



# SS. Isidore and Maria Parish

GLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT

September 4, 2022



## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” - Lk 14:27

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Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord *REJOICE!* (Ps 105:3)

## Collections and Parish Finance

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



Report for the week of 8/28/2022:

Weekly collection: \$ 9,533.60  
Online Giving: \$ 2,767.50  
Total: \$ 12,301.10

Annual Chancery Assessment for 2022: \$94,171.00

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.*



**American Red Cross**

Blood Services

SS Isidore and Maria Parish hosts an American Red Cross **Blood Drive on Thurs. Sept. 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** in the South Wing of St. Paul Church.

To donate, you must be in good health, feeling well on the day of donation, weigh 110 pounds or more, be at least 17 years of age, and not have donated whole blood in the previous 56 days. For more information or to make an appointment (recommended), please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

## Blood pressure screenings the weekend of Sept. 10-11

The SS. Isidore and Maria Parish health ministry will conduct monthly blood pressure screenings next weekend as follows:

- Sat., Sept. 10: Following the 4 p.m. Mass
- Sun., Sept. 11: In between the 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses (after the 8 a.m. Sun. Mass, and “before” the 9:30 a.m. Sun. Mass).

Screenings are held in the conference room of the south wing. Participants must wear a mask. All blood pressure screenings are free and confidential.



## Coffee And. . .Next Weekend

A Coffee And will be held in the church library after the **9:30 a.m. Mass on Sun., Sept. 11**. All are welcome! Please come to meet your fellow parishioners and to connect with old friends.

## Inspiration for the Week

by Rev. Mark Suslenko

“Stand up straight and don’t slouch!” Many a child has heard these words bellowed from their mother’s lips. We need the perspective of others to help us understand when we are not walking as straight as we could be. God sends the Holy Spirit to correct and guide us so that our paths through life can be straight. Without this assistance, how we see and understand ourselves and the world around us is incomplete. We will also lack the virtue of fortitude. It takes courage to listen to the Holy Spirit and devote ourselves to the task of discipleship. We must put aside things that the world says are necessary and follow a path placed before us by Jesus Christ. Jesus is asking us to follow him. We must consider what we have to do to be free enough to do so. God needs us to show the world a complete picture of what life is meant to be, correct its vision and tell it to stand up straight!



**It's a picnic! It's a festival! It's fun for the entire family!**

Nearly 250 parishioners have responded that they are planning to attend the Fall Festival. It’s taking place Sun., Sept. 18 from 1-4 p.m. on the grounds of the Elks Club, Hopewell Road in South Glastonbury.



If you are planning on joining us and haven’t yet RSVP’d, there is still time! Simply fill out the online survey, complete the survey manually using the form at the doors of St. Paul Church, or call the parish office at 860-633-9419.

### Here's what you can look forward to at the Festival:

**MENU:** Hamburgers, hot dogs, clams on the half shell, salads (tossed, potato and pasta), baked beans, desserts, and ice cream from Blue Chip Creamery!

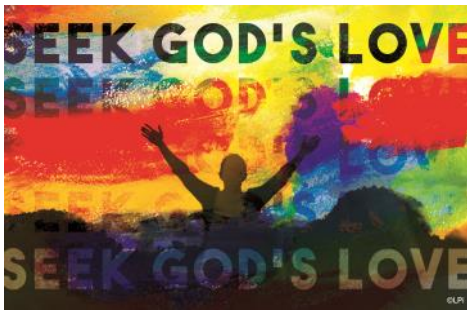
**BEVERAGES:** Soda, water, beer & wine, and coffee

**KIDS’ ACTIVITIES:** Corn hole, face painting, hay rides, badminton, sack races, crafts, and prizes!

**PLUS:** Live music and fellowship with family and friends from your faith community!

*\*A parishioner is ANYONE who worships here, whether or not you are registered!*

We must speak to them with our hands by giving,  
before we try to speak to them with our lips. ~ St. Peter Claver



What virtue is the cornerstone of discipleship? Love. Jesus preached about it, lived it, and summarized his greatest featuring it. Love is in our DNA. To follow Jesus, then, is to follow the

path of love. While this may appear to be an attractive and easy option, it most assuredly is not. Authentic love always comes with sacrifice. It is the complete giving of oneself to another. The sacrificial character of love always requires that we leave something aside and pursue something else. This is at the heart of self-denial. Love asks us to make choices that are often difficult.

There is a reason Jesus asks that the love of God come first. "Charity is the right attitude of mind which prefers nothing to the knowledge of God. If a man possesses any strong attachment to the things of this earth, he cannot possess true charity

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(St. Maximus the Confessor)." "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." A devoted disciple must be single-minded in her quest for God. She cannot allow anyone or anything to have more power over her soul than God. When earthly attachments become more important than Love, we can get ourselves into trouble. The Gospel calls us to walk boldly into the darkness, confusion, and emptiness of the world clothed in the mantle of love. We are asked to walk with others on their journey, offering a supportive, healing, challenging, and faithful presence. Ours is not to judge. To walk this sacrificial journey means that I must put myself aside and focus on the needs of others. "A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt, and must empty ourselves (St. Teresa of Calcutta)." Love helps us walk straight and focus to see things more clearly and help others do so. Many folks struggle to find joy and meaning in life. People may need someone with the freedom to sit with them in their pain so they don't feel so alone. Through acts of kindness, gestures of acceptance, and words of compassion, burdens can be lightened. Believe in God's love and seek it above all other things!

~ Rev. Mark Suslenko

The **Parish Health Care Ministry** will meet on **Tues., Sept. 13, at 7 p.m.** in the Education wing. All interested parishioners are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Donna at [mmrugy@snet.net](mailto:mmrugy@snet.net)



### Sept. 20: Parish Golf Tournament and Fundraiser Dinner

The parish youth ministry is back from their successful mission trip to Maryland - a trip made possible in part by the annual Parish Golf Tournament.

Help support the 2023 mission trip by taking part as a sponsor, golfer or dinner attendee at the next tournament on Sept. 20.

Sponsorship opportunities begin at just \$100. Golf registration is \$150 per player/\$600 per foursome. **Not a golfer?** Join your fellow parishioners for just the dinner at Glastonbury Hills Country Club that evening at 5 p.m. Dinner only cost is \$60 per person, and includes cocktail hour and dinner with auctions and raffles. For more information or to register, visit [isidoreandmaria.org/golf2022](http://isidoreandmaria.org/golf2022)



**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR  
ST. JOSEPH'S RESIDENCE**

**We are Hiring!**

CNA's – Part time Morning Shift, Full time Evenings, and Full time Nights. Please contact Emy at [enhumanresources@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:enhumanresources@littlesistersofthepoor.org) or call 860-741-0791.

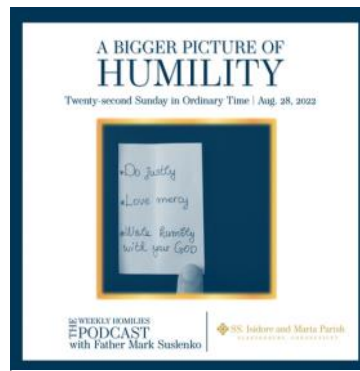


### I Am Here: Lea's Story

"God is unchanging when everything around us can be changing so much."  
~ Lea Wojciechowski Ross

People like you share their personal stories of transformation by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist as part of the National Eucharistic Revival.

Learn more about the revival and how to share your story at [isidoreandmaria.org/eucharisticrevival](http://isidoreandmaria.org/eucharisticrevival).



### PODCAST: A Bigger Picture of Humility

Father Mark's podcast this week takes us on a spiritual exercise to open our minds and hearts to what's going on in the lives of people in other corners of the world - people for whom Christian humility comes at a great cost. Listen to this and all

of his podcasts at [isidoreandmaria.org/podcasts](http://isidoreandmaria.org/podcasts).



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

Our Sponsor Spotlight this week is:  
**GRAVER'S TREE CARE**

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
<b>Saturday, Sept. 3</b> <i>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	2:30 p.m. 4 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation (Confession)</b> Nina Pagliughi and Laura Sapia <i>Live Stream at 4 p.m.</i>	Family
<b>Sunday, Sept. 4</b> <i>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	*8 a.m. *9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	D. Joon Yoo Karen Lindlauf Danny Coyle <i>Live Stream at 11:15 a.m.</i>	Family Family Kevin Coyle
<b>Monday, Sept. 5</b> <i>Weekday</i> <i>Labor Day</i>	7:30 a.m.	Eugene Desmond Martin <i>Parish offices closed today</i>	His Brother
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 6</b> <i>Weekday</i>	7:30 a.m. 7 p.m.	William Perry <b>Rosary (St. Augustine Church)</b>	Don Martin
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 7</b> <i>Weekday</i>	7:30 a.m.	Philip Jarvis	Marion Valenti
<b>Thursday, Sept. 8</b> <i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Friday, Sept. 9</b> <i>St. Peter Claver, Priest</i>	12:15 p.m.	Lea Sartori	Tom and Ellie Kyc
<b>Saturday, Sept. 10</b> <i>Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	2:30 p.m. 4 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation (Confession)</b> Amelia and Lucien Daignault <i>Live Stream at 4 p.m.</i>	Family
<b>Sunday, Sept. 11</b> <i>Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	*8 a.m. *9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Charles Nordi Frank Lowry Joseph and Lilla Franzo <i>Live Stream at 11:15 a.m.</i>	Bouchard Family Lori, Kristen and Shane Rametta Family

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\*Rebroadcast of 4 p.m. Vigil Mass



Tim Blomstrom  
Susan Bowhall  
Bob Caisse  
Diane Varni Caisse  
Sandra Cavanna  
Thomas Cavanna  
Kathy Cerne  
Ashley Chapman  
Donna Chapman

Keith Chapman  
Gerald Delany  
Patricia Feeny  
Richard Giguere  
Ernesto Guardia  
Dan Hebert  
Keith Henson  
Julia Krawiec  
Lucienne Marinelli

Roger Morin  
Jack Murphy  
Clara O'Brien  
Jacob Rivera  
Jaxson Rivera  
Lilly Sinnamon  
Doreen Thurz  
John Thurz  
Roger Yost

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.

O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

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



**Altar Flower Offerings**  
Aug. 27, 2022 - Sept. 2, 2022

In loving memory of  
**Kevin Sweeney** requested by  
sister, Sheila and nephews Zack  
and Andrew Hummel





## Registration Continues for Walking with Purpose

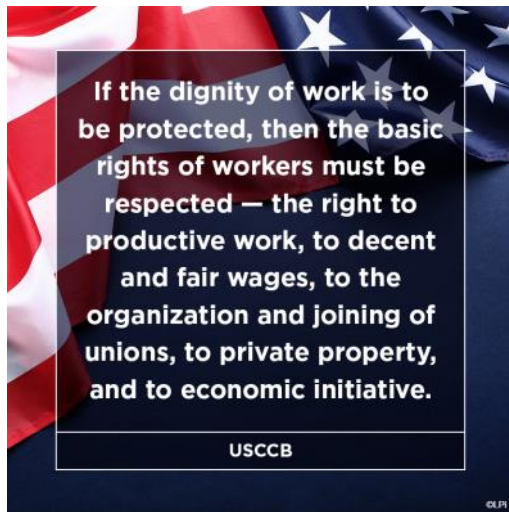
The Glastonbury parishes of St. Dunstan and SS. Isidore and Maria are pleased to offer Walking with Purpose for the 2022-2023 season.

Walking with Purpose (WWP) is a Bible study that meets women right where they are, hands them a cup of coffee, and transforms their hearts.

We are thrilled to announce that this year we are offering two studies:

- Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point (for new participants)
- Touching the Divine (for returning participants)

Registration is now open. Visit [isidoreandmaria.org/wwp2022](http://isidoreandmaria.org/wwp2022) for more information on dates, times, locations and fees.



## WHY DO WE DO THAT?

### *Catholic Life Explained*

#### Question:

Why do Catholics light candles in church?

#### Answer:

Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### Scripture Readings for the Week

<b>SUN</b>	<b>9/4/22</b>	Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33
<b>MON</b>	<b>9/5/22</b>	1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
<b>TUE</b>	<b>9/6/22</b>	1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19
<b>WED</b>	<b>9/7/22</b>	1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26
<b>THR</b>	<b>9/8/22</b>	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
<b>FRI</b>	<b>9/9/22</b>	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42
<b>SAT</b>	<b>9/10/22</b>	1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49
<b>SUN</b>	<b>9/11/22</b>	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-1

## Pray for Those Who Are Serving

**God, keep special watch over these men and women serving in the Navy, National Guard, Army, Marine Corps., Air Force, Coast Guard and keep them safe:**

Tammy Breiner  
 Oliver Cary  
 Daniel J. Cavanna  
 Daniel Conrad  
 Charles Edwards  
 Celia Fajardo  
 Brandon Farrell  
 Chris Gibb

Michael Hitzer  
 Samuel David Hovanec  
 Peter Kamianowski  
 Samuel MacDonald  
 Alexis Maher  
 Michael Scott Mullin  
 John W. Murphy  
 Jack M. Zaremba

*Do you know someone who is currently on active duty with the U. S. Armed Forces for whom our community prayers would bring comfort, please email the person's name, rank and military branch to: [contact@isidoreandmaria.org](mailto:contact@isidoreandmaria.org), or call the parish office at 860-633-9419.*

## Prayer for Students

Dear Jesus,  
Thank you for the gift of learning!  
I want to grow closer to you  
in everything I do at school.  
In math and science, help me to see  
your beautiful plan in the world.  
Help me to discover new stories  
and values as I read and write.  
In arts and music, help me to be creative.  
In sports, help me to treat my teammates  
and my opponents fairly.  
Help me to learn new skills in technology.  
Jesus, you are the perfect teacher.  
Help me to listen with open ears,  
an open heart, and an open mind  
to all my teachers at school.  
Help me to treat my classmates  
with care, kindness, and respect.  
Thank you, Jesus, for school!  
Amen.



## This Day in History — Labor Day

One of the most important principles of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Four encyclicals address this foundational social teaching: *Rerum Novarum* (1891) by Leo XIII, *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931) by Pius XI, *Laborem Exercens* (1981), and *Centesimus Annus* (1991) by John Paul II. They address both the theology and dignity of work. In Genesis, God takes the initiative in creating the world, calling forth human beings to be faithful stewards of creation. We are thus formed to share in God's continuing creative activity by partnering with God in finishing the world and helping bring it to completion and fulfillment. From this perspective, work can be spiritually understood in terms of sharing in God's ongoing activity to build, create, and transform the world. Human beings are co-creators with God. This vocation demands self-discipline. Besides an exercise in self-discipline, work is also how we develop and fulfill ourselves. Labor Day offers an excellent opportunity to reflect on how we view work in light of our Catholic social teaching.



Oliver

Oliver and I love our work  
taking care of Fr. Mark,  
but today, we are taking  
a restful break too!  
Happy Labor Day to all  
our parish friends!



Harry

## Harry & Oliver's Corner

## SS. Isidore and Maria Parish Directory

### Clergy

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### Weekend Masses

*St. Paul Church*  
Sat. Vigil: 4 p.m.  
Sun.: 8 a.m.  
Sun.: 9:30 a.m.  
Sun.: 11:15 a.m.

### Daily Mass

*St. Paul Church*  
Mon., Tues., Wed.: 7:30 a.m.  
Fri.: 12:15 p.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions at St. Paul Church  
Sat. 2:30 p.m.

### Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

Exposition and Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament takes place each  
Mon. from 6 - 7 p.m. at St. Augustine  
Church

### Rosary

Pray the Rosary each Tues. evening at  
7 p.m. at St. Augustine Church.

### Live streaming of weekend Masses

*St. Paul Church*  
Sat. at 4 p.m. and Sun. at 11:15 a.m.,  
with rebroadcasts of the 4 p.m. Vigil  
streamed at 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.  
Please visit our Facebook page,  
YouTube channel or the parish website  
to worship remotely.

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

If you have knowledge or suspect that a  
minor or 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)



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