

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

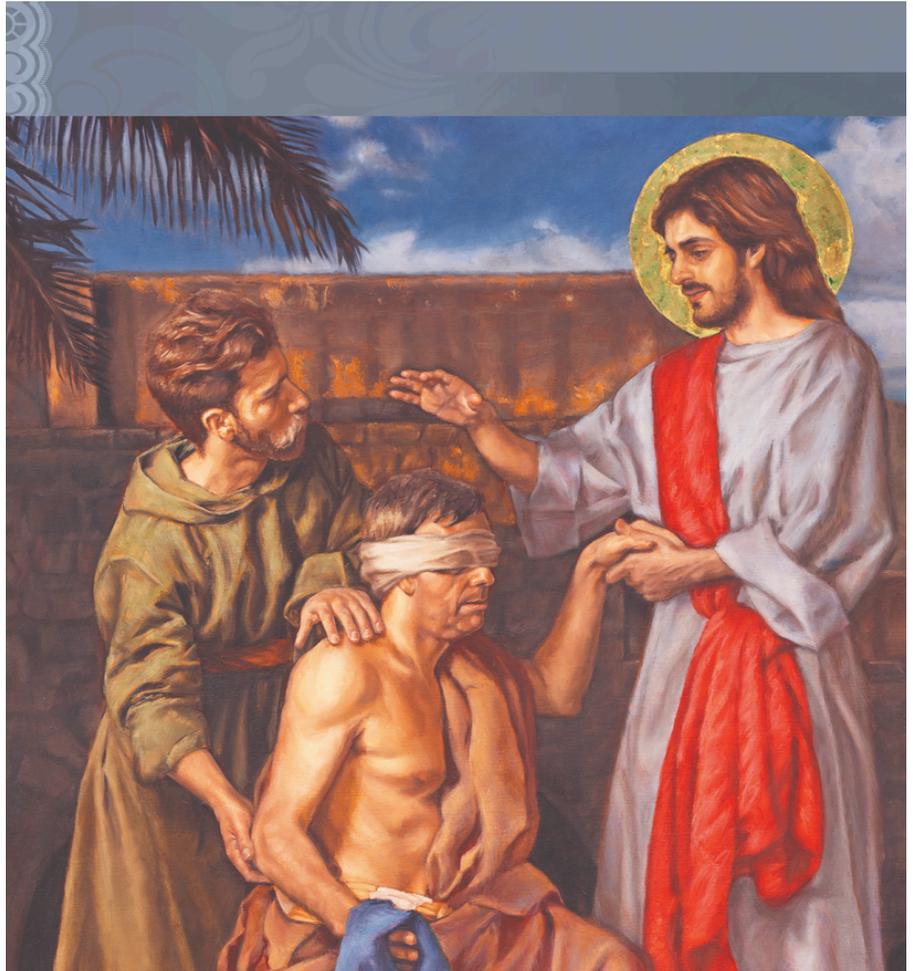
Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. , 10:00 a.m.

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.



4th Sunday
OF LENT

"Jesus answered, 'Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.'" Jn 9:3

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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 kwright@colcath.org

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 402-649-0341 stipre@colcath.org

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 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
 columbuscym@gmail.com

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

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 Fay Keller 402-564-8056

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

M A S S
intentions

Monday, March 16
 8:10am L/D Rick & Diane Larson Family
Tuesday, March 17
 8:10am †Moni Albracht
Wednesday, March 18
 8:10am †Mary Goc
Thursday, March 19
 8:10am L/D Stanley & Mary Tworek Family
Friday, March 20
 8:10am L/D Krings & Sleddens Families
 EM 3:00pm †Charline Brookhauser
Saturday, March 21
 8:10am †Charles & Della Klimek
 4:30pm †Mark Bartholomew
Sunday, March 22
 8:00am St. Isidore & St. Joseph Parishioners
 10:00am †Duane Korus

GIFTS OF TREASURE

Sunday, March 8, 2026

St. Isidore \$
 Children's \$
 E-Giving \$
 Maint. & Repairs \$

Report at a later date.

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 \$4,603,162.00

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	\$102,748.88	90.97%	268
St. Joseph	\$6,110.26	\$6,262.00	102.48%	24

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 21 & 22

Saturday, @4:30 p.m.

Greeter: T. & W. Jacobs

Ushers: W. Babel, M. Liebig, P. Pandorf, E. Wemhoff

Servers: H. Bargaenm, B. Fleming, E. Kassing, A. Martinez

Lector: L. Spenner

EMHC: P. Long, D. Moore, R. Reiners, J. Rickert, P. & A. Tuma

Sunday, @ 8:00 a.m.

Greeter: D. Cheloha, J. Spale

Usher: B. Jareske, K. & D. Mroczek, P. Rupprecht

Servers: K. Hissong, T. Hughes, B. Hughes, L. Klitz

Lector: S. Backes

EMHC: J. & T. Jarecke, J. Obrist, T. Stuthman, L. Thalken, C. Wozny

Sunday, @ 10:00 a.m.

Greeter: L. & J. Hogue

Usher: S. Bailey, M. Divis, J. Feldhaus, A. Zelasney

Servers: A. Evans, L. Hung-Rodriguez, B. Marksmeier, K. Spike

Lector: L. Hogue

EMHC: H. Broxterman, S. Head, J. Heng, F. & C. Maguire, H. Willnerd

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 kind, people
may accuse you of
ulterior motives. Be
kind anyway.***

St. Teresa of Calcutta

GOSPEL MEDITATION

4th Sunday of Lent

John 9:1-41

If you are like me, it's easy to fixate on our shadows: failures, guilt, shame. Especially when we suffer, it is easy to want to blame ourselves or others. In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples ask about the blind man, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?" (John 9:2) They, like us, focus on blame. But Jesus sees the entire situation differently: "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him." He does not deny sin, but he sees deeper — through the light of mercy, not the lens of judgment. The scene hinges on Jesus' strange claim: "I am the light of the world" (John 9:5). He sees things differently than everyone. They see shadows and light. He is the light.

Thought experiment: imagine you are the sun looking at everything on the earth. What do you see? Everything. What do you not see? Shadows. Everything is illuminated. If you see it, it is illuminated. For the light, nothing is dark.

Because he is the light, Jesus sees us in the glow of his redemptive love. Even our sin becomes a place where his glory can shine. The man's healing is not just about sight — it is about seeing as Christ sees. Lent is not a season of staring into darkness. It is a time to step into the light — to let Christ's gaze reframe how we see ourselves and one another.

Lenten challenge: Spend 10 quiet minutes this week asking Jesus to show you how he sees you. Not through shame or fear, but through the light of his mercy.

— Father John Muir

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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Can we see the goodness around us?

Today we have the story of a man born blind. In Jesus' time, blindness was viewed as a punishment for sin. Lent is all about looking inward and rooting out sinful desires and actions. So this story of a blind man and Jesus restoring his sight is a story about the forgiveness of sin.

How often do we hold on to sinful ways or thoughts? Do we need Jesus to give us something in our lives to see again? Or do we need to concentrate on something we do well so that our "sight" may be improved?

This week, let us look through eyes of faith and attempt to see goodness around us. Also, let us help each other to remove sin so that we might see God more clearly.

RURAL SOUTHWEST DEANERY MEETING

The Spring meeting of the Rural Southwest Deanery will be on Thursday, April 9th, at Saint Anthony's Parish Center, beginning at 1:30 p.m.



March 21 & 22

4:30 p.m. D. Pandorf, R. Wemhoff, P. Scharff, V. Semerad
8:00 a.m. K Korte, P. Stuthman, C. Przymus, M. Wortmann
10:00 a.m. E. & S. Cerny, J. Moser



March 16-20

Monday-No School
Tuesday-Chicken Nuggets, Fries, Peas
Wednesday-Salisbury, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Peas, Dinner Roll
Thursday-Chicken Fajita, Black Beans, Yellow Cake
Friday-Cheese Pizza, Corn

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

This week our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Learn more about the collection at www.uscb.org/catholic-relief. iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection.



PRE (Parish Religious Education)

Wed., March 18



Regular Classes 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Families are invited to walk through the Eucharistic Miracles Display in Parish Center and enjoy social time in the school cafeteria with cookies. 6th Grade Reconciliation. Call or text Mary Throener 402-649-0341 with questions.

GALA 2026

Party In The USA

We need donations for the silent auction!



Auction Baskets



Wine & Liquor



Home-Canned Goods



9 x 13 Pans of Specialty Desserts

Baked Goods: Drop-off to Scotus on Friday April 10th between 7:30AM - 4PM

All other donations: Bring to Scotus before March 27th

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.

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.



St. Anthony Fish Fry

Social Hall 1719 6th 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

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Our local Catholic Daughters Court Little Flower #988 is 100 years old 2026! We are holding an Anniversary Banquet on Thursday, April 9th. We will begin with Mass at St. Bonaventure at 5:00 p.m. and then gather at the VFW for a cash bar social hour, meal and program. Meal price is \$10.00 prepaid for a delicious 2-meat buffet. Spouses and family members are welcome to attend. Please send your registration and payment to Vice Regent Mari Melcher (402-270-1477) at 27318 340 Avenue, Monroe, NE. 68647
 Please join us for a memorable evening celebrating our CDA history!

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.





On behalf of all the members of St. Isidore Parish, I want to thank the Christian Women's Organization for their gift of \$12,000 to St. Isidore Parish. I also want to thank the women who are always ready to assist with funeral dinners, providing desserts, help serving the meal and cleaning up afterwards. Thanks especially to the ladies for assisting with the annual parish bazaar and serving the incredible dinner for which our parish is noted. Thank you, Ladies, for all you do and for being an inspiration to your families and to all of us! 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. 20, Mar. 27
St. Joseph's/Platte Center 6:00 p.m. every Friday during Lent.

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.

FORMING A CHURCH DECORATING COMMITTEE

We looking for several individuals to help decorate our church. If you are creative or just enjoy helping and are interested in becoming part of a team, please contact Kathy at the rectory 402-564-8993.

FLOWER LANDSCAPING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

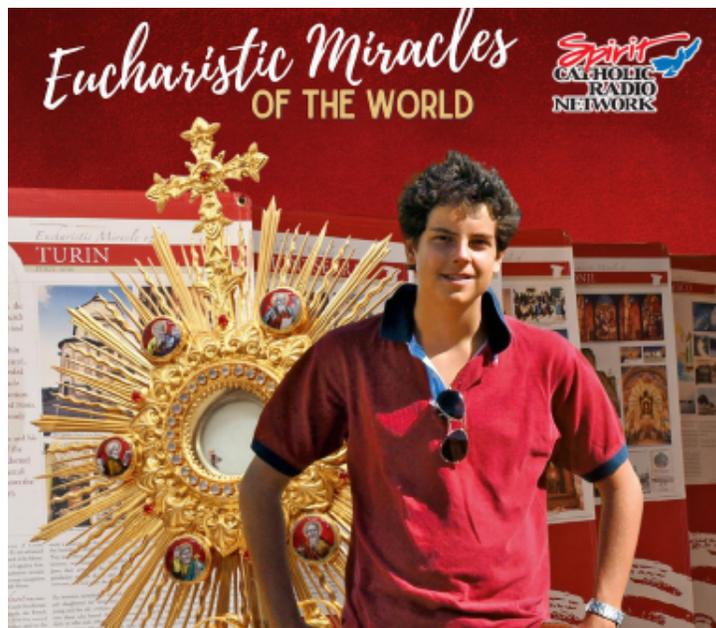
Volunteers are needed to work with the flower landscaping around St. Isidore Church starting this spring. Duane and Nancy Schmitt are retiring from doing this and others are needed to keep this beautiful legacy going. If you are interested in helping, please call Sandy (402-910-2338) or Mike (402-910-5384) for more information.

LAWN MOWING VOLUNTEER NEEDED

A volunteer is needed every other week to mow the north and east side of the school, trim and blow grass clippings off the sidewalk. If you are interested in volunteering call Jerry at 402-276-1229.

Please do not place random or expired religious books, posters or other items in the Narthex without first checking in at the church office. We need to keep our place uncluttered and beautiful. Thank you!

5-March 15, 2026



The St. Isidore Knights of Columbus have graciously set up the Eucharistic Miracles of the World Display here at St. Isidore. The display will available for viewing through March 18th. The miracles can be viewed from 7am 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.



SEDAR MEAL RESERVATIONS

Call 402-564-8993 and reserve your spot for the Seder Meal by **Mon., Mar. 16**. The Seder Meal is on Holy Thursday, April 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. A to L please bring a potato dish to share and M to Z please bring a vegetable dish to share.

MARCH 25, 2026

GLOBAL PRAYER DAY FOR PEACE

The World Apostolate of Fatima invites you to offer prayers to God and to Our Lady, for peace in Ukraine and in the entire world, on MARCH 25, 2026, the feast of the Annunciation. You may participate by praying the Rosary individually or as a group, attending Mass, making a holy hour of Eucharistic adoration, offering fasting or sacrifice. In a 1993 interview, Sister Lucia . . . "The Fatima week has not yet ended," she said. "Fatima has just begun." Now we must respond urgently to the basic requests of Fatima (our daily duty and the Rosary) and do many more First Saturday Communions of reparation.
<https://www.bluearmy.com/you-can-stop-wars-sister-lucia-shows-how/>