



ST. ISIDORE'S
CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER
 Kansas State University

Mass Times

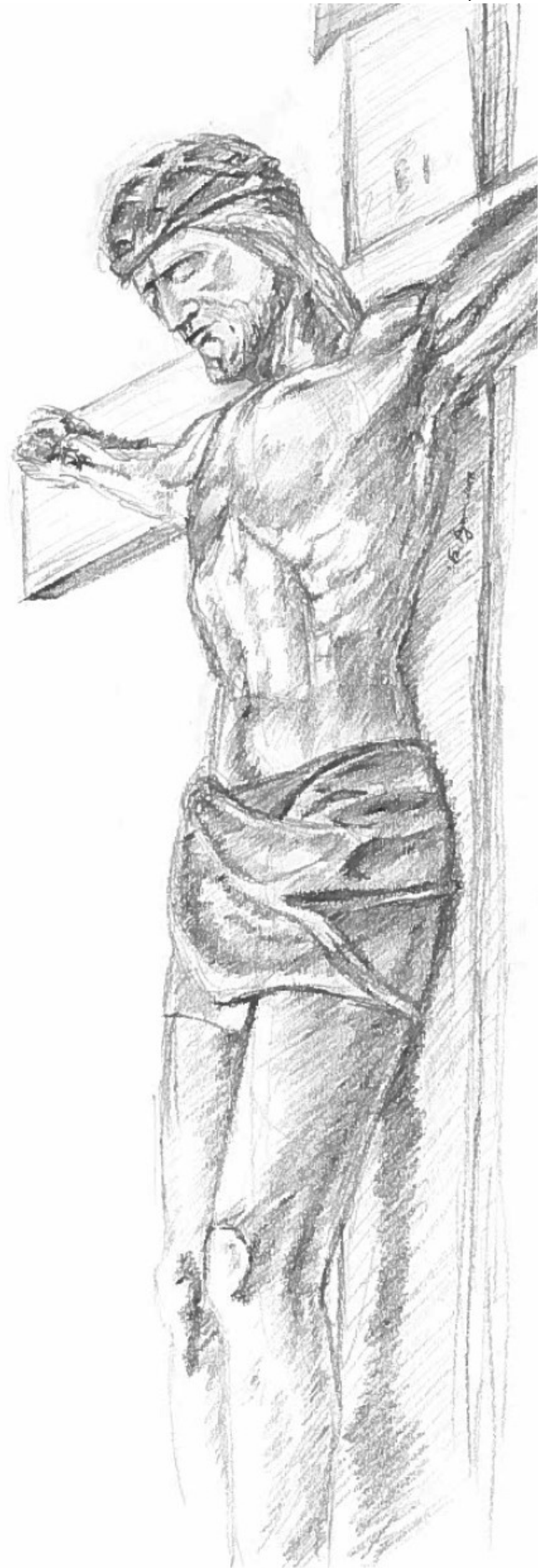
SATURDAY 5:00 pm
 SUNDAY 9:30 am / 11:00 am / 5:00 pm / 9:09 pm
 Livestream -Sunday 9:30 am Mass Facebook - St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center
 MON/TUE/WED/THU: 9:09 pm
 WED/FRI 12:10 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

MON/TUE/WED/THU 8:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Week day mornings when KSU is in session.
 MON/TUE/THU until 1:00pm
 WED/FRI until 12:00pm



Sacrament of Baptism: An instruction class is required for the baptism of the first child. Contact Diane Mack for information at dmack@stisidores.com.

Sacrament of Marriage: Six-month preparation period is required. Contact Diane Mack at dmack@stisidores.com for information at least six months prior to your intended wedding date.

RCIA: If you, or someone you know, are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact Andy Brandt at abrandt@stisidores.com to register. Class begins in September and ends in April of each year.

St. Isidore's Staff

Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt	Pastor, Chaplain
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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 5:00 **Friday** 9:00 - 3:00
phone: 785-539-7496 **email:** stisidores@stisidores.com

We extend a sincere welcome to all K-State students, faculty and staff, visiting parents, alumni, and friends. It is great to have you here! Registration is available online at www.stisidores.com/contact/register for students and permanent community.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 10

Mass - 9:30am/11:00am
5:00pm/9:09pm
6:00 pm - Dollar Dinner

Monday, December 11

7:00 pm - Christmas Choir Rehearsal
8:00 pm - Confession
9:09 pm - Mass

Tuesday, December 12

5:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal
5:30 pm - Spanish Mass
7:00 - NFP Intro Session

Wednesday, December 13

12:10 pm - Mass
7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal
8:00 pm - Confessions
9:09 pm - Mass

Thursday, December 14

8:00 pm - Confession
9:09 pm - Mass

Friday, December 15

12:10 pm - Mass

Saturday, December 16

5:00 pm - Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 10

9:30 am – † Ron Forkenbrock
11:00 am – Jerry Ney
5:00 pm – † Michael Kelly
9:09 pm – St. Isidore's Community

Monday, December 11

9:09 pm – † Michael Kelly

Tuesday, December 12

5:30 pm – † Anne Feldkamp

Wednesday, December 13

12:10 pm – † Magdalene Trung
9:09 pm – † Anne Feldkamp

Thursday, December 14

9:09 pm – † Bill Walter

Friday, December 15

12:10 pm - † Maria Riem

Saturday, December 16

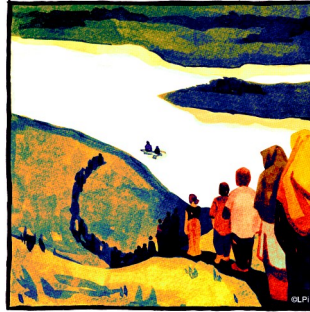
5:00 pm – † Mary Antonelli

Sunday, December 17

9:30 am – † Fred Maneth
11:00 am – Ray Struckoff Family
5:00 pm – St. Isidore's Community
No 9:09 pm Mass

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023



SUNDAY READINGS

Is 40:1-5, 9-11
Ps 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14
2 Pt 3:8-14
Mk 1:1-8

We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side — by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free.

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Father John Muir
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**Scan the QR code
and submit a prayer
request for our
students to pray for!**

Snacks for Finals Week

Our students always enjoy the snacks provided by the permanent community during finals week. If you are able to donate a snack for **Sunday, Dec. 10–Wednesday, Dec. 13.**, please drop them off at the welcome desk in the Student Center. Thank you for everything you do for our St. Izzy's students!

Knights of Columbus Job Opening

Are you or someone you know interested in a professional career protecting fellow Catholics as a Knights of Columbus Field Agent? This position has an assigned territory with significant earnings potential. If interested, please reach out to General Agent, Darin Reed, at darin.reed@kofc.org or call our regional office at (785) 726-4899.

MC3: Three Churches - One Community Connected

Manhattan Catholic Community Connected (MC3) is a cooperative organization consisting of members from the three area churches: St. Thomas More, Seven Dolors, and St. Isidore's. The next MC3 event is *A Real Catholic Christmas with Sung Vespers*. The event will take place at **7 pm on Monday, January 8** at St. Thomas More. MC3 would like to build a database so all parishioners are included in communications about MC3 events and opportunities. To supply MC3 with your name and email, please use the included QR code or visit (bit.ly/mc3update).



Congratulations

Graduates!

May God Bless You!

Winter Break Mass Schedule

During the KSU Winter Break, we will have daily Mass **Tuesday-Friday at 12:10 pm**. Confession will be available **Fridays at 11:00 am**. Additionally, we will have no 9:09 pm Sunday Mass beginning December 17. 9:09 pm Mass will resume Sunday, January 14. Please refer to our calendar or bulletin for changes in our Confession or Mass schedule in the coming weeks. Our office hours for Winter Break are 9:00-12:00. The office will be closed December 25-26 and January 1.

2023 Contributions

Donations that appear on the 2023 Contribution Statement must be postmarked by December 31, 2023 or delivered to the office by noon on January 2, 2023. All checks must be dated December 31, 2023 or before. All contributions after that will appear on the 2024 Contribution Statement. 2023 Statements will be sent in mid-January to those giving a \$250 or greater gift (non-cumulative), all registered parishioners, or anyone that requests one. If you have any questions or would like to request a statement, please contact Heather Gritton at hgritton@stisidores.com.

Tithes & Offering

November 2023

Offertory Collection	
& Electronic Donations	\$ 42,437.97
Budgeted	\$ 47,000.00
shortage	<\$ 4,562.03>

Fiscal Year (July 1, 2023 - November 30, 2023)

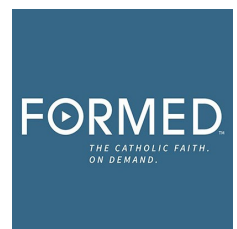
Offertory Collection	
& Electronic Donations	\$ 238,632.29
Budgeted	\$ 235,000.00
overage	\$ 3,632.29

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God Bless!*

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2. Click "Sign Up"
3. Select "Sign up as a parishioner"
4. Choose "St Isidore Catholic Student Center"
5. Click "Next" - type in your name and email
6. Click "Sign up"



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

A voice cries out:
In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!
(Is 40:3)

Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your
salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading:

We await new heavens and a new earth
in which righteousness dwells. (1 Pt 1:13)

Gospel:

John the Baptist appeared in the desert
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the
forgiveness of sins. (Mk 16:4)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Christ is making a journey into each of our hearts
this Advent. Clear away whatever blocks his way.
Make straight the path. Invite him in.

Observances for the week of December 10, 2023

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent
- Monday:** St. Damasus I, Pope
- Tuesday:** Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Wednesday:** St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
- Thursday:** St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor
of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Advent



Saint of the week

Venerable Bishop Fulton John Sheen was a prominent American Catholic bishop, theologian, and media personality. Considered one of the first televangelists, his charisma and defense of the faith made him a household name for American Catholic families.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, source of all holiness, You raise up within the Church in every age men and women who serve with heroic love and dedication. You have blessed Your Church through the life and ministry of Your faithful servant, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. He has written and spoken well of Your Divine Son, Jesus Christ, and was a true instrument of the Holy Spirit in touching the hearts of countless people.

If it be according to Your will, for the honor and glory of the Most Holy Trinity and for the salvation of souls, we ask You to move the Church to proclaim him a saint. We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://celebratesheen.com/prayers-2/>)

Worship & Meditation

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Sunday:

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14
(8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday:

Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday:

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday:

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday:

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/
Mt 11:11-15

Friday:

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday:

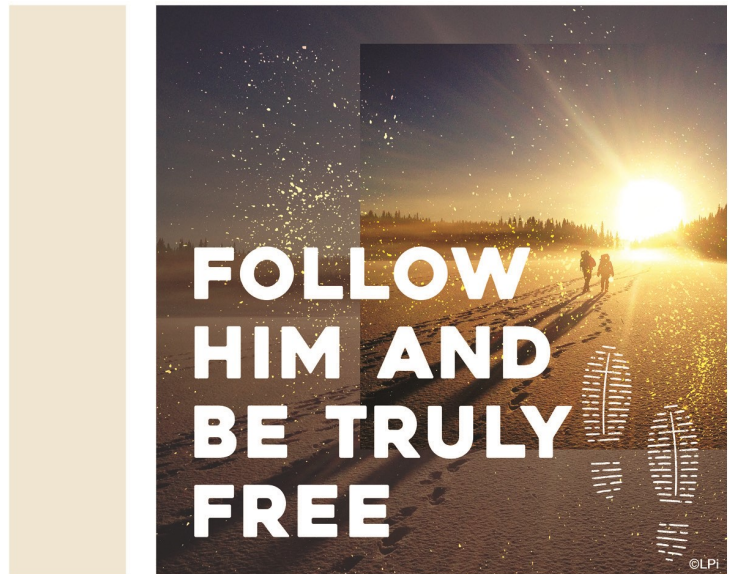
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16,
18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday:

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
(Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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— *Father John Muir*

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The World Is Pregnant

There is a character, Rose of Sharon, in John Steinbeck's *Grapes of Wrath* who is pregnant with her first child. As her impoverished family migrates from their native Oklahoma to California, Rose of Sharon's all-consuming preoccupation is her unborn child. Everything she eats, every drink she lets pass her lips, every action she takes — none of it is done without thought for the child that is still so small as to make his mother's expectancy barely discernible to the naked eye.

"For Rose of Sharon was pregnant," wrote Steinbeck. "And the world was pregnant to her."

It is the same for us Christians in the Advent season. We can feel a change coming, and the hope of this change consumes us. It shapes our actions and our plans, we feel it in our hearts and in our souls and in our limbs. From the food we eat to the clothing we wear to the words we use, the unseen Child lives and breathes and works in every small part of this blessed season.

Even the commercial clamor that is the secular "Christmas holiday" cannot fully distract us from the holy sense of anticipation we have. We are baptized, and so it is inside of us, this voice that cries out in the desert. When we hear it, we cannot help but listen.

The Virgin is pregnant, and the world is pregnant to us.

"We await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells." — 2 Peter 3:13

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

The Bible says that Jesus condemned gambling, but I notice that so many parishes have them at festivals and other events. What's correct?

Answer:

Although Jesus speaks of our relationship with material wealth and the very human struggle with greed, the gospels do not include any specific instructions related to gambling. At the same time, the Church is very sensitive to the needs of those who might struggle with an addiction to gambling, and pastoral care should always be offered to those who struggle with this reality in their life.

While it is true that many parish or school communities include gambling or games of chance in festivals and fundraisers (e.g. bingo, roulette, ring tossing, dunking booths, etc.), there is nothing inherently wrong these sorts of events, given they are played fairly and within the limits of reason are not morally objectionable. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us: "Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others" (no. 2413).

As in all things, moderation and a sense of healthy limits should be applied to gambling and games of chance. For those who find themselves living with addiction to gambling, help is available in various 12-step and addiction recovery programs.