



SS. Isidore and Maria Parish

GLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT



January 18, 2026

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit." - John 1:33



Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Martin Luther King Jr. was the conscience of his generation. He gazed upon the great wall of segregation and saw that the power of love could bring it down. From the pain and exhaustion of his fight to fulfill the promises of our founding fathers for our humblest citizens, he wrung his eloquent statement of his dream for America. He made our

nation stronger because he made it better. His dream sustains us yet."

In 1977, the Presidential Medal of Freedom was posthumously awarded to King by President Jimmy Carter. The citation reads as above.



Jan. 17 & 18: Catholic High Schools Collection

Jan. 17 & 18 is the annual Catholic High Schools Collection. Funds from this special collection provide vital support to our Archdiocesan Catholic high schools. Proceeds

enable our high schools to provide tuition assistance, technology enhancements to protect student privacy, curricular improvements, marketing and so much more. This collection is the primary way that every parish can truly make Catholic high school education a mission of the Universal Church. Please use the envelope in your packet to make your donation, or deposit your donation into the collection kiosk marking "Catholic High School Collection." Thank you for your generosity.



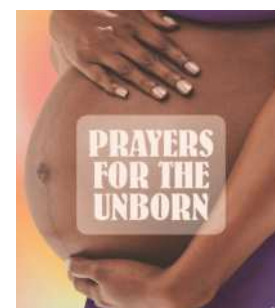
Jan. 17 & 18: Hospitality Weekend

Join your fellow parishioners at our all-parish Hospitality Weekend events. We'll have a wine and cheese social following the 4 p.m. Mass on Sat., Jan. 17, and a noon get-together on Sun., Jan. 18, after the 11:15 a.m. Mass. Both events are held in the south wing of St. Paul Church.



Jan. 20: Weekday Hospitality

Join your fellow parishioners for Weekday Hospitality following the 7:30 a.m. Mass!



Parish Support

Collections and Parish Finance

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



Report for the week of 1/11/2026:

Weekly collection: \$ 6,200.05
Online Giving: \$ 3,856.00
Total: \$ 10,056.05

Annual Chancery Assessment for fiscal year 2025:
\$ 131,798.00

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.



Branches on the Vine Jan. 17-23, 2026

Learn about a Catholic book club at Holy Infant Parish in Orange, not unlike the one here

in our parish. It's in the latest edition of Branches on the Vine from the Archdiocese of Hartford:

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



Registration now open for Vacation Bible School 2026: Passport to Peace!

The SS. Isidore and Maria Parish
Office of Lifelong Formation

hosts its annual Vacation Bible School (VBS): *Passport to Peace* at St. Paul Church from Monday, June 22 - Fri., June 26 between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

Passport to Peace will help children learn ways to create inner peace, use peacemaking strategies at home, school, and in the community, and practice strategies for conflict resolution.

The cost is \$40 for one child, or \$60 for a family, with free-will donations of non-perishable food items being sought for the Glastonbury Food Bank. For details or to register, visit <http://isidoreandmaria.org/vbs2026>.

Jan. 13: Wellness Ministry Meeting

The Parish Wellness Ministry will meet on Tues., Jan. 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the education wing of St. Paul Church. All interested in the wellness of our community are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Sue Ryan wellness@isidoreandmaria.org, or visit the parish website.

Jan. 14: NAMI Support Group

The SS. Isidore and Maria Wellness Ministry and the Connecticut Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) welcome all to a free, confidential, peer-led family support group for any adult with a loved one who has experienced symptoms of a mental health condition. The group meets on Wed., Jan. 14, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the classroom wing of St. Paul Church.



Jan. 15: Prayer Shawl Group Meeting

The parish Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on Thurs., Jan. 15, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the classroom wing of St. Paul Church. This meeting is open to anyone with the skills to knit or crochet or who would like to learn how to knit or crochet. Need a prayer shawl or lap blanket for yourself or someone else? Simply email contact@isidoreandmaria.org.



A New Day Bereavement Program: Jan. 22 - Mar. 19

Are you or someone you know hurting from the grief of losing a loved one?

A New Day is a faith-based program offering a message for healing from pain, suffering, and grief. It is offered to both men and women of all ages, starting Jan. 22. This 10-week session meets on Thursday mornings in the Parish Center from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Attendance is free. Registration is requested. Please visit <https://isidoreandmaria.org/newdaywinter2026> to register. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Bereavement@isidoreandmaria.org or the parish office at 860-633-9419.



Jan. 20: Senior Luncheon and Sound Bath

Join St. Dunstan Parish on Jan. 20 at 12 noon for a Senior Potluck Luncheon and a meditative experience for relaxation offered by Sound Bath Therapy. Chase away the stress of the holidays and the winter blues! Bring a dish to share and enjoy the immersive experience with lunch and friends. This event takes place in Father Bannon Hall/St. Dunstan Parish, St. Dunstan Church, 1345 Manchester Rd, Glastonbury. For more information, email wellness@isidoreandmaria.org.

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, Jan. 17 <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4 p.m.	Mary Acunto (3rd Anniv.)	Matthew Acunto, husband
Sunday, Jan. 18 <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Hospitality Weekend</i>	8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Paul Cavanna Myron Klewicki, Jr. Tina Casini	Rob & Kara Zdrojeski Family Marge Clisham
Monday, Jan. 19 <i>Weekday</i> <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday</i>	7:30 a.m.	Bruce Berlet	Terry Bedard
Tuesday, Jan. 20 <i>St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr;</i> <i>St. Sebastian, Martyr</i>	7:30 a.m. 7 p.m.	Stefania Bedla Coffee Social following 7:30 a.m. Mass Pray the Rosary (St. Augustine Church)	Dr. & Mrs. Richard Risinger
Wednesday, Jan. 21 <i>St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr</i>	7:30 a.m.	Adela Dzialo	Family
Thursday, Jan. 22 <i>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</i>	NO MASS		
Friday, Jan. 23 <i>St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr;</i> <i>St. Marianne Cope, Virgin</i>	12:15 p.m.	Veronica Stechlinski After Mass Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 2 p.m.	Tyler Stechlinski
Saturday, Jan. 24 <i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4 p.m.	Bruce Berlet	Frank & Stephanie Ferrall
Sunday, Jan. 25 <i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Catholic Schools Week Begins</i>	8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Skip Thomas Fay Marie Kelly Liz Brodeur	Rob & Kara Zdrojeski Patrice & Richard Ehrhardt Pulito Family

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.



Remember in Your Prayers

Ellona Bilotta	Robin DiTarando	Frank Schultz
James Bilotta	Brian Faxon	Garland Taylor
Ginny Blasko	Jennifer Graham	Doreen Thurz
Ron Blasko	Dan Hebert	Bill Vassar, Jr.
Gus Brodeur	Keith Henson	Andrea Villegas
Lorraine Brodeur	Julia Miller	Mary E. Wallace
Diane Varni	Gilbert Morin	Glyn Wellum
Caisse	Stephen O'Brien	Beverly Czepiel
Sandra Cavanna	George Pappas	Zadroga
Thomas Cavanna	Peter Savidge	

We welcome parishioners to add prayer intentions for family members free of charge in the bulletin. 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.



Jan. 17

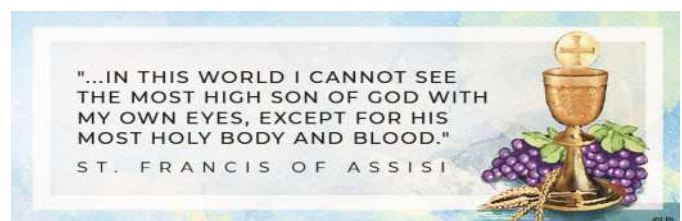


Jan. 20



Jan. 21

"The saints are like the stars. In his providence Christ conceals them in a hidden place that they may not shine before others when they might wish to do so. Yet they are always ready to exchange the quiet of contemplation for the works of mercy as soon as they perceive in their heart the invitation of Christ.~ St. Anthony of Padua





God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of

great glee. Reflecting upon the bottomless measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister played on the beach when the all-too-familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here! Isn't it great?" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God wants us to be happy! The wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even blesses our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love. God is with us through the long haul. He is with us through the challenges, sorrows, successes, and accomplishments. Even though we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful, too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take Jesus' mother's advice to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

Hope for Haiti Needs Your Help!

The SS. Isidore and Maria Parish Haiti group needs your help to provide burial clothes for the deceased in Haiti.

It is common for a funeral to cost more than a family earns in a single year in Haiti. Through generously sharing our time, talent, and treasure, our parish will prepare and send burial clothes to Haiti so that the deceased may be buried with dignity. There are various ways that you can help out with this effort:

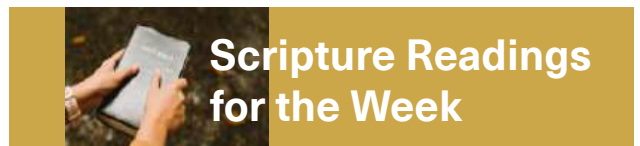
The most significant need right are donations of clean, stain-free white sheets. Flat sheets are preferred but fitted can also be used. Please bring your donations to the parish office. Volunteers are also needed to help with simple sewing. Thank you in advance for your help!



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:

Connor Blomstrom	Kevin Gamache	Samuel MacDonald
Tammy Breiner	Chris Gibb	Alexis Maher
Aaron Bryant	Darius Gittens	Michael Scott Mullin
Bryan Coco	Michael Hitzer	John W. Murphy
Beau Douglas	Peter Kamianowski	Drew Scarfone
Celia Fajardo	Madeline Lanzi	Timothy Sullivan
Brandon Farrell	Mark J. Lord	Jack M. Zaremba
Gabe Forthofer	Gannon Lynch	



SUN 1/18/26	Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
MON 1/19/26	1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
TUES 1/20/26	1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
WED 1/21/26	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
THR 1/22/26	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
FRI 1/23/26	1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
SAT 1/24/26	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
SUN 1/25/26	Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



Feb. 19: Parish Book Club

The next Parish Book Club meeting will be on **Thurs., Feb. 19, at 1 p.m.**, in the education wing of the St. Paul campus. The book selection is "**Thunder Dog**" by Michael Hingson. It is the true story of a blind man and

his guide dog Roselle's incredible journey of survival as they escaped from the World Trade Center during the Sept 11 attacks. To learn more or to register, visit <http://isidoreandmaria.org/bookclubfeb26>

UPDATE from the Office of Lifelong Faith Formation

THE SACRED TABLE INITIATIVE AND YOUTH MINISTRY — WHERE PARISH LEADERS AND PARENTS MEET

Archbishop Coyne recently issued a memorandum regarding a call to unite efforts in raising disciples in the home. He writes that the Sacred Table initiative “is about listening to one another with empathy and sincerity.” The entire Church needs to support families by uniting ministry leaders and parents in the process of lifelong faith formation.

Special thanks to **Mrs. Nicole Hamilton**, a mom of five and active catechist, who has come forward to lead this Sacred Table initiative, with special emphasis on the establishment of outreach to youth in grades eight through twelve. She and I will work with an interested group of parents and young people as well as attend an Archdiocesan workshop in January to learn more about implementing the Sacred Table initiative. More details will follow.

GREAT NEWS FOR LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION — YOUTH GROUP FOR GRADES EIGHT THROUGH TWELVE — INITIAL GATHERINGS BEGIN IN FEBRUARY 2026

Planning is underway for a variety of opportunities for those teens in grades eight through twelve. These gatherings will help youth encounter Christ more deeply, grow both personally and spiritually, and enter fully into the mission and life of the Church. As I have mentioned previously, the youth group should meet the needs of our youth, and therefore those who are interested are invited to be involved in the planning. No special talent is required. All are welcome, including those who recently were Confirmed in 2023 and 2024.

If your teen is interested in joining this planning process or participating in a service project or activity, please send Mrs. Hamilton an email at faithformation@isidoreandmaria.org and we'll be in touch.



Feb. 17: Youth Ministry Mardi Gras Celebration

The new Parish Youth Ministry invites teens in grades 8–12 to kick off Lent with a Mardi Gras-style gathering on Tues., Feb. 17, from 6–8 p.m. in the Library of St. Paul Church. This evening of

community and celebration is the first of three Lenten gatherings offered for teens this season. Refreshments will be provided. RSVPs are required. To register, visit <http://isidoreandmaria.org/mardigras26>. Questions? Contact **Nicole Hamilton** at FaiThFormation@isidoreandmaria.org

Pray for peace in the Holy Land



Thank you for your generosity in supporting the parish's ImmaCare Ministry. ImmaCare has indicated they remain in need of the following specific items:

- Short-Sleeve T-Shirts
- Long-Sleeve T-Shirts
- Hoodies/Sweatshirts
- White crew and athletic socks
- Cases of bottled water
- Plastic Forks (can be bulk)
- Plastic Spoons (can be bulk)

This is part of ImmaCare's Outreach Program, which continues throughout the month. To see the full list of items needed (and picked up on the first Thursday of each month), visit the link below. Items collected go to supplement ImmaCare's 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.

The schedule of ImmaCare events for Feb. is as follows:

Thurs., Feb. 5: ImmaCare Pickup
Fri., Feb. 6: ImmaCare Dinner Night
Fri., Feb. 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.

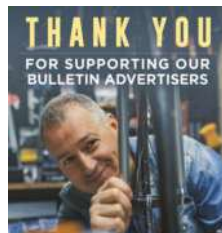
To volunteer, please visit <https://isidoreandmaria.org/immacare>.



Jan. 31: Lenten Children's Retreat (VBS style)

The Office of Lifelong Faith Formation invites children from age 4 through grade 3 to join us for a Lenten Children's Retreat (VBS style) on Sat.,

Jan. 31, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at St. Paul Church. This engaging morning will help children learn about and prepare for Lent through Bible stories, games, arts and crafts, and music—while enjoying time with friends. There is no fee to attend; a free-will offering with a suggested donation to the Glastonbury Food Bank will be accepted. RSVPs are required. Please visit <http://isidoreandmaria.org/vbsjan26> to register. For questions, please contact Kimberlee Algieri at vbs@isidoreandmaria.org. *Snow date is Feb. 7.*



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Our Sponsor Spotlight this week:
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Are you wondering if your child is on track academically?

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ENTRANCE EXAMS

Register Now!

SATURDAYS 8:30AM

February 21st
March 28th

QUESTIONS? CONTACT ADMISSIONS:
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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
Victim Assistance Coordinator
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