



# SS. ISIDORE AND MARIA

GLASTONBURY, CT



March 15, 2026

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

"One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." - John 9:25

MARCH 15, 2026  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



## APR 11: FAMILY EASTER EGG HUNT

### A YOUTH MINISTRY EVENT

The **SS. Isidore and Maria Youth Ministry** invites children ages 3 to 10 to our **Family Easter Egg Hunt** on **Sat., Apr. 11**, at St. Augustine Church.

The morning begins at 11 a.m., with the Easter Egg Hunt starting promptly at 11:15 a.m., organized by age group to ensure fun for everyone. The St. Augustine Church Hall will be open for hospitality and a special meet-and-greet with the Easter Bunny.

**Please register by Apr. 7**, so we can plan: [isidoreandmaria.org/egghunt26](http://isidoreandmaria.org/egghunt26)

## THURSDAY DAILY MASS DURING LENT



Join us each Thursday in Lent at 7:30 a.m. for daily Mass at **St. Augustine Church**.

## RICHARD EHRHARDT TO RECEIVE ST. JOSEPH MEDAL

SS. Isidore and Maria Parish proudly announces that parishioner **Richard Ehrhardt** has been named a recipient of the **2026 St. Joseph Medal** from the Archdiocese of Hartford.



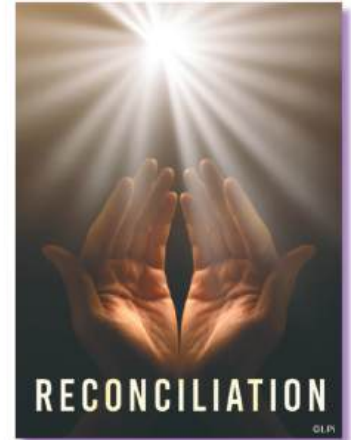
A member of our parish for over 30 years, Rich has had a significant presence in many ministries and has upped his volunteerism to new levels since his retirement several years ago. Learn more about his volunteer work at [isidoreandmaria.org/ehrhardt26](http://isidoreandmaria.org/ehrhardt26).

Congratulations, Rich - and thank you for all you do!

## REFLECTION: Lenten Reconciliation by Rev. Anthony Smith, Pastor

Lent is a season to examine our lives and identify ways that we may have strayed in our relationship with God. We are called to prayer – the means by which we allow God to speak to our hearts. We fast as a way of joining in the sacrifice Jesus endured on his way to his passion and death. Fasting also separates us from those parts in our lives that can take away our time and focus on our Lord. And finally, we are called to give alms. Almsgiving is a form of sacrifice, and in that sacrifice, we manifest love by giving of ourselves for the good of another.

Lent is also a time to take advantage of the sacrament of reconciliation. Reconciliation is a sacrament where we receive grace through absolution when we confess our sins. A good confession begins with an honest and thorough examination of conscience. This examination is done in light of the Ten Commandments, where we consider our adherence, or failure to adhere, to the Commandments of God. A good examination of conscience requires reflecting on the full meaning of each commandment. For instance, the commandment, 'though shall not steal' is not simply reserved to an act of thievery of material objects or money. We can steal someone's ideas, or we can steal time where we have been compensated. "Though shall not kill" is more than just the act of killing, but includes harming another physically or mentally. Or harming oneself through abuse of alcohol or drugs. We have in our church, aids to help with an examination of conscience. These aids will assist the penitent in recalling their past sins in detail so they can be confessed. (Continued on page 5)



## MASS INTENTIONS

DATE/TIME	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>		
Sat., March 14 † 4 p. m.	Eugene Nowacki (13 <sup>th</sup> anniversary)	Family
Sun., March 15 † 8 a. m.	Linus Ezinwoke	Iloeje Family
Sun., March 15 † 9:30 a. m.	Alan F. Abramoske (21 <sup>st</sup> anniversary)	Wife & children
Sun., March 15 † 11:15 a. m.	Gaylord Bell	The Pulito Family
Mon., March 16 † 7:30 a. m.	Thomas Mackowski	Gerry and Kathy Brooks
Tues, March 17 † 7:30 a. m.	Helen and Edward Marcinkowski	Gerry and Kathy Brooks
Wed., March 18 † 7:30 a. m.	Wolfgang Vogel	Fran Juda
Thurs., March 19 † 7:30 a. m.	For the parishioners of SS. Isidore and Maria (St. Augustine Church)	
Fri., March 20 † 12:15 p. m.	Robert Armando	Henry Family
Fri., March 20 † Following Mass	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Sat., March 21 † 4 p. m.	William Manuck, Jr.	Clarkin Family
Sun., March 22 † 8 a. m.	Edward Callaghan	The Lonergan Family
Sun., March 22 † 9:30 a. m.	Barbara Johnson	Patrice and Richard Ehrhardt
Sun., March 22 † 11:15 a. m.	Rocco Mancini	St. John Fisher Knights of Columbus Council 15754

The Mass stipend (offering) has been standardized throughout all the dioceses in Connecticut and Rhode Island. Learn more at <https://isidoreandmaria.org/massstipends26>

## COLLECTIONS AND PARISH FINANCE REPORT FOR THE WEEK OF MAR. 1, 2026

Weekly Collection: \$ 9,140.16  
Online Giving: \$ 5,935.00  
Total: \$15,075.16

Annual Chancery Assessment for fiscal year 2026: \$131,798.00

For a more detailed report, please visit our website under the ABOUT tab. The monthly accountability report is available in the Financial Accountability folder.

Check donations should be made payable to SS. Isidore and Maria.

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

## ONLINE GIVING

Online giving makes it easy to support the life and mission of our parish—every day of the year. Thank you for your continued generosity and faith-filled support. **Donate today!**



## MAR. 31: CHRISM MASS IN HARTFORD

The faithful of the Archdiocese of Hartford are invited to attend the **Chrism Mass** at the **Cathedral of Saint Joseph on Tues, Mar. 31 at 11 a.m.**

The Chrism Mass is a special celebration in the Archdiocese's liturgical life. Archbishop Christopher Coyne will bless Holy Oils for the coming year. Learn more about it on the parish website: [isidoreandmaria.org/chrism26](https://isidoreandmaria.org/chrism26)



## REGINA'S WRITINGS: BLIP

It sounds simple, but in the real moments of life, choosing life often takes courage.

In her latest column, **M. Regina Cram** shares a deeply personal story from years ago: an ultrasound that seemed to confirm the worst, a technician's quiet determination to keep looking, and the tiny heartbeat that changed everything. Read it now at [isidoreandmaria.org/category/reginas-writings](https://isidoreandmaria.org/category/reginas-writings).

## MAR. 14/15 COLLECTION: CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

The annual collection for **Catholic Relief Services** takes place in our parish Mar. 14 & 15. Donate online at <https://www.igivecatholic.org/story/USCCB-CRS>.



## 2026 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL NOW UNDERWAY

**PARISH GOAL: \$180,000**

The 2026 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. This year's theme is "We Are One," and our parish goal is to raise \$180,000.

If you would like to make a gift today, please visit the parish website: <https://isidoreandmaria.org/aa26>. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## MEN'S RETREAT

The men of SS. Isidore and Maria Parish are invited to a retreat from Mar. 27-29 at the **Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center** in West Hartford from Mar. 27-29. For details: [isidoreandmaria.org/mensretreat26](https://isidoreandmaria.org/mensretreat26)

# 04 PRAYER OFFERINGS

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ACTIVE MILITARY

Major Stephen Blanda, CT Army National Guard  
Connor Blomstrom, U.S. Air Force Pilot  
Lieutenant Colonel Tammy Breiner, U.S. Air Force  
Warrant Officer Aaron Bryant, U.S. Army  
Emma Carbonell, U. S. Navy  
Lt. Commander Bryan Coco, US Navy  
Beau Douglas, 82nd Airborne Division, U.S. Army  
Celia Fajardo, U.S. Air Force  
Lieutenant Brandon Farrell, Navy, USS Gerald R. Ford  
Second Lieutenant Gabe Forthofer, US Air Force  
Kevin Gamache, U.S. Marines  
Chris Gibb, U.S. Army  
Lt. Commander Darius Gittens, U.S. Navy  
Major Michael Hitzer, U.S. Army  
First Lieutenant Peter Kamianowski, U.S. Air Force  
HM3 Madeline Lanzi, U.S. Navy  
Gannon Lynch, U.S. Marines  
Sergeant Mark J. Lord, U.S. Army  
SrA Alexis Maher, U.S. Air Force  
Samuel MacDonald, U.S. Navy  
Lieutenant Colonel Michael Scott Mullin, U.S. Air Force  
1st Lt. John W. Murphy, U.S. Marines  
Ensign Drew Scarfone, U.S. Navy  
Timothy Sullivan, U.S. Air Force  
RCT Jack M. Zaremba, U.S. Marines

*We welcome parishioners to add prayer intentions for any active military member free of charge. Please contact the parish office at 860-633-9419, or [contact@isidoreandmaria.org](mailto:contact@isidoreandmaria.org).*

## PODCAST: INTO THE DESERT

Lent invites us into the desert: a place of honesty and renewal. In this brief but powerful reflection, we explore how life's disruptions and temptations can either erode our peace or lead us back to God. Listen now: [isidoreandmaria.org/podcasts](https://isidoreandmaria.org/podcasts).



## MAR. 19: PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The parish Prayer Shawl Group will meet on Thurs. March 19 from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. in the library of St. Paul Church. Anyone who crochets or knits is encouraged to drop in! We provide the yarn; you provide your talent.



*Scan the QR code for information on Lent and Holy Week Masses, services, and events.*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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



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

## SEPT. 25 - OCT. 4: VISIT SACRED GERMANY

Are you ready for a 10-day pilgrimage to Sacred Germany? Join your spiritual guides, Most Rev. Franz-Peter Tebartz-van Elst and our own Director of Lifelong Faith Formation, Theodore Musco, for this special trip to Bavaria from Sept. 25 - Oct. 4, 2026. Get more details here: [isidoreandmaria.org/sacredgermany26](https://isidoreandmaria.org/sacredgermany26)

## BULLETIN SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT

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## SUBSCRIBE TO PARISH PULSE

Parish Pulse is our weekly e-newsletter, delivered to your e-mail each Thurs. Get ready for the weekend with the latest parish news and events by subscribing today: <https://isidoreandmaria.org/parishpulse>

## BRANCHES ON THE VINE

MAR. 14-MAR. 20, 2026



The 2026 **Connecticut March for Life** is set for **March 18**, with the rally at 11:30 a.m. on the grounds of the Connecticut State Capitol, located at 210 Capitol Ave., Hartford, followed by the march around Bushnell Memorial Park at 12:30 p.m. Learn all about it in the latest edition of **Branches on the Vine** from the **Archdiocese of Hartford**: <https://isidoreandmaria.org/category/branches-on-the-vine>.

### LENTEN RECONCILIATION BY REV. ANTHONY SMITH (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2)

Confessing sin is simply telling the priest your sins and, if possible, the number of times you have committed them. The penitent does not have to add an explanation or offer explicit detail in most cases. Simply confessing the sin is enough. It is important to remember that confession is different from spiritual direction. Confession is a simple act of unloading the conscience of our sins and receiving absolution.

If it has been some time since your last confession, do not let this be an excuse not to come. You may need some time to do a good examination of conscience to prepare, but come. And if you have forgotten the prayers and what you are to say when you begin your confession, just let the priest know, and he will assist you. The important thing is to come and receive God's mercy and God's grace.

### 2026 LENTEN GIVING BENEFITS HOPE MINISTRY!

The 2026 parish **Lenten Giving Program** benefits the parish's **HOPE Ministry**. 6. To learn more or to donate, visit <https://isidoreandmaria.org/lentengiving26>

MAR. 15

### MUSIC FOR WINTER'S END WITH NECC

At 4 p.m., we welcome the **New England Chamber Choir (NECC)** to St. Paul Church. All are welcome. A free-will offering will be collected.

MAR. 16

### LENTEN RECONCILIATION WITH EXPOSITION

Monday Lenten reconciliation with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place at St. Augustine Church on Mar. 9 from 6 - 7 p.m.

MAR. 16

### YOUTH MINISTRY PRAYER NIGHT: CONFESSION

The Youth Ministry Prayer Night at St. Paul Church at 6 p.m. focuses on confession. Learn more: [isidoreandmaria.org/youthconfessions26](https://isidoreandmaria.org/youthconfessions26)

MAR. 18

### LENTEN LONGINGS AFTERNOON SESSION

RENEW'S Lenten Longings is a six-week small group faith-sharing program. Learn more: <https://isidoreandmaria.org/renewmarsh26>.

MAR. 19

### LENTEN SCRIPTURE SERIES

The Lenten Scripture series continues at St. Augustine's at 6:30 p.m. . Learn more: <https://isidoreandmaria.org/lentenscriptures2026>

MAR. 19

### AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The need for donated blood is constant. Appointments available from 1-6 p.m.: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>

MAR. 20

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Come with us at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul Church as we meditate on Jesus's journey to Calvary.

MAR. 21

### MARRIAGE RETREAT DAY

Starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Pastoral Center in Bloomfield. \$60/couple: <https://form.jotform.com/archdioceseofhartford/godchoseyouforme>.

## A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION FOR MEN

On Apr. 8 from 5-8 p.m., First Church Glastonbury is hosting a men's community conversation at Micah House in partnership with Eric Kussin, Founder of **#SameHere Global**, designed specifically for men to reflect, connect, and speak honestly about mental health at the intersection of faith, identity, and lived experience. To register: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDLd7e-T9NczeLp1mAktYrcfJ-da5yWIIJgb9AHTLoVq5o0A/viewform>

## IMMACARE UPDATE

The Parish ImmaCare Ministry thanks all who continue to support efforts to feed and care for Hartford's unhoused neighbors. ImmaCare currently needs short- and long-sleeve T-shirts, hoodies/sweatshirts, white crew and athletic socks, cases of bottled water, and bulk plastic forks and spoons. Donations supplement ImmaCare's outreach program, which provides nourishment to those living on the streets five days a week. Items are picked up on the first Thursday of each month. We also provide ImmaCare dinners twice each month. April dates are as follows:

- Thurs., Apr. 2 – ImmaCare Pickup
- Fri., Apr. 3 – ImmaCare Dinner Night
- Thurs., Apr. 10 - ImmaCare Dinner Night

Volunteers are always needed: [isidoreandmaria.org/immacare](https://isidoreandmaria.org/immacare).

# 06 LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

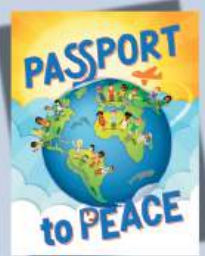
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## PASSPORT TO PEACE 2026 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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 Mon., June 22 - Fri., June 26 between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

The cost is \$40 for one child, or \$60 for a family, with free-will donations being sought for the Glastonbury Food Bank.

Teen and adult volunteers are also needed for this program! For details or to register, visit <http://isidoreandmaria.org/vbs2026>



## MAR. 21: LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION

All adults and teens of the parish are invited to a **Lenten Day of Reflection: The Parable of the Fig Tree and More...** on **Sat., Mar. 21**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at **Saint Augustine Church and Hall**.

The day will include prayer, a presentation, Mass, lunch, and time for discussion and personal reflection. The FREE program will be led by **Very Rev. Joseph R. Gibino, STM, Ph.D., Diocese of Brooklyn Vicar for Evangelization and Catechesis**. Father Gibino is a gifted local, national, and international presenter known for his engaging stories and meaningful insights, especially suited to the Lenten season. Learn more: [isidoreandmaria.org/lentenreflection26](http://isidoreandmaria.org/lentenreflection26)

**Adult Confirmation:** Any adult interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation should contact Mr. Musco at [Ted@isidoreandmaria.org](mailto:Ted@isidoreandmaria.org) or 860-633-9419 by March 25. More info: [isidoreandmaria.org/adultconfirmation26](http://isidoreandmaria.org/adultconfirmation26)

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#### 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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[faith.voswinkel@aohct.org](mailto:faith.voswinkel@aohct.org)

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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKEND MASS

at St. Paul Church  
Sat Vigil | 4 p.m.  
Sun | 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:15 a.m.

#### WEEKDAY MASS

at St. Paul Church  
(unless otherwise noted)  
Mon., Tues., Wed. | 7:30 a.m.  
Thurs. | 7:30 a.m. (at St. Augustine Church during Lent)  
Fri. | 12:15 p.m.

#### RECONCILIATION

Sat | 2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. at St. Paul Church, or by appointment

#### ROSARY

Tues. | 7 p.m. at St. Augustine Church

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