BAPTISMS

Baptisms of infants and children under the age of 7 are celebrated at noon on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, except during Lent. Please call the parish office for more information and to make arrangements. Please note; those who are 7 years of age and older, must participate in two years of catechetical formation and prepare for Full Sacramental Initiation.

SACRAMENT OF Penance

Confessions take place in the Reconciliation Room, located at the rear of the Day Chapel, on Tuesday evenings from 5:00 PM until 6:00 PM, on Saturday mornings from 10:30 AM until 11:30 AM, and on Saturday evenings from 4:00 PM until 4:45 PM.

VISITS TO THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for pastoral visits to those who are sick or homebound, especially for Fr. Brabazon to celebrate the Sacraments with those who are in danger of death.

WEDDINGS

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia requires six months of preparation for the Celebration of Holy Matrimony. Please call the parish office for more information.

PARISH REGISTRATION & LETTERS OF ELIGIBILITY

All who wish to register as members of Saint Isidore Parish or to request letters of eligibility to serve as Godparents for Baptism or as Sponsors for Confirmation are invited to speak with Fr. Brabazon, after any scheduled Mass, in the sacristy. Letters of eligibility will only be granted to parishioners who fulfill all of the Church’s requirements and have been registered and active members of our parish for at least three months.

SAINT ISIDORE PARISH SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND DEVOTIONS

VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE TO VIEW OUR LIVE-STREAM

Sunday
7:00 AM Holy Mass
9:00 AM Holy Mass
11:00 AM Holy Mass
1:00 PM La Santa Misa en Español

Monday
7:30 AM Holy Mass

Tuesday
4:30 PM Holy Mass, followed immediately by…
5:00 PM Solemn Eucharistic Holy Hour
6:00 PM Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday
7:30 AM Holy Mass

Thursday
7:30 AM Holy Mass, followed immediately by…
8:00 AM Solemn Eucharistic Holy Hour
9:00 AM Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Friday
4:30 PM Holy Mass

Saturday
9:00 AM Holy Mass (Daily Mass for Saturday)
5:00 PM Holy Mass (Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

*SATURDAY EVENING AND SUNDAY MASSES ARE CELEBRATED IN THE MAIN CHURCH, ALL OTHER SCHEDULED MASSES AND DEVOTIONS TAKE PLACE IN THE DAY CHAPEL.

(AUGUST 27, 2023)
Dear friends,

I hope and pray that you are all doing well! These are exciting times for us, here at St. Isidore Parish. We are all very much looking forward to the beginning of the new academic year for our parish school students this Monday morning, and the beginning of the new catechetical year for our P.R.E.P. students in just a few weeks’ time. Please keep all of our teachers, catechists, and staff in your prayers as we continue our mission of preparing our parish’s young people to be future leaders for our Church and society. Please keep our school and P.R.E.P. students in your prayers as well, that they may be docile to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit, drawing them to ever greater holiness and virtue!

On behalf of all of our teachers and catechists, I express our sincere gratitude to you, our parish families, for your commitment to seeking excellent catechesis for your children. It is a privilege for us to share in the responsibility of forming your sons and daughters in the faith. The choices and sacrifices you make to provide catechesis for your children are most commendable.

We continue below our ongoing study of Pope Saint John Paul II’s apostolic exhortation, *Redemptoris Mater*, on the Blessed Virgin Mary in the life of the Pilgrim Church.

As always, be sure of my continuing prayers for you and your loved ones. Please pray for me too. May our Blessed Mother, Saint Joseph, Saint John Neumann, Saint Katharine Drexel, and Saint Isidore intercede for us and may our Risen Lord bless us all!

God bless, Fr. Ken

**Pope Saint John Paul II’s Apostolic Exhortation**

*Redemptoris Mater* (Part 62)

Maternal Mediation – Mary in the life of the Church and of every Christian (continued…)

Thanks to [the] special bond linking the Mother of Christ with the Church, there is further clarified the mystery of that "woman" who, from the first chapters of the Book of Genesis until the Book of Revelation, accompanies the revelation of God's salvific plan for humanity. For Mary, present in the Church as the Mother of the Redeemer, takes part, as a mother, in that monumental struggle; against the powers of darkness" which continues throughout human history. And by her ecclesial identification as the "woman clothed with the sun" (Revelation 12:1), it can be said that "in the Most Holy Virgin the Church has already reached that perfection whereby she exists without spot or wrinkle." Hence, as Christians raise their eyes with faith to Mary in the course of their earthly pilgrimage, they "strive to increase in holiness." Mary, the exalted Daughter of Sion, helps all her children, wherever they may be and whatever their condition, to find in Christ the path to the Father's house.

Thus, throughout her life, the Church maintains with the Mother of God a link which embraces, in the saving mystery, the past, the present and the future, and venerates her as the spiritual mother of humanity and the advocate of grace.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, August 26, 2023**

9:00 AM – Intention of the Priest Celebrant

5:00 PM – Maria Gervasio req. by Bart & Trish Napoli

**Sunday, August 27, 2023**

7:00 AM – Pro Populo (For the People of the Parish)

9:00 AM – Regina Hoover req. by the Women’s Club

11:00 AM – William P. & Brian Gottschall

1:00 PM – Intention of the Priest Celebrant

**Monday, August 28, 2023**

7:30 AM – Kathleen Rittenhouse req. by Roseanne Coleman

**Tuesday, August 29, 2023**

4:30 PM – The grandparents of Nancy & Harry Cappetta

**Wednesday, August 30, 2023**

7:30 AM – Joanne Silvestri req. by Mom & family

**Thursday, August 31, 2023**

7:30 AM – Raymond Shuhler req. by Phyllis & John

**Friday, September 1, 2023**

4:30 PM – Hubert John req. by the John Family

**Saturday, September 2, 2023**

9:00 AM – Intention of the Priest Celebrant

5:00 PM – Stanley & Mary Gavel req. by their loving children & grandson

**Sunday, September 3, 2023**

7:00 AM – Ed Barth req. by Kathy Barth

9:00 AM – Pro Populo (For the People of the Parish)

11:00 AM – Jerry Daly req. by the Daly Family

1:00 PM – Intention of the Priest Celebrant

**Prayer to Begin the School Year**

God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them and their teachers and staff. Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
August 27, 2023

“You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.”
- Matthew 16:18

“Our parish school admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at our school. Similar policies apply to the school staff. Our school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, its admission policies, or in any school-administered program.”

PREP NEWS

Registration for PREP Year 2023-2024 is now available through Parish Giving. Please either email dre@stisidoreprep.com or call the PREP office at 215-536-6498 for additional information. IMPORTANT NOTES: If you have a child entering first grade in the fall, you should register them for PREP now so that they are on track to receive First Penance entering first grade in the fall, you should register them for PREP now so that they are on track to receive First Penance entering first grade

Our Parish Education Program needs several Catechists and aides for this PREP Year which runs mid-September thru the end of April. If you have a child in the program or are planning to register your child a discount would be provided. In our first session from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m., we need a 5th grade 1 on 1. In our second session from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. we are in need of a Catechist and aide for 1st grade, an Aide in the 4th grade, Catechist for the 5th grade, an Aide for the 6th grade. Catechist for a small group receiving Sacraments. For our Home Based Program we are in need of a Liaison for grades 1 thru 5. Please email Mr. Jeffrey Daley at dre@stisidoreprep.com to answer the need for this ministry and indicate which level you would like more information.

SCHOOL NEWS

School starts this Monday, Aug. 28th. We are looking for individuals to work in our after school program starting at 3:15-6:00. Please contact Dr. Conboy at rconboy@stisidoreschool.com or the program director, Mrs. Orzel at korzel@stisidoreschool.com. We are excited to start our 2023-2024 school year!

If you need special prayers for family and friends, call the school at 215-536-6052. The children pray each day for your special intentions.

The Women's Book Club is starting again in September. All women are invited for friendship and fellowship. The September book is 33 Days to Morning Glory: A Do-It-Yourself Retreat In Preparation for Marian Consecration. We are meeting at 7 PM in the Fr. Riegler Center on Wednesdays. Please email, call or text Theresa Spaits for more details and to sign up: Theresawhite4@gmail.com or 267-261-0039. We look forward to seeing you there.

THIS WEEK

Mon., Aug. 28: AA Meeting (FRC), 7:00 – 8:00 PM
Wed., Aug. 30: Spanish Ministry (MPR), 5:00 – 7:00 PM
Thur., Aug. 31: Cleaners (Church), 9:00 AM
AA Meeting (FRC), 8:30 – 9:30 PM

LECTOR AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, September 2, 2023
5:00 PM – *Shulz – Stimpfle – Flack – DeFrancesco
Sunday, September 3, 2023
7:00 AM – *Moskal – Stetto – James – Rice
9:00 AM – *Michiels – Orzel – Witkoski – Witkoski
11:00 AM – *Spanier – Moran – Balog – Hess

Are you interested in the Catholic Faith?
St. Isidore will soon begin a new journey in faith to share the richness of the Catholic Church. We invite you to learn what the Church teaches. These sessions are for inquirers and are open to people who are unbaptized, as well as, those who are baptized Christians from Protestant or Evangelical backgrounds. If you are interested and would like further information, please call us at 215-536-4389 or email us at izzyparoff@comcast.net.

Knights of Columbus - Saint Isidore Council is organizing a Night at Coca-Cola Park in Allentown to see the Lehigh Valley IronPigs (Phillies AAA team) play baseball against the Mets. All are welcome to join. The game is Friday, Sept 1st with a 7:05 PM 1st pitch. Tickets cost $15 per person. The ticket includes $5 preloaded for food or merchandise. Seats will be in Section 119, along the 3rd base line. The Knights have 50 tickets total, with 15 remaining. Any questions or to place your order email Brett Wasilewski at bjw1218@gmail.com, or by phone/ text to 215-390-3323. Please respond by August 1st to reserve your tickets.

The Annual Patriot Day Ceremony will be held on Mon., Sept. 11th at the Quakertown American Legion Post 242, 610 E. Broad Street. The ceremony starts promptly at 11:00 AM. This ceremony remembers those who lost their lives on 9/11/2001 when the United States was attacked by terrorists. Also, our community’s police, fire and EMTs will be recognized for their service.

The St. Isidore Food Pantry would be grateful for any vegetables and fruits parishioners would like to donate this summer. You can drop off fresh produce when the Food Pantry is open on Saturdays between 9:30 AM and 12 Noon, or any time the Parish Center is open on Thursdays and Fridays. God bless you for sharing your garden’s bounty with families in need. (190)
MISSIONARIES OF MERCY: The Archdiocese of Philadelphia announced on June 29th that Pope Francis has appointed 10 new Missonaries of Mercy—one of whom is our own pastor, Fr. Ken Brabazon.

Missionaries of Mercy are appointed by the Pope to help facilitate pastoral initiatives that focus on conversion and Divine Mercy, with a particular attention given to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They have also been given the authority of the Holy Father to absolve, in his name, certain sins that are ordinarily only forgiven by the Pope. These specific types of sins are commonly known as sins “reserved to the Holy See.”

Archbishop Pérez will officially commission the new Missionaries of Mercy with their mandate from the Holy See at Vespers on Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023 at 4:30 PM in the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. All are most welcome to attend. To learn more about the Archdiocese of Philadelphia’s Missionaries of Mercy, visit archphila.org/mercy

“IF today, you hear God’s voice, harden not your heart.”
(Hebrew 3:15) Have you ever wondered whether God is calling you to become a Sister or do you want to know more about consecrated life? The Dominican Sisters of Peace are offering a free Come and See Discernment weekend retreat, September 8th – 10th, in the beautiful hills of St. Catharine, Kentucky for single Catholic women ages 18-45. This year we are offering an optional bonus day on Friday, September 9th. You may arrive Thursday and spend Friday in prayer, community, fun, and touring our Dominican heritage sites with sisters and other discerners. For more information, to register for this event, and/or to get a glimpse of what to expect, please visit https://oppeace.org. Or, you can contact Sr. Mai-Dung (pronounced My-Zung) Nguyen, OP at 405-248-7027 or mai-dung.nguyen@oppeace.org.

In today’s cover photo… Fr. Ken recently visited with Mark Beard, a local stained-glass artist with Scintilla Glass, who is restoring and adapting the beautiful window of Saint Isidore the Farmer (a gift to our parish from the patrimony of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia) that is being prepared for our Day Chapel. As you can see, work is well underway! We hope to be installing the window this coming fall.

All are invited to to participate in a Healing and Mercy Mass at O.L. Czestochowa Shrine. The Mass is said on every first Friday of each month at 7:00 PM followed by the exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and a prayer for spiritual and physical healing.

Location: National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, 654 Ferry Rd, Doylestown, PA 18901.

STEWARDSHIP

** Please call the Parish Office at 215-536-4389 for Contact Information. **

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .**

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Note:** The 2nd collection this weekend is for the Parish Enhancement Fund and next weekend, Sept. 4th is for the Black & Indian Missions.

**Average Parish Weekly Expense:** $17,101.00 per week

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Eternal rest grant unto our deceased family and friends, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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**Average Parish Weekly Expense:** $17,101.00 per week

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**Total Collection** $6,405.00
**Additional Contributions** $882.00

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5,523.00 (130 envelopes received)
882.00
6,405.00

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**Total Collection** $6,405.00
**Additional Contributions** $882.00

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**Average Parish Weekly Expense:** $17,101.00 per week

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850 envelopes sent $5,523.00
Additional Contributions $882.00
Total Collection $6,405.00

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Wishes for a successful weekend!

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