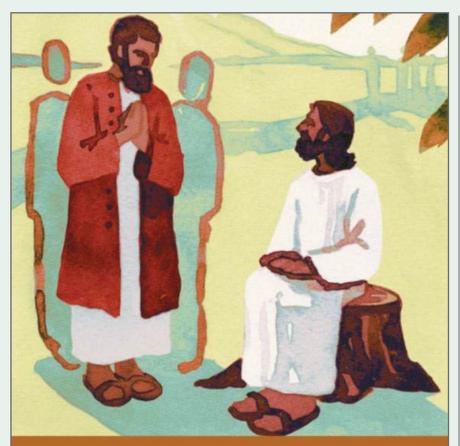
## SS. Isidore and Maria Parish GLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT



August 25, 2024 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life." - John 6: 63c, 68c



## FINAL WEEKEND: Vote for your favorite hymn!

Everyone has their favorite hymns, and now is the time for the SS. Isidore and Maria (SSIM) community members let us know yours! Vote for your top five hymns ther electronically or via forms available at the entrances to St. Paul Church. Once these are tallied, all are welcome to join

us in singing the top picks as a parish community at **SSIM Sings!** on **Mon., Aug. 26 at 6:30 p.m.** 



The annual **SS. Isidore and Maria Golf Tournament and Fundraising Dinner** is just two weeks away. Sponsors, golfers and dinner-only guests are welcome to join us on Tues., Sept. 10 at Glastonbury Hills Country Club. Proceeds benefit support teen activities, faith formation scholarships, and other initiatives for our parish youth. For more information or to register visit https://isidoreandmaria.org/golf2024.





Anyone interested in donating a raffle prize can drop off a gift card at the parish office, or by

placing the card in the offertory kiosks in an envelope marked "Fall Festival."

What prayer could be more true before God the Father than that which the Son, who is Truth, uttered with His own lips? ~ St. John Chrysostom ~

## **Collections and Parish Finance**

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



### Report for the week of 8/18/2024:

Weekly collection:	\$ 6,586.50
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 4,738.50</u>
Total	\$ 11,325.00

Assumption Holy Day: \$ 1,657.07 Mission collection: \$ 6,378.00

#### 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.



## 2024 Parish Annual Collection Now Underway

Check your mailbox this week for a letter from Father Mark regarding the 2024 Annual Collection, which is now underway.

Please read the letter at

http://isidoreandmaria.org/annualcollectionletter24 and make your online donation today!

## DONATE TO THE ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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

appropriate 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 <u>https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/</u>. Thank you for your consideration.



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

Our Sponsor Spotlight this week: MARGARET WILCOX - REALTOR

## Inspiration for the Week

by Rev. Mark Suslenko

Many people will often give their allegiance to something until it challenges us or asks us to do something radical. Then, they rethink whether they want to be associated with it. The same holds for God. Either we serve God. or we don't. There can be no lukewarm stance about faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom, love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, and trust that the Eucharist is, in fact, Jesus' very Body and Blood. For some, buying into these things may prove too difficult, and returning to a life without them is preferred. But truth is truth, and it can only be found in God. If we find it hard to accept it from the mouth of Christ, where else can we go to find it? The task before us is to commit to the truth even when it may be easier to pursue something else. Truth is always worth obtaining, even when it is difficult. Jesus offers us the truth of life, a life found in his flesh and blood, and a life of discipleship.



## 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 re-

quired, and there's no need to RSVP. Just bring your joyfilled voice for a brief rehearsal before one of the following Masses:

- Pop-up <u>Children & Youth Choir</u> (through high school) Sat., Aug. 24 at 4 p.m. *(rehearsal at 3:15 p.m.)*
- Pop-Up Gallery Choir for <u>Adults</u> Sun., Aug. 25 at 9:30 a.m. (rehearsal at 9 a.m.)

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!



## Regina's Writings: Tell the Stories

Each of us has a story to tell about how our faith came to be. Sharing those stories can provide a beacon of faith for others, according to M. Regina Cram. Read Regina's latest column on the subject here:

http://isidoreandmaria.org/tellthestories.



Liturgical Schedul	e and Inte	ntions	August 25, 2024	
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<b>Saturday, Aug. 24</b> Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time	4 p.m.	Geno Draghi	Mary-Joann Picone	bless the
<b>Sunday, Aug. 25</b> Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time	8 a.m.	Herbert Roy	Friends Carmela, Susie & Jeannette Erickson	LORD
	9:30 a.m.	Catherine McGuiness	Hallisey Family	1
	11:15 a.m.	Elisabeth Lucy	Scott Lucy	atall
<b>Monday, Aug. 26</b> Weekday	7:30 a.m.	Irene Parent	Bob McCarthy	tímes;
<b>Tuesday, Aug. 27</b> St. Monica	7:30 a.m.	Douglas Toth	Mary & Jerry Fenerty	Letmy
	7 p.m.	Rosary (St. Augustine Chu	ırch)	Leting
Wednesday, Aug. 28 Si. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	7:30 a.m.	Anna Sanko	Richard O'Neil	soul glory
<b>Thursday, Aug. 29</b> Passion of St. John the Baptist		NO MASS		in the
<b>Friday, Aug. 30</b> Weekday	12:15 p.m.	Kevin Galvin	Carmichael Family	IORD."
	After Mass until 2 p.m.	Exposition and Adoration	of the Blessed Sacrament	20112
<b>Saturday, Aug. 31</b> Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time	4 p.m.	Joseph Marek, Sr. & Kathleen Marek	Family	Psalm 34
Sunday, Sept. 1 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time	8 a.m.	D. Joon Yoo	Family	
	9:30 a.m.	Uche Iloeje	Iloeje Family	
	11:15 a.m.	Barbara Joan Sheedy	Margie Clisham	AND THE WE

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



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Altar Flower Offerings

Aug. 24 - Aug. 30, 2024

In Loving Memory of **Rodolfo Caranfa** requested by his **Family** 

In Loving Memory of **David Connelly** requested by **wife, Julia** 







"Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods." We struggle with our gods. They appear in money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-

fulfillment. We like these "gods" because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? Once we buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, why is it not worth setting other things aside to pursue it? In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with "who is God" and "to whom do we belong" is real, and we can easily find ourselves feeling empty and experiencing disillusionment if not correctly discerned.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised "more." But in pursuing what gives us earthly security and power and satisfies our egos, we lose track of the cost of those pursuits, and that cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in the quest for something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only "feels" true. While the true and real God promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance about faith. If we are completely convinced of our belief in God, then our faith in Jesus Christ requires that we do some difficult things. We must work in service of God's kingdom - not our own, love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, die to ourselves to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are difficult things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many who may be attracted to Jesus at first walk away in pursuit of the more selfsatisfying gods they self-created.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one Source of truth and life: Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life, and if we do not go to him, where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal, which requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find our true selves through the Body and Blood of Christ, we are connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It's a choice we all have to make.

~ Rev. Mark Suslenko



Welcome Let Us Get to Know You Our parish has grown tremendously since the post-COVID-19 resumption of in-person Masses. I know this simply from looking out at all the new faces I see when I celebrate Mass with you throughout the week. To all new to our parish, please know you are welcome and loved.

I believe it is important for people to have a relationship with their parish, pastor, and Pastoral Staff. It is also important for people to know that their presence and needs matter. While it is virtually impossible to know everyone's name, it is possible to know something about you: where you come from, your hopes and expectations, what you seek, and what you need. Having this information goes a long way in helping me and our Pastoral Staff more

effectively minister to our parish.

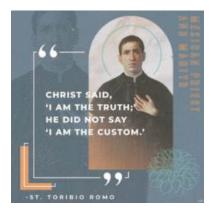
That's where you can help! If you are new to worshipping at SS. Isidore and Maria Parish, or perhaps have been here awhile and would like a stronger connection to our community, I hope you'll help me get to know you by visiting <u>http://isidoreandmaria.org/gettingtoknowyou</u> and answering a few simple questions about yourself. This is NOT a registration with the parish - it is an opportunity to create a relationship between our parish and those who call it home. If you'd like to submit this information to the parish office, please take one of the pamphlets now available at the entrances to St. Paul Church (pictured) and fill it out at your leisure. You may return it via the collection kiosks or directly to the parish office at St. Paul Church any weekday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Thank you for helping me and my staff to serve you to the best of our ability.

# 😡 ImmaCare Inc.

The next ImmaCare dinner is on **Fri., Sept. 13**. 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., Sept. 5. Items may be left at either St. Augustine Church or St. Paul Church. For more information or to volunteer, visit <u>https://isidoreandmaria.org/immacare</u>.



## **Coming in September**



#### UPDATE: Glastonbury Roman Catholic Parishes Fall Festival!

Here's where we stand with planning the 2024 Glastonbury Roman Catholic Parishes Fall Festival, on Sun., Sept. 15, at the Elks Club, 98 Woodland St., from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.:

- **Raffle prizes:** Anyone interested in donating a raffle prize can drop off a gift card at the parish office, or by placing the card in the offertory kiosks in an envelope marked "Fall Festival."
- Desserts: Anyone interested in donating a dessert
- item should email Dottie Horan or call 813-695-7339.
- **RSVP:** If you and your family plan on attending this year's Fall Festival, let us know at <u>http://isidoreandmaria.org/fallfest2024RSVP</u>. Your RSVP helps our organizing committee get a headcount to order food and drinks for all!

**Questions?** Please contact Damien Walsh 860-430-9608 or Erin Sullivan <u>eireann21@hotmail.com</u>.



# Scripture Readings for the Week

- SUN 8/25/24 Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
- MON 8/26/24 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/ Mt 23:13-22
- **TUES 8/27/24** 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/ Mt 23:23-26
- WED 8/28/24 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/ Mt 23:27-32
- THR 8/29/24 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 6:17-29
- FRI 8/30/24 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/ Mt 25:1-13
- **SAT 8/31/24** 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/ Mt 25:14-30
- SUN 9/1/24 Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



### Sept. 29: Welcome Home!

Do you ever wonder what your life's purpose is? Do you struggle to find peace of mind? Do you want to be more confident about the future? Do you feel isolated and alone, even when surrounded by others?

If you answered yes to any of these (or know someone who might), all are welcome to join us on Sun., Sept. 29 at 12:30 p.m. to hear life-changing stories of profound encounters with God.

This event is free of charge and open to the public. A reception will follow. Registration is requested, though all are welcome. Questions? Reach out at welcomehome@isidoreandmaria.org.

#### OPEN HOUSE - OCTOBER 17TH | 6:30PM ENTRANCE EXAM - OCTOBER 26TH | 8:30AM







Back to School Dates: Newly Enrolled Families Picnic - August 24th Senior Orientation - August 26th Junior Orientation - August 27th Sophomore Orientation - August 27th Freshman Orientation - August 29th First Day for All - August 30th Back to School Night - September 5th

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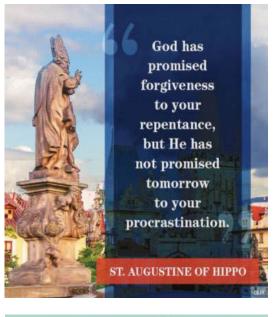




## Pray for Those Who Are Serving

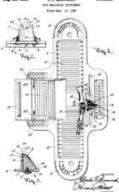
God, keep special watch over these men and women serving in the Navy, National Guard, Army, Marine Corps., Air Force, Coast Guard and keep them safe:

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





## This Day in History - Aug. 28, 1928



### **Brannock Device**

Charles F. Brannock patents the popular shoe-size measuring device. It would become the world's most popular shoe-size measuring device and could be found in use in thousands of stores. Brannock invented the instrument in 1925 and managed the company that manufactured the devices until his death at age 89 in 1992. Brannock was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in 1992.

Harry, look. .. I found these shoes outside. Let's measure them and see if they will fit Fr. Mark. I don't think so, Oliver. Fr. Mark is very particular about his shoes. We will have to find a real nice pair for him!



Harry & Oliver's Corner

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## **SS.** Isidore and Maria Parish Directory

#### 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

https://www.thisdaytrivia.com/trivia/august-28

www.isidoreandmaria.org

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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