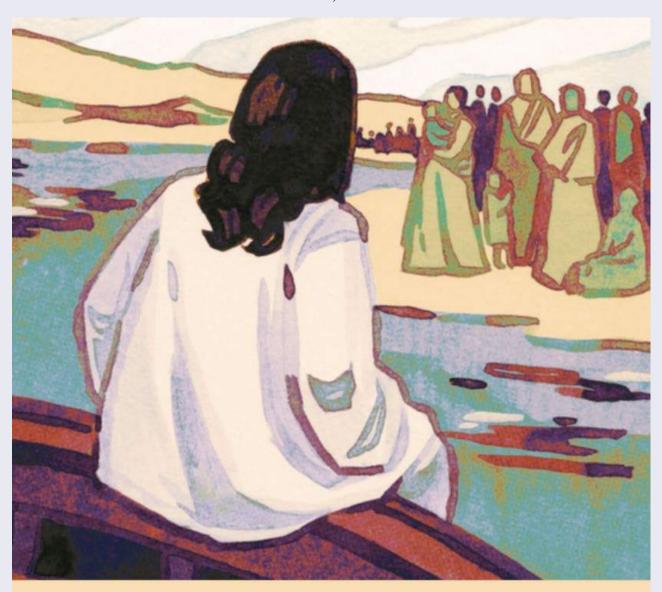
SS. Isidore and Maria Parish GLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT



July 21, 2024

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things." - Mark 6:34

Collections and Parish Finance

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



Report for the week of 7/14/2024:

Weekly collection:	\$ 8,592.65
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 2,672.50</u>
Total	\$11,265.15

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.



Through the generosity of the SS. Isidore and Maria Parish community, 72% of our financial target has been met. All are encouraged to consider a gift that is appro-

priate for them; let's work together to exceed our parish goal. Donation packets are at the doors of the church, or you may make your donation online at

https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/.

Thank you for your consideration.



Summer Pop-Up Choirs are here!

What's a pop-up choir? It's a spontaneous gathering of parishioners wishing to sing together in the choir loft during

Mass. No experience is required, and there's no need to RSVP. Just bring your joy-filled voice for a brief rehearsal before one of the following Masses:

• Pop-Up Gallery Choir for Adults

Sat., Jul. 27 for 4 p.m. Mass (rehearsal at 3:15 p.m.) Sun., Aug. 25 at 9:30 a.m. (rehearsal at 9 a.m.)

• Pop-up <u>Children & Youth Choir</u> (through high school) Sun., July 28 at 9:30 a.m. (rehearsal at 9 a.m.) Sat., Aug. 24 at 4 p.m. (rehearsal at 3:15 p.m.)

Summer Pop-Up Choirs are great opportunities to try choral singing and get to know your fellow parishioners! Questions? Reach out to **David Garrido-Cid,** Director of Music Ministries, at david@isidoreandmaria.org. We hope to see you in the choir loft soon!



A Pastoral Letter from Father Mark regarding the assassination attempt on former President Donald Trump

Dear Parishioners:

The assassination attempt on former President Trump is a stark reminder of the fragility of human life and the dangers of letting anger and division fester. Violence and hatred have no place in our society. This act of violence against Mr. Trump is profoundly troubling and stands against the core principles of our faith. In times of turmoil, we must turn to our faith for guidance. I call upon everyone to denounce such acts and instead embrace peace and reconciliation.

Please join me in praying for Mr. Trump and his family, for the soul of Corey Comperatore, who lost his life as a result of this horrific act, and for those injured that day so that they may have steady and speedy recoveries. I ask you to also pray for the soul of Thomas Matthew Crooks, so that he finds his way to God's eternal mercy and reconciliation. Finally, I urge you to remember Jesus' teachings of compassion and love and to pray for peace and understanding among all people as we seek ways to heal and unite our divided nation.

In Christ, Father Mark Suslenko, Pastor SS. Isidore and Maria Parish



Faith Formation Registration Now Open

Registration for the 2024-2025 Faith Formation programs began Mon., Jul. 15 and continues through Fri., Aug. 16.

To learn more about the forthcoming year's program or for registration instructions, scan the QR code above or visit <u>https://isidoreandmaria.org/faith-formation</u>/



The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; Beside restful waters he leads me; He refreshes my soul.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord For years to come. *(Ps 23)*

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN *Question:* What do Catholics call the eve of a feast day?

Answer on page 5

Liturgical Schedul	July 21, 2024		
Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, July 20 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	4 p.m.	Jon Flanagan, III	Linda Yost
Sunday, July 21	8 a.m.	Donald T. Eberhardt	Kathie & Children
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30 a.m.	Ron Clisham	Family
	11:15 a.m.	John Lord	Elaine Henry
Monday, July 22 St. Mary Magdalene	7:30 a.m.	Christian Gould	Family
Tuesday, July 23	7:30 a.m.	Fernando Mesquita	Daughter & Family
St. Bridget, Religious	7 p.m.	Rosary (St. Augustine Churc	h)
Wednesday, July 24 St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest	7:30 a.m.	Lydia Gonzalez	Her Daughter
Thursday, July 25 St. James, Apostle		NO MASS	
Friday, July 26	12:15 p.m.	Norma Fasano	Friends
SS Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	After Mass until 2 p.m.	Exposition and Adoration o	f the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday, July 27 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	4 p.m.	Myron & Lucille Klewicki & Lany & Berthe Bartlett	Klewicki Family
Sunday, July 28	8 a.m.	Lea Sartori	Elaine Henry
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30 a.m.	Ann McGuiness	Hallisey Family
	11:15 a.m.	Barbara Vassar	Carol Vassar & Tim Helmecki

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.

Peter Savidge

Frank Schultz

Garland Taylor

Andrea Villegas

Mary E. Wallace

Roger Yost

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.



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THE CHALLENGES OF TRUTH PODCAST

PODCAST: The Challenges of Truth

If they're true to their name, prophets are often unwelcome guests. They tell us not what we want to hear but what we need to hear - which is often unsettling.

As the prophet of prophets, Jesus teaches the core truth of love for God, neighbor, and self. Sounds easy, right? In practice, though, it is quite challenging.

Father Mark addresses these questions and more in this episode of his podcast.

Visit https://isidoreandmaria.org/podcasts





There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed

so important "out there" no longer is, and one can get lost in the rows of trees and the majestic beauty of it all. God is here, and all is good. We need to connect with the divine source of all, that is, to understand what we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things will stop making sense, and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It is necessary to break away from routines and pressures and discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs, and there is constantly something to do. While others need us, and there are necessary things to attend to, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be discovered, celebrated, and released.

We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go to and leave behind all that consumes us. It's a place where technology can be set aside, and "wonder and awe" can be given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where we can leave behind life's busyness and craziness and simply be. Anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy all can fall to the ground. They can lay beneath us like all those pine needles that once held a firm place on the branch of a Frasier Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being, and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters, and what life is truly all about. We need to find a place to rest and let go of all the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek and love.

The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready and eager to listen, help, heal, cry, embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place, we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will better know Who we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed. Visit your pine grove often.

~ Rev. Mark Suslenko



Aug. 15: Book Club Meeting

The next Parish Book Club meeting will be on Thurs., Aug. 15, at 1 p.m., following the 12:15 Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. We will meet in the education wing of St. Paul campus.

Our book selection is *Finding Grace: The Inspiring True Story of Therapy Dogs Bringing Comfort, Hope, and Love to a Hurting World* by Larry Randolph and Jennifer Marshall Bleakley. This book is "a powerful true story of what God can do through a willing heart and a wagging tail." The book is available via the Hoopla app from the <u>The Welles-Turner</u> <u>Library</u>, from <u>Amazon</u> or <u>Barnes and Noble</u>.

PLEASE NOTE: Even if you have attended a book club meeting in the past, please sign up for this event on the parish website so that we can plan for the correct number of attendees.

Registration is requested. To register, please visit <u>http://isidoreandmaria.org/bookclubaug2024</u>





ImmaCare Ministry Thanks You!

Thank you to those who donated items and served for this month's ImmaCare dinner held on July 12. **The next ImmaCare dinner** is on **Fri., Aug. 9**. All are welcome to participate by preparing food or helping to deliver and serve our meals at the shelter.

In addition, ImmaCare's Outreach Program continues to seek food to supplement its street outreach program, which provides nourishment five days each week to the unhoused living on the street, in abandoned buildings, or wherever shelter can be found. A list of needed items is available on the parish website. **Our parish's next pickup is on Thurs., Aug 1.** Items may be left at either St. Augustine Church or St. Paul Church.



Compassion - which means, literally, "to suffer with" - is the way to the truth that we are most ourselves, not when we differ from others, but when we are the same. Indeed the main spiritual question is not, "What difference do you make?" but "What

do you have in common?" It is not "excelling" but "serving" that makes us most human. It is not proving ourselves to be better than others but confessing to be just like others that is the way to healing and reconciliation. ~ Henri Nouwen

Coming in September

SAVE THE DATE: Sept. 15 is the Glastonbury Roman Catholic Parishes Fall Festival!



The 2024 Glastonbury Roman Catholic Parishes Fall Festival takes place on Sun, Sept. 15, at The Elk's Club, 98 Woodland St., South Glastonbury, from 1-4 p.m. Join us for an afternoon of food, fun, friendship, and activities for the kids, raffle and more.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Answer: A Vigil

Elk's Club, South

and Fundraising Dinner

Golf Tournament and Fundraising Dinner. It's happening on Sept. 10 at Glastonbury Hill Country Club.

It's time to register for the

Proceeds from this tournament support teen activities, faith formation scholarships, and other initiatives that support our parish youth. Get the details on registering to golf, attend the dinner or become a sponsor at http://isidoreandmaria.org/golf2024.

Sept. 10: SS. Isidore and Maria Golf Tournament

Inspiration for the Week by Rev. Mark Suslenko

We only have so much psychological and spiritual energy. We easily get tired. Responding to life's demands and people's needs can zap our energy. Anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and apathy can run wild. We can find ourselves bitter and irritated by the fact that we must do it all again. We need to rest, connect, and focus. Deserted places, free of unnecessary distractions and demands, are great places of refreshment; we all need them. Desiring to be alone for a bit and rest does not indicate selfishness. Instead, it radiates wisdom. God is the source of all we do and the satisfaction of every human heart. If we are going to use the gifts God gave us well, then we must make sure our batteries are recharged and replenished. Jesus invites us to go to a desert place to rest and pray. Where is yours?



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:

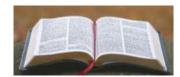
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Scripture Readings for the Week

SUN	7/21/24	Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 (1)/ Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34
MON	7/22/24	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
TUES	7/23/24	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/ Mt 12:46-50
WED	7/24/24	Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17/Mt 13:1-9
THR	7/25/24	2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28
FRI	7/26/24	Jer 3:14-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/ Mt 13:18-23
SAT	7/27/24	Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a, and 8a, 11/ Mt 13:24-30
SUN	7/28/24	2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 (see 16)/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

We hear Jeremiah prophesy that the Lord will bring justice and security to Judah and Israel from the unjust shepherds (false rules) who led them astray. How do you help family or friends who need to make better choices?

Second Reading:

Paul taught the Ephesians that in his death and resurrection, Jesus established peace and reconciliation between all believers, Jews, and Gentiles alike. How do you know you are at peace with a friend or loved one?

Gospel:

Although Jesus wanted the Twelve to rest after their successful mission of preaching and healing, the crowds of people made it challenging to do so. Who could you encourage this week to rest well from their hard work?

This Day in History - July 19, 1894



American inventor **Percy Spencer** is born. While working for the Raytheon Company, Percy Spencer stopped momentarily before a magnetron (a vacuum tube that generates highfrequency radio waves). That's when

he noticed the chocolate bar in his pocket melting! This led to Spencer's 1946 invention of the microwave oven. It was dubbed the "Radarange," a combination of the words "radar" and "range." An orphan at age eight, Spencer never graduated high school, yet became Senior Vice President at Raytheon and was awarded over 150 patents.

Say, Oliver, I don't think our Dad ever uses the microwave. The next time we get pizza, maybe we can show him how it works; I am not sure about salmon and veggies being "nuked," though. I think he still likes his traditional oven best!



Harry & Oliver's Corner

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microwave oven

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Weekend Masses

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

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

Victim Assistance Coordinator 860-541-6475 faith.voswinkel@aohct.org



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handy QR code to begin the process.



