

St. Isidore

Catholic Church

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

Deacons.....Andy Anderson,
Kelly Schrant, Lawrence Throener,
Steve Zach, David Probst

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Facebook: fb.me/saintisidore

Church Office Hours: **NEW**
Monday-Thursday 7:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
Closed Noon-1:00 p.m.
Friday 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

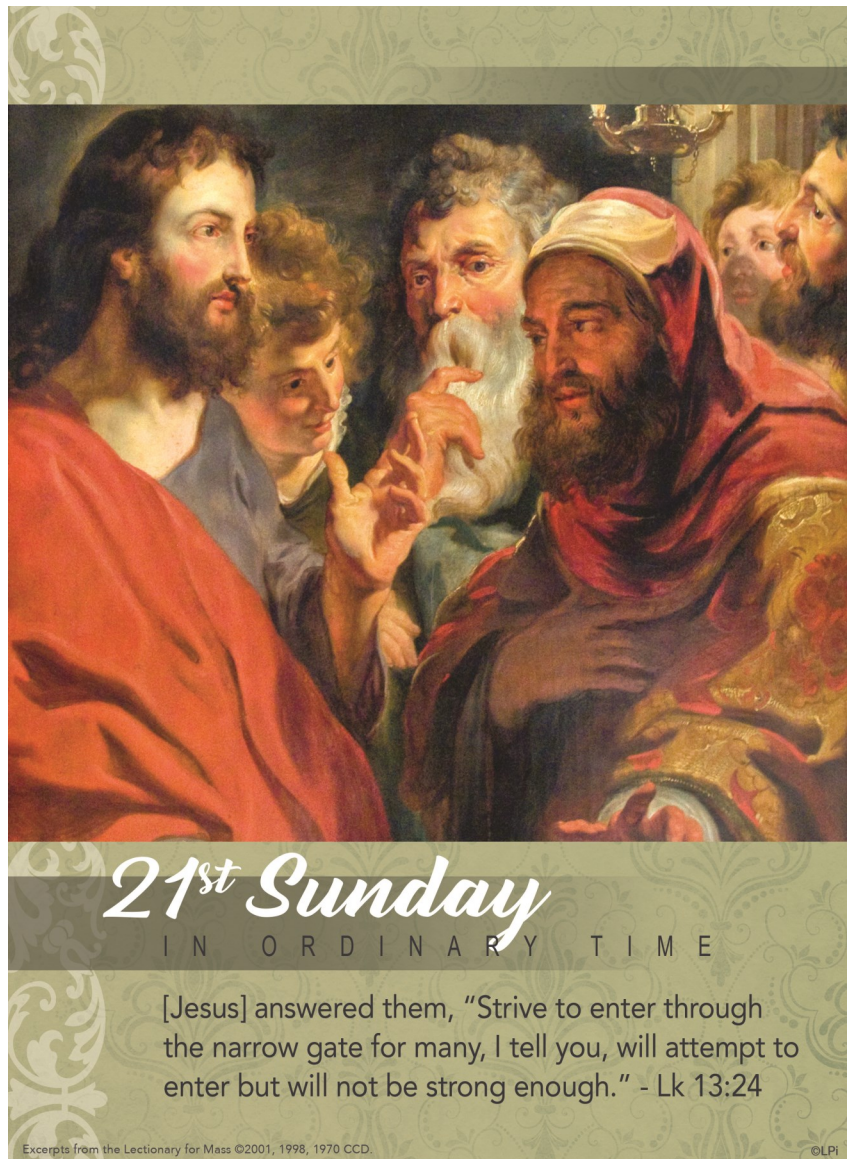
Business Manager Office Hours: **NEW**
Monday-Wednesday 8:00-4:30 p.m.
Closed Noon-1:00 p.m.

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

Mass Weekends:
Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

Mass Viewing:
NCN channel 98
Allo channel 180
Live Stream NCN on our website
YouTube channel on our website
NewschannelNebraska.com

Confessions:
Friday 6:30-8:00 a.m.
Saturday 3:00-4:15 p.m. &
after Mass until 6:00 p.m.



Bulletin Deadlines

Please email kwright@sti.esu7.org with all bulletin submission requests and deadline questions. Thank you!



St. Isidore Parish Directory

Parish Office Staff 402-564-8993
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Parish Secretary.....Kathy Wright
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Business Manager....Gina Blaser
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P.R.E. Director....
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
Principal.....Brady Vancura

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

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

Ministries
Shut-in Ministry....Kathy Wright
402-564-8993

Prayer Line.....Suzanne Pillen
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Quilting Ladies....
Iola Werts 402-606-4446
Fay Keller 402-564-8056

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

MASS
intentions

Monday, August 25

8:10am Evan and Angela Trofholz Family

Tuesday, August 26

8:10am L/D Grovjohn & Bailey Families

Wednesday, August 27

8:10am L/D Bialas & Kampovitz Families

Thursday, August 28

8:10am †Bruce Brandenburg

Friday, August 29

8:10am †LeRoy & Irene Sprunk Sr.

3:00pm Emerald †Victor Brandl

Saturday, August 30

8:10am Emil Staroscki Family

4:30pm St. Isidore & St. Joseph Parishioners

Sunday, August 31

8:00am L/D William Tarnick Family

10:00am †John Krings

GIFTS OF TREASURE

Sunday, Aug. 17, 2025

St. Isidore	\$ 13,444.50
Children's	\$ 136.32
E-Giving	\$ 663.00
Maint. & Repairs	\$ 545.00
Assumption	\$ 2,528.00

Weekend Mass Schedule

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.



Baptism Please contact the Rectory

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

Saturday 3:00-4:15 p.m. & after Mass until 6:00 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.

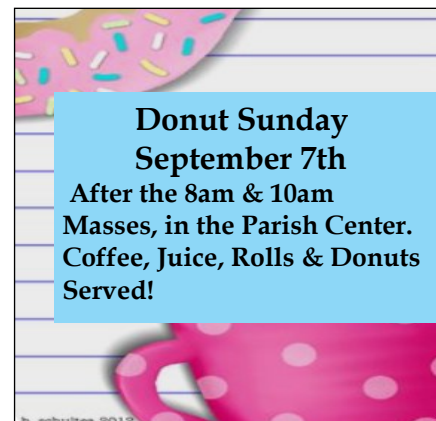


Total Project Cost \$ 7.2M

Pledge commitments received \$4,638,155.00

Payments received on pledge commitments \$4,018,084.00

Thank you to everyone who has contributed! If you have not yet contributed, please consider making a donation.



ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL

Tuition Raffle

\$25 EACH

ONLY 250 TICKETS TO BE SOLD

Winner will receive a \$3,000 Tuition Credit

—OR— a \$1,500 Scrip Voucher

Tuition can be used at any

Columbus Catholic School, Preschool or Daycare

Scrip Voucher can be redeemed for Scrip of your choice at the St Anthony's Church Office.

Purchase your tickets at St. Anthony parish office.

Need not be present to win

Drawing will be held during the St. Anthony Fall Festival on October 26, 2025.

MINISTERS

Weekend August 30 & 31

Saturday, @ 4:30 p.m.

Greeter: J. Spale, Not Filled

Usher: W. Babel, L. Hogelin,
M. Liebig, Not Filled

Servers: L. Matulka, H. Trouba,
K. Wemhoff, C. Wemhoff

Lector: T. Stuthman

EMHC: M. Gearhart, L. Koliha,
D. Lux, P. & A. Tuma, S. Wieser

Sunday, @ 8:00 a.m.

Greeter: S. & J. Sueper

Ushers: B. Belina, D. Ferguson,
T. Pick, D. Smith

Servers: B. Hughes, E. Lentfer,
W. Liebig, G. Pflum

Lector: C. Wozny

EMHC: D. & MK. Hegemann,
M. & N. Krzycki, C. Lentfer,
M. Throener

Sunday, @ 10:00 a.m.

Greeter: J. & J. Ramos

Usher: G. Groteluschen, B. Hoppe,
J. Schure, Not Filled

Servers: E. Cameron, J. Hoefer,
L. Saenz, L. Saenz

Lector: D. Starzec

EMHC: M. Feldhaus, K. & L. Kaslon,
K. Miksch, M. Mueller, A. Spenner

ADORATION/ST. BONS @ SCOTUS

Open hours are:

Sun. 12-1 a.m.

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

Sun. 2-3 p.m.

Mon. 1-2 a.m.

Wed. Midnight-1 a.m.

Wed. Noon -1 p.m. (need person to share)

Thurs. Midnight-1 a.m.

Thurs. 1-2 a.m. (1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 5th Thurs.)

Thurs. 2-3 a.m. (1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Thurs.)

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

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

Fri. 6-7 p.m. (3rd, 4th, & 5th weeks only)

Sat. 8-9 a.m.

Sat. 1-2 p.m.

Sat. 6-7 p.m. (all but 1st Sat.)

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

Sign up online at <https://adorationpro.org/bonaventure> or Text Joan @ 402-910-0958

Begin with your own emptiness and
seek Him who can fill it.

Venerable Fulton Sheen

GOSPEL MEDITATION

August 24, 2025

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 13:22-30

I've been hiking Camelback Mountain in Phoenix, Arizona most of my life. It is a vigorous forty-five minutes to the top. Near the peak, the end suddenly appears much further away, and steeper. At that moment, a descending hiker often offers encouragement: "Keep going! The peak is right there. It's not as far as it looks. You can do it!" It usually works. After another five minute push, you summit and enjoy a glorious panorama of the Sonoran Desert in the Valley of the Sun.

When Jesus is asked about how many people are saved, he says: "**Strive to enter through the narrow gate**" (Luke 13:24). How many? Strive! Focus on your journey. What does heavenly census taking have to do with you or me? How would it help a hiker on a mountain to ask the others coming down, "How many people are going to make it to the top?" A normal response would be something like: "How is that a relevant question? Carry on!"

Jesus links one virtue directly to salvation: perseverance (cf. Matt 24:13; *hypomone* in Greek). Strive! Endure! Keep going! The one absolutely necessary virtue is perseverance, to not give up on our journey. The mountain we struggle to climb is often our own weakness, failures, and sins. Persevere in prayer. Keep celebrating the sacraments. Embrace daily duties. With God's grace, you are strong enough to keep going. Perhaps the peak is not as far away as you might fear. Keep going!

— Father John Muir ©LPi

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Chancing the Narrow Gate

From doctors to counselors, anthropologists to schoolteachers, it seems like everyone has their own parenting style to peddle, guaranteeing it will result in a happy and well-adjusted kid.

You've got "gentle parenting," predicated on respect for the child's feelings and needs. You've got "attachment parenting," based on the belief that kids need time to adjust to being outside of the womb. You've got "free-range parenting," where self-sufficiency reigns supreme.

But of all the parenting approaches I've come across, I've never encountered a philosophy that rejects discipline altogether. There are lots of conflicting opinions on how best to administer that discipline, but I've never heard any parent or parenting "expert" worth their salt say that a mother or father should completely ignore misbehavior that threatens the well-being of the child himself.

Discipline is in our human DNA. Consider for a moment what the world would look like if it came to be filled with people who had never been taught to reflect on their life challenges. People who bristled at the suggestion of personal growth. And yet we become this way with God. Even the most "devout" among us shy away from occasions of divine constructive criticism. We avoid confession and forego daily examinations of conscience. We keep things superficial in our prayer life, avoiding depth of heart and real intimacy with God, afraid of what He will speak to us.

But when we do this, we rob ourselves of an opportunity to rely on God's fatherly strength, to rest in His mercy, to fill ourselves up with His goodness. We're putting up our hands, saying: "No thanks, Father, I'm good. You can keep your discipline. You can keep your grace."

When we do this, we are making a beeline for the "narrow gate," sure of our own strength and ability to pass through it. All I can say is this, proceed at your own peril. Are you so sure of yourself?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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August 30 & 31

4:30pm: P. Scharff, R. Wemhoff,
D. Wagner, J. Moser
8:00am: V. Semerad
10:00am: D. Hanson, P. Stuthman,
V. Semerad

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.



Thank you to the Holy Name Society for the generous donation of \$2,400.00 to St. Isidore Church! It is very much appreciated!

SEEKING TRUTH BIBLE STUDY SERIES

Seeking Truth Bible Study series to start again at St. Isidore's this fall. It is a 21-week Bible study of John. We will meet on Wednesday evenings beginning Sept. 17th, in the St. Michael's meeting room. Two sessions will be offered: 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. We will be using Sharon Doran's Seeking Truth video bible series which has been commissioned by the Omaha Archdiocese. Each week consists of a 45-50 minute video and then a small group discussion time to go over questions covered in the week's lesson. During the series we will not meet during holiday weeks. All are welcome! If you would like more information about the bible study series you may go to www.seekingtruth.net.

Sign up for the classes will be the weekend of Aug. 30th and 31st after all masses at St. Isidore's. If you have questions or cannot be present for sign up weekend, please call, email or text Laurie Lange at 402-564-8053, laurielange5@gmail.com or Bonnie McPhillips at 402-276-1287, bonniewilliam1983@gmail.com



August 25-29

Mon.-Meatball Sub on WG

Tues.-Cheese Pizza, Green Beans

Wed.-Nacho Bar, Cheese Sauce, Black Beans

Thurs.-BBQ Pork Brisket, Baked Beans, Crinkle Fries

Fri.-Mandarin Orange Chicken, Brown Rice, Stir Fry
Veggies, Strawberry Cheesecake



PRE (Parish Religious Education)

First night of PRE will be Wed., Sept. 3rd. Please meet in church at 6:00 p.m. for Family Mass. Following Mass, there will be an introduction of teachers and then parents and students will visit the classrooms.

PRE class time will be from 6:00 p.m. to

7:30 p.m. each week in St. Isidore School. If you have questions or would like to register, please call or text: Mary Throener at 402-649-0341.

Aug. 26-Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 7-Donut Sunday

Sept. 9-Officer's Meeting 7:00 p.m.

July Family of the month-Duane & Nancy Schmitt (Blood Drive)

July Knight of the month-Amos Zelasney (Donut Sunday)



Rosary prayed every Monday at 6pm in church. Everyone Welcome!

If you would like to join the Knights of Columbus please call the Grand Knight at the number listed below.

Grand Knight-Terry Kane 402-750-5455

HUSKER FOOTBALL POOL

Knight's of Columbus are selling Football Sheets for upcoming Husker season. \$20 a piece per member to win, \$40 per half, per game, to win. Call Rod Reisdorff 402-270-3205 or talk to one of your KC members.



USHERS NEEDED

If you would like to be an usher, please call Kathy at 402-564-8993 to volunteer. Thank you!



SAVE THE DATE ST. ISIDORE ANNUAL BAZAAR



Sunday
September 14th

**DINNER, LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
GAMES
LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION,
QUILTERS RAFFLE AND DRAWINGS
AND MORE!!!!
SILENT AUCTION BIDDING
IS NOW OPEN!**

Dear Pastor and Parishioners,

Our Archdiocese is situated in the Northwest geographical zone of Nigeria which has the highest concentration of Moslems in the country. Kaduna is a state and headquarters of Islamic extremism and insurgency, banditry and kidnapping for ransom, and herders and farmers conflicts.

Why am I here? I'm here for the 2025 Missionary Cooperation Plan.

What will Kaduna Archdiocese do with the funds if raised? Our Archdiocese will use it for the training of major seminarians back at home that will replace me tomorrow.

In fact, Nigeria being the "heartbeat of Africa", leads in that regard, with more seminarians than any other part of the world.

My Archbishop Matthew M. Ndagoso currently has 85 seminarians under his care.

As we may well know, seminarians do not bear the cost of their training. Therefore, my Archbishop relies on the generosity of donors like you. Dear anticipated donor, your contribution can make a significant difference. \$1000 for example, can cover the tuition, feeding, and medical expenses of a seminarian for one year of their 9-year training.

Any contribution or check should be made to St. Isidore Parish, Columbus, NE memo: Kaduna Nigeria. Thank you for your amazing generosity. Deo Gracias?

Fr. Joseph Kato Kwasau



A Journey of Faith

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Formerly called the RCIA program. Are you, your spouse, your friend or neighbor interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith? OCIA classes will begin, Monday, September 15 at 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the St. Michael's room. For those who

might be interested in joining the Catholic Church, they would be ready to be received in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on April 4, 2026. If you are interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith or interested in possibly becoming Catholic, call the rectory at 402-564-8993 to set to leave your contact information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO BE PART OF THE O.C.I.A. TEAM

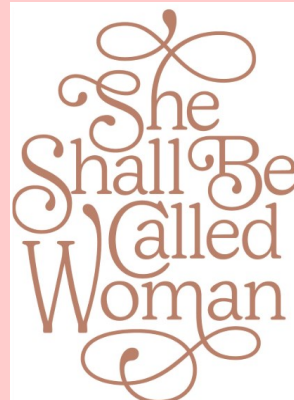
Fr. Joe would like to put together a Team to help with the O.C.I.A. program. They would work together with Fr. Joe to lead discussions and help conduct the program. He would also like someone on the team who has technical abilities to set up. If interested, please call the rectory at 402-564-8993 to let him know if you would like to be part of the team. After you have signed up to be part of the team, plan on meeting Monday, September 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Michael's room to get more information.

SHE SHALL BE CALLED WOMAN COMING TO ST. ISIDORES

Ladies, mark your calendars. She Shall Be Called Woman is a 10 week program on Thursday evenings beginning on September 18, 2025.

The program is designed to be a sanctuary for women as they grow in their relationship with the Lord.

Through vibrant conversations, authentic speakers, and enriching prayer experiences, She Shall Be Called Woman offers participants deeper insights into Scriptural teachings, theological truths, and practical wisdom. Reach out to Janice Jochum with questions 402-649-4691. Visit website at sheshallbecalledwoman.com



KNIGHTS NIGHT WITH THE EUCHARIST

Knights Night with the Eucharist will resume this month on Sunday, Aug. 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Saint Isidore. All Knights and their families are invited to attend. Knights Night with the Eucharist includes adoration, worship music, benediction, and witness talks.