



ST. ISIDORE'S
CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER
 Kansas State University

WINTER SCHEDULE

Mass Times

SATURDAY: 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: 9:30 am / 11:00 am / 5:00 pm

Livestream - Sunday 9:30 am Mass Facebook - St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center

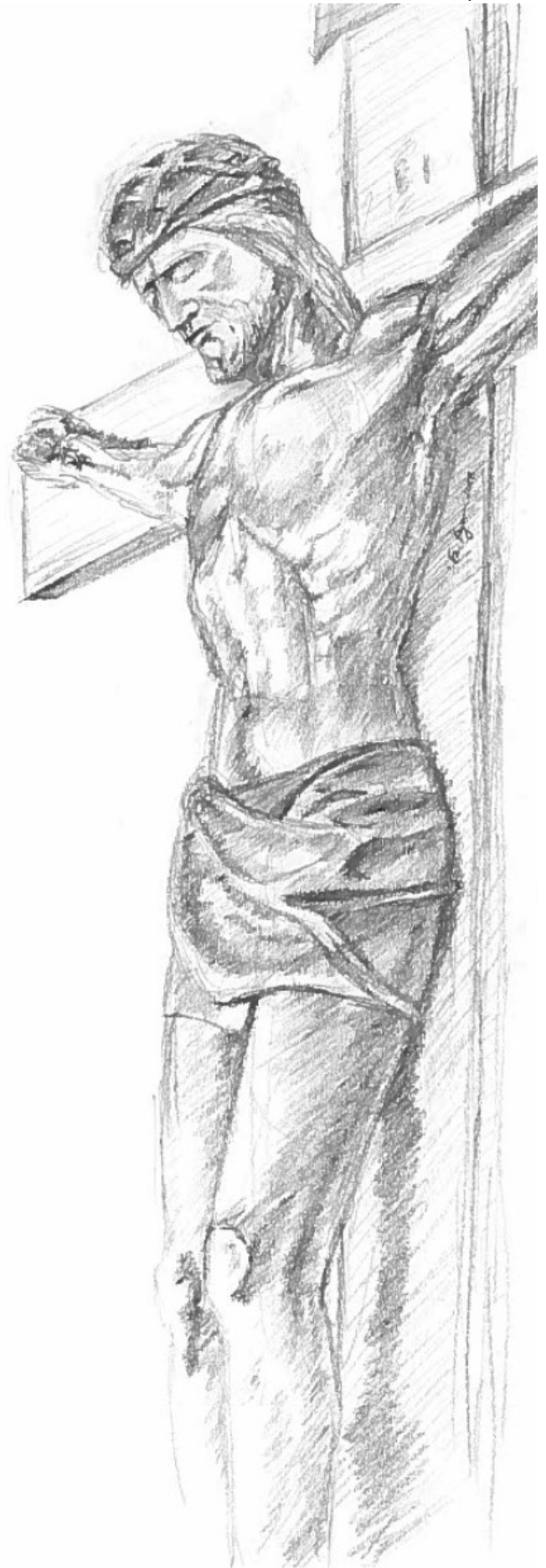
DAILY MASS: TUESDAY-FRIDAY 12:10 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

FRIDAY: 11:00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Joseph Adoration Chapel
 731 Pierre St.



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

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Winter Break Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 12:00

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 for KSU students and permanent community.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 17

9:30 am – † Fred Maneth
11:00 am – Ray Struckoff Family
5:00 pm – St. Isidore's Community

Tuesday, December 19

12:10 pm – † Brian Vossman

Wednesday, December 20

12:10 pm – John R Graham

Thursday, December 21

12:10 pm – † Rosemary Werth

Friday, December 22

12:10 pm – † Joanna Baker

Saturday, December 23

5:00 pm - † Joseph & Helen
Antonelli

Sunday, December 24

9:30 am – † Leon Cocozzoli
11:00 am – St. Isidore's Community

Christmas Eve Mass

5:00 pm – † Jane Runyan
Midnight – St. Isidore's Community

Monday, December 25

9:30 am - † Gayla Fief

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 23 - 5:00 pm

Altar Server - Bobby Ramming
EMHC - Amy Bayer / Aiden Bourman
Tiffany Shaheen

Hospitality - Chloe Merideth / Volunteer

Lector - Sonja Betzen

Sunday, December 24 - 9:30 am

Altar Server - Nathan Schmit
EMHC—Mackenzie Anderson / Mason Ouellette
Avery Werth

Hospitality - Toni Rose Barroga / Kurt Dillon

Lector - Grace Schuster

Sunday, December 24 - 11:00 am

Altar Server - Brad Hulshof
EMHC - Sandi Feldkamp / Ben Jenson
Joe Ney

Hospitality - Ken Kuhlman / Marie Ney

Lector - Cindy Quinlan

Sunday, December 24 - 5:00 pm

Altar Server - Volunteer
EMHC - Diane Mack / Volunteer / Volunteer
Volunteer / Volunteer / Volunteer

Hospitality - Kurt Dillon / Pam Dillon

Lector - Volunteer

Sunday, December 24 - Midnight

Altar Server - Volunteer

EMHC - David Cramer

Hospitality - Volunteer

Lector - Volunteer

Monday, December 25 - 9:30 am

Altar Server - Volunteer
EMHC - Diane Mack / Volunteer / Volunteer
Volunteer / Volunteer / Volunteer

Hospitality - Volunteer / Volunteer

Lector - Cindy Quinlan

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023



SUNDAY READINGS

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

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.

St. Isidore's Choir CDs

We have CDs of the St. Isidore's choir throughout the years available for purchase in the office! CDs available include *Seasons of Faith*, *Today Our Savior is Born*, and *Dwelling Place*. If you are interested in purchasing a CD, stop by the office or contact us at stisidores@stisidores.com



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I rejoice heartily in the LORD,
in my God is the joy of my soul. (Is 61:10)

Psalm:

My soul rejoices in my God. (Is 61:10b)

Second Reading:

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy
and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body,
be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ. (1 Thes 5:23)

Gospel:

"I baptize with water;
but there is one among you whom you do not
recognize,
the one who is coming after me,
whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."
(Jn 1:23)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God sends a John the Baptist into every person's
life — someone who prepares His way, who calls
out His truth. Look for the John the Baptist
in your life. Pray you can be this person for
someone else.

Observances for the week of December 17, 2023

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Advent
- Thursday:** St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of
the Church
- Saturday:** St. John of Kanty, Priest
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve



Saint of the week

Blessed Maria Franziska Schervier was a German Catholic nun who devoted her life to serving the poor and the sick. She founded the Franciscan Sisters of Aachen and began chapters in the United States where she and her sisters also founded a number of hospitals.

Prayer

Almighty, just and merciful God, Blessed Frances Schervier spent her whole life giving back to You all the gifts that You had given her. She cared for the poor and the sick and radiated Your loving presence to all that she met. We beseech You now to glorify your servant, Frances. Give her the honor of sainthood if it is in accordance with Your will.

We ask this through Jesus, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

(Prayer Source: http://franciscansisters-en.sfp-poor.org/images/stories/2016/PDF_2016/pr_canoniz_en.pdf)

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of December 17, 2023

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

Monday:

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday:

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/
Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday:

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday:

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12,
20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Friday:

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/
Lk 1:46-56

Saturday:

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and
14/Lk 1:57-66

Next Sunday:

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5,
27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Why do we believe in Jesus and the Catholic Church? Why should we continue to do so? We've never seen him face-to-face (at least not most of us, I assume). Most of us have never had mystical visions of angels or saints. We live in the same world as our atheist and secularists friends. Why do we believe in Christ if we've never seen him?

The simple, symbolic answer the Gospel presents to us this week might surprise us: we believe because of John the Baptist. Early in John's Gospel we hear: **"There was a man sent from God, his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him."** The Baptist powerfully announces Jesus. This is a historical fact, and it is also now a pattern at work in our lives.

John the Baptist stands for the entirety of the old covenant, everything entrusted to the Jewish people. And yet he prophetically opens the door to something entirely new in Jesus, to the revival and fulfillment of God's promises. In every generation, and in every human life, God continues to do this. He has done it through people named Augustine, Francis, Catherine, Theresa, and countless others. In my life, the Baptist's spirit has come through persons named Eric, Paul, Mary, and Ron. I challenge you to name at least three people through whom God has announced the coming of Jesus in your life. Consciously thank God for their testimony. And let's commit ourselves to listening to the spirit of John the Baptist testify again this week so that we might more strongly believe in the light.

— *Father John Muir*

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Testimony

When my grandmother heard the news that my cousin had fallen from a second-story window, she immediately went and washed her hair.

Grandma had been sitting alone in her house, listening to the morning radio when the announcer shared a news bulletin stating that the previous night, a little boy with the same name as her grandson, living in the same community and of the same age, had fallen onto the pavement from a window on the second floor of his house. He had been rushed to the hospital but miraculously survived his injuries.

She thought she was hallucinating and wanted to look pretty when the “men in white coats” came to take her away. Thus, the hair-washing.

As it happens, the whole story was true — it was her grandson, but this was before the age of mobile phones and had happened so late at night that his parents had been unable to notify any family members before the whole thing showed up on the news.

It wasn't until my grandmother received a phone call from another relative corroborating the story that she realized it hadn't been a figment of her imagination. What a waste of styled hair, no hospital committal for her that day.

There are certain truths that we cannot accept unless they are supported by the testimony of others. We find them to be unbelievable without the reassurance of another person whispering, “It's okay. I see it, too.”

This is the value of testimony, and the purpose of John the Baptist and every saint who ever died with the name of Jesus Christ on their lips. And this is the sacred duty of all the baptized, to give testimony with our words and our actions.

How will you testify today?

*“He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.”
— John 1:8*

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do Catholics give the sign of peace to one another at Mass?

Answer:

The sign of peace is a part of the Mass that takes place immediately after we offer the Lord's Prayer. Inspired by the Jesus' words to his first followers, we stand together in a spirit of communion to pray as Jesus taught us: “Our Father who art in heaven...” In this prayer, we call for the coming of God's kingdom in all its fullness and ask that God provides for our needs — “Give us, this day, our daily bread” — to forgive our sins and to bring us to the joy of heaven.

It is almost natural, then, that the rite of peace would follow. As the celebrant prays that Christ's peace will fill our hearts, our communities, the Church, and the whole world, we extend to those around us a sign of peace (usually a hug or a handshake) as a symbol of the communion that we experience now and will experience forever in the fullness of the reign of God.

We are also reminded of Jesus' teachings that if we are at prayer and remember that a brother or sister is holding something against us, then we are to go and seek reconciliation with them before we continue our prayer (see Matthew 5:23). And so, the sign of peace also reminds us of the need to truly be in communion — united in love and peace — with God and one another before we approach the altar to receive the Eucharist.

So, the next time you're at Mass and the time comes for the sign of peace, remember that this is a moment to celebrate the gift of Christ's peace that each of us has received from God and to pass that peace along to those around us. We need this moment to practice, because this is also the same peace of Christ that we are instructed to carry out into the world at the end of Mass when the priest or deacon says to us, “Go, in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.”

John answered them, “I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.”

- Jn 1:26-27

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Isaiah rejoices over God’s call in his life and the promise of restoration for all nations. As we continue in the season of Advent, what has brought some joy to you or your family?

Second Reading

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be people of prayer and joy, open to the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Is there anything recently that has brought you joy?

Gospel Reading

John presents the religious leaders of Jerusalem as puzzled and uncertain as to who John the Baptist was. How do you approach friends or family in your life who are confused or questioning the faith?



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