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Want to know about the new face around the Parish?  
See inside



A fifth grade religious education class donated diapers and wipes which will be given to needy families



Our parish mission led by Fr. Albert Haase drew huge crowds



Fun at the 2012 Your St. Isidore Auction



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# Altar Server Ministry

By Barb Mendralla  
Photo by Kathy Hoppe

*When my son, Luke, was around eight years old, he started becoming obsessed with time during Mass. He would check my watch multiple times to see how many minutes were left until Mass was finished. I told him to focus on what was taking place during the Mass, especially the readings and homily so he would feel engaged in the liturgy and time would pass more quickly.*

When a notice was sent out for altar server training being held during a Religious Education session, I suggested Luke attend it. He was not interested in it and I did not want this ministry to be something I forced Luke to do. Fortunately, one of his friends said he was attending the training and Luke said he would also.

I was quite proud and nervous the first time Luke served. It also brought back fond memories of my brothers as altar servers. (Girls were not allowed to be altar servers when I was young.) If Luke was at all nervous, he did not share his anxiety with my husband or me. There may have been a couple missteps the first few times he served, but I soon realized Luke knew his duties better than I did. Deacon Don Randolph did a wonderful job preparing the new altar servers for their responsibilities and all the priests provided encouragement and guidance as needed.



Being an altar server is a vital way of allowing young people to fulfill their baptismal mission and develop independence. Luke showed initiative last fall, when he approached Fr. Jim during a Religious Education Mass to ask if he could serve since there was only one other altar server present. Last summer Luke served at a Mass my extended family attended during a family reunion in Pennsylvania. When I told Luke it was pretty impressive he was willing to be an altar server in a church he had never attended, he told me it was no big deal. Gotta love the confidence of the young! I know my father was very impressed and touched to see his grandson serve.

I urge all parents to encourage their children fifth grade and older to participate in the altar server ministry. Parents are responsible for ensuring their children meet their altar serving duties or obtain a substitute if unable to do so. Servers request the Mass time at which they would like to serve, so it is very convenient. Please contact Deacon Terry Cumiskey at (630)295-8350 to sign up for this ministry or to obtain more information.

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.



# Mark your Calendar... coming this spring and summer

By Michael Fassbender

*This year St. Isidore is concentrating on formation. Here are a couple of opportunities to continue your spiritual growth after Easter. The Adult Formation Office will be offering two programs to assist you.*

① **“Discovering Christ”** will focus on meeting Jesus more closely within a community setting. For seven weeks, participants will meet for dinner, prayer, and a teaching. Afterwards, there will be the opportunity to delve further into the evening’s topic in small group setting. The goal is to help people encounter Jesus Christ, and enter into or deepen, their personal relationship with Jesus.

This program runs from April 27 through June 15, and includes a Saturday Retreat. Please register for this exciting event by calling the Adult Formation Office, (630) 295-8351 or by sending an email to Carol Osburn [cosburn@stisadoreparish.org](mailto:cosburn@stisadoreparish.org).

② Our second Annual Summer Speaker Series coming this July! **What Does the Catholic Church Teach About Marriage?** Here is the chance to deepen your knowledge of the role of marriage in your spiritual lives and in the Church as a whole. Three speakers have been arranged for this series.

Our first speaker is Dr. James Healy, who will give his presentation on Thursday, July 12. Dr. Healy is the Director of the Center of Family Ministry for the Diocese of Joliet. Our bishop, R. Daniel Conlon, will speak for us on Thursday, July 19. Then, on Wednesday, July 25, we will host Fr. Thomas Loya. A regular contributor on Relevant Radio, Fr. Loya is a noted speaker on the subject of the Theology of the Body.

Hope you can join us for these events. It is an opportunity to enrich your faith; your knowledge of Church teaching and gain fresh insights into what might have seemed like familiar topics. Watch the bulletin for further details. If you have any additional questions, please contact the Adult Formation Office.

## Give Us Wings

By Rita Blackwell



Give us wings Lord, to vastly serve you as Pope John Paul served you.

Give us wings permitting us to fly above our existing pain.

Give us wings allowing us to accomplish your will.

Give us wings to soar while we sing your praises.

Give us wings enabling us to show the world we adore you Lord.

Give us wings to emulate your love for the youth in the world.

Give us wings to reach you so we may embrace you each day.

Give us wings so we may rise above the sorrows of this earth.

Give us wings so we may help one another and love one another.

Gives us wings so religions see we have more in common than they know. Give us wings so you can carry our burdens.

Give us wings enabling us to serve you as Pope John Paul unselfishly served.

Give us wings Lord so we may rest wholeheartedly at your side when we have finished this life!

*Amen*



# Extraordinary Ministers

**What’s the difference between a Eucharistic Minister and an ExtraOrdinary Minister (EOM)?** Believe it or not there is a difference. Eucharistic Ministers or Ordinary Ministers are the ordained deacons, transitional deacons, priests, and bishops who distribute the Eucharist at Mass. When there are not enough ordained ministers, lay people are delegated to distribute the Eucharist. The term “Ordinary” is the canonical term for those ordained. In this case, Extraordinary does not mean highly unusual but refers to Canon Law. Those who are not ordained have been trained and installed as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

*On the Thursday before He died, Jesus said “Take this and eat it; this is my body. All of you must drink from it, for this is my blood...”*

Let’s start at the beginning.

When the early church received the Eucharist, they received both Body and Blood for the first millennium until the 13th century. After that, fewer and fewer Mass participants received the Eucharist and receiving under both Species went by the wayside. During much of the 19th century, many stopped receiving the Eucharist if they hadn’t recently gone to Confession. Vatican II changed that! Catholics were encouraged to receive the

Eucharist each time they attended the celebration of the Mass. Since Vatican II, parishes grew but there were fewer priests to assist at Masses. It became apparent that more ministers were needed to distribute the Eucharist. In 1978, the Bishops in the United States voted to return to the early Church’s practice of receiving under both Species. Now we really needed double the number of Eucharistic Ministers. Clearly changes needed to be made.

With the implementation of Vatican II, the Church had been calling for more participation in the liturgy, a less clergy-dominated worship, more distribution of roles, and so it flowed

that the laity would be involved with the distribution of the Eucharist. In the early 1980s, the term was Extraordinary Minister and that sort of faded away to Eucharistic Minister. The directions for implementation of Roman Missal III, adopted at the beginning of Advent 2011, have again used the term Extraordinary Minister (EOM). Everything old is new again.

## Unscramble These Names

*The Passion of Jesus is read repeatedly during Holy Week. Can you unscramble the names of the following people mentioned in these Scripture readings.*

1. DJSUA
2. MSNIO
3. UNDOMCSIE
4. SPEHOJ
5. ABSBABRA
6. TELIPA
7. NASAN
8. HSCIAPAA
9. EEPRT
10. HMCUASL

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If you had trouble read the Passion in the Good Book or turn to page 7 for the answer.

## Book Review

By Anthony Locanto, 5th Grader

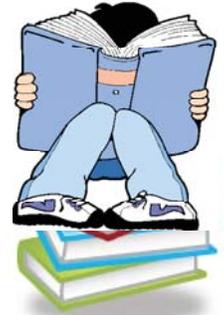


*I recommend this book to someone who likes mysteries and adventures. This book is followed by 3 more in the series. Read them all!*

## The City of Ember

I think the book *The City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau was a very great book. I liked it because it is unique and not like any other book I have read before. It takes place in the future in a really broken down city. A long time ago the builders built the city and locked a mysterious note in a box that would open in 200 years. The builders gave the box to the current mayor of the city with instructions to keep it safe. When the mayor retired he passed it on to the next mayor of the city. As the years passed and the city grew older the mayors passed it on until the 7th mayor broke the chain. He tried to open the box but died. The box was forgotten and was shoved in a closet of his home. When the 200th year came, the box quietly opened.

The two main characters in the book were my favorite, Lina Mayfleet and Doon Harrow. I like Lina because she is curious and doesn't always follow the rules when trying to discover something. Doon is smart and into different kinds of bugs and animals. Together they make a good team and find a cool discovery that is very important to the city of Ember.



## A Student who obtained 0% on an exam

Q1. In which battle did Napoleon die?

His last battle

Q2. Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?

At the bottom of the page

Q3. River Ravi flows in which state?

Liquid

Q4. What is the main reason for divorce?

Marriage

Q5. How can you drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it?

Any way you want, concrete floors are very hard to crack.

Q6. What can you never eat for breakfast?

Lunch & dinner

Q7. What looks like half an apple?

The other half

Q8. If you throw a red stone into the blue sea what it will become?

It will simply become wet

Q9. How can a man go eight days without sleeping ?

No problem, he sleeps at night.

Q10. How can you lift an elephant with one hand?

You will never find an elephant that has only one hand.

Q11. If you had three apples and four oranges in one hand and four apples and three oranges in other hand, what would you have ?

Very large hands

Q12. If it took eight men ten hours to build a wall, how long would it take four men to build it?

No time at all, the wall is already built.

Q13. What is the main reason for failure?

exams





## My Leap to High School

By Julia Locanto

*Last year, I graduated from St. Isidore School, and I didn't know what to expect...*

...when I entered Wheaton North High School this fall. It was a big leap going from a small, Catholic school to a large public high school. However, I think that St. Isidore and my teachers prepared me academically.

One of the biggest disparities from grade school to high school is the homework. There is a lot more each night, and I have to learn how to manage it on my own. I think that junior high did prepare me for this, because by eighth grade I had to manage my work more independently. I still use an assignment notebook like I did at St. Isidore, which helps to keep me organized. There are also many more individual, long-term projects in high school. I think that the seventh grade science fair project taught me how to manage my English term and research papers.

Another huge change for me was having different people in all of my classes. At St. Isidore, I went to most of my classes with the same people. I was very close with my classmates because I spent my whole day with them and knew some of them for eleven years. Now, in high school, I don't know half of the people in of my classes. I just have to talk to people and make new friends.

I would have to say that the biggest adjustment from St. Isidore to public high school is that there is no religion class. Praying in the morning and going to mass on Wednesdays was just a normal part of my schedule. Now, we don't talk about religion in school anymore and don't have a specific class for it. However, public high schools are not completely unreligious, because we acknowledged Christmas in my classes and participated in the community Christmas sharing program. There was even a Christmas tree in the commons area.

I am so glad that I went to St. Isidore; it has definitely prepared me for high school. I also have so many memories that I will carry with me forever, and I will never forget all of the amazing people I met. St. Isidore and high school may be very different, but they both have one thing in common: the people. Both have great teachers, administrators, and friends.

By Ryan Griffin

## Playing Your Part in the Church's Future

In St. Isidore we are blessed to have three priests in our parish. However throughout our diocese it is very hard to find such a situation. Some parishes only have one or two priests serving their community and in some cases one priest serving multiple parishes with each one not being given the dedicated individual touch to which they are entitled. The reason for this is the shortfall in vocations to the priesthood in our diocese.

This June, our Diocese will ordain only two new priests. With thirty-five due to retire by the end of the year we are clearly not taking in enough to meet the shortage. So ask yourself 'what am I doing?' to help grow the future of the church. As a parish we need to continue to promote vocations to the priesthood, not just with prayer and reflection but in action.

One way to do this is with our parish's new proposed Vocations Committee. This committee will be aimed at promoting the call to vocations not just with prayer but with

talking. We need to talk about vocations and how we can foster the young men of our parish to want to discern a vocation to the priesthood. So let's step up and find ways to come together. With a parish of over 6,000 families we should be able to find at least one or two young people who with our guidance, prayers and understanding can not only discern to the priesthood but take the steps to completing the ordination process. Without talking, we cannot even begin to know how many possible candidates for ordination there are in our parish.

So take some time to pray and reflect. As our parish starts sending out the Elijah Cup again and regular prayer for vocations continue, let's take one step further. Anyone who has any ideas or feedback on how our parish can promote vocations or would like to be a member of the proposed Vocations Committee, please contact Deacon Terry Cumiskey at 630-295-8350.

# ST. ISIDORE School NEWS

By Tracy Locanto

With a kickoff at Sunday Mass and Wednesday Mass, Catholic Education Week was a celebration that included an all school skating party, the Wheel of Wisdom game show, a production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat, and a teacher raffle. The raffle proceeds of \$1,000 were donated to *Feed My Starving Children*.

Students were busy preparing for Lent by participating in various service projects. Grades 4-8 packaged food at Feed My Starving Children. The 8th grade class made baked goods to cheer up the students of a sister Catholic school that flooded. The all school PADS collection of winter gloves/hats and toiletries brought in over 700 much needed items.

Congratulations to the seventh graders who represented our school at the regional science fair: Danny Defino, Julia Valdez, Olivia Dorman, Rebecca Fernandez, and Jenna Jamieson. These students advanced to the State Science Fair: Matthew Barry, Kevin Churney, Emma Felty, Julia Keszycki, Donovan Maloney, Zach Zygmunt and Alicia Heydt will present their projects.

School changes for next year include adding fifteen minutes to the end of the school day to accommodate additional math instruction at each grade level. This was mandated by the Diocese based on recommendations from the National Council of Teachers that schools offer one hour of math every day.

The School board stated that in “recognizing the readiness of our students and responding to the needs of our community,” St. Isidore will introduce a full day kindergarten program next year. Principal Cyndi Collins explained, “We want to offer more enrichment and early intervention to benefit students and promote their future success in school.”



The Your St. Isidore Gala successfully raised \$73,000 for the School Improvement Fund. This Fund seeks to improve school technology and other educational equipment, while keeping tuition more affordable. That profit included a special donation for the school library renovation.

The current 3 and 4 year old preschool program will be modified to include multiple age groups. This has proven to be successful in other schools.

Another addition is an educational after school child care program for the growing working parent population. This will be a structured program that will include homework and play time that will be managed by the St. Isidore staff.

The Spring Children’s Clothing and Equipment Sale was a success for the school and the community. The \$8,590 profit will support the School Improvement Fund.

## Unscrambled

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| 1. JUDAS     | 6. PILATE   |
| 2. SIMON     | 7. ANNAS    |
| 3. NICODEMUS | 8. CAIAPHAS |
| 4. JOSEPH    | 9. PETER    |
| 5. BARABBAS  | 10. MALCHUS |

By Bill Archer

# St. Isidore and DuPage United

Several St. Isidore parishioners, including myself, are exploring the current DuPage United organization with the intent to determine whether we wish to renew a relationship with them. This article is intended as a thought-provoking step in the exploration process.

*A little background:*

DuPage United (DU) is a non-partisan broad-based “organization of organizations”. Membership is institution-based and composed of eighteen diverse DuPage County churches, mosques and synagogues, along with two non-religious institutions; the Illinois Education Association, Naperville and the Access Community Health Network. These institutions have joined together to work on issues of justice and the common good. DU is effective through the power of numbers.

Why would a Roman Catholic parish with over 6,000 families need to align itself with someone else for power?

There are issues beyond feeding the hungry, clothing the poor and protecting the innocent. This is a political world. There is power in numbers, power in a group.

It is also important to have a say in the agenda of the group. When St. Isidore was a dues paying member of DU, we had a say and a vote in the Action Agenda. Ten years ago things were better. There weren't a lot of issues that kept our parishioners awake at night. So we did not bring an agenda to the DU table. I have heard many times, “Organizing is difficult in DuPage County.” Why? It is because, historically, we have been one of the wealthiest counties in the country.

Ten years ago St. Isidore Parish was part of a group of local religious institutions which joined together with several non-religious institutions to form a group named DuPage United.

In 2006 St. Isidore resigned from DuPage United in deference to joining ICIRR, the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights. The reasons for this action were several.

- 1) Dissatisfaction with the issues on the DuPage United Action Agenda at that time.
- 2) The high cost of membership dues.
- 3) The resulting feeling that we were not getting our ‘bang for the buck’ from our association with DU.
- 4) The growing concern over immigration issues which were/are affecting a significant portion of the St. Isidore Community.

Times have changed. I would suggest that many of us are now kept awake at night. We should be members because of the power of numbers; alone we are not strong enough to address some of the social justice issues that impact our community. Consider the strength if we pooled our talent and our resources with other institutions that have justice and the common good as goals. Of course, as members of the Roman Catholic Church, we are charged to bring theological reflection and prayer, not just action to the table when working with civil groups.

Current DuPage United Agenda -- see [www.dupageunited.org](http://www.dupageunited.org) for details.

- Funding for ESL at College of DuPage
- Religious Freedom
- Re-imaging Illinois
- Size and salaries at the DuPage Forest Preserve District
- Affordable housing
- DuPage Water Commission finances

Where else can we find power like this?

One possibility is developing. In case you have not taken notice of the “Create a Ripple” series which has run in our bulletin throughout Lent, you should. This is an activity of the Joliet Diocese Social Justice Coalition.

Check out [www.stisidoreparish.org](http://www.stisidoreparish.org) for PDF's of recent bulletins.

Check out [www.paxjoliet.org](http://www.paxjoliet.org) for info on the Joliet Diocese Justice Coalition.

For more information contact Ane' Berg at the parish office.

*“Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it in clean linen and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock...”*



By  
Dorothy Jaskey

Photo  
Kathy Hoppe

With Easter upon us, the empty “tomb” becomes a liturgical symbol of the Resurrection. The “tomb”, that is part of St. Isidore’s Easter environment, was created by the artistic genius of Teo Samanamud, a former parishioner. It was an integral part of our Latino community’s portrayal of the Passion of Jesus.

*“Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the tomb....”*

Today Tom Jensen, Jim Leix, Dennis McConnell and Jerry Strom assemble in the baptistery the handiwork that Teo made.

The huge entrance “rock” covers the opening of the “tomb” on Good Friday. The rock is moved aside for the Easter Vigil and only a white shroud remains.

*“Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning while it was still dark and saw the stone removed from the tomb...”*

*Of all the news of our bustling parish, none may be so welcome as the start of reconstruction of our parish kitchen.*

The need for and planning of this new kitchen has been a long time in the making.

To give you an idea of just how long, a bit of parish history may offer some perspective. In the mid 1990's, St. Isidore built the Ministry Center and also remodeled the main church, which to that point had been the Parish Center. That main center served many purposes, from its celebrating Masses to craft fairs, bake sales, and dinners such as the annual St. Joseph Day Table cooked up by the CCW. In fact, today's cry room was actually the old kitchen. When we moved into our new kitchen space in 1996, funds were too tight to spring for new equipment, so at that time our parish just moved the old kitchen equipment and counters from the old Parish Center to the space in the Ministry Center. Incidentally, along with the kitchen equipment, those orange chairs made the move to the Ministry Center, where we continue to enjoy them!

Dan Tobin, the Director of Operations for St. Isidore since his hire in 1995, has capably planned and gathered information for the creation of the new kitchen. He has worked with the parish's Operations Committee, a group of five professionals in the building industry. The group is chaired by a parishioner who works as a general contractor, and the other committee members lend their own expertise to the project. The parish first consulted with a kitchen designer from Schweppe's with experience in commercial kitchens, an architect was hired once funds became available, in the form of a bequest from a parishioner. They also solicited input from groups such as the CCW and the volunteers who prepare meals for PADS to best lay out the kitchen so it will serve each ministry's needs most effectively. The entire cost is covered by a bequest.

Construction will begin during the summer months, starting in June, so that the school kids would not be on campus and the calendar would be as free as possible. PADS will be temporarily relocated from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

We can look forward to more storage, new commercial-grade equipment, and quick-run dishwashers in the new kitchen. This last aspect is a source of pride for Dan: for the first time, we will be able to properly wash place settings instead of relying on disposable plates and cutlery. A local restaurant plans to donate several place settings to help us in our effort to waste fewer resources.

Hang in there for the construction, St. Isidore! The outcome will be wonderful!

## A New Kitchen on the Horizon !



By Penni Cannova

### *Leaving a Legacy*

The long-awaited addition of a commercial-grade kitchen in our Ministry Center was made possible by the late Mary Ellen Imhof, a parishioner who was active in CCW and our Music Ministries. In her estate planning she named several of her favorite charities as beneficiaries in her will. Her beloved parish community was one of those beneficiaries, making it possible for us to build "Mary Ellen's Kitchen".

Have you discussed with your financial advisor leaving a legacy of your connection to St. Isidore by remembering our parish in your will? Good stewards prepare in advance for that time when the Lord calls them home by having this conversation with their loved ones and financial professionals now. Do you have a will? Would you consider counting your parish community as one of your "loved ones" by leaving a legacy to your faith journey to the place that guided you on that journey? Contact the Parish Office for more information.

By Angela Orlando

## A Little About the New Priest on the Altar

*A few weeks back we were introduced to our new Parochial Vicar and got a thumbnail sketch of his background.* That set us wondering and we had to learn more about Father Ron Hilt.



Father Ron grew up in St. Louis as a Byzantine or Eastern Rite, Catholic. As a youngster, he knew he wanted to become a priest. It just took a little longer. He was ordained a deacon in 2006 and ordained a priest for the diocese of St. George in Canton, Ohio on June 28, 2009 after several years of discernment. (Yes, that's a very large diocese which includes Illinois.) The ordination date celebrates the feast of Saints Peter & Paul in the Byzantine Rite. Yes, he was married. Yes, it was annulled. He has two teenage children of whom he is a proud father. Father Ron has worked as a social worker for St. Anthony Church and taught public high school theology. Fr. Ron is biritual\*, since ordination he was given permission to celebrate the Eucharist in both the Roman and Byzantine rites by Rome, an unusual and very rare occurrence.

No one can serve two masters but during the last couple of years, Father Ron has really been serving in four dioceses—his first the Eastern Rite Diocese parish of St. George in Aurora --part of the Canton Diocese, helping out at St. Peter & Paul in Naperville which is Joliet Diocese, at Aurora Central Catholic High School which is in Rockford Diocese and at Clare Oaks Continuing Care Community which is in the Chicago Archdiocese. He continues to assist at St. George, but he's mostly ours!

### *Biritual was the word and that begot questions—what's the difference?*

The Eastern Catholic Church is united with and similar in beliefs and practices to Roman Catholics and united with the Pope. The Eastern Church uses the liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, adapted by St. Basil and rewritten by St. John, the Golden Mouth. The liturgies are mostly sung; you can detect a note of that when Fr. Ron begins most prayers, they are almost, but not quite, intoned.

Father explained that the Byzantine Mass uses leavened bread which signifies Christ's Rising From the Dead. The Eucharist is received under both Species but wine is consumed by intinction. The Eastern Churches do not normally have statues to represent Christ, the Holy Family or Saints. Mass is celebrated in front of the altar screen or wall of iconostasis or paintings. The iconostasis is usually four rows or registers. The second row from the bottom is the most important with the icon of the Annunciation in the center on the Royal Doors by which the priest accesses the altar. The icon of Mary is on the right and St. John the Baptist is to the right of Mary. On the left is Christ the Teacher and at his left is the Patron of the parish, in this case St. George. The rows will include Patrons of the Church, Archangels, the Apostles and Church Fathers. The Deacon Doors, used to access the altar, are painted with St. Gabriel and St. Michael.

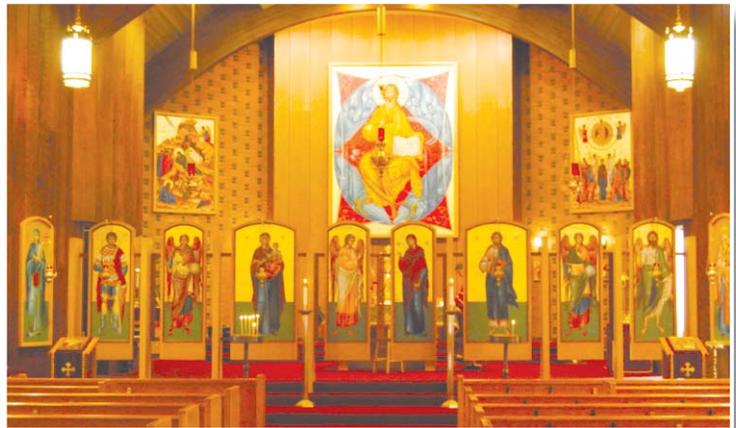


Photo Kathy Hoppe

Children are baptized as babies but may also receive the Eucharist as well. They will make a formal reception of the Eucharist as they reach the age of reason

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*Stations of the Cross  
reenacted by one of the  
religious education classes.*

