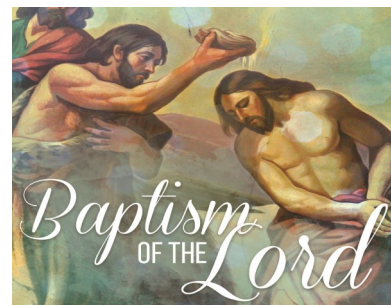


# *Saint Isidore* Catholic Church



**3921 20th St., Columbus, Ne 68601**

Pastor.....Rev. Joseph A. Miksch

Deacons.....Andy Anderson, Kelly Schrant,  
Lawrence Throener and Steve Zach

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Fax... 402-564-8955

E-Mail: [isidore@sti.esu7.org](mailto:isidore@sti.esu7.org)

Website: [saintisidorechurch.com](http://saintisidorechurch.com)

Facebook: [fb.me/saintisidore](https://fb.me/saintisidore)

## Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Closed Noon-1:00 p.m.

## Mass Schedule

*Weekdays:* Monday-Saturday 8:10 a.m.

*Weekends:* Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

## Mass Viewing

NCN channel 803 or 1228 cable TV

Allo channel 180

Live Stream NCN on our website

YouTube channel on our website

[NewschannelNebraska.com](http://NewschannelNebraska.com)

## Bulletin Deadlines

Please email [kwright@sti.esu7.org](mailto:kwright@sti.esu7.org) with all bulletin submission requests and deadline questions. Thank you!

## WELCOME!

On behalf of our church family, we are pleased to welcome you to St. Isidore Catholic Church. If you are a new parishioner or frequent visitor please take time to complete a registration form located in the entryway of the rectory.



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11



# St. Isidore Parish Directory

**Parish Office Staff 402-564-8993**  
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Parish Secretary.....Kathy Wright  
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cmaguire@sti.esu7.org

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Cherie VanDyke..... 303-918-1363  
Mary Throener.....402-649-0341

Music Ministry Director /Virginia Semerad  
402-615-0471 vmsemerad@yahoo.com

**Grade School.....402-564-2604**  
Principal.....Amy Evans  
Secretary.....Andrea Kuhl  
Custodian.....Jerry Svehla

**St. Isidore Preschool/Childcare Center**  
402-563-2305  
Pre-School Director.....Carmen Podolak  
Daycare Director.....Cassie Patzel

**Scotus High School.....402-564-7165**  
President.....Jeff Ohnoutka

**St. Isidore Ministry Office**  
**Youth Ministry**.....Sarah Doerneman  
columbuscym@gmail.com

**Evangelization**.....Sarah Doerneman  
sdoerneman@colcath.org

**Ministries**  
**Shut-in Ministry**....Kathy Wright

**Prayer Line**.....Suzanne Pillen  
402-276-1124 skpillen@yahoo.com

**Quilting Ladies**....Iola Werts 402-606-4446  
Fay Keller 402-564-8056

**Gift Shop**.....Janice Jochum 402-649-4691



## Mass Intentions

### Monday, January 8

8:10am L/D Luetkenhaus & Keller Families

### Tuesday, January 9

8:10am L/D Kane & McCauley Families

### Wednesday, January 10

8:10am †Al & Margaret Koziol

### Thursday, January 11

8:10am †Kathe Beauvais

### Friday, January 12

8:10am L/D Frank Dubas Family  
Emerald St. Isidore & St. Joseph Parishioners

### Saturday, January 13

8:10am L/D Albracht & Kudron Families  
5:30pm L/D St. Isidore & St. Joseph Parishioners

### Sunday, January 14

8:00am †Bill Ingold  
10:00am L/D German Family

## GIFTS OF TREASURE

### Sunday, December 24, 2023

St. Isidore	\$ 73,813.00
E-Giving	\$ 540.00
Christmas	\$ 29,100.00
ACH Deposits	
Maint. & Repairs	

## Weekend Mass Sched.

### Our Family of Parishes

#### St. Bonaventure

Sat. 4:30 p.m.

Sun. 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., &  
1:30 p.m.

#### St. Anthony

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

Sun. 7:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

#### St. Joseph/Platte Center

Sat. 7:30 p.m.

#### St. Stanislaus/Duncan

Sun. 9:00 a.m.

## Seminary 2nd Collection on January 6 & 7, 2024

## ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

We have committed \$84,481.00 or 74% towards our goal of \$112,945.22 with 32% participation.



**Current Campaign Commitments: \$ 4,268,387.00**  
**Payments Received toward Pledge Commitments:**  
**\$ 1,862,078.00**

**We are still accepting campaign pledges. Pledge cards can be found in the narthex or the parish office.**

## Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom you call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR RECORDS UPDATED!

Have you moved recently or do you no longer have a land line phone, only cell phones? Do you have an email address or has it changed? Please send any changes to isidore@sti.esu7.org or call 402-564-8993.



*Baptism* Please contact the Rectory

*Confession* Friday 6:30-8:00 a.m.

Saturday 3:30-5:00 p.m.

*Marriage* Contact the rectory one year in advance.

*Anointing of the Sick* Anyone who is seriously ill, or about to undergo a major surgery, is encouraged to call the rectory and schedule a time to receive the sacrament.

In emergencies call immediately.



## MINISTERS

### JANUARY 13

**Saturday, @ 5:30 p.m.**

**Greeter:** R. & K. Schaecher

**Usher:** W. Babel, G. Dohmen,  
P. Pandorf, Not Filled

**Server:** S. Gassen, M. Hash,  
J. Nahorny, T. Tonniges

**Lector:** P. Paprocki

**EMHC:** R. Birchem, M. Birkel,  
M. Fehr, B. Fleming, D. Lux,  
J. Zimmerman

### JANUARY 14

**Sunday, @ 8:00 a.m.**

**Greeter:** J. Podany, P. Rupprecht

**Usher:** J. Donoghue, M. Gall,  
T. Pick, J. Vaughn

**Server:** P. Augustine, G. Bloebaum,  
E. Lentfer, L. Sliva

**Lector:** R. Hanus

**EMHC:** S. Beiermann, A. Gaspers,  
T. Niedbalski, A. Sokol,  
S. Stutzman, M. Throener

### JANUARY 14

**Sunday, @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Greeter:** M. Kluever, B. McPhillips

**Usher:** J. Feldhaus, G. Jazwick  
B. McPhillips, R. Reisdorff

**Server:** E. Cameron, L. Hung-  
Rodriguez, D. Lindberg, E. Olmer

**Lector:** K. Reisdorff

**EMHC:** H. Broxterman,  
S & M. Doerneman, S. Hoge,  
A. Spenner, B. Swedenburg

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

**January 7, 2024**

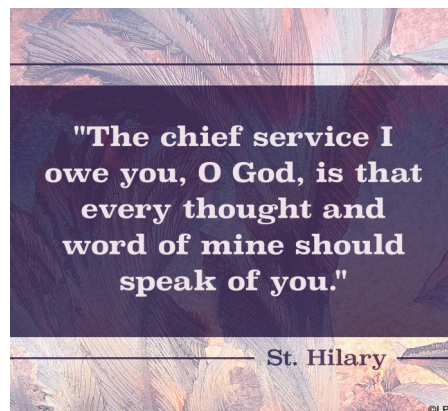
### The Epiphany of the Lord

A stranger in a foreign land, I was exhausted and homesick as my summer Spanish immersion ended in Guatemala. The rusty minivan arriving outside my small residence filled me with joyful hope. I was flying home to the U.S. and would be, at long last, completely happy. Or so I thought. After about half an hour of being home, I thought to myself, "This place is boring. I want to go somewhere." So, I hopped in my car and left to see my friends. As I drove, I wistfully wondered, "Where am I *truly* at home?" The feast of Epiphany has a lot to do with our notion of home. Where is our origin? Where are we going? When is our wandering done? Saint Matthew tells us of the Magi, "**They were overjoyed at seeing the star.**" This star will bring them *home*, to a place where their questing will end, and they will be satisfied. Their real home is neither in the East nor in the earthly Jerusalem. Somehow, their home is wherever this boy and his parents are.

If you're a teenager or older, you probably know by now that every physical home we have is temporary. So, we look up at the countless stars in our proverbial skies: things which bedazzle and beckon us to follow toward peace. The Gospel invites us to behold that — at long last — God has sent us a star to follow home, one that whispers, "Follow me! I will take you home!" Perhaps that star is your spouse. A friend. An opportunity. A cause. An intuition about a new direction. A prayer group. What is it for you? How will you know? It will lead you to Mary and Joseph and their son, and you will be home.

— *Father John Muir*

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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

My mother-in-law was the best gift-giver I ever knew. One could say my parents spoiled me growing up, but there was something about her gifts to me that made me feel overwhelmed. I guess it was that after several years I still was surprised that she would think enough of me to get me something no one else would. She was able to make me feel special every time. Of course, I believe she honored me in this way because I accepted her greatest gift to me, her daughter. Sadly, my mother-in-law did not live long in this world. She passed away over a decade ago due to an aggressive cancer. Some of her material gifts to me remain, while others are long gone. But the memories and the effect of those gifts remain because it was never all about the gifts themselves. It was about relationship. It was about her and me. It was about love. What we offer Jesus is never about the gift itself. It is about the motivation behind the action and the effect that action has on the body of Christ. Many of the gifts we give today to God and his people will fade away like the mist of the early morning, but the effects of those actions will last forever. It is about relationship. It is about God and us. It is about love.

— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

## USHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are actively seeking volunteers to help with ushering at all of our Masses. Knights of Columbus members, and all men and women are invited to call the church office at 402-564-8993 to volunteer at the Mass of your choice. Please consider helping with this very important ministry.



## ADORATION/ST. BONS @ SCOTUS

**Open hours are:**

Sun. 2-3 a.m. & 3-4am (3rd & 5th Sun.)

Wed. 2-3 a.m.

Thurs. 1-2 a.m.

Thurs. 2-3 a.m. (3rd & 5th Thursdays)

Thurs. 3-4 a.m. (4th & 5th weeks)

Fri. 1-2 a.m. (every other week)

Fri. 2-3 a.m. (every other week)

Sat. 2-3 p.m.

Sat. 3-4 p.m.

Sat. 6-7p.m.

Sat. 7-8pm (2nd, 4th & 5th only)

Sat. 8-9pm (1st, only)

Sign up online at [https://](https://adorationpro.org/bonaventurene)

[adorationpro.org/bonaventurene](https://adorationpro.org/bonaventurene) or  
Text Joan @ 402-910-0958 & I will sign  
you up.

## MOMS & MASS

Join us for Mass at 8:10am with Coffee & Conversation at Ministry house (yellow house across from school) 9-10:30 a.m. Childcare available :) Friday, January 12th.

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS COURT LITTLE FLOWER 988

A meeting will be held on Monday, January 8 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Bon's Parish Center. Center for Survivors Donations, Living Rosary and Dessert. Co-Chairladies: Laurie Hemmer, Lois Kuta and Sharon Garretson.

*You are invited* to participate in a life-changing pilgrimage to Zadar (Croatia) and Medjugorje (Bosnia-Herzegovina) from April 22-May 5, 2024, hosted by Mirjana Soldo, visionary. We will be staying at her hotel in Medjugorje for a few days and also at the Two Hearts Hotel. Our Spiritual Director is Rev. Michael Swanton, Assoc. Pastor of St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Omaha. For questions or to learn more about the trip itinerary, cost, and related details, please contact Jolene Jefferies at 402-521-0717 or [jmjefferies@archomaha.org](mailto:jmjefferies@archomaha.org).



## MERCY BASKET MINISTRY

St. Isidore's Parish Mercy Basket Ministry extends our sympathy to families who have lost a love one in our church family. We will deliver a Mercy Basket with paper products, gift cards, etc. to the family. We are asking for help with donations. Make your check out to St. Isidore. Please put it in a marked envelope labeled "Mercy Basket" and place it in the collection basket. If you would like to volunteer to help with this project please call Betty Sprunk 402-910-0037 or Susan Brandt 402-910-5289.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER TO BE AN ADULT FUNERAL SERVER

If you are interested in volunteering to be an Adult Funeral Server, please contact Charlie Wozny at 402-270-4357 to set up a time to be trained.

## SUPERSAVER RECEIPTS

The Super Saver receipt program runs from Sept. 1, 2023 – Mar. 31, 2024 for the current school year. You may drop them in a the bucket labeled "St. Isidore School" located near the checkouts at Supersaver, drop them in the basket in the narthex (by the religious articles) or bring them to the school office.



Jan. 8-12

**Mon.**– Meatball Sub, Peas  
**Tues.**– Orange Chicken, Rice  
**Wed.**– Hamburger / Bun , French Fries  
**Thurs.**–Chili, Cinnamon Roll  
**Fri.**–Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes  
Fruit & Veggie Bar, Assorted Milk

Did you know: Did you know all second grade Columbus Catholic School students receive their sacramental studies within the school day in preparation for first reconciliation and first communion? The parish priests come into our classrooms during the day for specialized instruction and classroom teachers reinforce the studies throughout the school day. Parishioners provide valuable support as prayer buddy pen pals to our second graders. Want to volunteer as a prayer buddy? Contact our school offices today!



### Events:

**Tuesday, Jan. 9: Banking in Schools**

**Saturday, Jan. 20: St. Isidore Preschool Bingo Night (after 5:30 Mass)**

If you would like to stay up to date on weekly happenings, photos and more from our elementary school days, follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/St.IsidoreCatholicSchool](https://facebook.com/St.IsidoreCatholicSchool).

## PRE NEWS

PRE, (Parish Religious Education, Kindergarten - Grade 8) **January 17**, Classes as usual.

If you would like to assist in a class, the office, with prayers or if you have a child that would like to join us, please contact: Mary Throener at 402-649-0341 or Cherie Van Dyke at 303-918-1363.



**January 9** Officers Meeting

**Knight for the Month of Nov.-Ben Thalken**

**Family for the Month of Nov.-Warren & June Racely**

Rosary prayed in church at 6:00 p.m. every Monday.

Everyone Welcome!

Grand Knight -Gary Groteluschen 402-750-8747

You and I are called to do very humble work. There are many people who can do big things, but there are very few people who will do the small things.  
St. Teresa of Calcutta



## Christmas Flowers and Decorations



Donation	Intention
M/M Mike Mazankowski	
Madonna Laska	Frank Laska
M/M Jack Nosal	Cunningham & Nosal Families
M/M Gerard Preister	Jim Bierman, Imelda Preister
M/M Dan Steiner	
John C. Ebner	
Rita Murray	Bruce Murray
Joan Kurtenbach	Wm. G. Kurtenbach
Darcy Reinke	Jim Sprunk & Stacey Briles
M/M Rick Chochon	



Father Joe takes this opportunity thank you for your many Christmas cards and gifts, your compliments and words of encouragement. Thank you especially for your faithfulness in the practice of your faith. So many of you received the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas and it was edifying to see so many attending all of our Christmas Masses. May the Lord bless all of you and grant you His peace!

## TEACHER JOBS AVAILABLE AT ST. ISIDORE SCHOOL

St. Isidore School has two 3rd grade positions open for teachers for the 2024-2025 school year. We offer competitive salary, tuition discounts, full single health insurance, life insurance and retirement plan.

## TEACHERS WANTED!!

COME JOIN  
OUR TEAM!



## St. Isidore



## Gift Shop

The Gift Shop will be open on January 13 & 14. Take time to browse the great selection of religious items available for sale.



# Save the date!

## JAN. 27, 2024

### St. Bonaventure

## ~ IT'S A B.Y.O. BOTTLE WINE TASTING ~

Father Taylor will emcee a fun and informal wine tasting, complete with appetizers, fellowship, and prizes.

Reservations begin after the first of the year!

*A person is merciful when he feels the sorrow and misery of another as if it were his own.*  
Ven. Fulton Sheen

