



SS. Isidore and Maria Parish

GLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT

January 29, 2023



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter
every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be
glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.” - Mt 5:10-12a

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001 - 1995, 1970, CCF

“When I trust deeply that today God is truly with me and holds me
safe in a divine embrace, guiding every one of my steps I can let go
of my anxious need to know how tomorrow will look, or what will
happen next month or next year. I can be fully where I am and pay
attention to the many signs of God's love within me and around me.”

Henri Nouwen



The **Glastonbury Knights of Columbus** will be holding a membership drive after each Mass this weekend (Jan. 28 and 29).

If you have any questions about the membership in the Knights of Columbus, Or would like more information, please contact: Jim Wilson 203-889-1173”

Food Bank Collection This Weekend

SS. Isidore and Maria Parish is one of many community-based groups in town taking up collections to help fill the shelves of the new Town of Glastonbury self-serve food bank, which opens next month.

Any donation of **laundry detergent, dish soap, shampoo or toothpaste** is greatly appreciated.



Make your plans to join us for the next parish-wide hospitality weekend on **Sat., Feb. 4 and Sun., Feb. 5**. We'll have a wine and cheese social following the 4 p.m. Mass next Saturday, and a noon-time get together after with 11:15 a.m. Mass next Sunday. Both events happen in the South Wing.

The GATE OF HEAVEN is very low;
only the HUMBLE can enter it.

~ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Collections and Parish Finance

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



Report for the week of 1/22/2023:

Weekly collection: \$ 8,109.26
Online Giving: \$ 2,330.50
Total: \$ 10,439.76

Annual Parish Collection: \$ 125,483.00

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.*

2022 Year End Tax Statements

If you would like to receive a tax statement with your total donations to SS. Isidore and Maria, please contact Melissa by phone (860) 633-9419 or by email: Melissa@isidoreandmaria.org.

Please specify if you would like your statement mailed or emailed to you. **There will not be an automatic mailing of statements. You must request it.** Online Giving users may print out their own statements from the dashboard.



What is National Catholic Schools Week?

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2023 is Jan. 29 – Feb. 4. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2023 is **“Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.”**

Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

Learn more at: <https://www.ncea.org/csw>

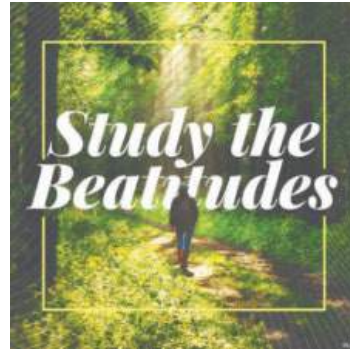
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Our Sponsor Spotlight this week is:
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Excerpt

The Beatitudes are the paths along which true Christians travel. They embody the heart of the Gospel and define what it means to be Christian. Read on to see why there is nothing ordinary about Ordinary Time!



REFLECTION: Nothing Ordinary Here

There is nothing ordinary about Ordinary Time. This couldn't be truer today when Zephaniah reminds us of the mysteriousness of God's way, and Jesus lays out his Gospel blueprint in his Sermon on the Mount. God's ways certainly are mysterious. Those who

are first are actually last, and those who have the most will end up with the least. There is an ironic twist to God's wisdom and this is no more evident than in the Beatitudes. St. Oscar Romero states of the Beatitudes: "These are the paths along which true Christians travel." Indeed, the Beatitudes embody the heart of the Gospel and define what it means to be Christian.

Read the rest of Father Mark's Connect Sunday Reflection here: <http://isidoreandmaria.org/jan2023reflection>



Faith Formation Sessions for Jan. 28- Jan. 29

Sun., Jan. 29:

Grade 1 - Small Group Session in the Classroom
10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Grade 3 - Large Group Session in the Library
10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

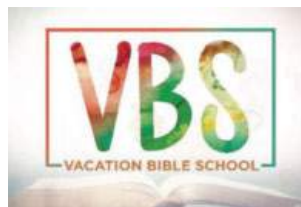
Mon., Jan. 30:

Grades 7 & 8 - South Wing 5 p.m-6 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 31:

Grades 7 & 8 - South Wing 5 p.m-6 p.m.

Children in grades 7 & 8 have the option of attending either the Monday session or the Tuesday session.



Take the survey: 2023 Vacation Bible School

The planning stages for the 2023 Vacation Bible School have begun and we are looking for input. Would you consider taking a moment to complete this short survey to assist us in bringing back a fun-filled week for the children of the parish? Visit <https://isidoreandmaria.org/vbs2023survey>
Thank you for your time.



We Pray for Nigeria

The west African nation of Nigeria is a multicultural country of 219 million people, nearly half of whom, according to UNICEF, are under the age of 15. Over the past five years, infant and under-five mortality rates

have remained steady and alarmingly high in Nigeria: one in every eight children born in Nigeria does not survive to their fifth birthday. Health authorities say the country's life expectancy of 54 years of age ranks among the five lowest in the world. Violence is prevalent in Nigeria. According to the Council on Foreign Relations, abductions, religiously motivate attacks, assaults by armed gangs and police brutality are on the rise over and above the terror attacks of militant groups like Boko Haram, a group that has already killed more than 35,000 military and civilian targets in Nigeria since the early 2000's.

(SOURCES: UNICEF, Council on Foreign Relations).

Bulletin Bloopers

Let us join David and Lisa in the celebration of their wedding and bring their happiness to a conclusion.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.



Emmaus Grieving Parents Ministry

The Emmaus Grieving Parents Ministry based at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church in Hartford supports parents whose spiritual journey includes the death of a child. All

who have suffered the loss of a child at any time – including prior to birth and many decades ago – are welcome to participate in their monthly support meetings.

The Emmaus Ministry meets monthly both in-person and on Zoom. The next meetings take place as follows:

Feb. 15 from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. via Zoom

Feb. 19 at 3:30 p.m. in-person at the Franciscan Center, St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church, 285 Church Street, Hartford

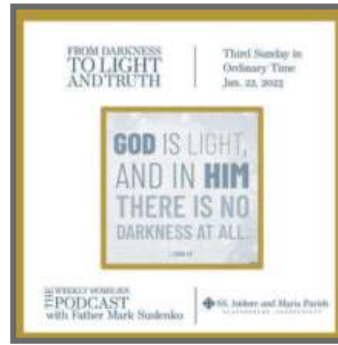
Please know that you are never alone on this journey. Please join us.

<https://spsact.org/ministries/pastoral-care-ministries/emmaus-ministry>

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What year was St. John Paul II elected as Pope?

Answer on page 5



PODCAST: From Darkness to Light and Truth

“In the darkness, our worlds become very small. They become very self-focused. But in the world of light, the small picture becomes big, and we begin to see the interconnectedness of it all. We begin to see how God sees the relationship I

share with my brothers and sisters and the greater hope to which all of God's children are called. The greater hope of God's triumph over sin and death, which gives us the ability to move on and forage ahead with courage.” ~ *Father Mark*

Moving from darkness to light and truth through Jesus Christ is the central message of Father Mark's homily this week. Listen now at isidoreandmaria.org/podcasts



I Am Here: Susan's story

“I always leave the adoration chapel completely refreshed and assured.”

~ *Susan Raposa*

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.

Manchester Catholic Elementary Schools Fall 2023 Prospective Family Open House Events

St. James School, 73 Park St., and **St. Bridget School**, 74 Main St, are now accepting new student applications for the 2023-24 school year. Come see the Catholic school difference! Our Catholic schools offer a traditional, accelerated, and innovative curriculum in a safe, respectful learning environment. Additional benefits include updated technology, school sports, and extra-curricular activities. Learn more at their upcoming open house events:

St. Bridget School: **Jan. 29** at 9 a.m.

St. James School: **Jan. 31**, 9:30 a.m.; (K-8 program only)

St. Bridget School: **Mar. 2** at 6 p.m.

St. James School: **Mar. 23**, 6 p.m. (pre-K & K-8 programs)

Tuition assistance available to qualifying families. Informational tours are also available by appointment. To learn more, please contact:

Kathy Sheridan, St. Bridget School, office@saintbridget-school.com, 860-649-7731 or Amy Guenther, St. James School aguenther@saintjameschool.net, 860-643-5088.

In Silence God ceases to be an object and becomes an experience.

Thomas Merton

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Jan. 28 <i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	2:30 p.m. 4 p.m.	Reconciliation (Confession) Barry Levy	Marcel and Lynn Jeanson
Sunday, Jan. 29 <i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>National Catholic Schools Week begins</i>	8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Richard Wolanski Maria Falcon Emile LaFlamme	Don and Kathy Kray Family Pulito Family
Monday, Jan. 30 <i>Weekday</i>	7:30 a.m.	Thomas Callan	Mary Lou Tanski
Tuesday, Jan. 31 <i>St. John Bosco, Priest</i>	7:30 a.m. 7 p.m.	Frances Fitts Rosary (St. Augustine Church)	Elaine Henry
Wednesday, Feb. 1 <i>Weekday</i>	7:30 a.m.	Pierina Guglielmi	Anna Benacquista
Thursday, Feb. 2 <i>Presentation of the Lord</i>		No Mass	
First Friday, Feb. 3 <i>Weekday</i> <i>St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop</i>	12:15 p.m. After Mass until 2 p.m.	Donald Christie Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Neil and Mary Begley
Saturday, Feb. 4 <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	2:30 p.m. 4 p.m.	Reconciliation (Confession) Violet Savidge	Her Family
Sunday, Feb. 5 <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Stanley and Catherine Slivonik Eileen Marie Ahearn Mary Lou McKenna	Elaine Henry Jenny and Johnny Bouffard Family

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



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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.



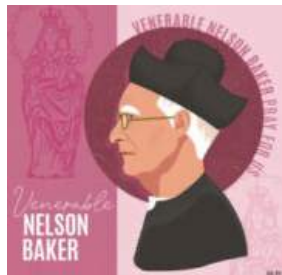
Celebrating the Saints This Week

Altar flower offerings

Donations may be made toward floral arrangements honoring a family member or individual, celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or special occasion, or in memory of loved ones.

Only three requests will be accepted for each week. Donation is \$35.00. Please contact the parish office 860-633-9419 to arrange a date.

Venerable Nelson Baker



Born February 16, 1842, in New York, his home community of Buffalo would eventually name Father Nelson Baker "Buffalo's most influential citizen of the 20th century." Before being ordained a priest, Baker served in the Civil War as a Union soldier in the 74th regiment of the New York State Militia. Following his time as a soldier, Baker started a successful feed and grain business with a veteran friend, joined the St. Vincent De Paul Society, and started taking Latin classes. He entered Our Lady of Angels Seminary — now Niagara University — on September 2, 1869, and was ordained on March 19, 1876, by Bishop Stephen Ryan at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Buffalo.

After donating his life savings to alleviate the debt accrued by the orphanages and other institutions Father Baker was entrusted with, his devotion to Our Lady of Victory inspired him to begin The Association of Our Lady of Victory. Via this charitable organization, Baker hand-wrote thousands of letters that went out to Catholics across America soliciting donations to support the facilities. Catholics everywhere joined the Association of Our Lady of Victory with their twenty-five cent annual membership dues.

Father Baker's community of faithful financial supporters continued to help him build resources for those in need. He tripled the number of children in his orphanages, built a home for unwed mothers, began a maternity hospital that eventually became a full-service hospital, built a debt-free church for worship and gathering nearby and more! Once the Great Depression hit, it is estimated that 500,000 people were fed at

his church, Our Lady of Victory, during those years. In his 90's, he shifted focus to the service and education of black Americans traveling north for work and opportunity.

Following his death on July 29, 1936, between 300,000 and 500,000 people visited to pay their respects before his funeral. The many Our Lady of Victory outreach institutions he championed can still be found operating today in Lackawanna, New York. Father Baker was declared Venerable in 2011 and is still awaiting sainthood.

Presentation of the Lord



Jesus is the Messiah who institutes a new covenant with his people, but he was raised as a practicing Jew by his devout parents. Jewish tradition held that firstborn male children were to be presented at the Temple and a sacrifice offered 40 days after his birth. Luke's Gospel tells the story of this sacred event. Simeon, a priest of the temple, prophetically greets the Holy Family. "Now let your servant go in peace; my eyes have seen salvation which you have prepared in the site of all peoples." On this feast, we remember that Jesus does not come to abolish the traditions

of the past but to fulfill them. His sacrifice on the cross and establishment of the Church lay the foundation for new traditions that continue to bring life to us today!

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Answer: 1978

Weekly Prayer

Scripture Readings for the Week

SUN	1/29/23	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a
MON	1/30/23	Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/ Mk 5:1-20
TUE	1/31/23	Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/ Mk 5:21-43
WED	2/1/23	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/ Mk 6:1-6
THR	2/2/23	Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
FRI	2/3/23	Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29
SAT	2/4/23	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/ Mk 6:30-34
SUN	2/5/23	Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

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	Peter Kamianowski
Oliver Cary	Samuel MacDonald
Charles Edward	Alexis Maher
Celia Fajardo	Michael Scott Mullin
Brandon Farrell	John W. Murphy
Chris Gibb	Drew Scarfone
Michael Hitzer	Jack M. Zaremba
Samuel David Hovanec	

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, or call the parish office at 860-633-9419.

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The prophet Zephaniah speaks of a “remnant of Israel” who will survive God’s judgement and live as a humble and truthful people. *What other qualities (besides humility and integrity) make for a good community?*

Second Reading:

Paul offers us an interesting sketch of the members of the Corinthian community: foolish, weak, lowly, and despised. *How would you describe your community of faith?*

Gospel:

Jesus begins his Sermon on the Mount with a list of eight “beatitudes” (blessings). *Which of these beatitudes do you see in yourself?*

This Day in History — Feb. 2



Candlemas is a Christian festival celebrated on Feb. 2 that commemorates when the Virgin Mary, in obedience to Jewish law, went to the Temple in Jerusalem both to be purified 40 days after the birth of her son, Jesus, and to present him to God as her firstborn (Luke 2:22–38). The festival was once known in the Roman Catholic Church as the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is now known as the Presentation of the Lord. Traditionally, the Western term “Candlemas” (or Candle Mass) referred to the practice whereby a priest on Feb. 2 blessed beeswax candles for use throughout the year. These were sometimes distributed to the faithful for use in the home.

Groundhog Day is a popular North American tradition observed in the United States and Canada on February 2. It derives from a Pennsylvania Dutch superstition that if a groundhog emerging from its burrow on that date sees its shadow, it will retreat to its den, and winter will persist for six more weeks. However, spring will arrive early if it does not see its shadow because of cloudiness.

Groundhog? Groundhog? Somebody say something about a Groundhog???
Oliver, you see a shadow?



Harry & Oliver's Corner

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Presentation_of_Jesus_at_the_Temple https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Groundhog_Day

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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

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.

Live streaming of weekend Masses

SS. Isidore and Maria Parish regularly live streams weekend Masses from St. Paul Church as follows:
Saturdays at 4 p.m. / Sundays at 11:15 a.m.
Rebroadcasts of the 4 p.m. vigil take place on Sundays at 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
Please join us on Facebook, YouTube or the parish website to view the stream.
Announcements about additional live streamed liturgies may be found on the parish website, e-newsletter, bulletin and/or St. Paul Church bulletin boards.

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each Fri. following the 12:15 p.m. daily Mass (approximately 12:45 p.m.) at St. Paul Church. It concludes at 2 p.m.

Rosary

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

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
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