

# 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](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.



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him.” - Mt 17:5b

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### 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**

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**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**  
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**Quilting Ladies.....**  
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 Fay Keller 402-564-8056

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

**M A S S**  
*intentions*

**Monday, March 2**  
 8:10am L/D Francis & Mildred O'Hara Family  
**Tuesday, March 3**  
 8:10am L/D Marvin & Diane Olmer Family  
**Wednesday, March 4**  
 8:10am L/D Ray & EmRose Mlinar Family  
**Thursday, March 5**  
 8:10am L/D Gronenthal & Schmidt Families  
**Friday, March 6**  
 8:10am L/D Leo Wiese Family  
 EM 3:00pm †Leona Kozak  
**Saturday, March 7**  
 8:10am L/D Jacobs & Pierce Families  
 4:30pm †Donna Zach  
**Sunday, March 8**  
 8:00am St. Isidore & St. Joseph Parishioners  
 10:00am †Russell Forney

**GIFTS OF TREASURE**

**Sunday, February 22, 2026**  
 St. Isidore \$16,356.00  
 Children's \$ 172.36  
 E-Giving \$ 1,363.00  
 Maint. & Repairs \$ 245.00  
 Ash Wednesday \$ 3,591.00  
 Blk & Indian Miss. \$ 1,929.00

**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 \$4,593,521.00

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
<b>St. Isidore</b>	\$112,945.22	\$102,331.88	90.60%	268
<b>St. Joseph</b>	\$6,110.26	\$4,916.00	80.45%	21

**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 March 7 & 8

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

**Greeter:** T. & W. Jacobs

**Ushers:** G. Jochum, P. Pandorf, E. Wemhoff, C. Wozny

**Servers:** G. Jantzi, L. Matulka, K. Wemhoff, C. Wemhoff

**Lector:** M. Beller

**EMHC:** B. Beller, M. Gearhart, L. Lange, T. & K. Loeffelholz, J. Obrist

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

**Greeter:** R. Goc, J. Podany

**Usher:** B. Belina, R. Hanus, J. Vaughn, B. Zegar

**Servers:** D. Jakub, L. Kearney, E. Lentfer, E. Podliska

**Lector:** S. Backes

**EMHC:** C. Beyer, A. Gaspers, J. Gokie, C. Lentfer, D Policky, L. Thalken

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

**Greeter:** E. Jakub & M. Kluever

**Usher:** M. Divis, J. Feldhaus, R. Reisdorff, R. Schmidt

**Servers:** B. Banahan, N. Cameron, L. Saenz, L. Saenz

**Lector:** K. Reisdorff

**EMHC:** L. Blacketer, B. Hausmann, L. & K. Kaslon, C. Probst, E. Trofholz

### 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.

Mon. 7-8 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.

***Each person we meet is  
Jesus in disguise.***

***St. Teresa of Calcutta***

3-March 1, 2026

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### 2nd Sunday of Lent Matthew 17:1-9

When I sit down to answer emails or write a Gospel reflection or return a phone call, I sometimes wonder: Does any of this humdrum work matter? Maybe you ask the same thing about your daily labor. Today's Gospel, the Transfiguration, offers a surprising answer. Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain. There, "his face shone like the sun face and his clothes become white as light" (Matthew 17:2). That detail regarding his clothes is worth considering.

We know Jesus' body is inseparably united to the divine nature. But his clothing? That's something made by human hands. It's an artifact. And yet it shines with the same uncreated light. What does this detail mean? The early Church noted that Adam and Eve's first act after the Fall was to make clothing. This clothing symbolizes all human labor that supports our dignity. In Jesus' glorified garments, we see not just the redemption of our body, but of human effort to protect and uplift human dignity.

Parents, your family is your work. Baristas, plumbers, nurses, accountants — your labor, your emails, your phone calls, your spreadsheets — can all become radiant when offered to God in love. The question isn't just do I believe in Jesus' glory, but do I believe he can share it with the work of my hands?

Lenten Challenge: Identify the "artifact" you are making to uplift the dignity of others: your job, your home, your relationships.

Consciously bring it to the Lord this Sunday at Mass. Offer it to share in His glory. It will begin to shine.

— Father John Muir

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### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Prayerful

When my children were younger, they could make me laugh and sometimes cry. I would have conversations about animals, nature, outer space, and so many amazing things in life. I would play with them one day and then work to bandage a boo-boo the next. There were so many dynamics to our relationship. However, one aspect was my favorite. It was when one of them would snuggle up next to me on the couch silently, often leading to sleep. There was no better feeling, and I didn't want to move for anything. It is crazy to think of all the things we would do together, and my favorite was when we essentially were doing nothing.

Do you think God desires a portion of you? Without a doubt, He wants all of you: the good, the bad, and the ugly. Walking with Him daily is so important, and we can never become the disciples and stewards we need to be without a deepening relationship. Yet, prayer is not just talking and listening. It is also being. We sometimes seek to communicate so much and do so many things that we forget the value of stewardship of presence. The giving of ourselves completely to another often requires us to simply be with that person. We feel their presence. We rest in their being. No words are needed because words would destroy the moment. This is what we are called to in a relationship with God. This is good stewardship because it is about giving of our very presence to God and receiving strength from that resting in Him. Sometimes, all we need is to snuggle up to our God on the couch. — Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi

**Music** **Ministry** **March 7 & 8**  
**4:30 p.m.** J. Sonderman, S. Schefus, J. Moser  
**8:00 a.m.** K. Jarecki, V. Semerad  
**10:00 a.m.** C. Zoucha, A. Wachal, K. Nosal



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. Today we are announcing that the merged school will be named St. Anthony | St. Bonaventure Elementary School.

**PRAYING FOR OUR PRIESTS HOLY HOUR**

Please join us Sunday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anthony's Church for a Holy Hour of Adoration with special meditations for our Priests & Seminarians with Benediction. We will be using the Regina Maria Cleri books for our meditations. Books are available at the event.



**Wednesday, March 4**  
**St. Isidore Parish Center**  
**11:30am Divine Mercy Chaplet**  
**Noon-EAT**  
**Please bring a dish to share!**

**FLOWER LANDSCAPING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed to work with the flower landscaping around St. Isidore Church starting this spring. Duane and Nancy Schmitt are retiring from doing this and others are needed to keep this beautiful legacy going. **A planning meeting will be held Monday, March 2nd, at 5pm in the St. Gabriel room.** If you are interested in helping, but can't attend, please call Sandy (402-910-2338) or Mike (402-910-5384) for more information.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS**

We invite all members of the Catholic Daughters Court Little Flower #988 and prospective members to our next meeting on Monday, March 9 in the St. Bon's Parish Center. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. We will be recognizing the winners of our local Education Contest followed by our business meeting.

**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.



**School Lunch** **March 2-6**  
**Monday**-Chili Dogs, Fries, Peas  
**Tuesday**-Sausage & Egg Patty On A Biscuit, Tri-Tater  
**Wednesday**-Crispito W/Cheese Sauce, Potato Wedges, Corn  
**Thursday**-Mini Corndogs, Baked Beans, Apple Crisp  
**Friday**-Popcorn Shrimp, Chips, Coleslaw

**PRE (Parish Religious Education)**  
**Wed., March 4**  
**PRE** Regular Classes 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
 JC Camp & GodTeen Talks for 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Reconciliation  
 Call or text Mary Throener at 402-649-0341 with questions.

**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**

**ACCEPTING ST. ISIDORE PRESCHOOL REGISTRATIONS FOR 2026/27**

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.

**CELEBRATING THE HEARTS OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

First Wed./The Chaste Heart of St. Joseph-March 4  
 First Fri./The Sacred Heart of Jesus-March 6  
 First Saturday/The Immaculate Heart of Mary-March 7  
 Confessions: 3:00-4:15pm and after Mass until 6:00  
 Masses: 8:10 a.m. Mon.-Sat. & 4:30 p.m. Sat. Evening



**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



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: Mar. 6, Mar. 20, Mar. 27**

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

### CEC Men's Lenten Breakfast



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

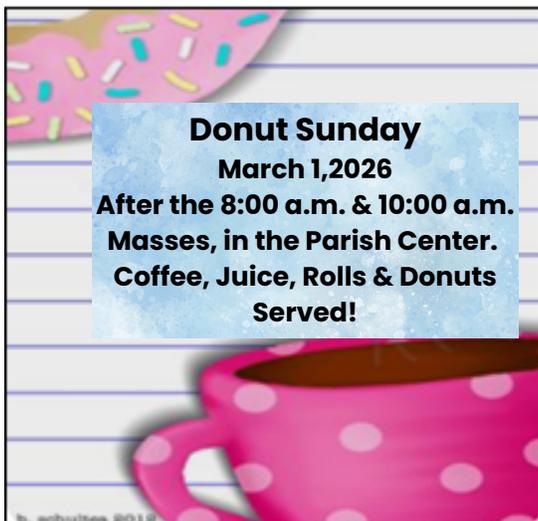
**St. Isidore**

**Sunday, April 5, 2026**

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

**St. Joseph/Platte Center**

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



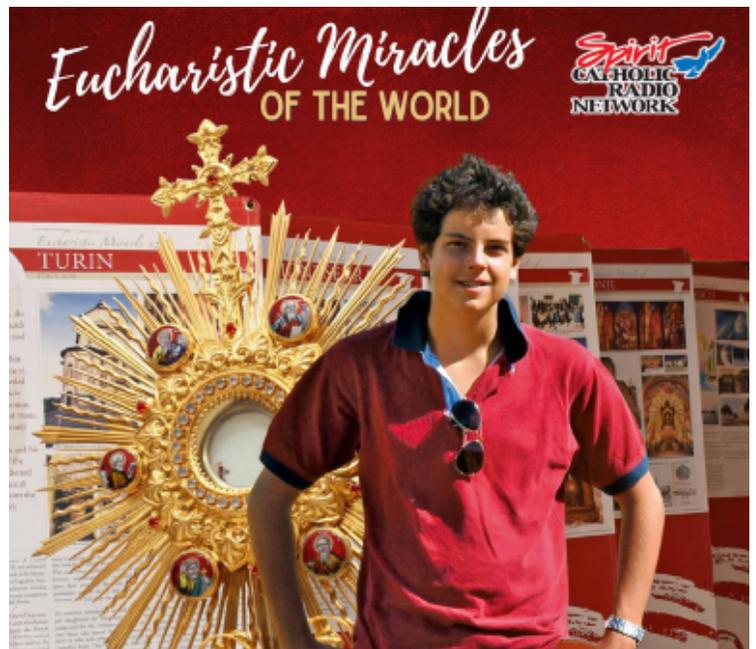
**Donut Sunday**

**March 1, 2026**

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

**Please note: Parish Council Minutes are in the back of the Eucharistic Miracles insert.**

5-March 1, 2026



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.

Where can you get a great New York Strip Dinner for \$25/Plate?

**Knights of Columbus Steak Fry – That's Where!!**  
(Held in Conjunction with KOC Bowling Tournament)



SATURDAY, March 7, 2026.

WESTBROOK LANES BOWLING ALLEY

West Hwy 81 – Columbus, NE

Serving from 5:30 to 8:30 PM Each Saturday Night, Dine in or Carry-out

Takeout Orders – Simply Stop by the Bowling Alley, Enter at the EAST

DOOR or CALL 402-750-8747 anytime after 4 PM. Then call the Same number when you arrive and we'll bring your meals out to you! You can stay in your Car!

\*\*\*\*\* **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** \*\*\*\*\*

**NEW YORK STRIP STEAK WITH BAKED POTATO, BAKED BEANS, SALAD, AND A ROLL**

\$ 25.00 / PLATE – PROCEEDS TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WITH MONEY RAISED GOING TO MANY WORTHWHILE PROJECTS IN THE COLUMBUS AREA.

SPONSORED BY 3 COLUMBUS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCILS – 12086 St Isidore's & St Joseph (Platte Center), 9264 St Anthony's and 938 St Bonaventure.