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# COVENANT RENEWAL 2023

## How am I living the covenant?

Jesus said,

*"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul,  
and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment.  
The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37-39)*



### A word on covenant from Fr. Jim Murphy

When the Pharisees ask Jesus about the most important commandment, he doesn't mince words.

Above everything else, we are to keep God front and center in our lives. Next, we are to extend love to the people around us. Each year, our parish sets aside a time of renewal so that we may review our own relationships with God and neighbor. The renewal of our commitments becomes more than just a decision or a promise, but something more sacred: a lasting covenant.

We know that everything we have is from God and that in response to God's generosity, we can choose to return a portion of our gifts back to God. When we consider our covenant this year, perhaps we may be able to offer some of our financial gifts, perhaps some of our time, or perhaps we know of another way to share of ourselves.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship to our parish and to God's Kingdom. May God continue to bless us with all that we need, and more.

### Living in right relationship

During our Covenant Renewal this year, we are inviting



you to prayerfully consider your relationships with God and neighbor. Can our parish help you live out Jesus' commandments? St. Isidore offers many regular opportunities for

prayer and worship as well as many ministries that help feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and care for the sick. Turn the page to explore just a few of them!



### Why is this so important?

Taking the time to evaluate our faith covenant on an annual basis helps to keep us on the right path.

Writing down our goals makes them more real and concrete to us, and it increases the chances that we will follow through. Our parish needs you, along with all of your special gifts! Please fill out and return the attached Covenant Renewal Form by November 12.

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Consider these ways to live out your covenant right here at St. Isidore:

### *Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart + soul + mind*

- 7 Masses every weekend
- 2 Masses every weekday
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Reconciliation
- Prayer groups
- Prayer Angels network
- Parish prayer lists



### *Love your neighbor as yourself*

- Help others learn about God
  - Catechist
  - Youth Ministry Facilitator
  - OCIA Facilitator
  - Baptism Coordinator



- Support others in worship



- Eucharistic Minister
- Lector
- Musician
- Altar Server
- Nursing Home Minister

- Build Community
  - CCW
  - Knights of Columbus

- Outreach groups
  - Focus on Hunger
  - PADS Shelter Ministry
  - Pro-Life Action Ministry
  - English as a Second Language



- Tithing - Can I return 10% to the Lord?  
If not, could I increase my weekly gift by a little bit? Could I add St. Isidore to my will?

### Covenant Prayer

*Gracious God: Thank you for the many gifts you have given us.*

*Bless our parish, and allow our community to grow in love, humility and generosity.*

*Bless each of us, that we may learn to love you with all our heart,  
with all our soul, and with all our mind.*

*Bless our neighbors, and grant that we may see your face in those who need help.*

*We ask this, through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary,  
in God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Fill out the form or learn about more stewardship opportunities at [stisidoreparish.org/covenant](https://stisidoreparish.org/covenant)

