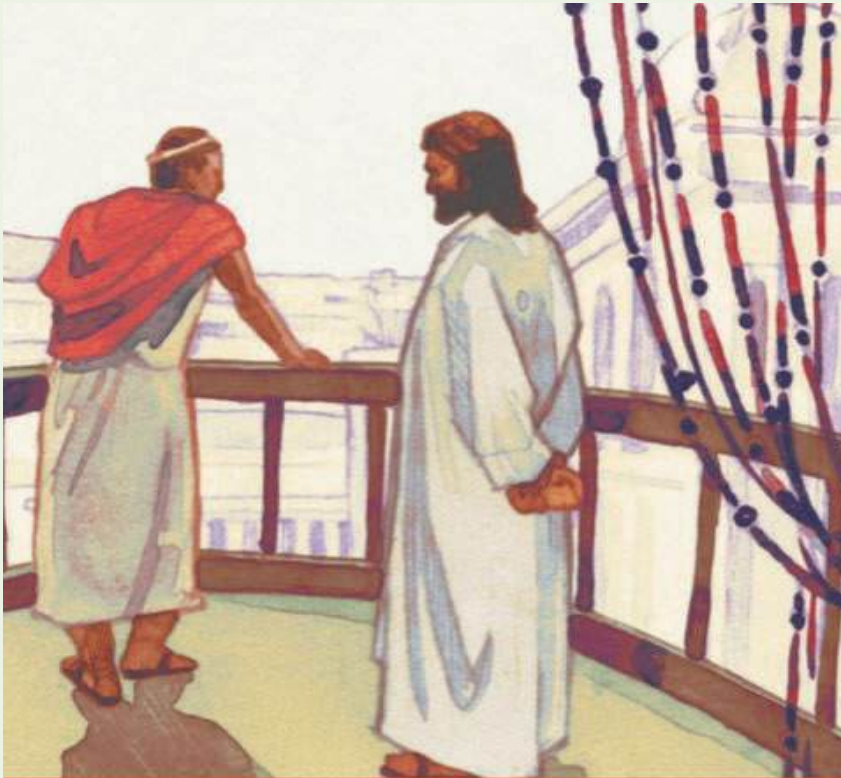




# SS. Isidore and Maria Parish

2577 Main Street - Glastonbury, CT 06033



November 24, 2024

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe



"Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." -  
John 18:37

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## Archbishop's Annual Appeal: We're SO Close!

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. You can help us meet and exceed this target! Visit <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>



## There is still time to order your parish hoodie!

If you haven't had a chance to order your hoodie, there's still time. All proceeds benefit the Glastonbury Food Bank! Order yours today at <http://isidoreandmaria.org/hoodies2024>



## Nov. 30 – Dec. 22: Parish Advent Giving Program

The 2024 SS. Isidore and Maria Parish Advent Giving Program takes place from Nov. 30 to Dec. 22.

Money collected will be distributed to the following local organization to support their community efforts:

- **Hands on Hartford:** For 56 years, Hands on Hartford has served Hartford's most economically challenged residents in the areas of food, housing, and health.
- **House of Bread, Hartford:** Since 1980, the House of Bread has offered food, housing, and education with compassion, dignity and respect to Hartford residents in need.
- **New Horizons, Middletown:** is a 24-hour non-profit organization providing service to those impacted by domestic violence.
- **MACC Charities, Inc., Manchester:** MACC Charities is a faith-based non-profit with the mission of building partnerships to break cycles of poverty in Manchester and surrounding communities.

To make your donation online, visit <http://isidoreandmaria.org/adventgiving24>, or simply place your donation in an envelope marked "Advent Giving 2024." Please make any checks out to SS. Isidore and Maria Parish.

*Thank you in advance for your generosity.*

## Nov. 28: Thanksgiving Day Mass

The annual Thanksgiving Day Mass will be held at St. Paul Church on Thurs., Dec. 28 at 9 a.m.

*Please note: There is no morning Mass or Exposition on Fri. Nov. 29.*

## Nov. 27 - 30: Parish Office Holiday Closure

The parish office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday starting Wed., Nov. 27. It will reopen on Mon., Dec. 2.

## Collections and Parish Finance

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



Report for the week of 11/17/2024:

Weekly collection: \$ 9,207.91  
Online Giving: \$ 3,453.50  
Total: \$ 12,661.41

Catholic Campaign for Human Development \$ 1,761.00

Parish Annual Collection: \$ 123,422.00

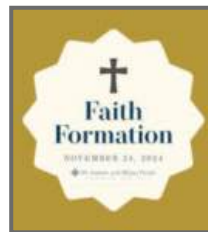
Annual Chancery Assessment for fiscal year 2024: \$ 94,171.00

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.

## Inspiration for the Week by Rev. Mark Suslenko

God is wonderfully and surprisingly creative! He turns the tables on our understanding of what it means to be a king by sending us a king who embraces poverty, insults, suffering, ridicule, rejection, and even death. This is our king. Jesus is not the king of prestige or grandeur but the king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. God dances on, around, in, and through the world's silliness and ugliness, bringing all creation to the eternal dance of new life and hope. Whether we accept it now or hope that we one day do, Christ is the king of the universe. Christ is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end. Every human being will look upon him in this manner, even those who scorned and rejected him and failed to see him in the least of our brothers and sisters. Only those who understand the truth will realize that we are on this remarkable universal journey to Christ. It is a journey of surprise and enlightenment when we will one day see and experience our being in Christ with the most profound joy.



### Faith Formation Schedule for the Week of Nov. 24

**Sun., Nov. 24**

- **Grades 4-8 Online Program** – regular weekly submissions due by Friday



### 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/>



### 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! <http://isidoreandmaria.org/deaconstevegallery>

### Thank you to our grades 4-6 and 7-8 Faith Formation students

Thank you to the children in Grades 4 - 6 and Grades 7 - 8 of our parish Faith Formation program for their donations to the Glastonbury Food Pantry at the 9:30 Masses on Nov. 3 and Nov. 17. Your generosity will go a long way toward serving others in our community.

### CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

**Question:** Grapes and wheat are a symbol of what Sacrament?

Answer on page 5.



### Dec. 3: Solemn Celebration of Evening Prayer with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Join us on Tues., Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul Church for the next Solemn Celebration of Evening Prayer and Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This service is an hour of traditional prayer and music. It includes the recitation of The

Liturgy of the Hours and the Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. **Refreshments will follow. In light of the Advent season, if you would like to bring an item to share, contact Katie Chomick at 860.729.1784 or [kjchoms@gmail.com](mailto:kjchoms@gmail.com).**



### Dec. 7 & 8: Collection to Support Retired Religious

The 2024 national collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR), takes place in our parish on Dec. 7 & 8. The RFR is an annual collection coordinated by the National Religious

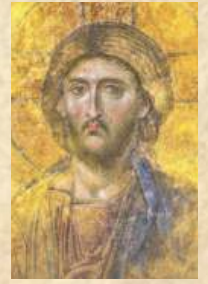
Retirement Office (NRRO) to help eligible religious communities in the United States with the retirement and health care needs of their aging members. Please make a donation via the special envelope in your envelope packet or place your donation in an envelope marked "retired religious" and place it in the offertory kiosk. You may also donate online at <https://retiredreligious.org/>.



# Liturgical Schedule and Intentions

November 24, 2024

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
<b>Saturday, Nov. 23</b> <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	4 p.m.	Frances & Nick DeGemmis	Family
<b>Sunday, Nov. 24</b> <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	8 a.m.	Marc Pomerleau	Family
	9:30 a.m.	Joseph Hallisey	Hallisey Family
	11:15 a.m.	<b>Gallery Choir Mass: 9:30 a.m.</b> Kenneth J. Williams	Mary S. Sweeney
<b>Monday, Nov. 25</b> <i>St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin &amp; Martyr</i>	7:30 a.m.	Julio Hernandez	Jim & Terry Bedard
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 26</b> <i>Weekday</i>	7:30 a.m. 7 p.m.	Sister Lorraine Mahoney <b>Rosary (St. Augustine Church)</b>	Rosemary Nemecek
<b>Wednesday, Nov. 27</b> <i>Weekday</i>	7:30 a.m.	John Dzialo	Pat & Ross Dzialo
<b>Thursday, Nov. 28</b> <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	9:00 a.m.	Alfredo Calvi	Family
<b>Friday, Nov. 29</b> <i>Weekday</i>		<b>No Mass and No Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
<b>Saturday, Nov. 30</b> <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	4 p.m.	Nunzi Maio	Emery Family
<b>Sunday, Dec. 1</b> <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	8 a.m.	Peter and Jennie Tyczkowski	Family
	9:30 a.m.	Richard Ehrhardt	Rich and Trish Ehrhardt
	11:15 a.m.	Michele "Michael" DiLullo	A Friend



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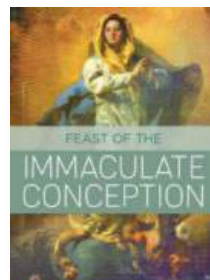
*If you are offering a Mass Intention and you and your loved ones would like to bring up the gifts, please see the greeters prior to the start of Mass. One of them will be happy to assist you..*



Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Ellona Bilotta	Gilbert Morin
James Bilotta	George Pappas
Diane Varni Caisse	Peter Savidge
Sandra Cavanna	Frank Schultz
Thomas Cavanna	Garland Taylor
Chris Delissio	Barbara Thurz
Robin DiTarando	Bill Vassar, Jr.
Brian Faxon	Andrea Villegas
Jennifer Graham	John Vroblick
Rita Henson	Mary E. Wallace
Sheila Kimball	Roger Yost
Julia Miller	

**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](mailto:contact@isidoreandmaria.org). We cannot publish the names of friends. Thank you for your understanding.**



## Dec. 9: Celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

Because the traditional celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception falls on a Sunday this year, SS. Isidore and Maria Parish will celebrate this important holy day with

**daily Mass at 12:15 p.m. on Mon., Dec. 9.** While this is not a Holy Day of "obligation" it is nonetheless an important feast day within our liturgical year. Mass at 12:15 p.m. provides an opportunity for more people to attend. ***This Mass will occur at St. Paul Church instead of the usual 7:30 a.m. daily Mass.***

"Dear young people, Jesus' freedom draws us in. Let us allow it to resonate within us, to challenge us, to awaken in us the courage born of truth."

~ Pope Francis ~



**We often come to life expecting the puzzle pieces to fit together nicely.** We want and expect harmony, order, fairness, and the achievement of rewards for good behavior, good

health, and happiness. We can more readily accept death when it comes naturally after a good long life but have real difficulty comprehending the meaning of it all when it is cut short. We desire positive results if we are willing to put in a good measure of effort. When things go wrong, and life gets hurtful, unjust, and downright ugly, we become unsettled and can quickly fall into despair. This is especially true if we are people of faith who believe in a God who sees things on our terms and works in favor of our life agenda. What happens to our faith when we find ourselves sitting in a mess?

Does it help to know that God understands and that hardship, failure, disappointment, injustice, confusion, and all of life's ugliness do not make faith irrelevant or irrational? God is wonderfully and surprisingly creative! He turns the tables on our understanding of life and what it means to be a king. God sends us a king who is not exempt from life's ills but embraces them. The king that God gives to us

knows what it means to be poor, suffer insults, be ridiculed, face rejection, endure suffering, be betrayed, and face a most unjust and horrific death. This is our king. Jesus is not a king of prestige or grandeur but one who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. Christ dances before us, pleading with us to hold on, cling to love, avoid being negative, stop feeling cheated, and be strong in faith! There may be hardship and disappointment now, but there are more surprises to come.

Once we understand this truth, we will also know that we are on a most incredible and extraordinary universal journey to Christ and becoming one in Christ. We all carry within us the image of God, the idea of our suffering king. The One who lives in us also lives in all of our brothers and sisters. Failing to see this universal Divine Presence in all is one of the greatest mistakes we can make, for we also fail to see God, our king. Many things can bring hardship to life. If we keep our heads about us and do not lose hope, we can persevere and strive for the most significant degree of justice possible. Even though there are many things that can challenge our faith, we also know that our most profound joy comes from our union with God and our brothers and sisters. One day, the fullness of that joy will be ours to have when we are all eternally one with Christ our King forever.

~ 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:

#### **The Hospitality Ministry**

The Hospitality Ministry needs **more** people to plan and execute events such as Hospitality Weekend and the reception following the monthly Evening Prayers.

For more information or to volunteer, please call or email the parish office at 860-633-9419, or [contact@isidoreandmaria.org](mailto:contact@isidoreandmaria.org).



### **PODCAST: Seasons of Faith, Hope, and Love**

As we go through each liturgical year, we learn about God, ourselves, and our relationships with one another. It's a cycle

brought to us by the Master Creator, God himself, infused with unconditional love. Listen now to Father's podcast at <https://isidoreandmaria.org/podcasts>.



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

### **Our Sponsor Spotlight this week:**

## **Mulryan Funeral Home**



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 <http://isidoreandmaria.org/immacare> 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. A list of needed items can be found on the parish website <http://isidoreandmaria.org/immacare>



### 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. Get details on how you can help at <http://isidoreandmaria.org/coats2024>.



### 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/bookclubdec2024>.



### 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**  
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**Michael Scott Mullin**  
**John W. Murphy**  
**Drew Scarfone**  
**Timothy Sullivan**  
**Jack M. Zaremba**



### COMING SOON: Nurturing Seedlings - A Community for Young Parents

We are looking for a few people to join a new parish initiative called Nurturing Seedlings, a community for young parents. This program is specifically designed for parishioners to walk alongside parents of children ages 0-5. You DO NOT need a theology degree but rather an open heart and a desire to journey with young parents to help inspire them to raise their young children to follow Jesus.

To learn more or volunteer for Nurturing Seedlings, or email Donna Berger at [donna@isidoreandmaria.org](mailto:donna@isidoreandmaria.org).

### 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 <https://isidoreandmaria.org/faithsports>.



### Scripture Readings for the Week

- SUN 11/24/24** Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/ Jn 18:33b-37
- MON 11/25/24** Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/ Lk 21:1-4
- TUES 11/26/24** Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/ Lk 21:5-11
- WED 11/27/24** Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/ Lk 21:12-19
- THR 11/28/24** Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28
- FRI 11/29/24** Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33
- SAT 11/30/24** Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/ Mt 4:18-22
- SUN 12/1/24** Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/ 1Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

### CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

**Answer:** Holy Eucharist





## A Gratitude Examen

Gratitude is one of the greatest spiritual practices. It opens our minds, calms our hearts, and rids bitterness of its power. The "examen" is a spiritual practice to reflect on how we have responded to God's work in our lives. This Thanksgiving, consider your reasons for thankfulness!

- What **G**ifts have You given me?
- How have I **R**eceived love from others?
- How is grace at work in **A**spects of my life story?
- Do I **T**rust You to continue to bless me?
- Where have I **m**issed Your movements?
- Have I used my **T**alents at the service of other?
- Do I see a purpose for my life **U**nderway?
- How can I have the **D**iscipline to thank You daily?
- Help me give **E**verything back to You!

## This Day in History - Nov. 28, 2024

Thanksgiving 2024 takes place on Thurs., Nov. 28, and is a national holiday in the United States. In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag Native Americans shared an autumn harvest feast acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. For more than two centuries, days of Thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1863, during the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.



Happy Thanksgiving to all our friends, as we remember all God has given us. Many folks will enjoy turkey and

the fixings. There is no begging at our Dad's table; all we ever see is fish, fish, and veggies. No turkey bones for us!!!



## Harry & Oliver's Corner

<https://www.history.com/topics/thanksgiving/history-of-thanksgiving>

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## SS. Isidore and Maria Parish Directory

[www.isidoreandmaria.org](http://www.isidoreandmaria.org)

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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

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### Faith Vos Winkel, MSW

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handy QR code to begin the process.

### Faith Formation Office

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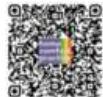
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