



SS. Isidore and Maria Parish

GLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT

February 26, 2023 First Sunday of Lent

KICKOFF WEEKEND: FEB. 25-26, 2023

**HIS SACRIFICE,
and ours!**

2023 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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Experience Tranquility: Join us for Evening Prayer on Mon., Feb. 27

The Solemn Celebration of Evening Prayer with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament has been described as tranquil, calming and peaceful. Couldn't we all use a bit more of that in our lives?

Join us at St. Paul Church this Mon., Feb. 27, at 6:30 p.m. to experience it yourself...and bring a friend so you can enjoy this beautiful tradition of our faith together. The Walking with Purpose group will provide hospitality after the celebration in the South Wing.

Not sure what it's all about?

Learn more on the parish website:

<http://isidoreandmaria.org/solemncelebrationprimer>

Can't make it this time? We'll have another Evening of Prayer on Mar. 27 - same time, same location.



Make your plans to join us for the next parish-wide Hospitality Weekend on Sat., Mar. 4 and Sun., Mar. 5. We'll have a wine and cheese social following the 4 p.m. Mass next

Saturday, and a noon-time get together after the 11:15 a.m. Mass next Sunday. Both events happen in the South Wing.

We desperately need the season of Lent. Have you ever found yourself running in all directions, tired, frustrated, and frazzled, and yearning for the moment when you can stop, find time for reflection and prayer and get your head straight? Life pulls us in all directions. On top of that, the presence of sin in our lives gives us blurry vision and makes us forget who we are. We can easily lose touch with God. Lent allows us to return to simpler times and clear away some of life's clutter. We can change our routines and realize that Jesus is the One who can set us right with God and restore what was originally meant to be. Our task is to avoid the temptations that can weigh us down, distract us and distort our vision. Are you aware of what things in your life do this to you? Over the next few weeks, you have an opportunity to avoid them.

~ Rev. Mark Suslenko

“At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards He was hungry.” (Mt 4:1-2)



“One does not live on bread alone. . .”

Collections and Parish Finance

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



Report for the week of 2/19/2023:

Weekly collection: \$ 8,886.11
Online Giving: \$ 3,593.50
Total: \$ 12,479.61

Annual Chancery Assessment for 2023: \$ 94,171.00

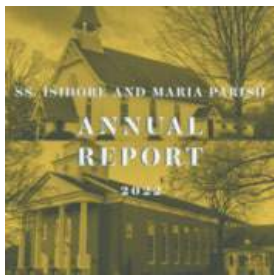
For a more detailed report please visit our website under the **ABOUT** tab. The monthly accountability reports can be found in the Financial Accountability folder.

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.



SS. Isidore and Maria Parish 2022 Annual Report now available

The 2022 SS. Isidore and Maria Parish Annual Report is now available at: isidoreandmaria.org/2022annualreport You may also pick up a copy at any entrance to St. Paul Church.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal begins this weekend

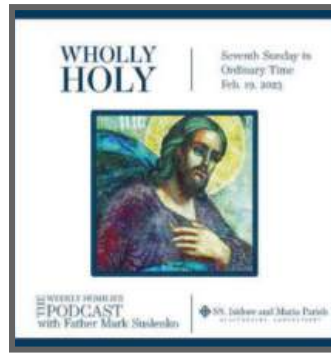
This weekend (Feb. 25 and Feb. 26) marks our parish's start of the 2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. You will soon receive a letter from Archbishop Blaire seeking your support. As Catholics in the Archdiocese of Hartford, we can profoundly impact our local communities through this appeal! All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>

No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: In John's Gospel, where did Jesus turn water into wine? *Answer on page 3*



PODCAST: Wholly Holy

When we hear the word “holy,” or we use it to describe someone else, we often think of the person who's always in church, saying their prayers and attending to all of the rituals and obligations of the faith. And then we look at ourselves, and we have that image of holiness, that image of perfect piety in our minds, we

tend to part ways with the journey of holiness, keeping it at a distance, fearing we can never be good enough to truly be called “holy.” ~ *Father Mark*

While prayer, practice, and sacrifice all serve to bring us closer to the goal of holiness, they are not the end of holiness. As we approach Lent, Father Mark talks about what it takes to be completely and wholly holy in his latest podcast.

Listen now: isidoreandmaria.org/podcasts



Faith Formation Sessions for Feb. 26 - Feb. 28

Sunday, Feb. 26

Grade 1 - Small Group Sessions in the Classrooms
10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

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

Year 1/Grade 9 Confirmation - South Wing
5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Year 2/Grade 10 Confirmation - South Wing
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 27

Grades 4-6 - Church 4:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m.

Children in Grade 6, please note the change in the start time and location of the session.

Tuesday, Feb. 28

Grades 4-6 - Church 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

Children in Grade 6, please note the change the location of the session.

Children in grades 4-6 have the option of attending either the Monday session or the Tuesday session.



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

Our Sponsor Spotlight this week is:
Glastonbury Automotive, Inc.

Lenten Activities

2023 Lenten Giving Program Mar. 4-5

St Joseph's Residence run by the Little Sisters of the Poor, welcomes needy elderly into a home-like atmosphere, providing a continuum of care from residential care through skilled nursing. Get a full list of items needed by St. Joseph House here: <http://isidoreandmaria.org/lentengiving2023>



For some people, the subject of hunger conjures up images of starving people with swollen bellies in blighted, desolate parts of the world. And that tragic condition certainly exists.

In this country, however, the picture is different. Those suffering may not appear so grim, but hunger and poor nutrition still threaten their mental and physical health. Households with what we call "food insecurity" are, at some point during the year, uncertain of having or are unable to get enough food because of a lack of money or other resources. It's a complex issue – both globally and in the US.



That's why we're coming together as a faith community with nearly 13,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a transformative journey with **Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl**. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl or scan the QR code to make your family's online donation. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the impact of global hunger and climate change on vulnerable communities worldwide, and we will pray, fast, and give alms to help our sisters and brothers in need. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

You'll be hearing more about hunger over the course of this year. As a parish, we plan to understand better hunger to respond to this growing problem. If you are interested in learning more, please drop us a line at socialjustice@isidoreandmaria.org.

Don't forget to pick up your copy of **"The Little Black Book, Six-Minute Meditations on the Passion according to Matthew."**

The books are located at the entrances of St. Paul Church.

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Answer: Wedding feast of Cana

Lenten Liturgy Schedule

Lenten Confessions

Each Monday in Lent from 12 noon - 1 p.m. (in addition to Saturdays at 2:30 p.m.)

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday in Lent at 6:30 p.m. at St. Augustine Church

Solemn Celebration of Evening Prayer with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon., Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m. (with live stream)

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Unless otherwise noted, all liturgies take place at St. Paul Church. For more information - including our Holy Week schedule - please visit isidoreandmaria.org/lentschedule2023



Saint Josephine Bakhita Parish

The Catholic Community of Rocky Hill, CT

Lenten Evening of Reflection for Couples on Mar. 21 in Rocky Hill

St. Josephine Bakhita Parish in Rocky Hill invites couples of all ages to attend their Lenten Evening of Reflection at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 280 Brook Street, Rocky Hill on Mar. 21 at 7 p.m. The topic for the evening is Navigating a Deeper Relationship. For more information or to register, visit <https://www.saintjosephinebakhita.org/lent-eve-reflection>. A second evening of reflection for couples entitled Navigating Communication and Conflict will be offered in April.



Pastoral Council Snapshot February 2023

The Pastoral Council has identified the core virtues of faith, hope and love as the framework for the mission of all ministries in the parish. This structure provides a reminder of why each ministry is doing the work it is doing.

This information will be added to the description of each ministry on the parish website and it will support stewardship efforts in the future.

- A new parish ministry on Social Justice is being formed. Various social issues will be studied and actions will be undertaken in our parish to address them.
- The Pastoral Council is exploring themes and topics for Father Mark to consider for the sequel to last year's Broken and Blessed talk. If you have any ideas, please contact a council member. <https://isidoreandmaria.org/contact/ask-the-pastoral-council/>
- We will be having a Eucharistic Procession down Main Street following the 11:15 Mass on June 11th. Be on the lookout for more information about this exciting community event!

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Feb. 25 <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	2:30 p.m. 4 p.m.	Reconciliation (Confession) Peter Bisi (39th Anniv.)	Family
Sunday, Feb. 26 <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Zarka Osterman Donald Crandall Kathleen Knight (2nd Anniv.)	Benedetto Family Jenny and Johnny Bouffard Family
Monday, Feb. 27 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> <i>St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot</i> <i>And Doctor of the Church</i>	7:30 a.m. 12-1 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Ida Struck Reconciliation (Confession) Evening Prayer/Exposition/Benediction (St. Paul Church)	Sandy and Dan Hogan
Tuesday, Feb. 28 <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	7:30 a.m. 7 p.m.	James Blake Rosary (St. Augustine Church)	Family
Wednesday, March 1 <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	7:30 a.m.	Alphonsus Valenti	Family
Thursday, March 2 <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		No Mass	
First Friday, March 3 <i>St. Katharine Drexel,</i> <i>Virgin</i>	12:15 p.m. After Mass until 2 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Patricia and Richard Gagnon Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Stations of the Cross	Family
Saturday, March 4 <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	2:30 p.m. 4 p.m.	Reconciliation (Confession) Doug Dinkle	Friends
Sunday, March 5 <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	D. Joon Yoo Ronald Clisham Stephen A. Taul	Family Charlotte Manning Ron and Lorraine Tine

Be merciful Lord, for we have sinned.

~ Psalm 51

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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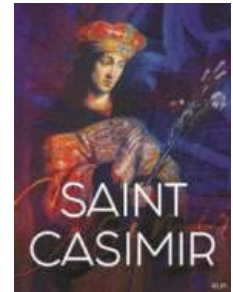
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Jacob Rivera
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Frank Schultz
Doreen Thurz
John Thurz
Barbara Vassar
Roger Yost

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.

Celebrating the Saints This Week



March 3



March 4

“As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus’ thirst... ‘Repent and believe’ Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor - He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you.”

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta ~

Honest Journey

By Rev. Mark Suslenko

Life can easily spin us out of control. While there are so many wonderful opportunities before us, we can also get easily distracted and exhausted. There is always something to do, respond to or check. The clutter of our lives can take us off course and the best remedy for getting back on track is the experience of the desert. Here we can face our demons square on, resist them and get back on course. We desperately need the season of Lent. This simple time of year forces us into greater awareness and grounds us in what is good and true.

What weighs you down and keeps you trapped? Maybe you are trying to do too much and please too many people. It could be that your fragile self-image is always pushing you to prove yourself and find success. Anxiety and worry, ultimately due to a lack of faith can quickly tempt you with despair. It could be that you are listening to too many voices and allowing all of the negativity that is present erode the genuine goodness in your heart and in all of God's creation. Or, maybe you struggle too much with fear. Perhaps so much so that you are far too preoccupied with your own agenda and goals and left with little psychological or spiritual room to consider and respond to the plight of your neighbor. Do anger, bitterness, stubbornness and hatred have homes in your heart? How about greed, gluttony, pride, apathy or lust?

For many, passion, self-indulgent internet excursions and a lack of self-control are their downfall. They are robbed of their inner life, beauty and freedom. What is it, specifically, that tempts you away from a childlike trust in God? Define this and use the next few weeks to allow God to chart you a course away from them. Silence, being alone, grace, honesty, struggle, tears, and dryness are all found in the desert. You will also find God and your true self in this holy place. Ready to go?



Pray for Ethiopia

Located in the Horn of Africa, Ethiopia is the second most populous country on the continent. It is known for its rich cultural and historical heritage, with some of the

oldest human remains and evidence of early human civilizations found in the region. When it comes to the deadly impact of the climate crisis, however, Ethiopia (along with neighboring Somalia and Kenya) is now in unprecedented territory, having endured five consecutive failed rains, with a sixth is now predicted in March. The World Food Program estimates 38% of Ethiopian children under the age of five are underweight, and that 46% of the country's population is undernourished. In addition to malnutrition-related disease, the degree of risk is high for contracting such diseases as typhoid fever, malaria, meningococcal meningitis and rabies. The average life expectancy in Ethiopia is 55 years old. Approximately 23% of the population lives on \$1 or less per day.

(SOURCE: American Relief Agency for the Horn of Africa).



I Am Here: Shelly's story

"The experience of love...I just anchor myself to it." -

~ Shelly Propson Tyshka

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as part of the National Eucharistic Revival. Visit iamhere.org to share your personal story of transformation through the Eucharist.

Weekly Prayer

Scripture Readings for the Week

SUN	2/26/23	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/ Mt 4:1-11
MON	2/27/23	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/ Mt 25:31-46
TUE	2/28/23	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/ Mt 6:7-15
WED	3/1/23	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/ Lk 11:29-32
THR	3/2/23	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
FRI	3/3/23	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
SAT	3/4/23	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/ Mt 5:43-48
SUN	3/5/23	Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/ 2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-

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

Charles Edward

Celia Fajardo

Brandon Farrell

Chris Gibb

Michael Hitzer

Samuel David Hovanec

Peter Kamianowski

Samuel MacDonald

Alexis Maher

Michael Scott Mullin

John W. Murphy

Drew Scarfone

Timothy Sullivan

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

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Genesis teaches us that humanity's first sin against God was that of disobedience — they listened to the voice of the snake (the devil) rather than God's voice. *What are some ways we can avoid the sin of disobedience in this first week of Lent?*

Second Reading:

Paul teaches us that through Jesus' obedience to his Father (as opposed to Adam's "transgression"), believers receive the gift of God's grace and "acquittal" from condemnation. *How can we all be more mindful of this divine reversal of fortunes during Lent?*

Gospel:

Each year the Gospel reading for the season of Lent begins with the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert by the devil. *What temptations are you willing to confront during the forty days of Lent?*

This Day in History — Mayday! Mayday! Mayday!

Frederick Stanley Mockford, English radio officer, was born in 1897. While senior radio officer at Croydon Airport in London in 1923, Mockford was asked to come up with a word to indicate distress that could easily be understood by all pilots and ground staff in an emergency. Since much of the traffic at the time was between Croydon and Le Bourget Airport in Paris, he proposed the word "Mayday", the phonetic pronunciation of the French *m'aidez* ("help me"). Convention requires the mayday be repeated three times in a row during the initial emergency declaration ("Mayday! Mayday! Mayday!") to prevent it being mistaken for similar-sounding phrases. Mockford died March 1, 1962.



Harry, Harry!! Bark, bark - Mayday! Mayday!
call our Dad. . .Bandits have invaded our yard!

Harry & Oliver's Corner

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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:
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