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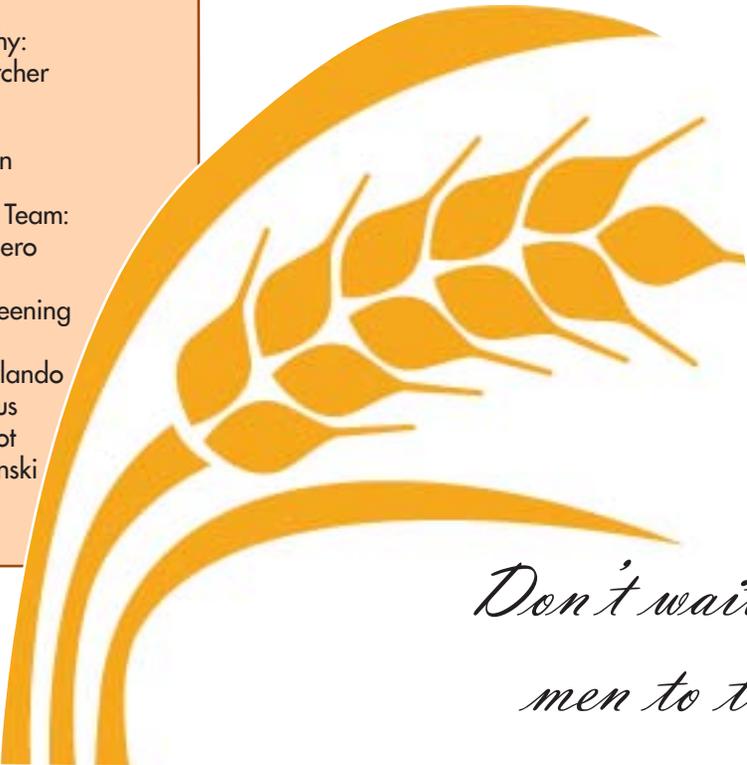
One of our recurring parish goals is to increase communication among all of the various parts of our parish. The weekly bulletin and the Harvester are our major channels of communication.

We publish three issues of the Harvester over the course of a year. In recent years we have inserted the Harvester in the Sunday bulletin. This was done to keep our publishing and distribution costs reasonable. The drawback, though, is that folks who don't take a bulletin as they are leaving church and those who are not here every weekend miss out on the news and articles that we include in the Harvester. The information and communication that we hoped would happen was not happening.

Beginning with this issue, we are mailing the Harvester to each household in the parish. Please take the time to read it. Whether you are regular in attending Sunday Mass or are only with us for the holidays, we hope that the Harvester helps you feel connected to our parish and aware of the many different things that are happening here. With a parish as large as we are, we want to take advantage of every opportunity to establish connections among each other. We have much to offer in living our lives as a community of disciples of the Lord Jesus. Our St. Isidore Harvester is both a channel of communication and an outreach to those who are always welcome to return.

We invite each of our parishioners to support the mission of our parish with your presence, your involvement in a ministry and in the financial stewardship of your gifts. May God continue to bless us with all that we need, and more.

Father Jim Murphy
Pastor



*Don't wait for six strong
men to take you to church.*

A symbol is a sign of an identity – “an authoritative summary of faith or doctrine”
(According to dear ole Webster)

Ecumenical Challenge

Can you match the following symbols with their religion?



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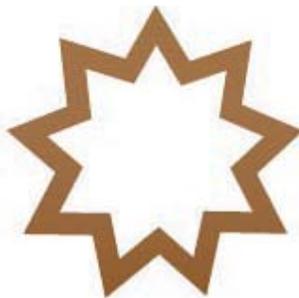
5. _____



6. _____



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8. _____



9. _____

match to
symbol

Baha'i

Sikhism

Shinto

Hinduism

Buddhism

Jainism

Christianity

Islamism

Judaism



Operation? Scapel? Sponge?

By Angela Orlando
Photo by Bill Archer

The Operations Crew at St. Isidore Parish is busier than a One Armed Paper Hanger with pliers, plungers, plowing and prevention, not the sterile operating room.

All outside maintenance is handled by the three full-time staff members. The parking lot and walkways are plowed, shoveled, and salted all winter long often beginning before 5:30 a.m. The chapel and church are vacuumed, swept and mopped all year long (you'd notice if it wasn't done). Repairs on buildings? Electrical? Sure, they change fixtures, and repair broken appliances. And more: plugged drains and toilets, they handle that. Scrubbing and waxing the floors, washing windows, changing filters on the several HVAC systems along with minor repairs are all handled in house.

They've moved walls in the Parish Office, hung doors and moved furniture. Oh, they also rearrange furniture every couple of years when reassignments give us new priests or remove our seasoned vicars. That's just part of the job—the rectory is off-site so it's a back and forth job as well. The Rectory gets the same attention as the campus buildings.

Art and Environment (A&E) changes the seasonal banners, puts up Christmas trees, and removes environmental enhancements according to the seasons. The Ministry Center becomes a church several times a year when they move altars and set up chairs for Christmas and Easter celebrations before A&E can bring in other environmental aids.

When the grass begins to grow in the spring, they're out there cutting and trimming as well. That includes maintaining the Cemetery and the Columbarium. This summer, they're working with the crew replacing drafty windows and then painting classrooms in the school building. Besides that, they work through the teachers' wish lists of improvements which are all handled during the summer "shut down." (Not their shut down!)

All of this work is done by three full-time employees with some part-time on days off and summer vacation.



People are funny;

*they want to be in the front of the bus,
in the middle of the road and
in the back of the church.*

The Crew

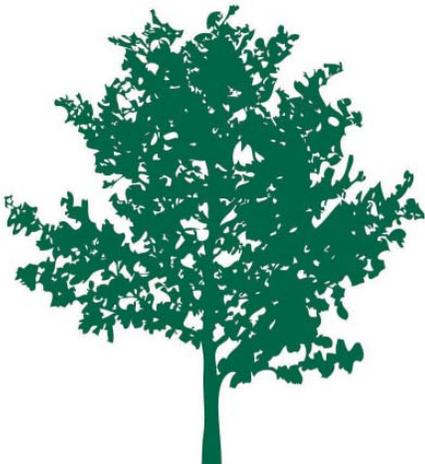
Dan Tobin's title is Director of Operations and that's what keeps us running—the operations team. Dan and his wife, Julie, have been married 17 years and live in the parish along with a son and daughter. They were St. Isidore School parents until recently when their son moved on to high school.

Mark Stevens and his wife, Elisa, have been married for 28 years and have three adult daughters. Mark, also a parishioner, has been with us three and a half years and he does handyman jobs when he's not enjoying his bike rides.

David Zielinski was baptized by Fr. Jim when he was here as a young priest. He is a "crafty" guy and enjoys a lot of DIY projects. In his "spare" time, he serves as a volunteer at Glenside Fire Protection District.

Our part-timers are Mike Stefanic, Gus Serio, and Brian Sheehan.

As Dan says, their goal "is to make the parish welcoming and warm for all our parishioners and visitors." They've certainly achieved that goal. They are true Renaissance Men. Most of us only see their work, we don't see them doing it! If these men disappeared for one day, you'd notice.



Perpetual Adoration Campaign Update

By Deacon Terry Cummiskey

Perpetual Adoration requires a dedicated space in which adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is happening 24 hours per day, 365 days of the year.

The Chapel is used only for adoration, eliminating any interruptions to the scheduled prayer hours.

Eleven years ago this October, St. Isidore began First Friday 24-hour Eucharistic Adoration. It has become a cornerstone of the parish prayer experience for both group ministries and individuals. Many have participated and continue to do so. The desire to grow this ministry to Perpetual Adoration



in its own dedicated space has become financially reachable at a much lower cost than previously projected.

A recent recalculated cost per square foot to the original plan has given us a new projected cost of \$440,000. This amount is \$110,000 (17%) lower than the original \$550,000 estimate to build the 1,114 square foot Chapel. The adjustment has no bearing on current parishioner pledges.

After a recent bequest, the remaining amount is a goal of \$220,000. As of June 30, \$151,900 has been pledged and \$68,100 is still needed.

Donations of any amount will be welcomed on the parish website for "online giving" (www.stisidoreparish.org) or at the parish office.

Please, prayerfully discern if God is calling you to be a part of this prayer ministry with your financial support.



With Folded Hands

An Introduction to Prayer Positions

By Michael Fassbender
Photos Bill Archer

We can pray any time; why hold our hands in certain ways, and why stand during some prayers but kneel during others? Prayer is communication with God, and body poses or hand gestures can lend expressiveness to the conversation. In private prayer, they are optional, but in community prayers like the Mass, they become an intrinsic part of the rite. Each body or hand position says something different.

The main body postures are standing, kneeling, sitting, and lying prostrate. Lying prostrate is not used in the rubric of weekly Masses, but it has its place in special rites like the Rite of Ordination. It recognizes human unworthiness, but also appeals to God's mercy and submits

Most commonly, we "fold" our hands during prayer. This term actually refers to two separate positions which are used fairly interchangeably. The position that interlaces the fingers suggests a more introspective posture, and possibly a more fervent frame of mind. When the palms are together and the fingers are straight, it suggests purity and evokes an act of homage. Indeed, an examination of medieval art will show this same gesture being used in an act of homage from a vassal to his lord. These can be used whether one is kneeling, sitting or standing. The orans pose, with arms outstretched and palms up, is a third gesture that really only works in the standing position. It is the oldest gesture in common use today, based on



us to His will. A similar effect is made by kneeling, which is used several times in the Mass and also in penitential contexts. It serves as the principal gesture of reverence. By contrast, standing demonstrates confidence, and as Christians, we are meant to be confident in God's love for us and in our place in His adoptive family. Sitting is more passive, but it can be used to signify attentiveness or contemplation.

historical descriptions and depiction in art. In the Mass and other community prayers, it has traditionally been used by the priest when he prays on behalf of the assembly, and in the Our Father. Its adoption by the laity has its origins in the charismatic movement.

In the end, remember that God hears our prayers regardless of the position of our hands or body. Posture can add to the conversation, and in the Mass, we in the laity have our own parts to perform as a community.



Spirituality, Leadership and Service

The Women of CCW

By Valerie Calvente
Photos Kathy Lopez

The St. Isidore CCW (Council of Catholic Women) mission is to unite, support, empower and educate the Catholic women of St. Isidore Parish in spirituality, leadership and service.

The CCW will have new member sign-up during the weekend of September 10th and 11th. All woman parishioners are welcome to join. The Welcome Dinner for new and returning members and General Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 22nd in the Ministry Center.



Each year we have a full calendar of events. From September to May we meet every third Thursday of the month; with a few exceptions. Women of the parish are invited to join. Everyone has a chance to socialize and partake of the goodies the Hospitality Committee sets out before business at hand begins. Our programs / events respond to the needs of the church and community. Some of our events last year were St. Joseph Table (photos), Holiday Craft Fair, Nursing Home Christmas Party, and Cookies for Kids. Last year, money raised by CCW was donated to Neighborhood Food Pantries, PADS, Nyumbani Orphanage,

Bishop Blanchette Scholarship Fund, St. Isidore School CCW Scholarship and other programs strengthening and supporting women and children.

All women are invited to become active members of this vibrant group. Join us for our first meeting. For additional information, contact us at ccw@stisidoreparish.org or call Valerie at (630) 400-6922.



Election Day is coming. As Americans, it is our duty to vote. To prepare yourself for that task, we should listen, read, research, and ponder. Then form our opinion and vote.

In Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, the U.S. Catholic Bishops urge all Catholics to make their voices heard in the public square. You can communicate with your elected officials by writing (letters or emails), making phone calls, and visiting them. To find your elected officials, visit <http://www.house.gov/> and <http://www.senate.gov/>

You can also find your elected representatives, including county and local at: <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>

Teacher and School Our Graduates Move On

By Mike Yerly



28 Graduates of St. Isidore 2016 Class move on to Seven Local High Schools this Fall

Twenty-eight young men and women joyously and ceremoniously moved the tassels on their mortar board hats from one side to the other, signifying their official status as new graduates and alumni of St. Isidore School following 8th grade commencement ceremonies May 26.

Fr. Jim celebrated at the evening Mass and joined Principal Cyndi Collins for the commencement ceremony. Aidan Rogers and Maddie Meyers gave a moving talk which rekindled memories from eight years at St. Isidore. The two thanked each and every teacher on behalf of their classmates, and shared a special remembrance, year by year and class by class.

They will now move on to seven different local high schools. In closing, Mrs. Collins reminded the graduates that wherever life takes them, they will always be Cyclones, and always welcome home.

Noteworthy Achievements

The week prior to graduation, several graduates were honored for academic, athletic and extracurricular achievements.

Angel Silveyra received the prestigious Bishop Romeo R. Blanchette Scholarship, awarded annually by the Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (JDCCW) in memory of the late Bishop who served as the Joliet Diocese' second Bishop from 1966 – 1979. Angel, nominated by our St. Isidore Parish CCW, is one of only six recipients in the Diocese to be awarded the Blanchette scholarship. Angel is also a recipient of a Kazma Family Scholarship, awarded annually by the Catholic Education Foundation of the Diocese of Joliet in conjunction with the Kazma Family Foundation, Naperville. Also receiving a Kazma Foundation award is classmate Nathan Sniegowski. Angel and Nathan will attend Montini in the fall.

Frank Marsico scored in the top 10 of all eighth grade students taking the St Francis High School Entrance Exam, and for his achievement, received the Francis Flyer Scholarship from the Wheaton-based Catholic High School.

Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.

GOOD BYE MRS. ANDREWS



WELCOME MS. WHITE

For the first time in a long, long time, new second graders entering their classroom this fall no longer will be greeted by Mrs. Anne Andrews, (pictured) who retired last spring after 15 years in the classroom at St. Isidore School and 38 years overall teaching at Catholic schools. She will be missed.

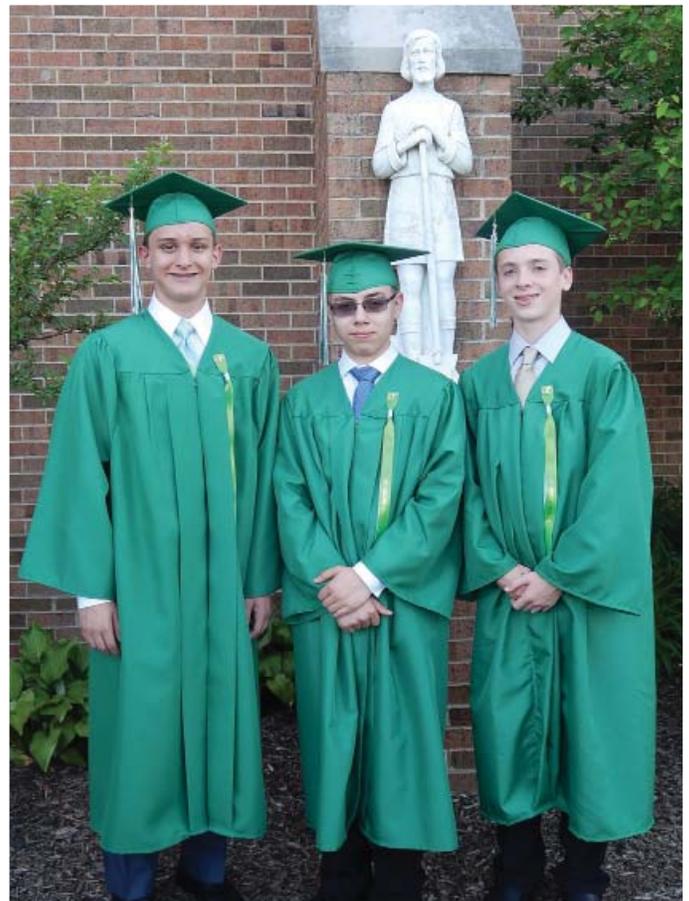
Taking her place will be recent Bradley University graduate Sarah White, who will be starting her first teaching position.

We wish Mrs. Andrew all the very best as she leaves us, and Sarah the same as she joins the SIS team!

Other 8th graders cited for their special accomplishments were:

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| Bloomington Character Counts Award | Madison Gordon |
| Diane Neary Christian Spirit Award | Madison Gordon and Aidan Rogers |
| Geography Bee Winner | Matt Esses |
| Spelling Bee Winner | Trevor Heydt |
| Patriot Pin Essays | Catie Madugno |
| Explore Test - Perfect Scores | Trevor Heydt – Math/ English/ Science |
| Madison Gordon - Math | |
| Explore Test - Perfect Scores | Trevor Heydt – Math/ English/ Science Madison Gordon – Math |
| President’s Award for Academic Excellence in Reading or Math | Matt Esses, Madison Gordon, Trevor Heist, Frank Marico, Amanda Marcela, Maddie Myers, Alex Moquino, Aidan Rogers, Angel Silveyra, Alyssa Torres, Sierra Sigmund |
| President’s Award for Educational Achievement on the Explore and ITBS in Reading or Math | Allison Believe, Chris Kirk, Cattie Moquino, Carley Sansone, Becca Sawka |
| St. Isidore Christian Scholarship Award | Nathan Sniegowski |
| Christian Citizenship Awards | Carley Sansone and Alex Modugno |

Recipients of prestigious scholarships to the high schools they will be attending in the fall



FR. CLIVE'S STORY

As told to Dianne Ljamanowski

I come from a family of nine children and grew up in Nairobi, the capital city of Kenya, in East Africa. My family was very influential in my vocation discernment; through them, I discovered how to relate to the larger world. I always thought I wanted to be a priest, even when I was a wee lad in early grade school years, but it was not until after high school that I made a serious discernment about religious vocation.



I have always enjoyed traveling and studying other cultures, thus I was more interested in a religious missionary community that had a world outlook to their ministry. I joined Consolata Missionaries in 2002 and worked with them for 4-1/2 years. I pursued a banking career with Barclays Bank, later working with Kenya Commercial Bank. I loved being a banker, but I thought that there was more to life than sitting in an office and dealing with money that wasn't mine -- while earning a fraction of the token (in truth, the income was okay).

I wanted more and my soul was restless. I was in pursuit of life and happiness and I realized that the happiness I sought was only found in God. He helped me to discern things clearly in my life, and I always emerged from the ashes unscathed. I wanted to share that joy, the goodness of the Lord, with other people. I wanted people to discover the source of true happiness. It was as if after being consoled by God, He wanted me to console others too in His name. (Isaiah 40 has always been an enlightening passage to me). So through prayer and faith, I discerned back into a religious vocation and joined Glenmary Home Missioners based in Cincinnati Ohio. I moved to the United States in 2008 and

basked in the glories of Glenmary Mission life in the southern states, particularly counties that had less than 1% Catholic population.

After four years with Glenmary, I decided to pursue my priesthood vocation on a diocesan level because I felt that I could do more in a familiar city-like surrounding. Having no immediate family around, the diocese supported me in my priesthood journey and made sure that I had good training in the Seminary (which is quite expensive) and that I was never in want of essential amenities. Now if you ask how the diocese could afford to do this as it does with other students of the priesthood, look no further than the support that you give to the diocese, especially during the Catholic Ministry Annual Appeals! Thank you, and may God bless you for all your support!



Ecumenical Challenge

symbols and their religions

1 Shinto

The Torii Gate represents the Shinto religion and symbolizes the going from this world into the world of gods.

2 Sikhism

Khanda symbolizes Sikhism and is composed of a double edge sword (belief in God), a circle (God has no beginning and no end) and the curved sword (God's spiritual and political authority).

3 Buddhism

Buddhists use the Dharma Wheel which can have from eight to thirty one spokes representing the rules of Buddhism, with the hub meaning discipline and the rim, mindfulness that holds everything together.

4 Hinduism

Hinduism's sign is called Om or Aum is made up of three Sanskrit letters a, u, m. when put together sounds "om" meaning Brahman their supreme god.

5 Judaism

The Jewish faith has the Star of David as their symbol. It is two interlocking triangles that represent the tribes of Judah and Benjamin.

6 Islamism

The Arabic word for God is "Allah" and is the symbol of the Islamic religion.

7 Jainism

Jainism uses the Ahimsa Hand, which is a sign of non-violence; the wheel in the center is the Dharma Wheel.

8 Baha'i

The Baha'i religion utilizes the nine pointed star. The number nine is very important to the Baha'is.

9 Christianity

The most common sign for Christianity is the cross – but did you know that when the cross has the figure of Jesus nailed to the cross it is then called a "crucifix"?



*Don't put a question mark where
God puts a period.*





A couple of years ago, (is to be exact), our parish renewed itself and we're going to do it again! Well, St. Isidore Parish has sponsored RENEW groups twice before, in 1983 and again in 2000, and it really does involve the whole parish from the teenagers to the greatest generation.

We will be mirroring Pope Francis' call to "Be My Witness".

The Diocese of Joliet is sponsoring the program for all of the parishes and is currently working on preparing for the Christ-centered, Spirit-led process of forming disciples. If you were here for the last RENEW program, you will be pleased that we are once more joining our brothers and sisters in Christ for this exciting program.

The preparation will be ongoing for the next two years so please pray for the leaders of our diocese and our parish. We can all use a faith infusion once in a while. AND while we're at it, the preparation planning will begin shortly. Would you like to be in on the planning? Give Leonor Carvajal a call at 630-295-8351 or lcarvajal@stisidoreparish.org

By Angela Orlando

Looking for More... RENEW

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