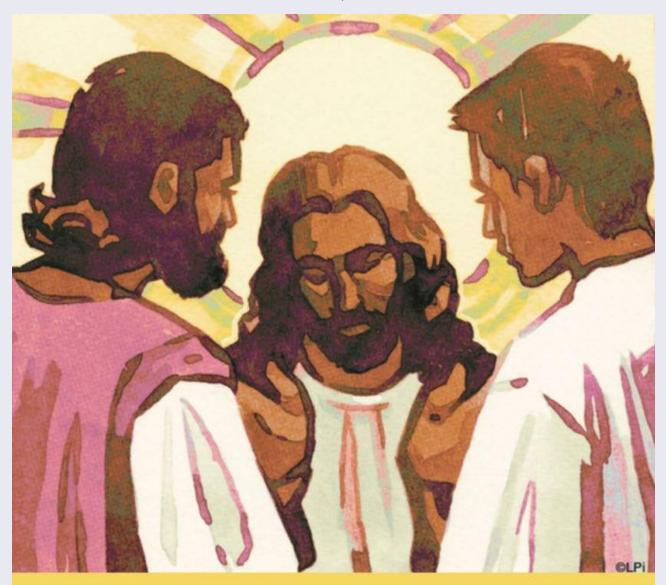
# SLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT



# July 14, 2024

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits." -Mark 6:7

### **Collections and Parish Finance**

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



#### Report for the week of 6/30/2024:

Weekly collection:	\$ 8,950.58
Online Giving:	\$ 2,917.50
Total	\$ 11,868.08

#### Report for the week of 7/7/2024:

Weekly collection:	\$ 6,257.00
Online Giving:	\$ 5,272.50
Total	\$ 11,529.50

# 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.



# Parishioners Make the Grade at Xavier High School

Congratulations to the following SS. Isidore and Maria Parishioners on being named to the Honor Roll during the fourth quarter at Xavier High School in Middletown:

- Sean Bogler
- Robert Zdrojeski
- Joseph PaternoJohn Simpson
- Sean Zdrojeski
- Timothy Zdrojeski

Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love?' These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will be many fruits, here in this world and the life to come. ~ *Henri Nouwen* 



### **Inspiration for the Week**

by Rev. Mark Suslenko

#### God calls us to bring his Word to all corners of

the earth. What does that mean for you and me? We are just simple and humble folks trying to find our way through the Gospel and our world. After all, we are not professional preachers but gentle servants. Jesus summons us to take his message on the road and bring it from the pew to the pavement. We cannot keep the joy of the Gospel to ourselves but must bring it into every aspect of our lives: our families, our schools, our work, our corporations, our politics, our social circles, and our philosophies. We cannot just accept the world's wisdom as true and conduct our lives as if the Good News is a separate matter. They are one. Jesus never asked his friends to go and construct buildings where people could come to hear the truth. He asked them to go to their homes and meet them one-on-one, face-to-face. Rejection is possible when the rubber meets the road, and the message is challenging. That's the litmus test for whether we're doing what we have been asked.



**Confirmation Congratulations** Congratulations to **Sean THADDEUS Zdrojeski** and **Timothy JAMES Zdrojeski** on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral of St. Joseph on April 28. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen their faith always.

#### July 13 & 14: Blood Pressure Screenings

The Parish Wellness Ministry conducts its monthly blood pressure screenings, provided free of charge, after the 4 p.m. Mass on Sat., Jul. 13, and after the 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses on Sun., Jul. 14. Screenings are held in the conference room of the South Wing at St. Paul Church.



#### July 15: Faith Formation Registration Opens

Registration for the 2024-2025 Faith Formation programs begins Mon., Jul. 15 and continues through Fri., August 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>/

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA –** JUST FOR FUN *Question:* Which Gospel writer and evangelist was a physician by trade?

Liturgical Schedul	e and Inte	ntions	July 14, 2024	
Date	Time	Intention	Requested by	
<b>Saturday, July 13</b> Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	4 p.m.	Helen & Raymond Paquette	Bryan Paquette	
Sunday, July 14	8 a.m.	Frances Azie (Birthday)	Ilioje Family	
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30 a.m.	Michael Kelly	Rich & Trish Ehrhardt	
	11:15 a.m.	Robert William Marrion	Frank & Lynn Pulito	
<b>Monday, July 15</b> St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	7:30 a.m.	Lydia Gonzalez	Her Daughter	
Tuesday, July 16	7:30 a.m.	Elizabeth O'Connell	Daughter, Kathleen Yellen	
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	7 p.m.	Rosary (St. Augustine Church)		
<b>Wednesday, July 17</b> Weekday	7:30 a.m.	Lydia Gonzalez	Her Daughter	
<b>Thursday, July 18</b> St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest		NO MASS		
Friday, July 19	12:15 p.m.	Norma Fasano	Friends	
Weekday	After Mass until 2 p.m.	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament		
<b>Saturday, July 20</b> 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	

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 <u>contact@isidoreandmaria.org</u>. We cannot publish the names of friends. Thank you for your understanding.



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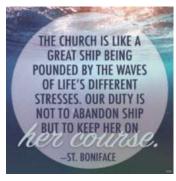


#### PODCAST: Pondering Our Expectations of God

Have you ever stopped to ponder what you expect out of your faith? Put another way, what do you want from God?

Father Mark addresses these questions and more in this episode of his podcast. Visit <u>https://isidoreandmaria.org/podcasts</u>







#### Maybe the work is best left to the professionals.

That's how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That's what priests, religious,

deacons, lay ministers, and other professional church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that's not true. The fact is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Nobody gets off the hook from that job. The question is: how do we do it? Well, there's a safe way to preach the Gospel and a risky way. The safe way keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, attend Bible Study, and maybe talk about the homily with my friends. That covers the bases, right?

Wrong.

The risky way is the more challenging and, for many, the "road less traveled." Imagine those first disciples going out and into people's homes. They must have had amazing conversations with folks about God's kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While many welcomed what they had to say and their conversations, others no doubt rejected them and tossed them out on their ear!

While the Gospel is a message of joy and hope, it is not always well received by those comfortable keeping things as they are. When what we are doing suits us and meets our needs, we see things one way. When what we are doing no longer does, and we are left wanting, the picture changes. God doesn't want to leave anyone behind.

The risky way involves example and conversation. We must take the Gospel from church and carry it wherever we go. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things, our needs, and what we consider essential. If we want to see God's vision for the world succeed, we will discuss it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions. How can we better preserve the dignity of human life, encourage others to have a relationship with God, live value-centered virtuous lives, deal with injustice, combat racism, build a successful and viable economy, and learn better ways to resolve conflicts without violence are just a few of the things we can engage.

If we are going to succeed in the future, we must find a way to bring our prayer-centered lives into the marketplace. Our conversations must change. Not everyone wants to hear what the Gospel has to say, yet that's a risk God asks us to take.

~ 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.



#### eeting ook Club n Thurs., following

Regina's Writings: Why Would Anyone Jump Out of a Perfectly Good Airplane? What's it like to leave behind life as a

born-again Protestant to become a Catholic? M. Regina Cram has some thoughts in her latest column. Check

it out: http://isidoreandmaria.org/airplane.



#### Indianapolis, Indiana Lucas Oil Stadium July 17-21

God hears our prayers for the renewal of our Church. He will

answer them through a life-changing transformation of our own hearts. The 10th National Eucharistic Congress is an invitation to experience profound personal revival so we can be sent out to share Christ's love with a world that so desperately needs it.

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# **Coming in September**

# Sept. 10: SS. Isidore and Maria Golf Tournament and Fundraising Dinner



It's time to register for the annual **SS. Isidore and Maria Golf Tournament and Fundraising Dinner**. It's happening on Sept. 10 at Glastonbury Hill Country Club.

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 <a href="http://isidoreandmaria.org/golf2024">http://isidoreandmaria.org/golf2024</a>.

"There is not a moment in which God does not present Himself under the cover of some pain to be endured, of some consolation to be enjoyed, or of some duty to be performed. All that takes place within us, around us, or through us, contains and conceals His divine action."

~ Jean-Pierre de Caussade

### CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Answer: St. Luke



### 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 Carey Beau Douglas Celia Fajardo Brandon Farrell Gabe Forthofer Kevin Gamache Chris Gibb Michael Hitzer Peter Kamianowski Madeline Lanzi Mark J. Lord Samuel MacDonald Alexis Maher Michael Scott Mullin John W. Murphy Drew Scarfone Timothy Sullivan Jack M. Zaremba

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Our Sponsor Spotlight this week: BeWell Care at Home

#### **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.



#### **Retreat. Rest. Rediscover**

Sometimes, you need 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 ongoing day and overnight retreats for individuals and groups. For a list of local retreats coming up soon, please visit <u>http://isidoreandmaria.org/retreats</u>.



# Scripture Readings for the Week

- SUN 7/14/24
   Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/ Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

   MON 7/15/24
   Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/ Mt 10:34—11:1

   TUES 7/16/24
   Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/ Mt 11:20-24

   WED 7/17/24
   Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8/ Mt 11:20-24
- WED 7/17/24 Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/ Mt 11:25-27
- **THR** 7/18/24 Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30
- FRI 7/19/24 Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8
- SAT 7/20/24 Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/ Mt 12:14-21
- 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

#### Reflect and Respond to Scripture

#### First Reading:

The Israelite priest Amaziah was threatened by the prophet Amos from Judah. *What are some ways you have helped others who feel at risk in a difficult situation?* 

#### Second Reading:

Paul teaches the Ephesians that in "the fullness of times," God's plan is "to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth." *What are some things in your life you are waiting for?* 

#### Gospel:

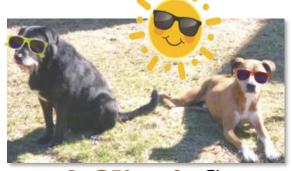
Jesus taught the apostles to preach and heal only in places where they were welcomed. *Do you recall a time or a place where you felt truly welcomed?* 

## This Day in History

# DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

The dog days or dog days of summer are the hot, sultry days of July and August. They were historically the period following the heliacal rising of the star system Sirius, known colloquially as the "Dog Star." Hellenistic astrology connected Sirius with heat, drought, sudden thunderstorms, lethargy, fever, and bad luck. They are now considered the hottest, most uncomfortable part of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.

Wow! These are certainly our days! Enjoy the sun but don't forget the sunblock! We don't need any, but you will find us most times inside with the A/C keeping us cool.



Harry & Oliver's Corner

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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 <u>https://www.youtube.com/@</u> <u>SSIsidoreandMariaParish</u>.

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.

www.isidoreandmaria.org

#### **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:

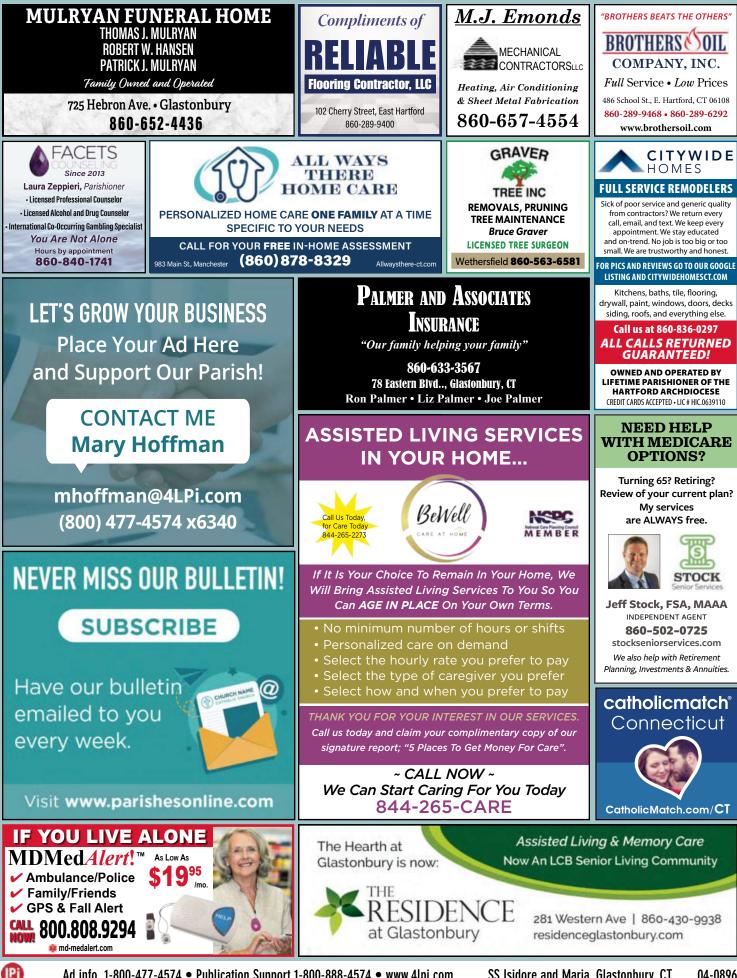
#### Faith Vos Winkel, MSW

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



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