2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal provides help to those in need! Together, we can and do make a profound difference

in the lives of many individuals and families, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please consider supporting this important initiative. Every gift makes a difference. Organizations such as (St. Vincent De Paul Society, Glastonbury) right here in our own town received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program which our local neighbors.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>. *No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.*



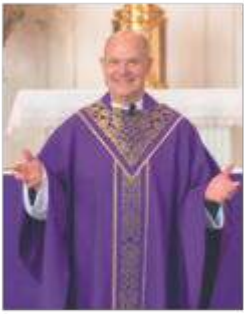
## PODCAST:

### God is the Vine

"When a person begins to realize and take seriously the fact that they are part of God's bigger tree of life, then the essence of their life begins to take on greater depth and meaning. Once we realize that God has intimately

attached us to the very vine of himself, and that the life that I have come to know and treasure cannot be lived apart from that vine, then how I see the world, how I see my brothers and sisters, how I see myself all takes on a different character. It all begins to be transformed."

Listen to Father Mark's latest homily, entitled "God is the Vine," <https://www.buzzsprout.com/133396/8444068>



A woman in her mid-eighties recently remarked about her feelings of heightened anxiety when she ponders how much time she may have left on this earth. In her mind her earthly

time clock is rapidly winding down and the end seems very near. Is this a worry due to a lack of hope, a sadness and angst because enough has not been accomplished or a normal response to the inevitable change that is soon to come? We often see ourselves solely in human terms with life being lived only within the parameters of our birth and our physical death. Decisions we make, priorities we establish, how purposeful and relevant faith is to us and our sense of accomplishment and well-being play out within this limited realm of time and space.

When God became one with us in Jesus Christ, a clear message was sent to the world and to humans in particular. God, who is revealed so perfectly in Jesus Christ, showed us that we have value and are made in God's image and likeness. Mortal human beings radiate with the presence of God and are worthy enough to reveal the intimacy of the Divine Mystery. The human story can now be understood as a partnership, a true and new covenant, celebrating a love relationship between all of creation and their Creator. It is a story that does not solely play out within the confines of this world, nor is it a story that ends with the Cross or even the Resurrection. The human story finds its happy ending in the Ascension.

Our human narrative is still evolving and moving ever more closely toward that day when all will be one in Christ and we will be transfigured.

Today reminds us that Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father as the Christ of God. In this ascended state, we are able to see what we are all meant to become. We have before us this transformed life to anticipate. The disciples got a glimpse of what this transfiguration would be when they ascended the holy mountain. This inheritance that awaits us is an essential part of the Good News we are called to proclaim! Christ, now ascended to the Father, sets our paths straight and gives us a look at what awaits us. But, we often journey through our lives as though we are walking through a barely lit windowless room. We think about ourselves only in terms of what we know and have a difficulty seeing and believing what we can be and can't yet understand. After all, faith has much less to do with what we can see than with what cannot be seen.

The day to day challenges of life find us struggling with our incompleteness. This is especially true when we begin to ponder our happiness, accomplishments, goals, desires and feelings about how well we have done with life. Our unenlightened and dimly lit eyes fail to see the beauty of what is yet to be. We are most certainly, with the passing of each year, not winding down to life. In every real and splendid way we are very much winding up to life and the surprises that are yet to come on our journey. Imagine how differently we would feel and how creative we would become if we gave more attention to who we are becoming! Focusing on what we stand to gain and not on what we will one day lose is a game changer for sure. Time is no longer the enemy of limitations but the eternal blessing of endless possibilities.

This is why our participation in the mission of the church is so essential. First, we are asked to go and proclaim

that Jesus is the Christ. This includes, along with all of the other Gospel precepts, the truth about who God is and who God made us to be. Second, it involves continuing Christ's work of teaching and healing so that all of God's children can jubilantly prepare for the eternal transformation to come! The message of the Gospel is not limited to the matters of this world only. It is directed toward helping human beings understand who they are and healing them from all those things that can make them a lesser version of that.

It is no wonder then, why the poor hold such an honored place in Jesus' ministry. They speak of God's love and they cry out for the compassion that is due them as children of God. Justice is about putting all of our relationships in proper order because we are all filled with the beauty of God's love and have dignity. Of primary importance is our relationship with this world and fighting the tendency to see it only as an end to something that began years ago. The human story, when understood through the Ascended presence of Christ, is truly a love story. It is a Divine romance that is always creative and new, exciting and uplifting, healing and restoring. We are held in a perpetual bond of tenderness and mercy.

What does it matter, then, how old we are or how much time we have left in this world? Today's celebration gives us the strength to persevere, knowing that whether we are as we know ourselves today or who we will be in eternity, all is well. May our hearts be enlightened and the rooms of our lives brightened so that we can know this hope and the surpassing greatness of Christ's power! Go now in peace and tell others about this Good News!

~ Rev. Mark Suslenko

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## East Catholic High School

The Admissions Office is still accepting applications for the 21-22 school year. There is still an opportunity to apply for Financial Aid. Also, we continue to offer

private family tours.

To schedule a tour, get the general information or fill out admissions and/or financial application, please visit our website: [echs.com/Admissions](http://echs.com/Admissions).



**Hail Mary**, full of grace; the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Date	Churc	Time	Intention	Requested by
<b>Saturday, May 8</b> <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	St. Paul	2-3 p.m.	<i>Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist</i> <b>Live Stream at 2 p.m.</b>	
	St. Paul	2:30 p.m. 4 p.m.	Confessions Raymond and Helen Paquette	Bryan Paquette
<b>Sunday, May 9</b> <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Mother's Day</i>	St. Paul	8:00 a.m.	Rita Kozlak	Mary Ann and Roger Bouchard
	St. Paul	9:30 a.m.	Marie Venora	Steve and Linda Ward
	St. Paul	11:15 a.m.	William Henry	Janet and John Schoendorf
<b>All weekend Masses are Live Streamed</b>				
<b>Monday, May 10</b> <i>St. Damien de Veuster, Priest</i>	St. Paul	7:30 a.m.	Violet Dondi	Family
<b>Tuesday, May 11</b> <i>Easter Weekday</i>	St. Paul	7:30 a.m.	Jackie Cosgrove	Leito Family
<b>Wednesday, May 12</b> <i>Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr</i>	St. Paul	7:30 a.m.	Thomas Sullivan	Parents
<b>Thursday, May 13</b> <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i> <i>Ascension of the Lord</i>	St. Paul	12:15 p.m.		
		6:00 p.m.	Kitty Sullivan ( <i>1st Anniversary</i> )	Family
<b>Friday, May 14</b> <i>St. Matthias, Apostle</i>	St. Paul	12:15 p.m.	Leonard Guay	Family
<b>Saturday, May 15</b> <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	St. Paul	2-3 p.m.	<i>Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist</i> <b>Live Stream at 2 p.m.</b>	
	St. Paul	2:30 p.m. 4 p.m.	Confessions Amelia and Lucien Daignault	Renee Daignault
<b>Sunday, May 16</b> <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	St. Paul	8:00 a.m.	Evaline Zawilinski	Mary Anne Zawilinski
	St. Paul	9:30 a.m.	Terry Clemens	Elaine Henry and Family
	St. Paul	11:15 a.m.	Harvey Maron	Margie and Ronnie
<b>All weekend Masses are Live Streamed</b>				

## Active Military Prayer List

Please hold in your prayers the following active service members:

RCT Jack M. Zaremba, Marines  
Chief Master Sergeant Charles Edwards, Air Force  
Lieutenant Brandon Farrell, Navy, *USS Gerald R. Ford*



The men and women who currently serve in the United States Armed Forces deserve on-going prayers from their faith community. If someone you know or love is currently serving in the U.S. military, let us know their

name and rank for publication on our "Active Military Prayer List." Please email information on active military members to: [contact@isidoreandmaria.org](mailto:contact@isidoreandmaria.org), or call the parish office at 860-633-9419.



**Bob Caisse**  
**Sandra Cavanna**  
**Thomas Cavanna**  
**Donna Chapman**  
**Ashley Chapman**  
**Lilly Cinnamon**

**Keith Chapman**  
**Patricia Feeney**  
**Richard Giguere**  
**Dan Hebert**  
**Julia Krawiec**

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



## Vacation Bible School: Adult Volunteers Needed

SS. Isidore and Maria Parish seeks adult volunteers to help with the 2021 Vacation Bible School, which is scheduled to take

place Mon., Aug 9 through Fri., Aug 13 at St. Paul Church.

This year's theme is: *EarthKeepers: Adventures for Creation Care Kids*, and is focused on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si' or On Care for Our Common Home*. Kids will learn how to better take care of the home God gave us here on Earth. Volunteers are needed for the following:

- Arts & Crafts
- Reading Bible stories
- Activities
- Games

Adult volunteers must pass a background check and be trained (or willing to be trained) in VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Mary Harrington at [harrmar33@gmail.com](mailto:harrmar33@gmail.com), or call the parish office at 860-633-9419.

## Readings for the Week

<b>SUN 5/9</b>	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
<b>MON 5/10</b>	Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a
<b>TUE 5/11</b>	Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11
<b>WED 5/12</b>	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
<b>THR 5/13</b>	Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
<b>FRI 5/14</b>	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
<b>SAT 5/15</b>	Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28
<b>SUN 5/16</b>	Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19



America's revered uniformed heroes serving under five branches of the U.S. Military are celebrated on the third Saturday of May, falling on May 15 this year.

## Spring Diaper Drive — Next Weekend!



The SS. Isidore and Maria Parish Health Ministry is coordinating a **diaper drive** after all Masses on **May 15** and **May 16**. *Baby diapers of all sizes are needed, with a particular need for*

*larger sizes.* Wipes and monetary donations (cash or check) will also be gratefully accepted.

Diapers, wipes and money donated to this drive will be brought to St. Francis Hospital & Medical Center for distribution through the volunteer-led Joan C. Dauber Food Bank, which provides diapers to approximately 275 families monthly. That's close to 14,000 diapers each month.

Collections will take place outside St. Paul Church after all Masses on Sat., May 15 and Sun., May 16. Please make checks payable to SS. Isidore and Maria Parish, with "DIAPER DRIVE" in the memo section. For questions please contact the parish office at 860-633-9419, or email Lori Lowry at [lillori147@cox.net](mailto:lillori147@cox.net).

## ImmaCare Ministry Thanks You!

The SS. Isidore and Maria Parish ImmaCare Ministry thanks all who have helped sustain our efforts to feed the men residing at the ImmaCare Homeless Shelter in Hartford, and to feed the homeless through ImmaCare on a daily basis.. A special thanks to the members of the parish WHO (Widowed Helping Others) Ministry for providing a ham dinner with all the fixings (including homemade desserts) to ImmaCare residents on Fri., May 7.

The ImmaCare Outreach program that distributes sandwiches to the homeless every day is appreciative of the continued support of our parishioners. Here's how you can help:

1. Send a check to ImmaCare and put in the memo line a notation that your donation is for the OUTREACH PROGRAM,
2. Order items through Amazon, Target or Wal-Mart for direct shipment to ImmaCare. Water and individual pre-packed items (i.e. fruit cups, rice, etc.) are especially appreciated,
3. Leave donated food items (see above) in the designated area at St. Augustine or St. Paul Church

Learn more about the ImmaCare Ministry on the parish website: <https://isidoreandmaria.org/evangelization-discipleship/ministries/immacare-homeless-outreach/>

## This Day in History — Inventor of Duck Tape



Vesta Stoudt  
Photo Credit:  
Mediaallday

**Vesta Stoudt** (April 13, 1891 - May 9, 1966)  
Vesta Stoudt was the woman who had the seminal idea for duct tape. While working at an ordnance plant during World War II, she noticed that the way ammunition boxes were sealed made them difficult to open quickly. So, she developed a waterproof, tearable cloth tape to solve the problem. Her bosses at the plant were unimpressed, so she wrote a letter to U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt: Roosevelt liked the idea and sent it to the War Production Board who implemented her tape. The tape was made with a woven fabric, known as “duck cloth”, coated in waterproof plastic with a layer of rubber-based adhesive and could be torn by hand without the need for scissors. The tape worked great on ammo boxes and soon GIs found it was also useful for fixing leaks, repairing equipment, and even closing up wounds on the battlefield. Stoudt received *Chicago Tribune's* War Worker Award for her idea.



So Oliver, I bet Sean, our Facilities Manager has a picture of Vesta in his office. After all, she is the hero of duct tape, the most important “tool” in a handyman’s box! I think Father Mark has mentioned how good it is at keeping things “shut”. He was looking at me at the time. Wonder why?



## Harry & Oliver’s Corner

[www.thisdaytrivia.com/trivia/may-9](http://www.thisdaytrivia.com/trivia/may-9) [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vesta\\_Stoudt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vesta_Stoudt)



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### How to Report an Incident of Sexual Abuse to the Archdiocese of Hartford

If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to: Kathleen D. Nowosadko, Victim Assistance Coordinator, 860-541-6475 [kathleen.nowosadko@aohct.org](mailto:kathleen.nowosadko@aohct.org)

### Online Prayer Intentions, Memorial Candles:

Prayers for the SS. Isidore and Maria prayer basket as well as candle lighting requests are available. Simply complete the form found on our website:

[www.isidoreandmaria.org](http://www.isidoreandmaria.org) so that we may remember your loved ones in our prayers!

**Bulletin submission deadline is Friday.** All submissions must be received in advance by Friday to be published in the following week’s bulletin. Send notices to: [theresa@isidoreandmaria.org](mailto:theresa@isidoreandmaria.org)

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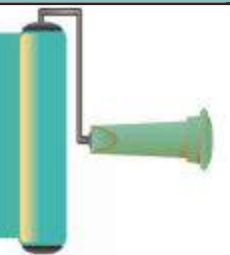
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