



St. Isidore Catholic Church

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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. 11, 2011, will be published in the Dec. 25, 2011, bulletin.

Mass Intentions

Monday, Dec. 19

8:10 AM † Charles Kosinski
& Frank Schwartz

Tuesday, Dec. 20

8:10 AM † Kathy Marsh

Wednesday, Dec. 21

8:10 AM † Don Nienaber

Thursday, Dec. 22

8:10 AM † Mary Todd

Friday, Dec. 23

8:10 AM † Ryan Jablonski
3 PM (Golden Living Center)
† Walter Spies

Saturday, Dec. 24

8:10 AM † Leo Van Dyke
5 PM Children around the world
7 PM Those that donated to Christmas flowers and decorations

Sunday, Dec. 25

Midnight Those members that died this past year
8 AM Our Parishioners
10 AM All priests, religious and seminarians

Dec. 18-25 readings

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

Monday: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25

Tuesday: Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday: Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56

Friday: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66

Saturday: Morning: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Luke 1:67-79

Next Sunday: Vigil: Isaiah 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25.

Midnight: Isaiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14. **Dawn:** Isaiah 62:11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20. **Day:** Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

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.

Office closed for Christmas, New Year's

The St. Isidore Church Office will be closed Mon., Dec. 26, for the Christmas holiday; and Mon., Jan. 2, 2012, for the New Year's holiday. The staff prays you all have a blessed and safe holiday season.

Welcome to the St. Isidore Parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism

Jackson Douglas Bloebaum, infant child of Jeffrey and Ashley Bloebaum of Omaha

Alivia Lou Jakubowski, infant child of Randy and Jennifer Jakubowski of Columbus

Something new for holiday 'baskets'

The St. Isidore Human Needs committee is changing the holiday gift baskets slightly. This year, envelopes replace ornaments on the giving wreath in the narthex. These envelopes are for donations of cash or grocery or gas scrip cards that St. Isidore Human Needs will give at Christmas and throughout the year as Fr. Joe sees fit for those in need. Small donations of baked goods or fresh fruit will still be accepted for distribution and may be brought to the church office by 5 PM Wed., Dec. 21. If you have any questions, please call Laurie at the church office, 402-564-8993, Monday/Wednesday/Friday. Family names can still be submitted for Christmas by Wednesday, also.

Lunches for Dec. 19-23

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

Monday: Hot dog and fries.

Tuesday: Hamburger and fries.

Wednesday through Jan. 4, 2012: No School; Christmas break; be safe and blessed and we'll see you all next year!

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.

Old church pews available

Call Steve Maguire if you are interested in owning a pew from the old St. Isidore Church sanctuary. Maguire said his plans for the pews, which he bought at our auction, fell through. Call him at 402-367-7979.

Jan. 1 last deadline change

Bulletin items for the Jan. 1, 2012, bulletin must be submitted to the church office by Noon Mon., Dec. 19.

A Glance at the Week

Sunday, Dec. 18

Secular Franciscans, convent, 2 PM.

Youth Mission 2012, convent, 7 PM.

Monday, Dec. 19

Spanish Adoration, chapel, 9 AM.

Wednesday, Dec. 21

NO PRE; Christmas Break.

NO Youth Ministry: Christmas Break.

Thursday, Dec. 22

Pro-life Holy Hour, chapel, 2 PM.

Friday, Dec. 23

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

Musicians for Dec. 24-25

The Children/Youth Choir, Young Adult Choir, Adult Choir, C. Zoucha, J. Sonderman, P. Stuthman and A. Seiler are slated to lead music this holiday 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

High school students interested in Youth Mission 2012 and parents: Plan to attend the meeting Sun., Dec. 18, 7 PM, in the St. Isidore Convent. Sites are Kokomo, IN, July 15-21; and Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, SD; Cortez, CO; or Winnebago, NE, July 22-28. If you are unable to attend and want more details, call Virgil at 402-564-3522 or 402-270-2162.

Collision (St. Isidore Youth Group) resumes its weekly meetings Wed., Jan. 4, 2012, 7 PM, in CHS Cafeteria. Call Virgil at 402-270-2162 for information.

College students and high school seniors and juniors are invited to live a Teens Encounter Christ weekend Jan. 14-16 and April 14-16 in Omaha; March 17-19 in Crofton; or July 21-23 at Tintern Retreat Center near Oakdale. Call Virgil at 402-270-2162 for information.

T-TH preschool has openings

Fr. Price Preschool still has openings in the Tues.-Thurs. classes for 3-year-olds. To reserve a spot for 2012-2013, sign up at the preschool and pay the \$25 nonrefundable fee. Call Carmen at 402-563-2305 days for information.

Cars brighten kids' lives

Cars 4 Toys, a non-profit charity, uses vehicle donations to provide toys to children in hospitals battling serious illness. To donate a vehicle in any condition, contact 1-855-227-7486 (toll-free) or Cars4Toys.org. Mention this bulletin announcement and St. Isidore Church gets 10 percent of the vehicle proceeds. All donations qualify for a minimum \$500 tax deduction.

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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Southern Germany, Switzerland and Austria pilgrimage, April 23-May 3, 2012; \$2,798 each; Fr. Dan Guenther, frdanic@cablone.net, 712-276-4821.
- Holy Land pilgrimage, April 29-May 10, 2012; \$3,150 each/double occupancy; St. Vincent de Paul Church, Seward, 402-643-3421 8 AM-4 PM Mon.-Fri.
- Fatima and Lourdes pilgrimage, May 7-17, 2012; \$2,795 each; Fr. John Vakulskas, 712-754-3311; johnvakulskas@gmail.com.

Church office to sell scrip

Scrip is an on-going fundraiser that requires little or no extra effort or money to support. It’s a great for planning events and gift-giving. Scrip certificates also make great Christmas gifts in themselves. **During the school Christmas break beginning at Noon Wed., Dec. 21**, you can buy scrip in the church office weekdays 8:30 AM-5 PM; or in the church narthex after Masses Saturday evening and 9 AM and 11 AM Sunday. When buying scrip, you support St. Isidore School automatically. NOTE: Scrip will not be available Christmas weekend, Dec. 24-25.

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.

Tours of Cathedral available

Looking for a Christmas break activity for the family? Free group tours of St. Cecilia Cathedral in Omaha are available Tuesdays through Fridays from 1-4 PM. For details call Kathy White at 402-551-4888.

Registration, more on line

St. Isidore’s website features include an on-line registration form. Parishioners can also update personal information at www.saintisidores.com, or call the church office at 402-564-8993.

Shop with Quilters for handmade Christmas items

The St. Isidore Quilting Guild has several items for sale, such as baby quilts and embroidered tea towels, baby bibs and burp cloths. Visit the Religious Articles Counter in the church narthex for hand-made items for sale; or call 564-6362 or 564-6034.

All invited to set holiday environment

Members of the St. Isidore family are invited to help set the church environment for Christmas Fri., Dec. 23, at 1:30 PM. This is a great opportunity for students to get church service hours for Scotus or confirmation. NOTE: Students, you must be accompanied by an adult.

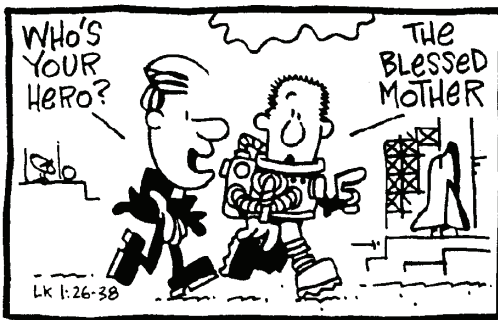
Caution urged with winter conditions Members should help each other get to Mass

Winter has arrived, with its cold winds, ice and snow. While every effort will be made to clear the parking lot and sidewalks around the St. Isidore buildings, all parishioners are urged to use extreme caution when coming to Mass and school. Members: Please leave the parking spaces closest to the building for our elderly and unsteady. And when you see a fellow member struggling to get into Mass, offer to help—we're sure the gentleman with the cane or the mom trying to get her kids in the door and settled would appreciate it. NOTE: The elderly and those unsure on their feet are welcome to stay home and watch the Mass on television, as the weather excuses their obligation to attend church Mass.

Accountability important 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. We also suggest that if you are no longer wish to serve, you help recruit new ministers.

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

December 24-25, 2011,

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, Dec. 24, 5 PM

Greeters: J./J. Paprocki
Ushers: C. Wozny, B. Ebner, G. Dohmen, L. Dohmen

Reader: L. Hergott

EMHCs: T./K. Shemek, T. Hergott, L. Baumgart, J. Zimmerman,

Servers: W. Sonderman, C. Zimmerman, H. Smith, M. Armstrong

Saturday, Dec. 24, 7 PM

Greeters: E. Muhsman, B. Hausman

Reader: T. Zabawa

EMHCs: G. Preister, S. Wieser, T. Salyard, B./B. Powers

Servers: S. Kwapnioski, N. Dolezal, N. Donoghue

Sunday, Dec. 25, Midnight

Greeters: T./J. Jarecke, D. Bohaboj

Ushers: Ron Miksch, B. Moran

Reader: J. Pillen

EMHCs: M./J. Konsel, F. Keller, A. Heusinkvelt

Servers: K. Johnson, C. Newman, C./G. Groene

Sunday, Dec. 25, 8 AM

Greeters: R./K. Schaecher

Ushers: R. Hanus, L. Reimers, N. Kucera, J. Vaughn

Reader: T. Stuthman

EMHCs: H. Hughes, D. Wessel, P./L. Raitt, T. Stuthman

Servers: A. Starzec, D. Smith, B. Stuthman

Sunday, Dec. 25, 10 AM

Greeters: M. Kluever, R. Lindhorst

Ushers: P. Jazwick, B. Zegar, R. Iwansky, E. Bonk

Reader: C. Beerbohm

EMHCs: K. Jackson, S. Hoge, S. Stutzman, J. Kucera, L. Zuerlein

Servers: J. Kumpf, S. Riley, N. Raimondo, J. Lovell

