



St. Isidore Catholic Church

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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 ReconciliationSaturday 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 Nov. 20, 2011

Sunday	-	\$13,334.02
Children's	-	\$ 78.52
Maintenance	-	\$ 360.00
CCC	-	\$ 1,315.00

From Nov. 27, 2011

Sunday	-	\$14,622.00
Children's	-	\$ 77.00
Maintenance	-	\$ 210.00
Thanksgiving	-	\$ 1,648.00

Mass Intentions

Monday, Dec. 5

8:10 AM † John Coffey

Tuesday, Dec. 6

8:10 AM † Paul & Bernadette
Conkel Family

Wednesday, Dec. 7

8:10 AM Special Intentions
(D.V.)

7 PM † Fritz & Peg Hoppe

Thursday, the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Dec. 8

6:30 AM Our Parishioners

8:10 AM L/D members of the
Jim & Mary Ann
Vanderloop Family

5:30 PM † Davida Ciecior

Friday, Dec. 9

8:10 AM † Joe Mausbach

3 PM (Golden Living Center)

† Leonard & Lucille
Simanek

Saturday, Dec. 10

8:10 AM † Bertha Zimmerer

5:30 PM † William Sprunk Jr.

Sunday, Dec. 11

7 AM Our Parishioners

9 AM † Josephine Bernt

11 AM † Preston Bridger

Dec. 4-11 readings

Sunday: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2
Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

Monday: Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke
5:17-26

Tuesday: Isaiah 40:1-11;
Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday: Isaiah 40:25-31;
Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday: Genesis 3:9-15, 20;
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke
1:26-38

Friday: Isaiah 48:17-19;
Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-
11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

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

Conception celebrated Thursday

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Thurs., Dec. 8. Mass times for this holy day of obligation are Wed., Dec. 7, 7 PM; and Thurs., Dec. 8, 6:30 AM, 8:10 AM and 5:30 PM, all in St. Isidore Church. **NOTE:** *The ministry schedule recently mailed is incorrect. The holy day Mass times are as listed above. Readers of the Word, servers, EMHCs, greeters and ushers should plan accordingly. We apologize for the confusion.*



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

Ian Adolph Drummond, infant child of Dwayne and Casey Drummond of Columbus

Josie Kathryn Muhsman, infant child of Bryan and Erica Muhsman of Columbus

Easton Robert Noonan, infant child of Christopher and Jennifer Noonan of Columbus

Parish at 55% of annual appeal goal

As of last Monday, 204 St. Isidore parishioners have donated \$31,955 to the Annual Archdiocesan Appeal. This is 55.2% of the \$57,856 goal set for St. Isidore parish by the Archdiocese of Omaha given by only 16% of the parish population of nearly 1,300 families. We can meet this goal! These funds often return to our parish in a variety of ways, such as school scholarships; and support diocesan programs, such as those for our retired priests.

Keep neighborhood clean by bagging

Recently, the St. Isidore Church office received complaints about the cans littering the streets around the convent as the strong winds blew. Not only does the **recycler ask that all aluminum drink cans be in bags**, it is vital that we keep our neighborhood clean. Bagged cans are to be placed in the can bin on the south side of the convent garage. Please, *aluminum drink cans only*. While cans should be bagged, the load will still be rejected if it contains plastic bottles and other plastic products. There is a trash receptacle provided by the garage for plastic and other refuse. Also, *no tin cans, such as soup and tuna cans are allowed*.

All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast

Sponsored by St. Isidore Knights of Columbus Council 12086
Sun., Dec. 4, 7:30 AM-11 AM,
in the school cafeteria.
\$6 per adult and \$2 per child.

Lunches for Dec. 5-9

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

Monday: Barbecue pork in a homemade bun and fries.

Tuesday: Chicken and noodles.

Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy, frittata, sausage and tater tots.

Thursday: Chili soup, cinnamon roll and ham-and-cheese sandwich.

Friday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and skillet gravy.

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. 4

KC Breakfast, see Page 2.

Monday, Dec. 5

Spanish Adoration, chapel, 9 AM.

Tuesday, Dec. 6

St. Isidore School Grade 2 First Reconciliation, church, 7 PM.

Wednesday, Dec. 7

PRE, school, 6:30 PM.

Youth Group, caroling and Christmas party.

Thursday, Dec. 8

Pro-life Holy Hour, chapel, 2 PM.

Friday, Dec. 8

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

Sunday, Dec. 11

Compassionate Friends, see Page 5.

Musicians for holy day Dec. 7-8 and weekend of 10-11

PRE Singers, D. Ernesti, J. Sonderman, M. Albracht and J. Pauley are slated to lead music for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary; and S. Spenceri, L. Walker, A. Seiler, S. Schefus, D. Ernesti, Cernys, C. Preister, the Adult Choir, V. Semerad and K. Nosal, Dec. 10-11. 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 Caroling and Christmas Party is Wed., Dec. 7, 7 PM. Call Virgil at 402-270-2162 for details or visit the website at www.saintisidoreyouth.com.

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.

One-word T-shirts can be ordered from any Youth Mission member or by calling Virgil at 402-564-3522 or 402-270-2162. Stop by the tables in the narthex to buy one of these popular Christian shirts after each Mass Dec. 3-4.

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, so space is limited. 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.

Deadlines through December

Bulletin items for Dec. 18 must be submitted to the church office by Noon Wed., Dec. 7; for Dec. 25, 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.
- Columbus Area Right to Life Bake & Craft Sale, Sat., Dec. 10, 9 AM-2 PM, US 30 Center Mall; donations of crafts or baked items may be brought after 8:30 AM.
- 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.

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, through Dec. 11, St. Benedict Center, Schuyler; 402-352-8819; craft show and exhibit, Monday-Friday, 2-6:30 PM/Saturday-Sunday, 10 AM-7 PM; gift store, Monday-Friday, 10 AM-4 PM/Saturday, 9:30-10:45 AM & 1-4 PM/Sunday, 1-3 PM.
- O Come O Come Emmanuel women’s Advent retreat, Sat., Dec. 10, Immaculata Monastery, Norfolk; 9 AM-1 PM; \$25; 402-371-3438.
- 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@cableone.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.

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

Help clean and help with Layne and Bo—**Jaden**; help clean my room—**Karli**; picking up leaves, singing in choir and going to Taekwondo—**Rebekah**; and helped set up for football party and played catch—**Josh**. Gifts of treasure also were given by **Rachel** and **Morgan**.

Congratulations to...

Floyd Niedbalski, winner of the St. Isidore Booster Club November drawing for \$180!

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.

Perpetual fundraiser makes Christmas shopping easier

Scrip is a perpetual fundraiser that requires little or no extra effort or money to support. It’s a great tool for planning parties, dinners and gift-giving. Scrip certificates also make great Christmas gifts in themselves, especially for those hard-to-buy-for folks. 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, among others.



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.



Dec. 7-8, 10-11 Liturgical Roles

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 7 PM

Greeters: N./L. Ciecior
Ushers: R. Iwansky, E. Bonk, W. Babel, C. Wozny
Reader: R. Perault
EMHCs: N./L. Ciecior, S. Wieser, L. Sleddens, A. Heusinkvelt
Servers: PRE students

Thursday, Dec. 8, 6:30 AM

Greeters: D. Bohaboj, A. Staroscik-Chleboun
Ushers: C. Vetick, A. Placzek, L. Pokorny, B. Belina
Reader: J. Ebner
EMHCs: D./M. Hegemann, F. Keller
Servers: N. Donoghue, C. Newman, K. Johnson, S. Kwapnioski

Thursday, Dec. 8, 5:30 PM

Greeters: R./M. Rinkol
Ushers: G. Dohmen, P. Jazwick, B. Zegar, R. Hanus
Reader: A. Spenner
EMHCs: T./K. Shemek, T. Salyard, J. Johnson, K. Johnson
Servers: E. Hoppe, K. Tonniges, A. Heusinkvelt, A. Reinke

Saturday, Dec. 10, 5:30 PM

Greeters: W./B. Bernt
Ushers: W. Bernt, L. Dohmen, B. Ebner, W. Schrad
Reader: M. Beller
EMHCs: B. Beller, D. Lux, H. Smith, J. Bulkley, M./J. Gearhart, M. Birkel, K. Jackson, N. Preister, P. Pandorf, S. Stutzman
Servers: A. Perault, A. Beiermann, M./T. Halligan

Sunday, Dec. 11, 7 AM

Greeters: P./J. Zuerlein
Ushers: J. Donoghue, R. Miksch, B. Moran, B. Belina
Reader: T. Engel
EMHCs: S. Beiermann, R. Blaser, J. Gokie, B. Hergott, J. Svehla, C. McPhillips
Servers: D. Sprunk, E. Bock, C./G. Groene

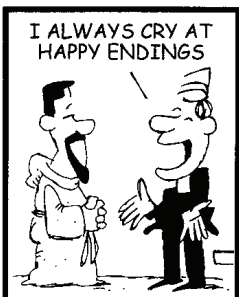
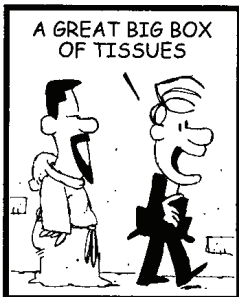
Sunday, Dec. 11, 9 AM

Greeters: R./K. Reisdorff
Ushers: R. Reisdorff, L. Reimers, N. Kucera, J. Vaughn
Reader: L. Baumgart
EMHCs: T. Stuthman, M. Evans, T./L. Hergott, N./M. Krzycki, B. Swedenburg, H. Broxterman, L./T. Thalken, L. Zuerlein
Servers: J. Hergott, C. Menke, D. Sprunk, L. Mullinix

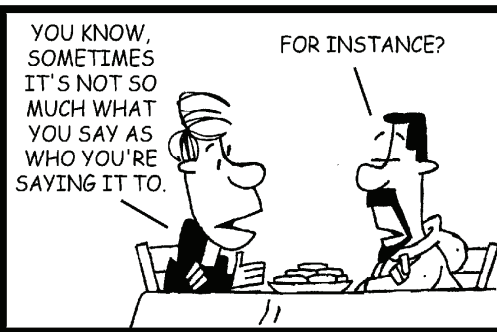
Sunday, Dec. 11, 11 AM

Greeters: E. Muhsman, B. Hausman
Ushers: D. Adkisson, A. Niedbalski, R. Schmidt, T. Palensky
Reader: D. Mroczek
EMHCs: T. Niedbalski, D. Gdowski, J./M. Feldhaus, S. Hoge, J. Kucera, D./N. Schmitt, B. Heusinkvelt, S. Pillen, F. Steffensmeier
Servers: B. Podolak, M./A. Wemhoff, A. Jakubowski

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



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	