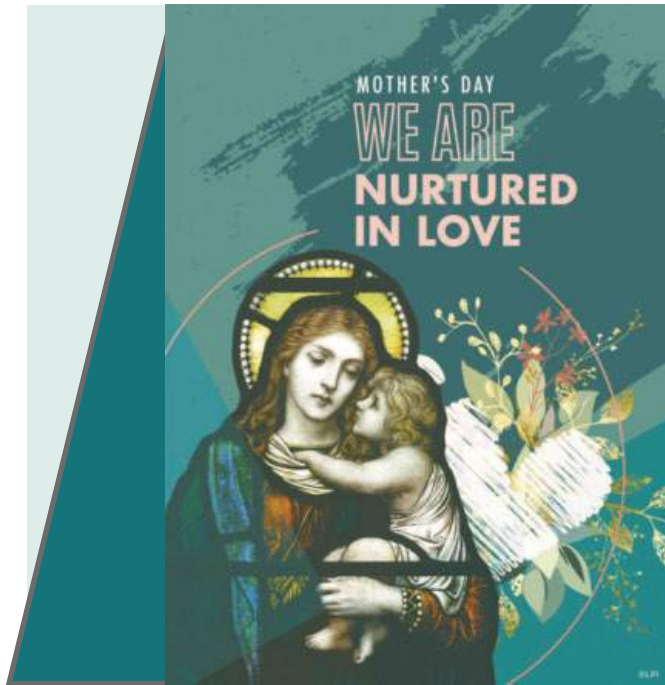


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May 12, 2024



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.

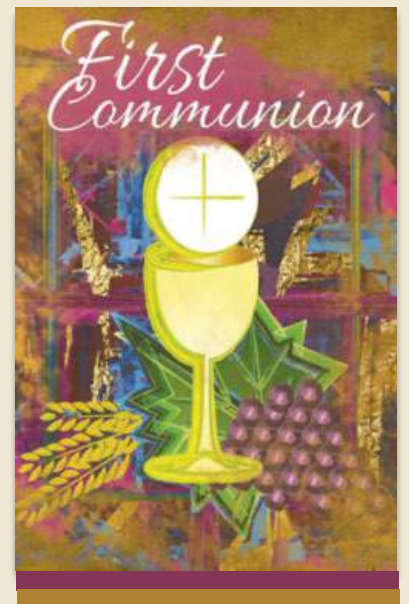
Congratulations to all who received The Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist for the first time this year on May 9, 2024. We also thank the dedicated teachers and parents who helped to prepare the students for this most important event in their spiritual lives.

First Communion Class of 2024

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Coleton Beaulieu
Thomas Bibeau
Zoe Bollella
Vincent Brancato
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Tessa Burke
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Austin Cosby
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Collections and Parish Finance

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



Report for the week of 5/5/2024:

Weekly collection: \$ 7,468.68
Online Giving: \$ 4,794.50
Total: \$ 12,263.18

Annual Chancery Assessment for fiscal year 2024:
\$ 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.

May 12 - June 16: Baby Bottle Campaign

St. Gerard's Center for Life in Hartford will distribute baby bottles after Masses on Mother's Day weekend (May 11 & 12). We ask that you take the bottles home, fill them with coins, cash, or checks, then return them after Masses on Father's Day weekend (Jun. 15 & 16). This is an opportunity for our community to have hands-on involvement in a project that saves the lives of unborn children and makes a lasting difference in mothers' lives. Thank you for any help you can give.

**DONATE TO THE
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Help us help others by donating to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal

In today's world, the needs of our community continue to grow, and the assistance provided by the Archbishop's Annual Appeal becomes all the more crucial. If you still need to make your gift to this year's Appeal, please consider doing so in the days ahead. 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/>. **Appeal funds are never used for legal fees or settlements.**



High School Seniors: Apply for the 2024 Melzen Scholarship

SS. Isidore and Maria Parish is awarding two (2) scholarships for graduating high school seniors in memory of Joseph J. Melzen, Sr. Each scholarship awarded will be \$500.00 per year for up to four years of college education. Any high school senior graduating in spring 2024 and having a parent registered as a member of SS. Isidore and Maria Parish is welcome to apply. **Deadline to apply is May 31, 2024.** To apply visit: <https://isidoreandmaria.org/scholarship2024>.

PRAY FOR UKRAINE

Inspiration for the Week

by Rev. Mark Suslenko

When Jesus was physically with his disciples, he guarded and protected them. One of his greatest desires was for them to share his joy completely. God's love is the source of all things and their sustenance. As we conduct our everyday routines, it is easy to get caught up in the immediacies of this world and lose focus. We have become self-dependent and worldly dependent, forgetting that God wishes to guard and protect us. The joy the resurrected Christ can offer cannot be found in this world. It takes a bit of faith to realize that God's will is a constant in our lives and that God desires only the sustenance and goodness of our bodies and souls. We need to trust in God's constant and rejuvenating love. This radical resurrection trust allows us to experience the joy of God's presence in all the good and the bad, positive and negative, life-building and life-destructive events that we encounter. God remains where love remains.



May 13: Mental Health 101

May is *Mental Health Month* and SS. Isidore and Maria Parish invites you to our next session of Mental Health 101 on Mon., May 13 at 6:30 p.m. It features parishioner **Thomas Burr**, who serves as the Public Policy & Affiliate Relations Manager at NAMI Connecticut. Registration is requested. For more information on the presentation or to register, visit <https://isidoreandmaria.org/mentalhealth101>.



2024 Vacation Bible School Registration is OPEN!

Registration is now open for Vacation Bible School (VBS), which will take place at St. Paul Church from **Mon., Jun. 24, to Fri., Jun. 28**, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

Your child is invited to Come to the Table this year at VBS! It's an opportunity for children from age 4 through Grade 5 to learn that everyone is welcome at God's table and hear how Jesus spent a lot of time eating and talking with unexpected people.

The fee is \$30 per child, with families also asked to donate food items for the Glastonbury Food Bank.

For more information or to register, visit <https://isidoreandmaria.org/vbs2024>.



Retreat. Rest. Rediscover.

Sometimes, you need a bit of a break from the secular world to become closer to Jesus. Consider embarking upon a Catholic retreat. Whether it's for a half-day, full-day, weekend or longer, there are several local Catholic retreat centers, each with a full schedule of on-going day and overnight retreats for individuals and groups. For information on retreat centers and scheduled events, please visit <http://isidoreandmaria.org/retreats>.



God remains where love remains. When a believer realizes without doubt that God is love, it is a powerful moment. Placing our resurrection trust in this fundamental truth allows us to experience God's

presence in all our experiences: the good and the bad, positive and negative, life-enriching and destructive events we encounter. It is no wonder that St. Paul so accurately tells us that love endures all things and lasts. How can God not endure or ever fade away? Because he is God, Jesus also guarded and protected his disciples as the endearing shepherd who always had their best interests at heart.

If we become too immersed in the world, we lose touch with these deeper realities. We can become so preoccupied with preserving what we have created or think we need that we forget that it is not building our city that matters

but God's. Jesus clearly did not belong to the world, and by his resurrection, he tries to get us to understand that we do not either. The truth brings us to more divine places and takes our eyes off concerns that often captivate our fears and storm our senses.

Life can easily erode our faith. Think of your life over the last couple of weeks. What challenged your faith and distracted your divine glance? Even being overly stimulated by technology and social media can erode our sense of confidence and cause us to forget who we are. We need to distance ourselves from the world to experience Christ's joy. The world will never like the word of God. It is too challenging and too perplexing. The world mistakenly believes that it can survive on its own. It is a mistaken judgment that may cost people a lot in the end. It is all so straightforward: God remains when we love one another. If in all business of our lives and all that, each day brings, the good and the bad, we follow the call and path of love; we will walk with God. There is nothing to fear, and anxiety finds no home.

~ Rev. Mark Suslenko



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 18 this year.



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:

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Tammy Breiner | Peter Kamianowski |
| Oliver Cary | Madeline Lanzi |
| Beau Douglas | Mark J. Lord |
| Celia Fajardo | Samuel MacDonald |
| Brandon Farrell | Alexis Maher |
| Gabe Forthofer | Michael Scott Mullin |
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| Chris Gibb | Drew Scarfone |
| Michael Hitzer | Timothy Sullivan |
| | Jack M. Zaremba |



Scripture Readings for the Week

- SUN 5/12/24** 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
- MON 5/13/24** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
- TUE 5/14/24** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17
- WED 5/15/24** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
- THR 5/16/24** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
- FRI 5/17/24** Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
- SAT 5/18/24** *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
- SUN 5/19/24** *Day:* Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-1



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Our Sponsor Spotlight this week:

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| Liturgical Schedule and Intentions | | | May 12, 2024 |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Date | Time | Intention | Requested by |
| Saturday, May 11 <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i> | 4 p.m. | Amelia & Lucien Daignault | Daignault Family |
| Sunday, May 12 <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Mother's Day</i> | 8 a.m. | Thomas Sullivan | His Parents |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Manuel Falcon | Family |
| | 11:15 a.m. | Mary Lou McKenna | Family |
| Monday, May 13 <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i> | 7:30 a.m. | Kathleen Price | John Price |
| Tuesday, May 14 <i>St. Matthias, Apostle</i> | 7:30 a.m. 7 p.m. | Maria Aguiar Rosary (St. Augustine Church) | Brother & Family |
| Wednesday, May 15 <i>St. Isidore</i> | 7:30 a.m. | Jeffrey Gauches | Mother, Kathy Gauches |
| Thursday, May 16 <i>Easter Weekday</i> | | NO MASS | |
| Friday, May 17 <i>Easter Weekday</i> | 12:15 p.m. After Mass until 2 p.m. | Alan MacDonald Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | Elaine Henry |
| Saturday, May 18 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> | 4 p.m. | John Flanagan, III | Linda Yost |
| Sunday, May 19 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> | 8 a.m. | Susan LeMay | Steven Leniart |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Jeffrey Spizuco | LaCombe Family |
| | 11:15 a.m. | Valentino Pattavina | Marisa Howard |

THE LORD
HAS SET
HIS
THRONE
IN
HEAVEN.

(PS 103)

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..

We welcome parishioners to add prayer intentions for family members free of charge in the bulletin for one (1) month. To do so, please contact the parish office at 860-633-9419 or contact@isidoreandmaria.org. We cannot publish the names of friends. Thank you for your understanding.



Prayer Intentions

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| Ellona Bilotta | Shannon O'Donnell |
| James Bilotta | Irene Papaleo |
| Diane Varni Caisse | Samantha Rapp |
| Sandra Cavanna | Koa Sage |
| Thomas Cavanna | Rachel Sage |
| Chris Delissio | Peter Savidge |
| Brian Faxon | Frank Schultz |
| Rita Henson | Garland Taylor |
| Sheila Kimball | Andrea Villegas |
| Julia Miller | Mary E. Wallace |
| Gilbert Morin | Roger Yost |



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.



"I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life."

Abraham Lincoln

Pray for peace in the Holy Land



St. Isidore and St. Maria, sculptures of Real, Muy Ilustre Primitiva Congregación de San Isidro de Naturales de Madrid

St. Isidore the Farmer — Feast Day May 15

Patron: National Rural Conference in the United States
Canonized: March 12, 1622, Rome by Pope Gregory XV

Isidore was born in 1070 to a peasant family near Madrid, Spain. The farmer Isidore was a day laborer working on the wealthy John de Vargas farm at Torrelaguna, just outside Madrid. He married a poor girl, Maria Torribia. Their only child, a son, died in infancy.

The couple took a vow of continence to serve God. Isidore's life is a model of simple Christian charity and faith. He prayed while at work. He shared what he had with the poor, even his meals. He often gave them more than he had for himself.

St. Maria (feast day, September 9) always kept a pot of stew on the fireplace in their humble rural dwelling. She knew that her husband Isidore would often bring home anyone hungry. In representations, St. Isidore is portrayed as a peasant with a sickle or staff and sometimes with an angel or white oxen near him. He died in 1130 and was canonized in 1622.

Maria became a hermit after Isidore's death, but she also performed miracles. Her remains are honored by all of Spain through pilgrimages and processions at Torrelaguna, where they were transferred in 1615. She was beatified in 1697.

Image: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maria_Torribia

Text: Catholic Rural Life <https://catholicrurallife.org/>

The virtues found in the lives of Isidore and Maria—commitment to family, love for the land, service to the poor, and a deep spirituality—are qualities that can still be found in rural America. In 1947, Isidore was proclaimed the patron of the National Rural Conference in the United States. He is the patron of farmers.

Isidore and María continue to be strong examples of the vocational meaning of marriage, not only as an institution that addresses a need for affection or continues a family bloodline but also as a vocation through which people can achieve holiness.



PHOTO GALLERY: Glastonbury Knights Mark Centennial

Glastonbury Knights of Columbus Celebrate Centennial

The Rev. John A. Fleming Glastonbury Council #2533 of the Knights of Columbus celebrated its 100th anniversary with a Mass and reception on Sun., May 5. Check out the photo gallery and learn more about the history of the Knights in Glastonbury by visiting <http://isidoreandmaria.org/knights100>.



PODCAST: Simple Gifts God is love. It's really that simple!

In his latest homily, Father Mark extols the benefits of living a simple life and accepting God's love, care, and friendship without question as we make our way through the world. *Plus, we hear him sing!*

Listen now at <https://isidoreandmaria.org/podcasts>.



Regina's Writings: The Candles Stand Forever

"Just one more kiss: that's all I wanted from my little sister. One more chance to say I loved her. One more birthday with one more candle, and enough breath to blow it out. But the candles

stand forever at 34, with no new memories and no more tomorrows. Just 34 candles, silent and still." ~ Regina Cram

Read the rest of Regina Cram's touching tribute to her sister, Marietta, in this week's edition of Regina's Writings. Visit <http://isidoreandmaria.org/candles>



Our parish ministries run on volunteer power! Your help is needed in a variety of areas, including:

Vacation Bible School

The parish's annual Vacation Bible School takes place from **Jun. 24 - Jun. 28** from **9 a.m. to noon** each day. Volunteers are needed to help with preparation, supervision, arts & crafts, games, lessons and more. For more information or to apply to become a volunteer, please visit <http://isidoreandmaria.org/vbsvolunteers24>.



Registration is OPEN for the 2024 Golf Tournament and Fundraiser Dinner on Sept. 10

Registration is open for the 2024 SS. Isidore and Maria Parish Golf Tournament and Fundraiser Dinner on Tues., Sept. 10, at Glastonbury Hills Country Club. Get the details on registering to golf, attend the dinner or become a

sponsor at <http://isidoreandmaria.org/golf2024>.



POPE FRANCIS' Message for the 2024 WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication

Dear brothers and sisters!

The development of systems of artificial intelligence. . . is radically affecting the world of information and communication, and through it, certain foundations of life in society. The rapid spread of astonishing innovations, whose workings and potential are beyond the ability of most of us to understand and appreciate, has proven both exciting and disorienting. . .

Read the entire message at: www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/

This Day in History — The Invention of Duct 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 our Dad has mentioned how good it is at keeping things "shut". He was looking at me at the time. I wonder why?



Harry & Oliver's Corner

www.thisdaytrivia.com/trivia/may-9 en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vesta_Stoudt

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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.

Live streaming of weekend Mass

SS. Isidore and Maria Parish live streams the 4 p.m. Vigil Mass each Saturday from St. Paul Church. Please join us on Facebook, YouTube or the parish website to view the stream. Rebroadcasts of the 4 p.m. Vigil may be found at <https://www.youtube.com/@SSIsidoreandMariaParish>.

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:

Faith Vos Winkel, MSW

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