



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

Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt	Pastor, Chaplain
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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 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

12:10 pm – † Gayla Fief

Tuesday, December 26

NO MASS

Wednesday, December 27

NO MASS

Thursday, December 28

NO MASS

Friday, December 29

NO MASS

Saturday, December 30

5:00 pm – † Magdalene Trung

Sunday, December 31

9:30 am – † Jane Runyan

11:00 am – K, Jhoe, & Arlie Stonestreet

5:00 pm – St. Isidore's Community

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 30- 5:00 pm

Altar Server - Jackson Fike

EMHC - Amy Bayer / Aiden Bourman

Geneva Jahnke

Hospitality - Kelly Ribble / Mike Ribble

Lector - Jhoe Stonestreet

Sunday, December 31 - 9:30 am

Altar Server - Kasen Fudge

EMHC - Kurt Dillon / Katie Schmit

Brad Starnes

Hospitality - Jim Keating / Michelle Keating

Lector - Tom Herbers

Sunday, December 31 - 11:00 am

Altar Server - Nathan Schmit

EMHC - Ben Jenson / Ashtin Klepper

Cindy Quinlan

Hospitality - Mason Ouellette / Kim Ross

Lector - Chiara Thompson

Sunday, December 31 - 5:00 pm

Altar Server - Carl Hathaway

EMHC - TJ Flax / Samuel Hermes

Pat Strathman

Hospitality - Martin Martinez / Volunteer

Lector - Amy Bayer

Monday, January 1 - 9:00 am

Altar Server - Volunteer

EMHC - Volunteer / Volunteer / Volunteer

Hospitality - Volunteer / Volunteer

Lector - Volunteer

4th Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023



SUNDAY READINGS

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

Rom 16:25-27

Lk 1:26-38

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.

ENDOW

The ENDOW faith study for girls 8th to 12th grade will be held every Friday from 5:30 to 7:00 pm beginning **January 12** at St. Thomas More. **ENDOW** stands for Education On the Nature and Dignity Of Women. The study *Created for Community* examines love, friendship, and dating. For more information, contact Jhoe Stonestreet at jhoe.de.mesa@gmail.com.

MC3's A Real Catholic Christmas

Manhattan Catholic Community Connected (MC3) is a cooperative organization consisting of members from the three area churches: Seven Dolores, St. Thomas More, and St. Isidore's. MC3 will be hosting *A Real Catholic Christmas* on **January 8 at 7 pm**. The gathering will consist of Christmas music and a social at St. Thomas More. Come celebrate Christmas with the Manhattan Catholic Community!

Mass Schedule

Our Christmas Masses will be at 5 pm December 24, Midnight, and 9:30 am December 25. We will have no Mass or Confession December 26 - 29. We will have Mass on January 1 at 9 am for The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. We will have no Mass or Confession January 2 - 5, as both Fr. Gale and Fr. Matt will be with our students at the SEEK Conference. Please continue to look at the calendar or bulletin for changes in the Mass schedule until school begins again. Additionally, our office will be closed December 25, 26, and January 1.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

“Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever.” (2 Sm 28:16)

Psalm:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

Second Reading:

The revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith. (Rom 16:25-26)

Gospel:

“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.” (Lk 1:31)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God's plans are not always what we imagined. Sometimes they make us hesitate. Be like Mary. Say “Yes, Lord” — and God will show you that His imagination is better than yours.

Observances for the week of December 24, 2023

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve

Monday: The Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday: St. Stephen, First Martyr

Wednesday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Thursday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Friday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

Next Sunday: The Holy Family; New Year's Eve



Saint of the week

Servant of God Michelle Christine Duppong worked as a FOCUS missionary and a lay parish minister in the early 2000's. Her life was a testament to her commitment to God and social justice work. She died at age 31 in 2015 but her legacy lives on today in those whose lives she touched.

Prayer

Jesus, I praise and thank you for the life of your servant Michelle Duppong. In her life and suffering, she joined you in your thirst for souls and embraced the cross offered to her. Following her example, I ask for the special grace of [personal intercession] and, if it brings you greater glory, that she be honored by your Church. Jesus, I ask this in your Holy Name.

Amen.

-With ecclesiastical approval of Bishop David D. Kagan, Diocese of Bismarck

(Prayer Source: <https://bismarckdiocese.com/prayer-of-intercession>)

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of December 24, 2023

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/
Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 *Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/Ps
97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 *Day:* Is
52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn
1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday:

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and
8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday:

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday:

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/
Mt 2:13-18

Friday:

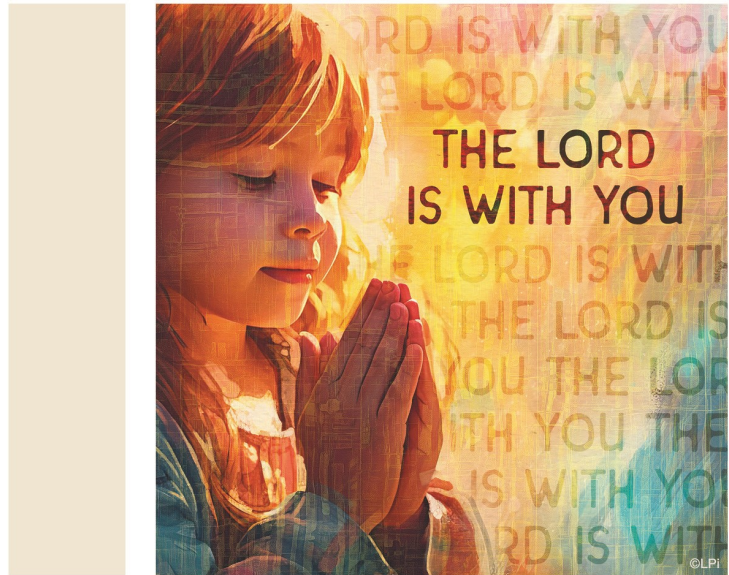
1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/
Lk 2:22-35

Saturday:

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Next Sunday:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps
128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12,
17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Life is troubling. Who among us has not struggled with anxiety and difficulties, sometimes massive ones? I certainly have, as have many of my loved ones. If we do, does this mean that we don't trust the Lord or just need to toughen up?

I don't think so. How encouraging for us anxious and troubled souls to hear Luke describe the Blessed Mother Mary in these words, **"But she was greatly troubled at what was said."** An archangel has visited her. An inconceivable promise has been made to her. Her life has become wildly unpredictable, perhaps more so than any person before or since. The first point for us: the Lord is with her precisely when she is troubled. Her anxiousness and God's presence are not mutually exclusive. Christianity is not about a trance-like robotic indifference. It's about the presence of divine love. Even in — especially in — troubled circumstances.

Our troubled soul can become our greatest treasure. What seems so troubling at first to Mary becomes the best possible thing, Jesus, the Savior and Lord, is now her son. All the difficulties and troubles remain, and yet her movement into the fullness of God is accelerated. What is troubling you right now? This scripture invites us now, this week, to hear the Lord's messenger say to us what he said to Mary, **"Do not be afraid! You have found favor with God."**

— *Father John Muir*

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

What Is Your Fiat?

Are you an anxious people-pleaser prone to overcommitting yourself? Welcome to the club! We have slogans, and for your convenience I've listed them here:

"Sounds great!"

"No worries!"

"Absolutely, I can do that, not a problem!"

These are your go-to responses for when someone requests a favor that is a huge inconvenience, but you would rather die than disappoint. It's not exactly disingenuous — it's just a little neurotic. Again, welcome to the club.

You know who doesn't belong to this club? The Blessed Mother. For many reasons, I'm sure, but the biggest one is that she's always completely up-front. Take her response to the Angel Gabriel: "Let it be done."

If there are more powerful words than these, I can't think of them now. And yet, as responses go, this certainly isn't an enthusiastic one. There was never a human creature more willing to obey God than Mary, full of grace, so it makes it all the more striking that her response to Gabriel is this reserved — and it makes it all the more certain that she means exactly what she says.

Let it be done.

Not: Yes, this is exactly that I asked for!

Not: Nope. This sounds awful. Count me out.

But precisely this: If God is asking, my answer is yes.

The Angel Gabriel visits us all, in a way, at some point or another, bearing news we did not expect. When we can say, in the face of that uncertainty, "Let it be done," we are embracing our calling as disciples. We are becoming like Mary.

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord." — Luke 1:38

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do Catholics light candles in church?

Answer:

Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.

And the angel said to her in reply, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.”

- Lk 1:35

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

We hear how God established his covenantal promise with King David to raise up a son after him and ensure that David’s house and kingdom will stand firm forever. What promises have you kept with family or friends?

Second Reading

Paul concludes his letter to the Romans with a hymn of praise to God. As Advent draws to a close, for what can you praise God?

Gospel Reading

Today’s Gospel reading is the annunciation to Mary of the upcoming birth of Jesus. Mary’s unconditional acceptance offers us a model to follow. How open are you to God’s work in your life?



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