

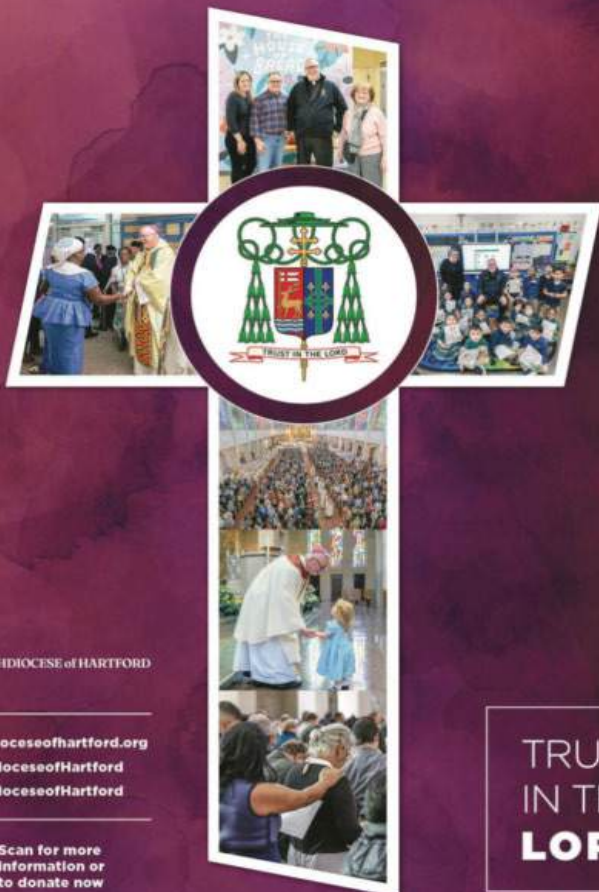


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KICKOFF WEEKEND: MARCH 1-2, 2025
2025 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



**TRUST
IN THE
LORD**

Mar. 1 & 2: 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal Kicks Off

This weekend (Mar. 1 & 2) marks the start of the 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal in our parish. You'll be receiving a letter from Archbishop Christopher Coyne seeking your support. The theme of this year's Appeal, *Trust in the Lord*, is an opportunity for us to serve people who are less fortunate than ourselves. When we strengthen our commitment to serve one another as a family of faith, we benefit from the grace that flows from our service to our fellow brothers and sisters! Learn more about the Appeal (and make your donation) here: <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>.



Daylight Savings Time begins Mar. 9

Black Lenten Devotional Books Now Available at All Entrances

Prepare your heart for Easter by spending time with God each day of Lent. Black Lenten devotional books are now available at the entrances to St. Paul Church.

Inspiration for the Week

by Rev. Mark Suslenko

"From the fullness of the heart, the mouth speaks." What we say reveals so much about who we are. It discloses what is really going on within us: our integrity, priorities, depth of conscience, level of compassion, and understanding of mercy. People whose speech is judgmental or overly critical usually reveal an interior life that is angry, unsettled, defensive, and shallow. Our speech communicates our sense of right and wrong, the strength of our relationship with God, and how we feel about our fellow human beings. We are also quick to point out the faults of others, concentrating on their shortcomings and wrongdoings before our own. Only God fully understands what is going on inside the human heart. Only God can see the depth of a human soul. Perhaps it would do us well to consider what may be happening inside our brothers and sisters and temper our critical speech of what we see occurring outside. Looking within will also help us identify our sins and weaknesses so that we can be better positioned to offer wisdom and compassionate guidance that can genuinely help our friends.



Mar. 5: Ash Wednesday Schedule

SS. Isidore and Maria Parish will hold the following Ash Wednesday observances at St. Paul Church.

- 7:30 a.m. Mass
- 12:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with ashes
- 3:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with ashes
- 6 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with ashes

Stations of the Cross

Come with us as we meditate on Jesus' journey to Calvary each Friday night during Lent at St. Paul Church* at 6:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross takes places as follows:



- Mar. 7
- Mar. 14
- Mar. 21
- Mar. 28
- Apr. 4
- Apr. 11
- April 18*

*Stations of the Cross take place at St. Augustine Church on Good Friday, Apr. 18

Parish Support

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." +++ 1 Peter 4:10

Collections and Parish Finance



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

Report for the week of 2/23/2024:

Weekly collection: \$ 8,643.00
Online Giving: \$ 3,882.50
Total: \$ 12,525.50

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.



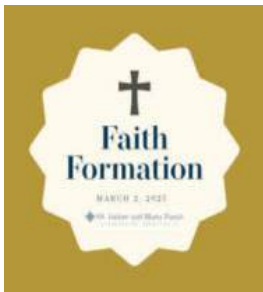
Requesting 2024 Year-End Tax Statements

If you would like to receive a tax statement with your total donations to SS. Isidore and Maria in 2024, please get in touch with Melissa by phone (860) 633-9419 or by email. Please specify if you would like your statement mailed or emailed to you. There will not be an automatic mailing of statements. You must request it.

PLEASE NOTE: Online Giving users may print their statements from the Online Giving dashboard.

"Only by Giving are you able to receive More than you already have." ~ JIM ROHN

Faith Formation



Faith Formation Schedule for the Week of Mar. 2, 2025

• Sun., Mar. 2

- o Grades 1-3 Mass: 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul Church. Children: Please bring your **canned tuna or chicken** donation for the Glastonbury Food Pantry to Mass.

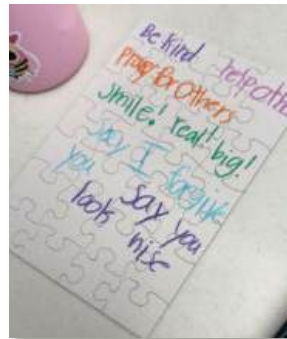
- o Grade 1: 10:45 a.m.-12 p.m. Meet in the Parish Center.
- o Grade 2: 10:45 a.m.-12 p.m. Meet in the Library.
- o Grade 3: 10:45 a.m.-12 p.m. Meet in the Classrooms.
- o Grades 4-8 Online Program – Regular weekly submissions due by Friday.
- o Grades 7 & 8 Family Program: 4:30 p.m.-5:45 p.m. **or** 6 p.m.-7:15 p.m. Meet with a parent in the Library for a **family service event at your regular designated time.**
- o Grade 9/Year 1 – 4:30 p.m.-5:15 p.m. Meet in the South Wing.
- o Grade 10/Year 2 – 6 p.m.-7:15 p.m. Meet in the South Wing

• Fri., Mar. 7

- o Stations of the Cross – 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul Church. **Families should attend two prayer services throughout Lent and submit their reflections afterward.**

The reflection form may be found at <https://isidoreandmaria.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Family-Stations-of-the-Cross-Reflection.pdf>.

Grade 1 Faith Formation Students Puzzle Out The Golden Rule



In last weekend's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."

Clearly, it was a lesson well learned by our Faith

Formation First Graders, who were given the task of creating puzzles based on this Gospel reading. Check out some samples of their uplifting artwork here: <http://isidoreandmaria.org/grade1puzzles>

Faith Formation Grades 9 & 10 Come Through Again!

Thank you to our Faith Formation students in Grades 9 & 10, who made donations of macaroni and cheese at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. What was collected is headed to the Glastonbury Food Bank to feed the hungry. You are a wonderful example of generosity and caring to our entire community!

Ash Wednesday was officially instituted by Pope Urban II in 1091



Registration Underway for Vacation Bible School 2025!

Attention parents: now's the time to register for the 2025 edition of the SS. Isidore and Maria Parish Vacation Bible School (VBS). It's happening June 16 - June 20, 2025 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon at St. Paul Church. This year's theme is *Come to the Table*.

Children from age 4 to grade 5 are welcome to take part. Teen volunteers are also needed. The cost is \$30 per child. To learn more or to register, please visit <http://isidoreandmaria.org/vbs2025>.

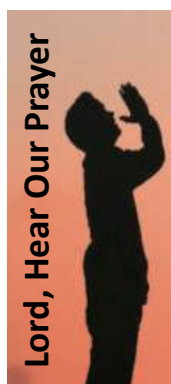
Eucharist

"There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us."

+++ St. John Maria Vianney

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Mar. 1 <i>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4 p.m.	Peter & Louise Kielash	Family
Sunday, Mar. 2 <i>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Kathleen Ann Stead Janet Sevigny Casamira Guardia	Brownell Family Gallery Choir Children
Monday, Mar. 3 <i>St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin</i>	7:30 a.m.	Francis Egan	Elaine Henry & Family
Tuesday, Mar. 4 <i>St. Casimir</i>	7:30 a.m. 7 p.m.	Dr. Robert Henkin Pray the Rosary (St. Augustine Church)	Elaine Henry
Wednesday, Mar. 5 Ash Wednesday	7:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Helen & Ed Marinkowski Liturgy of the Word with Ashes Liturgy of the Word with Ashes Liturgy of the Word with Ashes	Kathy & Gerry Brooks
Thursday, Mar. 6 <i>Thurs. after Ash Wed.</i>		No Mass	
First Friday, Mar. 7 <i>Fri. after Ash Wed.</i> <i>Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs</i> Day of Abstinence	12:15 p.m. After Mass until 2 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Robert Malone Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Stations of the Cross (St. Paul Church)	Family
Saturday, Mar. 8 <i>First Sunday of Lent</i> Hospitality Weekend	4 p.m.	Dora Miles Taylor	Linda Yost
Sunday, Mar. 9 <i>First Sunday of Lent</i> Hospitality Weekend	8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Rev. Stephen Dressell, M.S. Anna Kump Bill Evans	Fran Juda Daughter Walter & Dorothy Twachtman

LORD. IT IS GOOD TO GIVE THANKS TO YOU. PSALM 92



Lord, Hear Our Prayer

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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.

Lenten Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule

For Lent, SS. Isidore and Maria Parish will conduct the Sacrament of Reconciliation each **Monday** from **12 noon to 1 p.m.** at St. Paul Church. This is in addition to reconciliation on Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. The dates are as follows:

Mon., Mar. 10 **Mon., Mar. 24** **Mon., Apr. 7**
Mon., Mar. 17 **Mon., Mar. 31** **Mon., Apr. 14**

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.



What we say and how we say it reveals the true intentions of our hearts. The content and manner of our speech is a window into the recesses of our souls. Our consciences,

attitudes, sentiments, weaknesses, and motives are displayed. As much as we think we can hide the truth of our lives from others, we cannot. Who we are is expressed on our lips and written on our faces. Jesus says precisely this: "For every tree is known by its own fruit." What does the fruit of our lives say about us?

Because we like to play the game of hide and seek with ourselves, pretending that we are hiding deflects the attention others may give to us by becoming more critical of others. After all, the more time one can spend analyzing others'

behavior, the less time one must look at oneself. Often, the behaviors we abhor most in others are those we are guilty of ourselves. We just don't know it yet. The more we put ourselves in the role of a judge, the more satisfaction and control we seem to achieve. Yet, what about ourselves? In focusing our attention on the beams in others' eyes, the aridity and barrenness of our lives goes unchecked. St. Ambrose reminds us that "no one heals himself by wounding another." Bringing our brothers and sisters down by being overly critical serves no positive purpose.

But the one who knows how easy it is to fall into sin and weakness and how quickly errors in judgment can be made knows the depth of true compassion, mercy, and kindness. Recognizing our poor choices, misguided opinions, negative emotions, and ability to do horrendous things, we can be more sympathetic and understand where others may be. We are designed to be mentors and guides to one another. In walking the journey together, we can help each other become the best they can be. Humility is the order of the day and the primary virtue that prevents us from being hypocrites.



Mar. 6: Lenten Scripture Series Begins

Walk in faith with your fellow parishioners as we prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter with a **FREE Lenten Scripture Series**, taking place at St. Augustine Church each Thurs. at 6:30 p.m.

starting Mar. 6. This transformative series, facilitated by parishioner Walter Twachtman, is designed to deepen your understanding of each Sunday reading during Lent. We'll examine the author's intended message, the relationship between the weekly readings, and their meaning for today's spiritual life. Whether new to Scripture or a seasoned reader, this series offers a meaningful way to grow closer to God this Lenten season. All are welcome! RSVPs are requested. For more information or to register visit <http://isidoreandmaria.org/category/welcome-home>



Branches on the Vine

Later this month, a special mission at a Derby parish will include veneration of a first-class relic of St. Jude. Learn when and exactly where in the latest edition of **Branches on the Vine** from the **Archdiocese of Hartford**

<https://isidoreandmaria.org/category/branches-on-the-vine/>

ImmaCare Update

The schedule of ImmaCare events for March is as follows:

- Thurs., Mar. 6: ImmaCare Outreach Program pickup
- Fri., Mar. 7: ImmaCare Dinner night
- Fri., Mar. 14: 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 click the link below 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. For a list of needed items, visit <https://isidoreandmaria.org/immacare>.



Mar. 8 & 9: 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., Mar. 8, and after the 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses on Sun., Mar. 9. Screenings are held in the conference room of the South Wing of St. Paul Church. All participant names and results are confidential.

Repent and believe in the Gospel.

Ministry Highlight



The parish **Faith Formation Ministry** supports our children's Catholic education and prepares them the sacraments of First Communion, Reconciliation, and Confirmation. It also provides a vehicle for adults wishing to become Catholics through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program. Adult volunteers can help in a variety of roles, including becoming instructors, event coordinators, and chaperones. Read more about the Faith Formation Ministry at

<https://isidoreandmaria.org/faith-formation/programs/>. To learn more about volunteering with this ministry, email Faith Formation Director **Donna Berger** at donna@isidoreandmaria.org.



Parishioners Studying at Xavier Make High Honors, Honors

Congratulations to the following parishioners who earned academic honors and high honors at Xavier High School for the second quarter:

- **Sean Bogler** (Honors)
- **John Simpson** (Honors)
- **Cade Kerns** (Honors)
- **Sean Zdrojeski** (High Honors)
- **Bennett Riley** (Honors)
- **Timothy Zdrojeski** (High Honors)

Scripture Readings for the Week

SUN 3/2/25	Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45
MON 3/3/25	Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/ Mk 10:17-27
TUES 3/4/25	Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/ Mk 10:28-31
WED 3/5/25	Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
THR 3/6/25	Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/ Lk 9:22-25
FRI 3/7/25	Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/ Mt 9:14-15
SAT 3/8/25	Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Lk 5:27-32
SUN 3/9/25	Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-1



Mar. 19: American Red Cross Blood Drive

Give the gift of life – blood – at the next American Red Cross blood drive at St. Paul Church on Wed., Mar. 19 from **1 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.** If you are 17 or older, in generally good health and haven't donated whole blood in the 56 days prior to this drive, make your appointment today at www.redcrossblood.org.



Apr. 10: Parish Book Club Meeting

The next Parish Book Club meeting will be on Thur., Apr. 10, at 1 p.m., in the education wing of the St. Paul campus. The book selection is **"Ten Prayers God Always Says Yes To"** by Anthony

DeStefano. For more information or to register, please visit <http://isidoreandmaria.org/bookclubapr10>

NAMI CT Seeks Support Group Volunteers - Training Available

Do you have a passion for mental health advocacy and a desire to help others find strength through shared experiences? Do you want to make a difference?

NAMI Connecticut is hosting FREE Family Support Group Training! Spend a unique weekend experiencing and learning how to initiate, run, maintain, and lead one of our NAMI Family support groups, like the one held at St. Paul Church on the second Wednesday of every month!

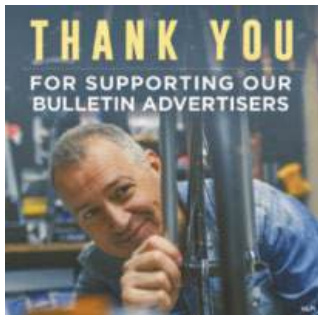


Pray for Those Who Are Serving

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
Beau Douglas
Celia Fajardo
Brandon Farrell
Gabe Forthofer
Kevin Gamache
Chris Gibb
Michael Hitzer
Peter Kamianowski

Madeline Lanzi
Mark J. Lord
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This Day in History — March 4, 2025 — Mardi Gras



Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday, refers to events of the Carnivale celebration, beginning on or after the Christian feasts of the Epiphany and culminating on the day before Ash Wednesday. Mardi Gras is French for “Fat Tuesday,” reflecting the practice of a final evening of eating rich, fatty foods before the ritual Lenten sacrifices and fasting of the Lenten season. While not observed nationally throughout the United States, some traditionally ethnic French cities and regions have notable celebrations.

Our Dad is of Polish heritage but we won't see paczki or any sugary treats in our house today! Harry, what are we giving up for Lent? How about our treats? Oh no Oliver! Both of us can give our Dad some extra “penances”. He always says something about “pain” and our barking!

Mardi Gras arrived in North America as a French Catholic tradition with the Le Moyne brothers. In 1723, the capital of Louisiana moved to New Orleans, and the first Mardi Gras parade is said to have taken place there in 1837. The tradition in New Orleans expanded to the point that it became synonymous with the city in popular perception and embraced by residents of New Orleans beyond those of French or Catholic heritage. Mardi Gras celebrations are part of the basis of the slogan *les bons temps rouler* (“Let the good times roll”).



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 <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

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