



# ST. ISIDORE HARVESTER

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# Summertime

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Mass



# Summer AT ST. ISIDORE PARISH

Summer doesn't often bring thoughts of increased work, but at a parish of 12 acres and 5 buildings, summer brings more projects.

By Penni Cannova

*As soon as school lets out in early June, Dan Tobin, Director of Administration, and his maintenance team swing into higher gear. St. Isidore School teachers submit a punch list, or as Dan affectionately calls it, a 'honey-do' list, of items to fix in the classrooms.*

Each year, they hand scrub and wax the floors, making a diagram of each classroom before they empty its content into the hallway to work on the floors. They will then arrange the classroom again upon completion just as the teacher left it. A big project accomplished this summer was the re-tiling of the 8th grade classroom.

Our full-time maintenance team, Mark Stevens and Gus Serio, is joined in the summer months by Brian Sheehan, who works during the school year as a teacher and assistant principal. These gentlemen of course also carry out the day-to-day projects of lawn care and weed whacking, caring for the cemetery and preparing it for special holidays, and also the columbarium for internments. They also perform upkeep on the priest's residence, taking care of things as they arise. As any who care for a home or a yard know, it is in Dan's words, "never the same things twice."

Ongoing in all of this is the daily cleaning of the church and buildings. The goal of the parish, and of Dan's team, is to work on everything possible themselves to save the parish money.

The team wants everyone to arrive at church, encountering a welcoming environment. By working behind the scenes – unlocking doors, working with the sound system, changing the 14 day candles, setting the A/C or heat appropriately – their work lays the foundation upon which our priests can celebrate Mass and the sacraments and in which all of us as a parish community can thrive in our faith home.



Gus Serio washing the glass  
Mark Stevens on the rider  
Brian Sheehan wackin' weeds



# PAUL

## *the 'Travelin' Man*

**As Paul traveled, he encountered many people. In the Acts of the Apostles, we learn who these many people were. This is a very difficult challenge, so open your Bible to the Acts and be mesmerized by Paul's ventures. (You may just be "hooked" into reading more about Paul's travels.)**

**Match the person who Paul met, with the place where he encountered the individual. There is a clue as to which Acts of the Apostles chapter the meeting took place (just a little help).**

Person	Places	Chapters
1. JULIUS	A. CORINTH	18
2. TIMOTHY	B. DAMASCUS	9
3. SILAS	C. ATHENS	17
4. PUBLIUS	D. CAESAREA	20
5. ANANIAS	E. ANTIOCH	15
6. JASON	F. JERUSALEM	9
7. PHILIPPI	G. MALTA	28
8. BARNABUS	H. EPHESUS	10
9. DEMETRIUS	I. SIDON	11
10. PRISCILLA	J. LYSTRA	16
11. DIONYSIUS	K. PHILIPPI	16
12. LYDIA	L. THESSALONICA	17

### MATCH THE PERSON TO THE PLACE

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| 2. _____ | 8. _____  |
| 3. _____ | 9. _____  |
| 4. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 12. _____ |

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# WE'RE BAAAAACK!

## Who's in the Office today

By Kathy Lopez

*Covid protocols have relaxed and the St. Isidore Parish staff has returned to 'The Office.' Over the past two years, many worked from home, and are happy to be back and just glad to see people.*

Not only do they work for the parish, they are also parishioners, some for over 25 years. Many began as volunteers or part-timers. Now full-time, they manage numerous tasks and responsibilities in their jobs.

Come to the office and when you are buzzed at the door, the first person you encounter might be...

### ▶ Emma Flores, Liturgy Coordinator and Administrative Assistant



Emma is the voice on the phone when you call the office. She is responsible for all walk-ins. She will assist you with registering in the parish, scheduling a baptism, wedding or funeral. As the Liturgy Coordinator, she prepares the worship aids for the priests for the weekend Masses.

She began part-time, which included Saturdays. Full-time for over 20 years, she loves meeting new people, especially now seeing people coming back to Mass. When a person walks into the office worried or perplexed with a problem, for her, the reward is seeing the positive change and difference she can make in that person's life. Her husband gave her the best advice that has helped her through a tough day: "pray and give it all to God."

### ▶ Joanna McDaniel, Operations

She is the Benefits Specialist, Payroll Administrator, and Copy Editor. On top of that, Joanna assists the Finance Coordinator, John Achacoso and the Director of Administration, Dan Tobin, plus various other administrative tasks. Joanna said, "I wear numerous hats in my position. I enjoy the variety. Every day I feel the Holy Spirit guiding me. I'm thankful my job allows me to interact with many wonderful people and coworkers."

From part-time to full-time in 2009, the role has evolved over the years with never a mundane day. Whenever she has a rough day, Joanna's mantra is: tomorrow is another day. She said, "I regroup and take a break"



**John Achacoso, Finance Coordinator**



John has been in his role since 2019 and was married at St. Isidore 31 years ago. He has his sister Patti from out of state to thank for where he is today. He was completing a consulting engagement and looking for what to do next. She checked the diocesan website for any openings which led him to his new position. John is responsible for processing the financial and business transactions. This includes paying the bills, preparing the budget, sitting on the Finance Council, managing the school tuition billing and collections, depositing Sunday collections and closing the books for month and year end.

John said that his corporate work was all for profit. His job now aligns with his values and is all falling into place – “servicing the Church, evangelizing and bringing people back to church.”

**Corinne Callender, Director of Stewardship and Communications**

Corinne is the newest member, with six months on the job. Each week, she creates and manages the content for multiple communications vehicles for the parish: the bulletin, the website, Flocknote, social media, mailings, outdoor signs, and others. She also helps facilitate Stewardship Outreach, including work with our Parish Stewardship Renewal and annual diocesan appeal.

Corinne likes that she can go to work where her children attend school. She comes from an IT background. “My goal is to help our parishioners both grow in holiness and feel like they are a part of our Parish community, each in their own way.” She says it’s been fun listening to the parishioners, getting their feedback and knowing how we are doing as a parish.



**Leonor Carvajal, Director of Adult Faith Formation & Hispanic Community Pastoral Associate**



She is a part of our faith community’s journey, meeting people wherever they are in their spiritual life. She helps them live their faith with spiritual formation through prayer, study and action.

As an Adult Formation Director for the English and Hispanic community, she implements programs that integrate the teachings, values and traditions of our Catholic Church. She prepares adults to act as disciples in the mission of the Church. In the Spanish community, the Pastoral formation incorporates and reflects the wisdom, values, and customs of the People of God.

Leonor has been a part of the parish since 1993. Beginning as a volunteer, she moved into leading a Wednesday Bible Study. She says seeing a person’s face change when they finish a program makes the job worthwhile.

*Thank you to our St. Isidore personnel. We are so glad you are back.*



## Letters from the Holy Father:

# WHAT DOES EACH TYPE MEAN?

By Michael Fassbender

*Leading the Church on earth is a massive task. Modern technology makes communication nearly instantaneous, but when the Pope has something important to say, he usually does it with a letter. Encyclicals, letters, bulls, decrees and ex cathedra statements all carry some aspect of the Church's authority, or Magisterium.*

Most are letters, but they might also be known as decrees or statutes or decretals. The use of the letter harkens back to the early Church and the letters of Peter and Paul. It is a public communication, and until recently, it was considered published when posted on the doors of key locations such as the Basilica of St. John Lateran; today it is registered in the Acta Apostolicae Sedis (Acts of the Apostolic See).

These letters all deal with matters of faith and morals or the discipline of the faithful.

- **Decrees** are essentially new Church laws
- **Decretals** offer explanations to questions that have been referred to the Vatican
- **Constitutions** present new conclusions or practices
- **Rescripts** answer requests

Any of these communications can also be a bull, because the term speaks to the form of the letter rather than its content. The word comes from the Latin term for the lead seal embossed on the letter to certify its authenticity.

One form of letter that differs significantly from the others is the encyclical. While the content of an **encyclical** is binding upon the Church as a whole, in its form it is presented as a letter from the Pope to all of the bishops and other leading churchmen in union with Rome. It is a response to a particular challenge that grips the Church, or perhaps one that is expected imminently. In modern life, the same challenges affect countries across multiple continents at once, and so the encyclical gained prominence in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Finally, a statement made *ex cathedra* is the most specialized papal declaration. Meaning "from the Chair (of Peter)," this is the one associated with papal infallibility. All papal teachings on matters of faith and morals are considered authoritative, but the statement *ex cathedra* carries a particular form of the Church's Magisterium, standing alongside Church Councils as a means by which a new doctrine of faith may be acknowledged. The Holy Father uses it sparingly: since the rules of *ex cathedra* statements were formalized at the First Vatican Council in 1870, they have been invoked only once, in 1950 for the Assumption of Mary. Retroactively, the 1854 teaching on the Immaculate Conception is also considered an example of such a statement.



# THE MEANING OF *Mass*

By Abby Catania

*When we think about what it means to be Catholic, what is it that we think about? What is the most important aspect of our faith, and what is REALLY the reason we attend mass on the weekends?*

When the COVID-19 Pandemic hit, our lives were immediately put on hold in one way or another. Everything shut down, and we were ordered to stay at home, which, of course, included not going to church. When the stay-at-home order was put in place, everyone immediately shifted to adapt to our new ways of doing things, and that meant livestreaming Sunday mass.

For a period, we were separated from receiving Communion at Mass, as we obviously were not able to be there physically to receive it. We were grateful as parishioners to have the opportunity still to watch and listen to the Gospel on the weekends. When the order was lifted, and we were able to come back, many people quickly returned to the church. Many others, however, did not.

Of course, there are people who are physically unable to make it to mass on the weekends, and that is okay. But on the other hand, many others are perfectly capable of getting back to Mass and have simply become accustomed to not attending since the pandemic began. They are no longer designating an hour of their weekend to prayer anymore.

*What people do not realize is that by skipping Mass, you are missing out on something crucial – receiving the Body and Blood of Christ.*

So, Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you” (John 6:53).

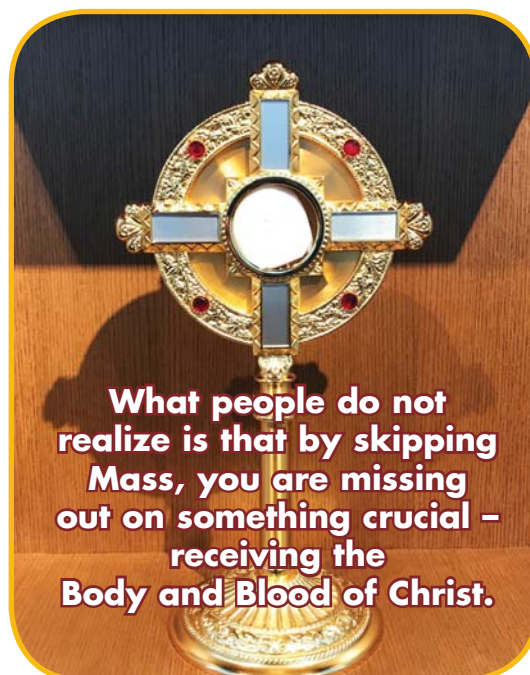
It appears many underestimate the importance of receiving the Eucharist, and the privilege that it

is to be able to accept it whenever we’d like. It has been brought to the attention of many that there has been a mass exodus of people from the Catholic Church. Aside from those who have not come back to the church after the pandemic, some people are attending nontraditional community churches. Here, there are readings and music and a sense of community, but they lack the most powerful aspect of our faith.

Receiving the Eucharist brings us closer to God. The night before his crucifixion, Jesus broke bread and shared wine with His apostles, making known to humankind thousands of years ago that this ritual will keep us near to Him. As Catholics, we should be looking forward to receiving Communion. Our goal should be to receive it as often as we possibly can.

Do we really know what happens when the Priest consecrates the bread and wine? Do we really believe that it is not a symbol, but the actual Body and Blood of our Lord? This belief is called Transubstantiation – the idea that during Mass, the bread and wine used for Communion become the body and blood of Jesus Christ. It is central to the Catholic faith. Indeed, the Catholic Church teaches that the Eucharist is ‘the source and summit’ of the Christian life.

If you don’t believe this, go deeper into your faith and ask God for the grace to help you understand. Being able to receive Jesus in our hearts in this way is unfathomable, and an incredible gift in which we as Catholics are privileged to partake.



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# COMING OR GOING AND IN BETWEEN

By Angela Orlando

*Of all the various ministries that are active in our parish, there are three that deal with the key transitions of life. And believe it or not, there are many parishioners who will help you through each of those milestones. You don't just dunk the baby. You don't just say "I do". And you don't just bury the body.*

## BAPTISM PREPARATION

A brand new family member joins the Communion of Saints as the child is baptized. A call to the parish office gets the process started. The best time to start is before the baby is born. The prospective parents and the godparents are required to attend Baptism classes, held on the second Wednesday of the month, before the baby is born. The classes are taught by a deacon and members of the Baptism Preparation Ministry. Team Leaders John and Chris Brannigan, or another team will walk the parents through the process and will be there on the day of the child's Baptism to assist the parents. The child is presented with a white bib (made by the ladies of CCW) which signifies the purity of the baptized child. A candle signifying the light of Christ will also be presented. Baptismal Certificates are given to the parents at the end of the ceremony.



A tiny bouquet of flowers can fill a room with  
**Sunshine...**

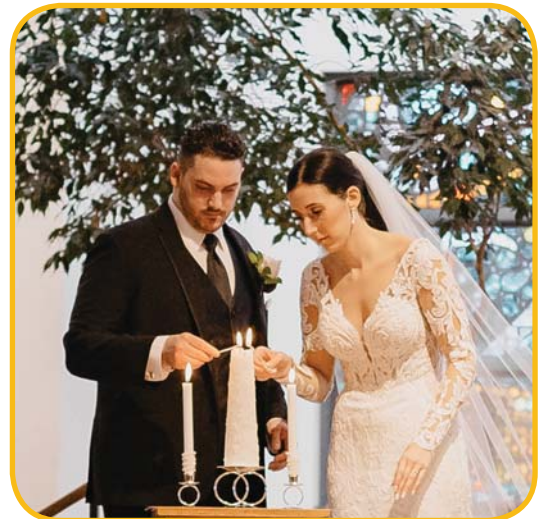
But a little act of generosity can fill a day with  
**Joy.**

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Getting married is an exciting time for a couple, whether they are young or more mature. They pick a date and call the Parish about six months before the celebration; they request the celebrant with whom they are comfortable.

Married couples from our parish serve couples preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Couples attend the Becoming One Workshop via Zoom or an Engaged Encounter Weekend. Then they meet with Fr.

Jim to work through the FOCCUS Survey along with follow-up discussions. Finally, the couple meets with the priest who will celebrate their marriage. A follow-up meeting is with Dr. Anne Sinclair to choose music. The assigned coordinator will walk the couple through the liturgy at the rehearsal. This is usually held a day or two before the BIG DAY. On the day of the celebration, Wedding Coordinator Leader, Terri Majeski or one of the other coordinators will arrive early to prepare the altar, talk to the photographer, accept the flowers, calm the bride, and generally assist the wedding party in any way needed to assure that the celebration is everything they seek.





## FUNERAL PREPARATION

At the end of life, we attend church for the final time. The Funeral Director will help get the loved ones through the day. The parish is notified by a family member or the Funeral Director. St. Isidore Parish guides the family right through the final visit to church for the deceased. Once the date for the Mass is set, a priest is assigned to the Liturgy, the family meets with the Director of Music to select the readings and who will read them, then music for the liturgy is chosen. Often, the celebrant will attend if there is a wake. Joan Gilleran-Strom, Funeral Ministry Coordinator, assigns one of the Funeral Coordinators to the Liturgy. On the day of the funeral, that member will be at the church to set up for the Mass, light the candles, ring the bells, prepare the incense and greet the family. He or she can do the readings if necessary and distribute the Eucharist with the priest.

These parishioners will help you through some of the most joyful and trying times of your life. When you are asked for your time or talent in the fall, pray that you, too, might become a helper here in your parish. If not with these ministries, then perhaps with another one.



## CCW Installation of Officers for 2022-2023



The women of CCW met May 19 to celebrate the end of a successful season. The agenda for the event began with socializing and dinner at Jameson's and concluded with the installation of officers for the coming 2022-2023 season. Deacon Terry presided over the ceremony. Accepting their positions are:



Corresponding Secretary Val Calvente  
Vice President Marisol Glaser  
President Nanette Vogel  
Recording Secretary Pat Murray  
Treasurer Michele Miller





# CCW High Tea What a Treat

*CCW 1st Annual High Tea event was a great success!*



Thank you to all the hostesses who did an amazing job setting and decorating their tables. A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus who served the ladies with a smile. We were truly blessed with the musical stylings of Nick Gutierrez! Nick is one of St. Isidore's Church accompanists/cantors. The ladies enjoyed learning about the health benefits of tea from guest speaker Kathleen Pogue, MSN, RN and proprietor of Nuovo Tea. Proceeds from the High Tea event helped families in our community through Helping Hands and DuPage County PADS.

Save the date, May 21, 2023, to attend CCW's 2nd Annual High Tea. We look forward to you joining us and/or hosting a table.





# Our School Update

## God bless the Class of 2022!

It is official. Our St. Isidore School graduating Class of 2022 is on to the next step in their academic, social and spiritual journeys. It has been an absolute joy to watch this group of young men and women grow. During the school year, they were placed in leadership roles, sometimes with preparation and sometimes spontaneously. With each leadership opportunity, their commitment to St. Isidore Catholic School has shone through. They have been buddies to the kindergarten students, teaching them at Mass, playing with them at recess, and demonstrating the Catholic way of life by their example. They have been teachers, tutors, athletes, writers, mathematicians, sacristans, lunchroom assistants, landscapers, orators, announcers, and songbook distributors as well. Through every role and situation, they have represented the “Cyclone” way of life. We are all extremely proud of them and will miss their presence tremendously.

Congratulations to our 100th graduating class, the Class of 2022!

Alyza Adajar, Kaleb Antosiak, Emma Carlson, Ava Delatorre, Michael Fierro, Kiarra Irawan, Cobin Jaskula, Rachel Charlotte Jones, Mary Kolozsy, Jivonni Leix, Danny Mahoney, Gavin Mueller, Alexis Olson, Brady Palmer, Valeria Perez, Ashely Powell, Josie Smith, Emma Webster.



## Magical May

The month of May is truly a magical time for our families and community. The month began with the celebration of our second-grade students receiving their First Holy Eucharist. Our eighth graders then adorned our Holy Mother with a crown of flowers at the parish and school May Crowning events. Ribbon Day, a tour of Chicago, and the 8th-grade retreat followed, along with the Class of 2022 Graduation celebrations; including Preschool and Kindergarten. May was a memorable and momentous month!

As we look ahead to the 2022 - 2023 school year, we are excited to welcome our students, families, and staff back home on August 17th to kick off the first day of the school year with the annual tradition of the original school bell ringing.

Hope your summer has been safe, restful, and memorable!

Gloria Lorusso

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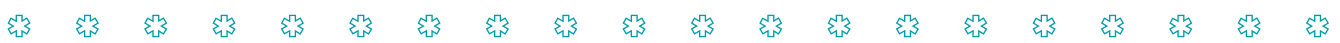


# It arrived! The Right to Life Monument



The Cross is combined with an existing monument (placed in the early-1990s by our Knights and then-Parochial Vicar – now Bishop – Joseph M. Siegel) to form the Memorial to the Victims of Abortion.

The memorial is placed in the grassy area adjacent to the north wall of the Ministry Center (near the door entry area). Watch the bulletin for the dedication service date to be announced.



## Paul, the traveler ANSWERS:

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|-----------|------------|------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1 Julius  | l) Sidon   | 5 Ananias  | b) Damascus     | 9 Demetrius  | h) Ephesus  |
| 2 Timothy | j) Lystra  | 6 Jason    | l) Thessalonica | 10 Priscilla | a) Corinth  |
| 3 Silas   | e) Antioch | 7 Philippi | d) Caesarea     | 11 Dionysius | c) Athens   |
| 4 Publius | g) Malta   | 8 Barnabus | f) Jerusalem    | 12 Lydia     | k) Philippi |