

# ST. ISIDORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Welcome!

### Pastor.....Rev. Joseph Miksch

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

### GET IN TOUCH

3921 20th Street  
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Website: [saintisidorechurch.com](http://saintisidorechurch.com)  
Facebook: [fb.me/saintisidore](https://fb.me/saintisidore)

### 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.

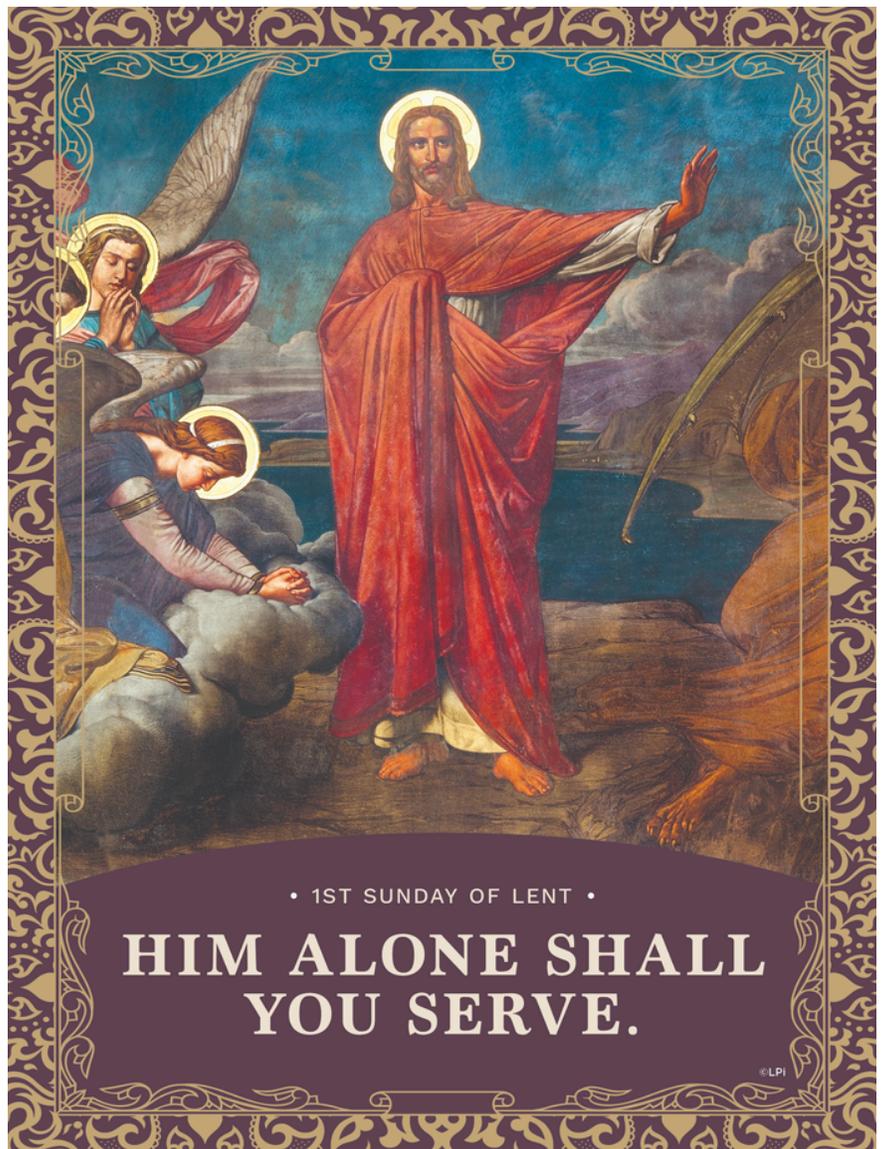
### MASS VIEWING

NCN channel 98  
Allo channel 180

Live Stream NCN on our website  
YouTube channel on our website  
[NewschannelNebraska.com](http://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](mailto:kwright@colcath.org) with all your bulletin submission requests and deadline questions. Thank you!



**St. Isidore Parish Directory**

**Parish Office Staff 402-564-8993**  
 isidore@colcath.org

**Parish Secretary.....Kathy Wright**  
 kwright@colcath.org

**Business Manager.....Gina Blaser**  
 gblaser@colcath.org

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 402-649-0341 stipre@colcath.org

**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.....Terry Kathol**

**St. Isidore Ministry Office**  
**Youth Ministry.....Sarah Doerneman**  
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**Evangelization.....Sarah Doerneman**  
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**Ministries**  
**Shut-in-Ministry.....Kathy Wright**  
**402-564-8993**

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

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

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

**M A S S**  
*intentions*

**Monday, February 23**  
**8:10am** L/D Tim & Peggy Engel Family  
**Tuesday, February 24**  
**8:10am** †Frank Laska  
**Wednesday, February 25**  
**8:10am** L/D Olmer & Sonderman Families  
**Thursday, February 26**  
**8:10am** L/D Wiese & Beiermann Families  
**Friday, February 27**  
**8:10am** †William Tarnick  
**EM 3:00pm** †Cindy Ayala  
**Saturday, February 28**  
**8:10am** †Ted & Sally Heinen  
**4:30pm** St. Isidore & St. Joseph Parishioners  
**Sunday, March 1**  
**8:00am** †David Bennett  
**10:00am** Decd. Knight's of Columbus

**GIFTS OF TREASURE**  
**Sunday, February 15, 2026**

St. Isidore	\$14,482.00
Children's	\$ 113.00
E-Giving	\$ 535.00
Maint. & Repairs	\$ 601.00
ACH Deposits	\$18,628.25
Ash Wednesday	\$ 218.00

**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 \$4,867,271.00  
 Payments received on pledge commitments \$4,569,161.00  
 Thank you to everyone who has contributed! If you have not yet contributed, please consider making a donation.

**Annual Appeal 2025-2026**



	Goal	Gift Total	% of Goal	Participation
<b>St. Isidore</b>	\$112,945.22	\$102,753.88	90.98%	266
<b>St. Joseph</b>	\$6,110.26	\$4,737.00	77.53%	20

**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 Feb. 28–Mar. 1

**Saturday, @4:30 p.m.**

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

**Ushers:** W. Babel, G. Jochum, M. Liebig,  
Not Filled

**Servers:** A. Brezenski, S. Matulka,  
C. Schrant, N. Yanez

**Lector:** T. Zabawa

**EMHC:** M. Birkel, S. Krings, D. Moore,  
P. Pandorf, S. Schefus, E. Wemhoff

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

**Greeter:** D. Cheloha, P. Rupprecht

**Usher:** M. Gall, B. Jareske, K. & D. Mroczek

**Servers:** D. Hanson, P. Korth, E. Sliva,  
L. Sokol

**Lector:** R. Kumpf

**EMHC:** J. Dodson, D. Olmer, J. Quattrocchi,  
J. Rickert, A. Sokol, C. Wozny

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

**Greeter:** M. & L. Dvorak

**Usher:** J. Grotelushchen, B. Hoppe,  
C. Kucera, C. Quiring

**Servers:** M. Kock, A. Layman, F. Luchsinger,  
B. Suing

**Lector:** J. Mulder

**EMHC:** M. Feldhaus, S. Head, J. Kucera,  
K. Miksch, M. Mueller, S. Stutzman

## 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.

***If you are discouraged it is a sign of pride because it shows you trust in your own power. Your self-sufficiency, your selfishness and your intellectual pride will inhibit His coming to live in your heart because God cannot fill what is already full. It is as simple as that.***

**St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

3-February 22, 2026

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

1st Sunday of Lent

Matthew 4:1-11

In my second-to-last year of seminary, I woke up one September morning to devastating news: two beloved classmates had died in a car crash. I was overwhelmed with grief and anger like I had never known. I entered therapy for the first time and had intense conversations with my spiritual director. For months I felt lost in a spiritual wilderness. But something unexpected happened: I encountered Christ there. The fear and sorrow didn't destroy me. In fact, that spiritual desert was a time of intense growth in faith. Today's Gospel begins: "Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil" (Matthew 4:1). The word "led" denotes a gentle, humble submission to the Spirit. Jesus does not send himself into this desolate place where wild beasts roam and Satan tempts. Who wants to be around roaming, wild beasts? The Church Fathers saw them as symbols of our inner chaos: fears, temptations, wounds. The Spirit leads us there, sometimes against our wishes. But those same Fathers also saw that this deserted place is also where angels ministered to Jesus, amidst his great trial and temptation.

Lenten Challenge: This Lent and throughout life's struggles, the Spirit leads you and me into the wilderness. Name one "desert" into which the Spirit has led you: perhaps grief, fear, silence, change, disappointment. Ask for the grace to go there willingly. The beasts may be real, but they will not harm you. There, the angels are waiting to minister to the Christ living in you, who always goes where the Spirit leads.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

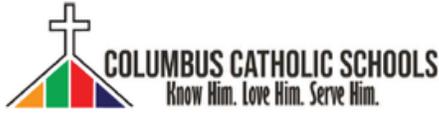
The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Mindful  
What is it that tempts you the most? Is it an action, a person, or a place? It is something that seems innocent enough, like a food, a drink, or an event? When you really start reflecting, you find that there are many temptations all around. Even if you are strong and never succumb to a certain temptation, it is still there waiting for a weak moment in your life.

One difficulty in the life of a disciple trying to live a stewardship way of life lies in the temptations we never actually see. We are too busy thinking about past failures or successes, or we are fixated on what possibilities the future holds that we miss the important things going on in the present. Jesus could be standing directly in front of us, but we miss him because we are looking everywhere except straight ahead.

Being mindful means that we are looking out for how and when God will call us this very day. Our decisions this day will have a huge impact on the future. If we only look to the future, we will miss those important calls to action. We may even find ourselves in a desert of sorts, looking for any way out we can find. However, God may need us to give of ourselves for a reason we cannot yet discern while in that desert. We need to stay awake, be aware, and look for His hand in all things. If we don't, we may even miss the pathway out of that desert when it presents itself.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

*Music* **Feb. 28-Mar. 1**  
**Ministry 4:30 p.m.** V. Semerad  
**8:00 a.m.** Adult Choir, J. Moser, V. Semerad  
**10:00 a.m.** E. & S. Cerny, V. Semerad



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To: Columbus Catholic Schools Community  
 In September, the Columbus Catholic Schools announced that St. Anthony and St. Bonaventure elementary schools would be merging for the 2026-27 school year, after discussion that included the CCS board, parish representatives, the Archdiocese of Omaha Catholic Schools Office, Father Patrick Harrison and Archbishop Michael McGovern, today we are announcing that the merged school will be named St. Anthony | St. Bonaventure Elementary School. This Name allows our CCS community to continue to embrace and honor the traditions and legacy of each of those schools. We sincerely appreciated the suggestions that were provided to us regarding a brand-new name and those were given serious consideration. The students and teachers from each school have had the opportunity to spend time with each other during this school year as we work to develop new friendships. I hope that you will support our students and staff with prayer during the coming months as we continue to make plans for this transition.

Sincerely,  
 Jeff Ohnoutka  
 Executive Director



**JOSH BLAKESLY PERFORMING AT SCOTUS COLUMBUS CATHOLIC**

Youth Ministry is proud to announce a performance with national Catholic recording artist Josh Blakesly. Josh will be performing Wednesday, February 25 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Scotus Central Catholic. Josh is a regular musician at the Steubenville Youth Conference and was also featured at the National Eucharistic Congress. Part of the show will also include adoration and Benediction. Free will donations will be accepted. Please plan to attend.

**QUEST RETREAT:**

For all Freshmen and Sophomore high school students on March 28-29 at Tintern Retreat Center. Cost \$50. Please contact Gene Schumacher at 402-564-0258 for Application details or use the below QR Code. What a great gift for your child or grandchild!



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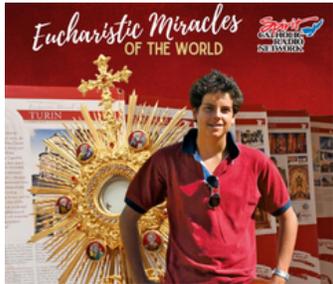


**Feb. 23-27**

- Monday**-Pork Rib/Bun, Fries, Green Beans
- Tuesday**-Pepperoni Pizza, Carrots
- Wednesday**-Chicken Alfredo, Bread Stick, Broccoli
- Thursday**-Chicken Strips, Mac & Cheese, Corn, Banana Loaf
- Friday**-Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese, Veggie Blend

**PRE (Parish Religious Education)**  
 Wed., February 25-Instead of regular classes please attend the Special Family Event-Josh Blakesly in Concert at Scotus Catholic High School, 7:00-8:30 p.m. (attendance will be taken).  
 Call Mary Throener at 402-649-0341 with questions.

**Feb. 24** Membership Mtg.  
**Mar. 7** KC Steak Fry-Westbrook Lanes  
**Mar. 21** KC Awards Banquet  
**Mar. 24** Membership Meeting  
**Knights of the Month for January: Dale Labenz & Dave Westermann**  
**KC Families of the Month for January: Larry & Mary Miksch & Terry, Antoinette & Jerry Kane**  
 Rosary prayed every Monday at 6pm in church.  
 Everyone is 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**



**The St. Isidore Knights of Columbus will be bringing the Eucharistic Miracles of the World to St. Isidore's March 7th through March 18th. The miracles will be available for viewing from 6am to 9pm in the**

**St. Isidore Parish Center (with the exception of times there is an event in the parish center). Check with Kathy Wright at 402-564-8993 if you have any questions about the schedule.**



**St. Anthony Fish Fry**

Social Hall 1719 6<sup>th</sup> St.  
 Every Friday, Feb. 20-Mar. 27  
 5:30-8:00pm

Fried/baked fish, scalloped potatoes, macaroni salad, cole slaw, grilled cheese sandwiches, bread tea & water. Adults \$14, Seniors (60+) \$12, Children (5-11) \$7, (4 & under) free Takeout Meals \$14, All fish \$25  
 Venmo: @KofC\_9264 Zelle: KofC9264FSGlenn  
 Questions call Rey Jarecki 402-910-6806

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

We are looking for another person to vacuum the narthex once every 4 weeks. If interested please call Kathy at 402-564-8993.



Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who sent me Birthday or Christmas Cards and gifts. I have always tried to recognize and thank each person for cards and gifts, but this year I simply have not had the time to do so.

I acknowledge such cards from out of town, but hope to reach all parishioners through this message. Thanks to many for gift cards and monetary. I have had the joy of helping people in need. *Fr. Joe*

**Lenten Stations of the Cross**



**St. Isidore 5:30 p.m. every Friday during Lent.**

**St. Isidore Living Stations** with the school children at 2:50 p.m. on the following Fridays: Feb. 27, Mar. 6, Mar. 20, Mar. 27

**St. Joseph's/Platte Center 6:00 p.m. every Friday during Lent.**

**CEC Men's Lenten Breakfast**



Feb. 28, Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28  
6:15-6:45 a.m. Breakfast  
7:00-8:00 a.m. Program

Women CEC-please join us on March 21 & 28 for breakfast and a special program. Free will offering.

**Easter Masses**

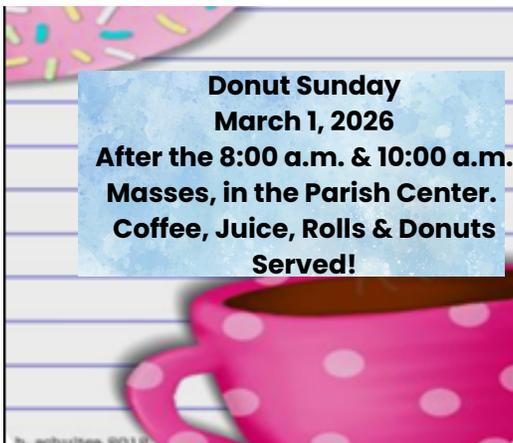
**St. Isidore**

**Sunday, April 5, 2026**

**7:00a.m., 8:30a.m., 10:00 a.m.**

**St. Joseph/Platte Center**

**Sunday, April 5 at 8:30 a.m.**



**Donut Sunday  
March 1, 2026**

**After the 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Masses, in the Parish Center. Coffee, Juice, Rolls & Donuts Served!**

**PARISH DIRECTORIES ARE IN!**

Pictorial Directories have arrived and will be available for pickup before and after each mass the weekends of Feb. 21-22, and Feb. 28 - Mar. 1. Books will NOT be available at the rectory.

5-February 22, 2026

**ST. ISIDORE ELEMENTARY**

**ADMIT ONE**  **\$30**

**SHRIMP PEEL 2026**

Purchase your tickets now for the 26th Anniversary of St. Isidore's Shrimp Peel!

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH ST. ISIDORE PARISH CENTER**  
**DOORS OPEN AT 6PM MEAL STARTS AT 7PM**

All You Can Eat Shrimp, Soup, Salad & Dessert.  
BYOB - Must be 21+

Tickets can be purchased by scanning code or by visiting the school's front office.



**COME ENJOY A NIGHT OF FELLOWSHIP, FOOD, FUNDRAISING & FUN!**



**Annual New York Strip Dinner**

**Saturday, March 7th**

**5:30-8:30 p.m. Westbrook Lanes**

Serving: Steak, Baked Potato, Baked Beans, Salad, and a Roll

Enjoy Food and Fellowship while supporting the Knights of Columbus.

Sponsored by all 3 Columbus Knight's Councils



**St. Isidore Preschool**

**Registrations are open for the 2026-2027 school year. Stop by and pick up a form at the Preschool.**

**For more questions contact Carmen at 402-563-2305.**