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With Pentecost, the disciples significantly changed. With Pentecost, the disciples significantly changed. They were charged up and ready to go. They received the Holy Spirit and no longer harbored fear and apprehension. They knew who they were and what needed doing. With the peace of the Lord and the power of the Spirit within them, they set out to do amazing things with simple means. We have received the Holy Spirit as well. What keeps us from truly understanding Christ's mission and continuing the Gospel's advancement? Some may think this work is in the past and not relevant now. Others may believe that the work set before us is simply about doing what we must do to merit heaven and has little to do with our brothers and sisters. Take a good look at the world. More people need to hear the Good News than there ever. The gift of the Holy Spirit has been given. Trust that we have the power to get up and out and start doing life-changing things! ~ Rev. Mark Suslenko

Collections and Parish Finance

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



Report for the week of 5/21/2023:

Weekly collection: \$ 8,347.57 Online Giving: \$ 2,945.50 Total: \$ 11,293.07

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*.



Archbishop's Annual Appeal Continues

It is fundamental that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident the funds are used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Archbish-

op's Annual Appeal supports the catholic ministries and programs as indicated in the 2023 Appeal literature, which can be found at https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

Application deadline: May 28 for the 2023 Joseph Melzen, Sr. Memorial Scholarship

Visit http://isidoreandmaria.org/scholarship2023 for more info or to apply. All applications must be submitted by midnight on May 28, 2023.



May 29 at 11 a.m.: Memorial Day Mass at St. Augustine Cemetery

Please join us in celebrating Mass on Memorial Day (May 29) at 11 a.m. at St. Augustine Cemetery. Those attending are asked to bring a lawn or folding chair. In case of inclement weather, the

Mass will be held at St. Augustine Church.



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

Our Sponsor Spotlight this week: Farley-Sullivan Funeral Homes

"God wants to save us in a people. He does not want to save us in isolation."

~ St. Oscar Romero ~

Making a Communications Request An announcement from Carol Vassar, Parish Director of Communications

As our parish grows, I receive many inquiries from parishioners about how to begin communicating special parish events, ministry activities, outside community events, or simply refreshing a ministry page on the parish website.

To that end, I'm pleased to announce that a new communications request form is now available on the parish website. It is a simple in-take request form that provides me with the essential information you'd like to have communicated. The form goes directly to my email box for consideration in consultation with Father Mark. If your event or activity is time sensitive, please submit your request as soon as you finalize the date/time/location and no later than three weeks before the scheduled date.

You may access the communications request form You may access the communications request form at: http://isidoreandmaria.org/commform. Thank you for helping me to help you communicate to our parish community and beyond. Thank you for helping me to help you communicate to our parish community and beyond.

June 4: A Spring Journey



The Music Ministry at SS. Isidore and Maria Parish invites you to enjoy "A Spring Journey," a concert of music by Mozart, Debussy, Silvestrov, and de Sarasate, performed by (L-R) Vincent Barile-Kaverud, Sofia DiNatale, and David Garrido-Cid. This one-time performance occurs on Sun., Jun. 4 at 3 p.m. at St. Paul Church.



Procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi on June 11

Join us following the 11:15 a.m. Mass on Sun., June 11 - Corpus Christi Sunday - to experience the magnificence and grandeur of the Procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi. We'll go forth from St. Paul Church, bringing Christ to the streets, witnessing to our faith and giving due honor and glory to God in the Eucharist. A reception will follow at St. Paul Church.

To RSVP, visit http://isidoreandmaria.org/corpuschristi2023





The Wind Blows

By Rev. Mark Suslenko

You can feel so small standing by the seashore. The vastness of everything before you expands much farther than your eye can see. What is happening on the other side? As tides continue to ebb and flow, what occurs as they come and go remains a

mystery, and the effects of their presence are unknown in your sight. Yet things are moving and changing as you gaze upon the water, as the thumbprint of their existence is left behind. The greater the wind and wave, the greater the effect. But even a gentle breeze leaves its humble mark upon the seashore on which you stand. The tiniest pebble still makes a ripple in the great blue expanse of ocean waters.

You never know the full impact of your smallest gesture or simplest of words. A yes or no, agree or disagree, here or there, this or that can influence time and history in ways you may never know. The Holy Spirit is like that. At the same time fierce and torrential, and then almost still and silent but creating and recre-

ating nonetheless. Coming as a gentle breeze or a gusty wind, God's Holy Spirit continues to move over, around, and into the waters of our lives. The Spirit brings fruit and unknown possibilities to what we humbly bring with us, and that same Spirit brings all to fulfillment, eventually, in Christ.

The first disciples didn't have much. They possessed simple faith and a willingness to go into unchartered territory, a love of their friend God, humble offerings, and a knowledge that they were not alone. These allowed them to do amazing things with very little. Do you believe you are being led and have a purposeful life? We often do not realize our value because we do not think that the little we have is good enough. How wrong we are! A little flour mixed with water embraced by a prayer of blessing transforms simple offerings into the magnificent Eucharistic presence of God! If the Holy Spirit can do such amazing things with these humble gifts of the earth, even more, can happen with you! Don't underestimate the value of the smile you gave a stranger, the door held open for an elderly widow, the listening ear offered to one who was lonely, the tolerance shown to the wounded soul who was angry, and the loving shoulder you provided as a cradle under the head of someone in pain. The Spirit can transform modest gifts offered with love into wondrous blessings you may never know. It's Pentecost. Trust. You are not alone.



Birthright Baby Bottle campaign concludes next weekend (June 3 & 4)

The annual Birthright Baby Bottle campaign concludes next weekend (June 3 & 4). Please return your donation-filled baby bottles from Mother's Day weekend to the Birthright representatives stationed at the church exits after any Mass next weekend. Empty bottles are still available at the church for anyone wishing to fill them with coins or checks for this campaign. We thank you in advance for your generosity!



PODCAST: Home With God

"In a deeply profound spiritual way, you and I struggle with understanding our 'home.' We struggle with staying home with God where we know we belong."

~ Father Mark

Home is where one feels safe, secure, and loved. To say that God is our home means he

wholly accepts and protects us. Yet, as humans, we struggle to understand that God is our rock, refuge, and spiritual home, now and always. Father Mark delves into what takes us away from the truth that God as our home – and what can help bring us back into the safety of His arms.

Listen now: isidoreandmaria.org/podcasts

PHOTO GALLERY — First Communion 2023









Were you spotted at the First Communion Mass on May 13? Visit https://isidoreandmaria.org/firstcommunion2023 to see the full photo gallery.

Liturgical Schedule and Intentions

May 28, 2023

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, May 27 Pentecost Sunday	4 p.m.	Thomas Callan	Kim Franklin
Sunday, May 28 Pentecost Sunday	9:30 a.m.	James Blake Thomas McGrath Ellen Salmon	Family Berger Family Mulcahy Family
Monday, May 29 The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church Memorial Day	11 a.m.	Valentino Pattavino (St. Augustine Cemetery)	Lynda Emard
Tuesday, May 30 Weekday	7:30 a.m.	Joseph and Amelia Juda	Fran Juda
	7 p.m.	Rosary (St. Augustine Church)	
Wednesday, May 31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7:30 a.m.	Frances Dzialo	Dzialo Family
Thursday, June 1 St. Justin, Martyr	7:30 a.m.	No Mass	
Friday, June 2 SS. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs	12:15 p.m. After Mass until 2 p.m.	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Saturday, June 3 The Most Holy Trinity	4 p.m.	Peter and Louise Kiebish	Family
Sunday, June 4 The Most Holy Trinity	9:30 a.m.	D. Joon Yoo Peggy Surridge Ellen and James O'Neil and Laura Mae O'Neil	Family Rich and Patrice Ehrhardt Family

Psalm 104

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.



Heavenly Father, inscribe their sacrifices into our hearts so we may never forget the loss of these heroes.

Meetings in June!

The Parish Health Care Ministry will meet on Tuesday, June 13, at 7 pm in the Education Wing of St. Paul Church. All interested health care professionals are invited to attend. For more information, please get in touch with Donna at mmrugy@snet.net.

The Parish Mental Health Ministry and

NAMI will hold their monthly, confidential, peer-led family support group on Wed., June 14, at 7 p.m. in the Education Wing of St. Paul Church. Any adult with a loved one who has experienced symptoms of a mental health condition is welcome. For more information, email carol@isidoreandmaria.org.



Sept. 9: Faith & Family Day at Dunkin' Park

The Archdiocese of Hartford invites you to join them for a day of faith, fun, and baseball with the Hartford Yard Goats on Sat., Sept. 9,

at Dunkin' Park in Hartford. For more information, visit http://isidoreandmaria.org/yardgoats2023



June 5: Registration opens for the annual parish golf tournament

The 2023 SS. Isidore and Maria Parish Golf Tournament and Fundraiser Dinner takes place on Tues., Sept. 26, at Glastonbury Hills Country Club. Registration opens June 5! Visit https://isidoreandmaria.org/golf2023 for more information.

Diaper Drive Thank You

On behalf of the SS. Isidore and Maria Health Care Ministry, thanks to our parish community for their incredible generosity during our recent diaper drive. We collected over 14,189 diapers and 11,616 wipes. All monetary donations received will be used to buy extra diapers and wipes! The diapers have been donated through the Joan Dauber Food and Diaper Bank at St. Francis Hospital and



Medical Center to the Burgdorf Pediatric Clinic, Positive Parenting Program, and the Family Medicine Center at Asylum Hill. The outpouring of support shows the generosity and kindness of our faith community in helping families in need. Please accept our heartfelt thanks for helping move forward our ministry's health promotion, wellness, and spirituality mission.

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

Peter Kamianowski

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.

Pray with Scripture

Scripture Readings for the Week

SUN 5/21/23 Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

MON 5/22/23 Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

TUE 5/23/23 Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

WED 5/24/23 Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

THR 5/25/23 Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

FRI 5/26/23 Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/ Jn 21:15-19

SAT 5/27/23 Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

SUN 5/28/23 *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 *Extended Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Readina:

Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles were able to speak "of the mighty acts of God" in many different languages. This speaks of God's desire for all believers to be united.

How could you promote unity among those who believe?

Second Reading:

Paul speaks of the many different individual gifts of the Spirit that are intended to benefit the larger community. What is the gift you bring to your family or community of friends?

Gospel:

With the power of the Holy Spirit, the resurrected Jesus instructs the disciples with this calling: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." How strong is your sense of vocation?



This Day in History — May 30

Memorial Day is set aside on our calendars to honor those who have died in our nation's wars. It originated during the Civil War as Decoration Day when citizens placed flowers on the graves of those killed in battle. After World War I, the day came to be observed for those who died in all U.S. wars. Since 1971, Memorial Day has occurred on the last Monday in May. It is marked by laying a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery and by religious services, parades, and speeches nationwide. Flags, insignia, and flowers are placed on the graves of veterans in local cemeteries. The day also signals the beginning of summer in the U.S.



Oliver and I always remember the areat sacrifices made by all who served and now serve our country. That's why we can run, chase critters and enjoy a peaceful life. Eternal rest grant unto their souls, O Lord.





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Weekend Masses

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

Bulletin submission deadline is *Friday*. All bulletin submissions must be received no later than each Friday, nine days before the requested bulletin publication date. Please submit your request at http://isidoreandmaria.org/commform.

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:

Faith Vos Winkel, MSW

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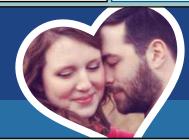
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