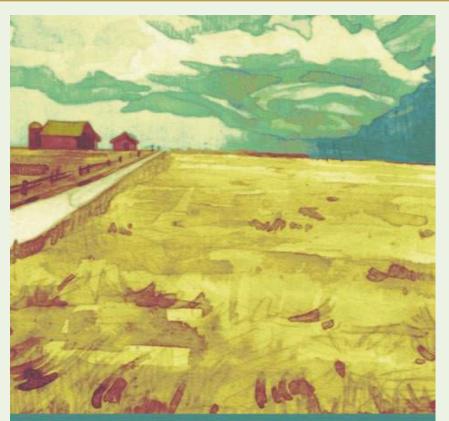
# SS. Isidore and Maria Parish

2577 Main Street - Glastonbury, CT 06033





#### Archbishop's Annual Appeal: <u>We're SO Close</u>!

As the year quickly draws to a close, the 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is nearing its end. The generosity of the parishioners of SS. Isidore and Maria has brought

us to **95.4%** of our financial target for this year's Appeal! If you haven't yet donated, or wish to donate again, please prayerfully consider a donation today. Visit <u>https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/</u>, you can help us meet and exceed this target!

#### Nov. 23: Make an Advent Wreath at St. Dunstan Church

Join Catholics from across Glastonbury on Sat., Nov. 23 at 3 p.m. to make your own advent wreath. You provide the greenery – real or artificial – and they'll provide wreath frames, candles, and supplies (tape, wires, scissors, etc.). There is no cost to participate, however, there is a \$15 suggested donation that can be paid in cash on the day of the event. Because supplies must be ordered, registration is required. Visit <u>https://signup.com/go/cjuohQr</u> to reserve your spot.



Mass to celebrate the Dedication of St. Augustine Church: There will be an additional daily Mass celebrated at St. Augustine

Church on **Mon., Nov. 18 at 8:30 a.m.** All are welcome to attend.

This Mass fulfills the canonical requirement that Mass be celebrated at

St. Augustine Church on the date of its dedication. St. Augustine Church was dedicated on November 17, 1878.

#### Nov. 19: Weekday Hospitality Get Together

All are welcome to join us Tues., Nov. 19 following the 7:30 a.m. daily Mass for Weekday Hospitality. This is a wonderful opportunity to take a moment to have a cup of coffee and get to know your fellow parishioners. We hope to see you soon.



#### Thanksgiving Basket Collection

Help support our community by donating to our Thanksgiving food basket effort. Please place cash or check donations in an

envelope marked "Thanksgiving" and deposit it in the offertory kiosks. If you or someone you know needs a basket, contact the Parish Office at 860-633-9419 or <u>contact@isidoreandmaria.org</u>. Distribution will be on November 21.



## **Collections and Parish Finance**

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



Report for the week of 11/10/2024:

Weekly collection:	\$ 8,978.18
Online Giving:	\$ <u>3,155.50</u>
Total:	\$ 12,133.68

Parish Annual Collection: \$119,637.00

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

The 2024 Parish Annual Collection is now underway. Please read Father Mark's letter on this effort and make your online donation at http://isidoreandmaria.org/

## **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

(CCHD) collection is this weekend (Nov. 16 & 17). The annual CCHD collection this year takes place on World Day of the Poor, providing the faithful a way to answer Pope Francis' call to support the work of those helping the poor in concrete, practical ways. Please use the envelopes in your envelope packet to make your donation or place your donation in an envelope marked "Campaign for Human Development 2024." Thank you in advance for your generosity.



## Hoodie Sale to Benefit Glastonbury Food Bank

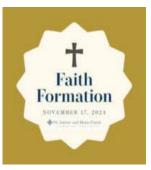
SS. Isidore and Maria Parish is holding a hoodie fundraiser! These warm, comfortable navy-blue hoodies are embroidered with the parish logo, allowing wearers to express their connection to their faith

community. Available in small, medium, large, and extra-large, these hoodies make great gifts, too! The cost is \$50 per hoodie, with proceeds from this sale benefiting the Glastonbury Food Bank. *Arrival is expected before Christmas!* For more information or to order yours, visit <u>http://isidoreandmaria.org/hoodies2024</u>.

## Inspiration for the Week by Rev. Mark Suslenko

Every human being asks and answers a fundamental existential question. What happens to us when we die? The answer we provide will determine how we chart the course of our existence. It will also determine whether the Second Coming of Christ will be of any concern to us. For many, life is simply a random occurrence with no significant intention or meaning. For these people, their eventual death and the end of the earth, as they know it, has little importance beyond their personal consequences. But, for people of faith, our natural death and the Second Coming of Christ have huge implications. Our faith speaks volumes about these things and can bring a keen understanding of the direction that the secular world cannot provide. This is where the call to vigilance and the primordial virtues of faith, hope, and love become valuable and meaningful. We are works in progress that can either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give in to his will's wonderful, surprising creativity.

#### Faith Formation Schedule for the Week of Nov. 17



Sun., Nov. 17

• Grades 7 & 8 Mass: 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul Church (children bring your donation of coffee or tea for the Glastonbury Food Pantry to Mass)

Grade 1: 10:45 a.m.-12 p.m. meet in the Parish Center
Grade 2: 10:45 a.m.-12 p.m. meet in the Library

- Grade 3: 10:45 a.m.-12 p.m. meet in the Classrooms
- Grades 4-8 Online Program regular weekly submissions due by Friday
- Grades 7 & 8 Family Program (4:30 p.m.-5:45 p.m. or 6 p.m.-7:15p.m.) meet with a parent at your designated time and location
- Grade 9/Year1 4:30 p.m.-5:45 p.m. meet in the South Wing
- Grade 10/Year 2 6 p.m.-7:15 p.m. meet in the South Wing

All children bring donations to their session for the Thanksgiving Holiday Basket Drive Tues., Nov. 19 or Thurs., Nov. 21

• Grades 4-6 Family Program – Tues. at 4:30 p.m.-5:45 p.m. OR Thursday 5:30 p.m.-6:45 p.m. children only meet in the Library



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

<u>Our Sponsor Spotlight this week</u>: ADT-Monitored Home Security

Liturgical Schedu	ile and Inte	entions	November 17, 2024
Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
<b>Saturday, Nov. 16</b> Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	4 p.m.	Mark Sabia	Thomas & Patricia Yandow
<b>Sunday, Nov. 17</b> Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30 a.m.	Giuseppe Aversa Robert Kelly Lawrence Cubanski	Pers Family Rich & Trish Ehrhardt Pulito Family
<b>Monday, Nov. 18</b> Dedication of the Basilicas of SS Peter & Paul, Apostles	7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	Joseph McCormick Mass St. Augustine Church to of its dedication	Bob McCarthy celebrate the anniversary
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 19</b> Weekday	7:30 a.m. <b>7 p.m.</b>	Coffee Social following 7:30	
Wednesday, Nov. 20 Weekday	7:30 a.m.	Stanley & Catherine Slivonik	Elaine Henry
<b>Thursday, Nov. 21</b> Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary		NO MASS	
<b>Friday, Nov. 22</b> St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr	12:15 p.m.	Angelo & Minnie Barressi	Fran Juda
<b>Saturday, Nov. 23</b> Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	4 p.m.	Frances & Nick DeGemmis	Family
<b>Sunday, Nov. 24</b> Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe		Marc Pomerleau Joseph Hallisey <b>Gallery Choir Mass: 9:30 a.m.</b> Kenneth J. Williams	Family Hallisey Family Mary S. Sweeney

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..



Ellona Bilotta James Bilotta Diane Varni Caisse Sandra Cavanna Thomas Cavanna Chris Delissio Robin DiTarando Brian Faxon Jennifer Graham Rita Henson Sheila Kimball Julia Miller

Gilbert Morin George Pappas Peter Savidge Frank Schultz Garland Taylor Barbara Thurz Bill Vassar, Jr. Andrea Villegas John Vroblick 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 <u>contact@isidoreandmaria.org</u>. We cannot publish the names of friends. Thank you for your understanding.

#### What is the South Wing? Where is the prayer basket?

With our growing community, it may be confusing to hear some of the well-established references to locations at our St. Paul campus, such as the



"South Wing" or the "Library." To help, we've highlighted a few references that you may find useful when worshipping with us. Learn more about these and other common terms at

http://isidoreandmaria.org/commonterms.

PRAY FOR UKRAINE



"And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory." Take a moment to ponder these words from today's Gospel. How does this image make you feel?

For people to truly understand the significance of this message, something profound must happen within. If we find ourselves reacting with dread or fear, we must step back and ask why. Our answer will reveal a great deal about our relationship with God. It's hard to fall in love with a God of whom we are afraid. God does not want us to be scared. Nor does He want us to align our wills to His to avoid some horrendous eternal consequence. That sounds like too much of a superficial power play on the part of God, who continues to seek out His children in love.

For these words to carry any significant meaning for us, they must resonate and touch us on a deeper level. They must be able to connect some dots and have meaning for us for this promise to change our lives. Sometimes, we get preoccupied with the uncertainty of our deaths. Not

knowing when or how we will eventually die can be unsettling. But, more so than needing an answer to the "when" of death, the "what" of death answer we provide has more significance. What happens to us when we die? Whether we die during the natural course of our lives or when Christ comes again, the experience is the same. If we believe that we are meant to live in union with God eternally and that death completes and does not diminish us, then it is worth our time and effort to wait in vigilant hope of the Lord's coming in glory. Our journey back to God is something beautiful to be desired, not dreaded or feared.

Sadly, many believe life is a random occurrence without any purposeful direction or meaning. Death is simply death and nothing more. For them, the Second Coming of Christ and God's eternal promise have no meaning. When we understand the truth about who we are, things change. We then can see ourselves as works in progress who have the choice to either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give in to the wonderful creativity of His will. Life awaiting Christ's fullness becomes an unfolding of Divine surprises and abundant joy. God is eternally merciful, forgiving, and welcoming. Only when we directly reject this gift and turn our backs on Love itself do we have anything to fear.

~ Rev. Mark Suslenko



#### Dec. 14: Return of the Christmas Pageant

The SS. Isidore and Maria Christmas Pageant returns on Sat., Dec. 14, following the 4 p.m. vigil Mass.

Children age four through grade 6 may participate as actors and choir members! Teens (18 and under) and adults (18+) are needed as volunteers, too! To register your child(ren) for the pageant, please visit https://isidoreandmaria.org/pageantkids



#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

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

#### Dec. 14: 2024 Christmas Pageant

Volunteers are needed to assist with the production of the 2024 Parish Christmas Pageant. This includes three rehearsals and the pageant itself on Dec. 14 following the 4 p.m. vigil Mass.

#### To volunteer for the Christmas Pageant:

• **Teens** under 18 may register to volunteer at <a href="https://isidoreandmaria.orgchristmasvolunteersunder18">https://isidoreandmaria.orgchristmasvolunteersunder18</a>

• Older teens (18+) and adults may apply to volunteer at <a href="https://isidoreandmaria.org/https://isidoreandma



#### PODCAST: Practicing God's Unconditional Love

Whether it's a family member with whom we disagree politically or a stranger on the street corner, God calls us to love one another unconditionally. But that's not as

easy as it sounds in a world of contradiction, division, and disdain. Father Mark urges us to be inspired in this regard by the parable of the widow who sacrificed what little money she had as an offering to God. Listen to his latest podcast at <u>https://isidoreandmaria.org/podcasts</u>.



#### Regina's Writings: To Dance with the Prodigal

Loved, lost, grieved, found, and celebrated: how a child's stuffed bunny brought home to columnist M. Regina Cram an appreciation for

the parable of the Prodigal Son. Read her latest column <u>http://isidoreandmaria.org/reginaswritings</u>.



#### The schedule of ImmaCare events for December is as follows:

- Thurs., Dec. 5: ImmaCare Outreach Program pick-up
- Fri., Dec. 6: ImmaCare Dinner Night
- Fri., Dec. 13: ImmaCare Dinner Night

For ImmaCare Dinner Nights, anyone is welcome to participate by preparing food or helping to deliver and serve our meals at the shelter. Please visit

<u>http://isidoreandmaria.org/immacare</u> to sign up for the dinner service of your choice.

ImmaCare's Outreach Program continues throughout the month. The program seeks 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 can be found on the parish website http://isidoreandmaria.org/immacare



#### Dec. 12: Parish Book Club Meeting

The next Parish Book Club meeting will be on Thur., Dec. 12, at 1 p.m., in the education wing of the St. Paul campus. Our book selection is **The Christmas Box** by Richard Paul Evans. *Registration is requested*. For information or to

register, go to http://isidoreandmaria.org/

#### Happy Feast of St. Cecila to all the musicians in our parish community.

Special thanks to David Garrido-Cid, our parish Director of Music Ministries, cantors, choirs and musicians who help us praise God with love and joy.





## 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

#### PHOTO GALLERY: Hospitality Weekend Honoring Deacon Steve Weaver

Were you one of the many who came out to honor Deacon Steve Weaver upon his retirement last weekend (Nov. 9 & 10)? Check out the photo gallery:





#### Coming Dec. 1 – 15: Coats for Kids

Coats for Kids 2024 at SS. Isidore and Maria Parish will be held from Dec. 1 to Dec. 15. We'll be collecting NEW children's coats, hats, scarves, mittens,

and gloves during this period. All sizes are needed, with a particular need for larger sizes. *More details coming soon!* 

## **Balancing Faith and Youth Sports**

Many families struggle to balance faith and sports. The commitment level of today's elite youth sports culture (\$30 billion in the U.S. and growing) has multiplied so much that some parents find it increasingly difficult to carve out time for faith. However, some leading Catholic athletes, coaches, and sports journalists - **including Glastonbury resident and UCONN Men's Basketball Coach Dan Hurley** - believe a strong faith in Jesus complements and enhances their pursuit of excellence in sports. Learn more about what they had to say at <u>https://isidoreandmaria.org/faithsports</u>.



## Scripture Readings for the Week

SUN 11/17/24	Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32
MON 11/18/24	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/ Lk 18:35-43
TUES 11/19/24	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/ Lk 19:1-10
WED 11/20/24	Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Lk 19:11-28
THR 11/21/24	Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/ Lk 19:41-44
FRI 11/22/24	Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48
SAT 11/23/24	Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/ Lk 20:27-40
SUN 11/24/24	Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/ Jn 18:33b-37



#### Do You Have Historic Photos of our Churches and Rectories?

The two churches that form our parish -St. Paul and St. Augustine - have long histories in the town of Glastonbury. We are currently seeking your help in sourcing photos of our church buildings and rectories! If you have such photos that you can loan for a short period so we may scan them into our records, we would be most appreciative. We are particularly interested in photos of the St. Paul rectory from the time when it was a private residence. If you have photos to loan, please contact **Carol Vassar**, who can help facilitate this process. Many thanks in advance for your assistance.



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## This Day in History - Nov. 17, 1933



**Toto (Terry)** Born Nov. 17, 1933 Toto was played by a female brindle Cairn Terrier named Terry. She was paid a \$125 salary each week, more than some human actors (the Singer Midgets who played the Munchkins reportedly received \$50 to \$100 a week).

Terry as Toto with Judy Garland

<sup>nd</sup> Due to the movie's popularity and because the role was the one for which she was most remembered,

her owner and trainer changed her official name to Toto. She appeared in 13 films, playing Rags in the Shirley Temple movie Bright Eyes (1934). She died at age 11 in 1945. Willard Carroll wrote her "autobiography," *I, Toto* (2001).

Oliver and I remember our famous friend Terry, who became a star! Maybe our Dad will write a book about us too! He seems to say that a lot!



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Harry & Oliver's Corner

## 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.

#### <u>Daily Mass</u>

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.

#### 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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