

ST. ISIDORE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Welcome!

Pastor.....Rev. Joseph Miksch

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

GET IN TOUCH

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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
Monday–Wednesday 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Closed Noon–1:00 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses

Monday–Saturday 8:10 a.m.

Weekend Masses

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

CONFESSION

Friday 6:30–8:00 a.m.
Saturday 3:00–4:15 p.m. and after
church until 6:00 p.m.



BULLETIN DEADLINES

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



St. Isidore Parish Directory

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P.R.E. Director

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Principal.....Amy Evans

Secretary.....Andrea Kuhl

Custodian.....Jerry Svehla

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402-563-2305

Pre-School Director.....Carmen Podolak

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Principal.....Matthew Kathol

St. Isidore Ministry Office

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

MASS
intentions

Monday, December 15

6:30am †Khloe Papousek

Tuesday, December 16

8:10am L/D Renee & Steve Reines Family

Wednesday, December 17

8:10am †Duane Backes

Thursday, December 18

8:10am †Corrine Siebler

Friday December 19

8:10am L/D Harsh & Albracht Families

EM 3:00pm Charline Brookhouser

Saturday December 20

8:10am †Monsignor Mel Wiese

4:30pm St. Isidore & St. Joseph

Parishioners

Sunday, December 21

8:00am †Barbara Jaster

10:00am L/D Henry & Lorraine Iwan Fam.

GIFTS OF TREASURE

Sunday, Nov. 30, 2025

St. Isidore \$ 10,544.70

Children's \$ 187.21

E-Giving \$ 1,055.00

St. Vinc. de Paul \$ 4,212.00

Main. & Repair \$ 15.00

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.

SACRAMENTS

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 on 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 \$4,777,833.00

Payments received on pledge commitments

\$4,231,955.00

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



Annual Appeal 2025-2026

Archdiocese of Omaha

	Goal	Gift Total	% of Goal	Participation
St. Isidore	\$112,945.22	\$51,359.00	45.47%	189
St. Joseph	\$6,110.26	\$3,077.00	50.36%	10

Retirement Fund For Religious 2nd collection
December 13 & 14.

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@colcath.org or call 402-564-8993.

Ministers

Weekend Dec. 20 & 21

Saturday, @4:30 p.m.

Greeter: J. & L. Lawrence

Usher: W. Babel, L. Hogelin, M. Liebig, P. Pandorf

Servers: D. Hanson, F. Luchsinger, O. Prohaska, J. Slusarski

Lector: M. Beller

EMHC: B. Beller, J. Bulkley, Brandi Fleming, L. Koliha, P. Long, J. Obrist

Sunday, @ 8:00 a.m.

Greeter: T. & W. Jacobs

Usher: M. Gall, T. Pick, T. Pocwierz, C. Wozny

Servers: K. Schoenfelder, K. Schoenfelder, E. Schoenfelder, E. Sliva

Lector: D. Jablonski

EMHC: J. & T. Jarecke, S. Krings, T. & K. Loeffelholz, V. Pocwierz

Sunday, @ 10:00 a.m.

Greeter: T. Divis, J. McClure

Usher: J. Feldhaus, G. & J. Groelushchen, B. Hoppe

Servers: A. Evans, B. Marksmeier, B. Suing, N. Urkoski

Lector: L. Hogue

EMHC: M. Doerneman, B. Hausmann, L. & K. Kaslon, Not Filled

Wednesday, Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 4:00 p.m.

Greeter: M. & L. Dvorak

Usher: J. Donoghue, D. Ferguson, M. Gall, R. Hanus, R. Miksch, P. Rupprecht, D. Smith, J. Vaughn, D. Wagner

Servers: P. Cech, L. Matulka, D. Olberding, H. Trouba

Lector: S. Doerneman

EMHC: R. Birchem, K. Dinslage, M. Fehr, K. Jackson, D. Lux, D. Moore, J. Quattrocchi, S. Schefus, M. Sonderman, S. Wieser

Wednesday, Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 6:00 p.m.

Greeter: Not Filled, J. Spale

Usher: B. Belina, M. Divis, G. & J. Groelushchen, E. Wemhoff

Servers: H. Borgen, L. Hung-Rodriguez, S. Matulka, C. Schrant

Lector: C. Wozny

EMHC: C. Beyer, J. Dodson, A. Gaspers, D. Olmer, A. & P. Tuma

Thursday, Christmas Midnight Mass

Greeter: C. & F. Maguire

Usher: W. Babel, J. Feldhaus, B. Hoppe, Not Filled

Servers: K. Hissong, L. Kearney, K. Obrist, F. Olmer

Lector: H. Broxterman

EMHC: M. Feldhaus, K. Miksch, M. Mueller, A. Rickert, M. Throener, S. Vancura

Thursday, Christmas Day, Dec. 25 9:00 a.m.

Greeter: R. Goc, B. McPhillips

Usher: D. Hegemann, B. Jareske, B. McPhillips, T. Pick

Servers: D. Jakub, E. Lentfer, L. Sokol, N. Yanez

Lector: P. Long

EMHC: J. Gokie, M. Hegeman, C. Lentfer, D. Policky, A. Sokol, L. Thalken

Adoration/St. Bon's @ Scotus

Open hours are:

Sun. 12-1 a.m.

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

Mon. 1-2 a.m.

Wed. Midnight-1 a.m.

Thurs. Midnight-1 a.m.

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

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

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

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

Sat. 8-9 a.m.

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

Matthew 11:2-11

When I was 11, I was riding my bike on a Friday night in Scottsdale, Arizona. I saw giant spotlights swirling in the sky. Something amazing had to be happening. I pedaled after them with excitement. Sweaty and tired, I arrived, only to find a used car lot. Bright lights, flapping banners, inflatable balloon men swaying wildly in the wind. I stood there, heart sinking. All that spectacle, and all my effort ... for this? As life proceeds, we learn what it is like to pursue promising but fruitless searches. This week we hear Jesus ask the crowds regarding John the Baptist: "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?" (Matthew 11:7). He's not just describing the crowd's mis-aimed pursuit. He's naming our tendency to chase after what's flashy but flimsy.

What are our swaying reeds? For me, it is endless video reels on my phone, worldly pleasures, entertainment in sports, and the good opinion of others. Inflated distractions that bend whichever way the wind blows. But they can't satisfy my soul. What are your flimsy reeds?

John the Baptist wasn't a swaying reed. He was rooted, grounded, unafraid to speak the solid truth. The people went to see him because, deep down, they were starving for something real.

This Advent, the Church asks us to reassess: What are we really looking for? Are we chasing the dazzling but hollow? Or are we seeking what is solid and lasting — that which points to Christ?

— Father John Muir

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

John the Baptist is truly an intriguing figure of history. He was a cousin of Jesus and literally prepared all those who would listen for this new way of life ushered in by a Messiah. Besides the key role he plays in the Gospel story, his depiction in Scripture, and then in literature, movies, and other media, gives us an image of a pretty unique person. How about locusts and wild honey for dinner? Can you imagine camel's hair as a staple in your wardrobe? He lived differently, and he stood out among the status quo. Of course, his look and cuisine didn't stand out nearly as much as his message. How do you stand out? What separates you from the crowd? God has created each of us completely unique and with a combination of gifts like no one else. How can you uncover and understand your unique gifts? First, reflect on what makes you happiest in life. We are happiest when we are using the talents God gave us. Next, think about what comes naturally to you, whether it is a skill, task, or emotion. Recurring patterns in our behavior and experiences provide clues to our giftedness. Finally, what do other people see in you? The communities we live in, whether it is our family, parish, school, or workplace are filled with people who can provide clues to us by their observations. After these steps, can you say what makes you special? Now, let's start to grow that, lean on it, and stand out in a way that brings glory to God.



December 20 & 21

4:30pm: Reiners Family & Co.
8:00am: K. Jarecki, J. Moser
10:00am: D. Hanson, V. Semerad

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

They gave their lives in service now they need your help. For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying, and serving those in need. Many now face retirement without sufficient savings. Your support ensures they receive the care they deserve. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly gave to others. Your generosity today is not just a donation—it's a way of thanking them for their lifelong service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

ADORATION

While the Polish nun, Sister Faustina Kowalska, was praying before the Blessed Sacrament, our Lord revealed Himself to her? There were pink and white rays of Divine light emanating from His Sacred heart, radiating throughout the entire chapel.



Whenever someone came into the chapel for a visit, these divine rays would go forth from Jesus and encircle the whole world. Jesus explained that each person coming before Him in the Blessed Sacrament represented all humanity and that every man, woman and child on the face of the earth experiences a new effect of His goodness, grace, love and mercy for each holy hour made in His divine Presence.

Jesus gave Sister Faustina the following prayer to be said by those who go before Him in the Blessed Sacrament to appeal for His divine mercy on all mankind—it can be prayed on the beads of the Rosary: (The Divine Mercy Chaplet).

Please check out page 3 of the bulletin for open hours of Adoration to be a part of this effusion of God's goodness, grace, love and mercy on all humanity.



The St. Isidore Gift Shop will be open at every weekend Mass from now until Christmas. Many items to select from. Great gifts for Christmas!!



December 15-19

Mon.—French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Egg Patty, Mixed Veggies

Tues.—Crispito, Cheese Sauce, Fries, Green Beans

Wed.—Corndogs, Carrots

Thurs.—Chili, Cinnamon Roll, Peas

Fri.—No Lunch



PRE (Parish Religious Education)

K-Grade 8—Classes on Wednesdays
 6:00–7:30 p.m. in St. Isidore School.

Dec. 2025 No Membership Mtg.

Jan. 2, 2026 KC Blood Drive

Jan. 13 Officer's Mtg.

Jan. 18 KC Soup Supper (Split the Pot)

Jan. 27 Membership Mtg.

Knight of the Month for October is Bob Hoppe

Family of the Month for October is

John & Lauren Hogue

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



**I don't know what God is doing.
 He knows. We do not understand, but one thing I'm sure, He doesn't make a mistake.
 St. Teresa of Calcutta**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

ST. ISIDORE CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES 4:00 P.M. & 6:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS AIRED ON TV 3:30-5:00 P.M.
& MIDNIGHT MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS 9:00 A.M.

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS AIRED ON TV 9:00-10:15 A.M.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, PLATTE CENTER

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 6:00 P.M.

Compassionate Friends

Candle Lighting Ceremony Night of Remembrance
For all parents who have lost a child...that their
light may always shine

Sunday, December 14, 2025 7:00 p.m.

Please arrive no later than 6:45pm

St. Isidore Church, 3921 20 St. Columbus

Bring a candle in a container to light for your child
that can be placed at the altar. A picture of your
child or special remembrance is also welcome.
Sibling, grandparent, friends, etc. are welcome to
join you for this evening, but please no very
young children.

On Earth we will light candles to remember...

Please call Heather for questions 402-910-4904



Blood Drive

St. Isidore-Knights of Columbus

St. Isidore School Gym

Friday, January 2, 2026

Noon-6:00pm

For an appointment contact Dale Labenz at
dalelabenz@gmail.com, Kyle Jensen at
402-910-0681, or www.redcrossblood.org
enter sponsor code: IsidoreColumbus
Bring donor card or Photo ID,
Eat breakfast/lunch & drink plenty of water
prior to donation blood.

Sign ups before & after church on

Dec. 13 & 14, 20 & 21 and 27 & 28.

5-December 14, 2025



COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

ST. ISIDORE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16 AT 6:30 P.M.

ST. ANTHONY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 6:30 P.M.

ST. BONAVENTURE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 6:30 P.M.

MANDATORY EMHC AND USHER TRAINING FOR 4:00 P.M. AND 6:00 P.M. CHRISTMAS MASSES ON SUN., DECEMBER 14, 11:00 A.M.

It is important to put in your online request or
accept for your ministry for the 4:00 p.m. and 6:00
p.m. Christmas Masses (as well as other
Christmas Masses) before the December 14
training. Also important to not have last minute
changes or no response. Late changes cause
confusion during these very big Masses. Training
is very important. Everyone needs to know what
to do and where to go. Please plan on attending
this meeting and take time to get your requests
or accepts submitted. We appreciate you and
want things to go smoothly.



The Quilting Ladies Christmas
Boutique was a wonderful
success! Because of their
hard work and your generous
purchases they were able to
donate \$2,353.00 to be used
toward the Parish Center debt
reduction. Thank you!!!

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

**Knights of Columbus are selling
Christmas cards in the narthex.**
Please take a moment to stop
and support the Knights.



WE NEED YOU HELP!

Masses, especially the 4:30 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. are
very full. Please help our ushers by moving to the
middle of the pew and allowing them to see what
spaces are available so others attending Mass can
be seated. **Also, a short reminder that at
Christmas families should arrive together and NOT
SAVE seats in the Church or the Parish Center. It is
important to let your non-parishioner families
know this as well. Everyone has a family that is
also coming. Please keep the Spirit of Christmas in
our Holy Space.**