



St. Isidore Catholic Church

3921 20th Street, Columbus, NE, 68601; Phone 402-564-8993

Fax: 402-564-8955; E-Mail Address: isidore@megavision.com
church website: www.saintisidores.com; school website, <http://www.sti.esu7.org/Welcome.html>; and Youth Ministry website, www.saintisidoreyouth.com

Our Mission Statement

“Inspired by the Holy Spirit and nurtured by Christ through the sacraments, we, the parish community of St. Isidore, seek to develop and deepen our relationship with God and each other as we proclaim God’s love for all people. We encourage each other to discover and care for the gifts God has provided us as we share them in service to each other and future generations to come.”

Weekend Mass Times... Saturday 5:30 PM; Sunday 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation.....Saturday 3:30-5:00 PM

Sacrament of Baptism Call the rectory for information.

Sacrament of Marriage Call the rectory for information.

Sacrament of the Sick: Anyone who is seriously ill, or about to undergo major surgery, is encouraged to call the Rectory to schedule a time when they can receive the sacrament. In emergencies, call immediately.

Pastoral and Administrative Staff

Rev. Joseph A. Miksch..... Pastor
Rev. Andrew Roza Sacramental Minister
Mary Peterson Business Administrator
Laurie Hergott Secretary
Rev. Mr. Andy and Carolyn Anderson Deacon Couple
Mary Miksch Parish Religious Education
Virginia Semerad..... Music Ministries
Kevin Ingemansen St. Isidore Principal
Carmen Podolak..... Fr. Price Preschool/Day Care Center
Virgil Tworek-Hofstetter..... Youth Ministry Director

Quilting Ladies Items for Sale: Call 564-6034 or 564-6362.

Television Ministry: Time Warner Cable Channel 13-Monday 1:00 PM; Saturday 4:00 PM and Sunday 9:00 PM.

Simon House Thrift Store: 1853 10th Ave. • 564-8444 • Hours: Mon., Tues., Wed. and Fri. 10:00 AM-5:30 PM ; Thurs. 10:00 AM-6:30 PM and Sat. 10:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Bulletin Submission Deadline: Noon Friday for the following weekend.

Mass Intentions: Call Laurie at 564-8993 Monday or Friday.

Gifts of Treasure

From Dec. 4, 2011

Sunday	-	\$18,872.63
Children's	-	\$ 96.63
Maintenance	-	\$ 10.00



Mass Intentions

Monday, Dec. 12

8:10 AM † Don Torczon

Tuesday, Dec. 13

8:10 AM † Emil Staroscik

Wednesday, Dec. 14

8:10 AM † Clara Warnick

Thursday, Dec. 15

8:10 AM † Jason Placzek

Friday, Dec. 16

8:10 AM † Cecilia Czarnick

3 PM (Golden Living Center)

† Vernie Sokol

Saturday, Dec. 17

8:10 AM † Howard Kelly

5:30 PM L/D members of the

Harold & Cindy

Lloyd Family

Sunday, Dec. 18

7 AM Our Parishioners

9 AM † Charlotte & Joe

Cremers

11 AM † Joe Svehla



Dec. 11-18 readings

Sunday: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47

Tuesday: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday: Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Luke 7:18b-23

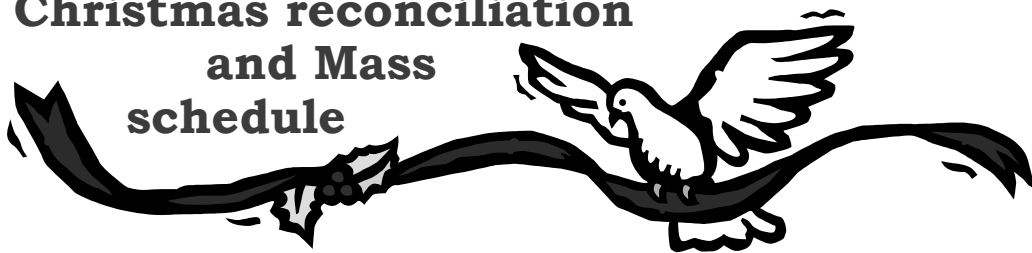
Thursday: Isaiah 54:1-10; Luke 7:24-30

Friday: Isaiah 56:1-3a, 6-8; John 5:33-36

Saturday: Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17

Next Sunday: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

Christmas reconciliation and Mass schedule



Communal Services are:

- * Sun., Dec. 18, 7 PM, St. Anthony Church;
- * Mon., Dec. 19, 7 PM, St. Isidore Church; and
- * Tues., Dec. 20, 7 PM, St. Bonaventure Church.

Other reconciliation opportunities at St. Isidore Church are:

- * Mon., Dec. 19, 9-10 AM;
- * Tues., Dec. 20, 3:30-5 PM;
- * Wed., Dec. 21, 4-5 PM & 7-8 PM;
- * Thurs., Dec. 22, 7-8 AM, 4-5 PM & 7-8 PM;
- * Fri., Dec. 23, 11:30 AM-1 PM, 4:30-6 PM & 7-8 PM; and
- * Sat., Dec. 24, 10-11:30 AM.

Christmas Masses will be offered Christmas Eve Sat., Dec. 24, at 5 PM and 7 PM; and Christmas Day Sun., Dec. 25, at Midnight, 8 AM and 10 AM. *NOTE:* The New Year's weekend will follow the regular weekend Mass schedule, with Mass at 5:30 PM Sat., Dec. 31; and 7 AM, 9 AM and 11 AM Sun., Jan. 1, 2012.

Raffle prizes need to be picked up

The following people still have KC raffle prizes to pick up in the church office: Bob Zegar, Jeff Johnson, Coleman Bieber, William Policky, Bob Dierman, Doug and Joan Gubbels, Marv Styskal, Steve Sueper, Jeremy Preister, Gary Speicker, Gene Dohmen, Dale Hegeman, Anthony Szatko and Iola Wertz.

Outbreak reaching epidemic levels

Be on the alert for symptoms of the Advent Virus: Inner Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. The hearts of a great many have already been exposed to this virus and it is possible that people everywhere could come down with it in epidemic proportions. This could pose a serious threat to what has, up to now, been a fairly stable condition of conflict in the world.

Some signs and symptoms of The Advent Virus:

- A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experiences.
- An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.
- A loss of interest in judging other people.
- A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.
- A loss of interest in conflict.
- A loss of the ability to worry. (This is a very serious symptom.)
- Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation.
- Contented feelings of connectedness with others and nature.
- Frequent attacks of smiling.
- An increasing tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.
- An increased susceptibility to the love extended by others as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it.

Please warn all your friends and family members. Be safe, and be blessed!

Lunches for Dec. 12-16

Milk, water, butter or jelly sandwich, lettuce, baby carrots, fruit and vegetable served daily. Menu subject to change due to funeral or availability.

Monday: Cheese-and-meat nachos and tater tots.

Tuesday: Chicken patty in a bun and fries.

Wednesday: Breakfast sandwich and tater tots.

Thursday: Cheese pizza.

Friday: Cooks' Choice.

Save tabs, tops, labels, hats

St. Isidore School collects Godfather's Pizza fedoras (medium, large and jumbo boxes), beverage can tabs, Super Saver and Joe and Al's Grocery receipts, box tops and labels to earn money for the school and Ronald McDonald House. Leave items at the school during the week or in the containers provided at the Religious Articles Counter in the narthex.

Gift baskets again offered

St. Isidore Human Needs will again provide Christmas food baskets to parishioners. To be placed on the list for delivery, contact the church office at 402-564-8993 Mon.-Fri., 8:30 AM-5 PM by Wed., Dec. 21.

A Glance at the Week

Sunday, Dec. 11

Compassionate Friends, see Page 5.

Monday, Dec. 12

Spanish Adoration, chapel, 9 AM.

Wednesday, Dec. 14

PRE, school, 6:30 PM.

Youth Ministry, convent, 7 PM.

Thursday, Dec. 15

Pro-life Holy Hour, chapel, 2 PM.

Friday, Dec. 16

Divine Mercy Chaplet in song, church, 12:15 PM.

Sunday, Dec. 18

Secular Franciscans, convent, 2 PM.

Youth Ministry, convent, 7 PM.

Musicians for Dec. 17-18

M. Albracht, R. Bose, J. Sonderman, D. Ernesti, C. Zoucha, K. Korte, C. Pryzmus, T. Schumacher, Reiners and V. Semerad are slated to lead music this weekend. Cantor practices are Wednesday evening in the choir room. The Children's Choir practices Tuesday in the choir room 3:30-4:30 PM.

Youth Ministry News

St. Isidore Youth Group meets Wed., Dec. 14, 7 PM, in CHS Cafeteria. Call Virgil at 402-270-2162 for details or visit the website at www.saintisidoreyouth.com.

One-word T-shirts make great Christmas gifts and can still be ordered after each Mass this weekend for delivery Dec. 18!

High school students interested in Youth Mission 2012 should call Virgil at 402-564-3522 or 402-270-2162. Sites are Kokomo, IN, July 15-21; and Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, SD; Cortez, CO; or Winnebago, NE, July 22-28.

Preschool registration open

Fr. Price Preschool is accepting registrations for the 2012-2013 school year. To reserve a spot, sign up at the preschool and pay the \$25 nonrefundable fee. Classes are filling up fast! Call Carmen at 402-563-2305 days for information.

Office has great gift ideas

For this holiday season, may we suggest a copy of "Fantastic Vocation" by Fr. Joseph A. Miksch, \$21; a parish cookbook, \$10; a pictorial directory, \$5; a Catholic Youth Bible, \$19 or \$26; a Mother's Love prayer book, \$12 or \$15; a "Devotion to the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ" with beads, \$10; and HyVee coupon books, a fundraiser for the St. Isidore Ministry, \$5 each.

Old church pews for sale

Anyone interested in owning a piece of St. Isidore history can buy a pew from the old sanctuary. Steve Maguire has some on hand he bought at the St. Isidore auction, but his plan for them fell through. If you want to buy a church pew, call Steve at 402-367-7979.

Holiday bulletin deadlines

Bulletin items for Dec. 25 must be submitted to the church office by Noon Wed., Dec. 14; and for Jan. 1, 2012, Noon Mon., Dec. 19.

Local Events

- “The Word Among Us” Faith Sharing Group, Mondays, Picket Fence, 9:30 AM; Kathryn , 402-564-8657; Lori, 402-563-3525.
- Prize-A-Day Calendar St. Bonaventure Church fundraiser; \$50 per calendar with limited quantity available; prizes awarded daily throughout 2012; 402-564-7151, 402-564-8052.
- Christmas at Christ Lutheran CD; features Christ Lutheran Adult Choir; \$15/each; 402-564-3531.
- CDA Court Little Flower #988, Mon., Dec. 12, 6:30 PM, KC Hall; Priest/Deacon Appreciation dinner; bring covered dish, salad, dessert, bread, table service, 3 doz. Cookies or candies for Dime-A-Time sale; Christmas music provided by Scotus Singers.
- Polka Mass, Sat., Dec. 31, 5:30 PM, St. Anthony Church; Polish Kolendy starts at 5 PM.
- “Devoted: God and His People to Deliverance” conference, Jan. 21-22, 2012, Wunderlich’s; Fr. Rodney Kenifl, featured speaker; early registration required with \$31 for meals due by Jan. 14; free will offering at the conference to offset expenses; details available in the church office or by contacting the Servants of the Heart of the Father, 402-246-9219, sothotf@aol.com, www.sothotf.org.

Area Events

- Father Flanagan’s Irish Christmas, Boys Town, Omaha; for tours and times, 402-498-1140, 800-625-1400; www.boystown.org/Discover.
- Christmas on the Hill, Sun., Dec. 11, St. Benedict Center, Schuyler; 402-352-8819; craft show and exhibit, 10 AM-7 PM; and gift store, 1-3 PM.
- Concert with Remedy Drive, a Christian rock band, Sat., Jan. 7, 2012, Lutheran Church of the Master, Elkhorn; doors open, 6 PM; show starts, 7 PM; \$10/ticket, call 402-333-4444.
- Grade 8 Scholarship entrance exam at Mount Michael Benedictine School for young men, Sat., Jan. 14, 2012, 9 AM; Grades 6-7 practice exam, Sat., Jan. 21, 2012, 9 AM; for details and registration, contact Eric Crawford, 402-253-0946, ecrawford@mountmichael.org or www.mountmichael.com.
- Discernment Retreat I, Jan. 27-29, 2012, Saint Benedict Center, Schuyler; \$60 (lunch, room extra); 402-352-8819; www.StBenedictCenter.com.
- “In the Beginning: Human Love in the Divine Plan” with Damon Owens; 5:30 PM Mass, followed by candlelight dinner presentation; Thurs., Feb. 9, 2012, Christ the King, Omaha; and Fri., Feb. 10, 2012, Sacred Heart, Norfolk; \$50/couple; registration deadline, Mon., Feb. 6; Robin Laird, ralaird@archomaha.org, 402-551-9003.

Children offer time, talent

Jesus however called the infants to Him. "Let the little children come to me," He said; "do not hinder them; for it is to those who are childlike that the Kingdom of God belongs"

- Luke 18:16

Made a gift for my sister—**Logan J.**; piano—**Camden**; praying and hunting—**Preston**; and helping around the house and in other places, reading to brother and praying—**Landen**. Gifts of treasure also were given by **Wyatt, Sidney, Braeden, Morgan** and two anonymously.

Calling EMHCs to go forth

Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion are needed to minister to the Catholic brothers and sisters at Meridian Gardens in Columbus. As a team member, you will visit these faith-filled people once every five weeks on a rotating schedule. Call Laurie at 402-564-8893 to say, “YES,” to this rewarding and vital ministry.

Shopping made easier

Scrip is an on-going fundraiser that requires little or no extra effort or money to support. It’s a great for planning parties, dinners and gift-giving. Scrip certificates also make great Christmas gifts in themselves. When you buy scrip in the school office weekdays 7:45 AM-4 PM; or in the church narthex after Masses Saturday evening and 9 AM and 11 AM Sunday, you support St. Isidore School automatically. Looking for something special for the holidays? Talk with Lynn in the school office about placing orders for retailers not usually on hand or large dollar amounts before 3 PM Fri., Dec. 16. Orders placed on Dec. 16 should be available to pick up in the church office on Wed., Dec. 21, for Christmas. **Vendor update:** Scrip is now available for Taco Bell and Dominoes Pizza. And don’t forget there’s Casey’s and Aeropostale scrip on hand, along with several other retailers.

Are you missing a rosary?

Anyone that’s left a rosary to be repaired and not been contacted should call 402-564-0274. Several rosaries have been repaired, but have no contact information attached.

Accountability vital in all ministries

And ushering is no exception! The church staff has heard ushers aren't showing up to serve, particularly at the Saturday 5:30 PM Mass. Please, if you are scheduled and can't serve, find a replacement; or if you don't want to serve, call the office to be removed from the master list AND recruit new ushers, readers, greeters, servers, whatever the ministry may be.

Compassionate Friends Night of Remembrance

For all parents that have lost a child, on Sun.,

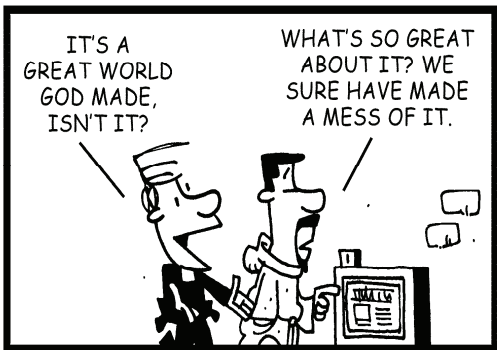
Dec. 11, at 7 PM, St. Isidore Church

Please arrive no later than 6:45 PM, and bring a candle with container, and picture or special remembrance to display. Siblings, grandparents, friends, etc., are welcome, but please, no young children.

For information, call Traci at 402-910-4121.



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Dec. 17-18 Liturgical Roles

Saturday, Dec. 17, 5:30 PM

Greeters:

P. Laudenklos, L. Hogelin

Ushers: C. Shemek, K. Vetick, B. Miksch, G. Jazwick

Reader: B. Dierman

EMHCs: A. Schumacher, B. Sprunk, R. Suhr, M. Fehr, C. Schumacher

Servers: A./V. Sprunk, A. Wendt, K. Peterson

Sunday, Dec. 18, 7 AM

Greeters: M./R. Goc

Ushers: W. Babel, A. Placzek, L. Pokorny, J. Donoghue

Reader: S. Steffensmeier

EMHCs: E./J. Rosenthal, G. Jochum

Servers: J. Sprunk, R. Bonk, S. Donnelly, M. Neville

Sunday, Dec. 18, 9 AM

Greeters: E./J. Jakub

Ushers: E. Beller, D. Wagner, B. McPhillips, R. Torczon

Reader: J. Nosal

EMHCs: D./J. Thompson, J./E. Jakub, L. Torczon

Servers: H. Menke, R. Miksch, E. Goc, M. Kerkman

Sunday, Dec. 18, 11 AM

Greeters: B./J. Krause

Ushers: E. Harms, D. Rief, J. Feldhaus, D. Adkisson

Reader: H. Lange

EMHCs: R. Zoucha, D. Olmer, S./K. Rinkol, D. Gubbels

Servers: D. Rinkol, C. Korth, F. Pryzmus, C. Hedba

Respectful Dress Requested

Remember...

Clothes reflect attitude and attitude dictates behavior.

Ministry Phone Numbers

Rev. Joseph Miksch	564-8993
Rev. Andrew Roza	564-7151
St. Isidore School	564-2604
Fr. Price Preschool/Child Care Center	563-2305
Music Ministries	562-7220
Parish Religious Education	246-5455
Youth Ministry.....	564-3522 or 270-2162
Scotus Central Catholic Jr./Sr. High School	564-7165
Prayer Line	564-8762 or 564-8778
Catholic Charities	563-3833
Hispanic Ministry	564-7151
For Nationwide Mass Times and Locations 1-410-676-6000 or visit on-line at Masstimes.org	

