



**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

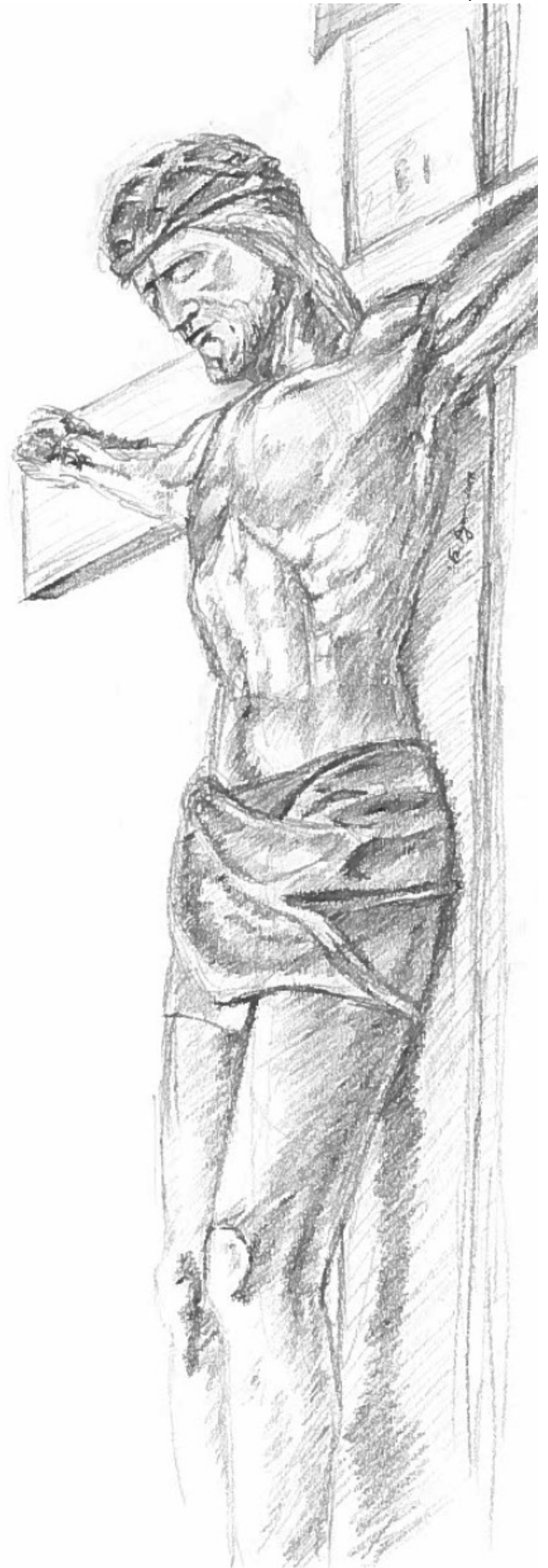
DAILY MASS: TUESDAY-FRIDAY 12:10 pm

*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](mailto:dmack@stisidores.com).

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Six-month preparation period is required. Contact Diane Mack at [dmack@stisidores.com](mailto: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](mailto:abrandt@stisidores.com) to register. Class begins in September and ends in April of each year.

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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](http://www.stisidores.com/contact) for KSU students and permanent community.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Sunday, December 31**

9:30 am – † Jane Runyan

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

5:00 pm – St. Isidore's Community

### **Monday, January 1**

9:00 am – Imelda Evangelista Family

### **Tuesday, January 2**

**NO MASS**

### **Wednesday, January 3**

**NO MASS**

### **Thursday, January 4**

**NO MASS**

### **Friday, January 5**

**NO MASS**

### **Saturday, January 6**

5:00 pm - K, Jhoe, & Arlie Stonestreet

### **Sunday, January 7**

9:30 am – † Hiet Pham

11:00 am – † Anne Feldkamp

5:00 pm – St. Isidore's Community

## **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

### **Saturday, January 6 - 5:00 pm**

**Altar Server** - Jackson Fike

**EMHC** - Amy Bayer / Aiden Bourman  
Justin Castaldi

**Hospitality** - Geneva Jahnke / Bobby  
Ramming

**Lector** - Ron Ratliff

### **Sunday, January 7 - 9:30 am**

**Altar Server** - Mason Ouellette

**EMHC** - Colton Haug / Brooke Prockish  
Kate Weisner

**Hospitality** - Tom Deaver / Kurt Dillon

**Lector** - Mackenzie Anderson

### **Sunday, January 7 - 11:00 am**

**Altar Server** - Brad Hulshof

**EMHC** - Sandi Feldkamp / Grace  
Schieferecke  
Nathan Smith

**Hospitality** - Robert Disberger  
Tonya Disberger

**Lector** - Christian Wright

### **Sunday, January 7 - 5:00 pm**

**Altar Server** - Kasen Fudge

**EMHC** - Ashtin Klepper / Diane Mack  
Cindy Quinlan

**Hospitality** - Wally Mack / Volunteer

**Lector** - Cali Keith

## **Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

December 31, 2023



### **SUNDAY READINGS**

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Col 3:12-21

Lk 2:22-40

### **Mass Schedule**

We will have Mass on **January 1 at 9 am** for The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Our office will also be closed January 1. 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.

### **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](mailto:hgritton@stisidores.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!

### **Pietra Fitness**

Begin the new year with the dynamic duo of exercise and meditation: Pietra Fitness® is held **every Tuesday from 5:30- 6:30 p.m.** in the Utopia Room of St. Thomas More on Kimball Ave. For more information, contact Jhoe Stonestreet, a Pietra Fitness® Pro Certified Instructor ([jhoe.de.mesa@gmail.com](mailto:jhoe.de.mesa@gmail.com)). Pietra Fitness® is a flexibility, mobility, and core strengthening mat-based class that incorporates Christian prayer in the Catholic tradition.

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

"Your own issue shall be your heir."  
The Lord took Abram outside and said,  
"Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can.  
Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be."  
(Gn 3:4-5)

### Psalm:

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever. (Ps 105)

### Second Reading:

By faith he received power to generate,  
even though he was past the normal age  
—and Sarah herself was sterile. (Heb 11:11)

### Gospel:

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him. (Lk 2:40)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God's timing is not always our timing. Sometimes, we have to wait years for the answer to our prayer. Never despair. Remember that God keeps His word.

## Observances for the week of December 31, 2023

- Sunday:** The Holy Family; New Year's Eve  
**Monday:** Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace  
**Tuesday:** Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church  
**Wednesday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus  
**Thursday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious  
**Friday:** St. John Neumann, Bishop  
**Saturday:** St. André Bessette, Religious  
**Next Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord



## Saint of the week

Venerable Mary Elizabeth Lange was a trailblazing black Catholic who founded the Oblate Sisters of Providence, the first congregation of black religious sisters in the USA. Her faith and perseverance helped break down barriers and create new opportunities for black Catholics.

## Prayer

Almighty and Eternal God, You granted Mother Mary Lange extraordinary trust in Your providence. You endow her with humility, courage, holiness, and an extraordinary sense of service to the poor and the sick. You enabled her to fund the Oblate Sisters of Providence and provided educational, social, and spiritual ministry especially to the African American community. Mother Lange's love for all enabled her to see Christ in each person, and the pain of prejudice and racial hatred never blurred that vision.

Deign to raise her to the highest honors of the altar in order that, through her intercession, more souls may come to a deeper understanding and more fervent love of You.

Heavenly Father, glorify Your heart by granting also this favor (state your request) which we ask through the intercession of Your faithful servant, Mother Mary Lange.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://nolacatholic.org/news/black-catholic-history-month-mother-mary-lange#:~:text=Prayer,the%20poor%20and%20the%20sick.>)

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of December 31, 2023

### 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

### Monday:

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/  
Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

### Tuesday:

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/  
Jn 1:19-28

### Wednesday:

1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/  
Jn 1:29-34

### Thursday:

1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

### Friday:

1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

### Saturday:

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/  
Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34,  
36, 38

### Next Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see  
11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.

— *Father John Muir*

## ( PRACTICING ) CATHOLIC

### The Sword and the Family

In the first few weeks of parenthood, the tears flowed fast and freely, and with very little provocation.

Sometimes I wept because it was getting dark out, and sometimes because the sun was coming up. Sometimes I wept because the days were so unbearably long. Sometimes I wept because they were so cruelly short and slipped past so quickly, bearing away with them forever these inaugural moments of my daughter's life — moments I knew I would long for on my deathbed.

So, the inclusion of the Presentation of Christ in the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary has always struck me. The Blessed Mother, just a few weeks after giving birth, standing at the holy temple: Is she tired? Is she emotional? Is she frightened? Is she happy? We cannot know for sure, but if she is anything like most of the postpartum women I know, she is all four. But she stands there dutifully, offering her baby to the Lord, and this is what she is told, "A sword shall pierce your heart."

Joyful? I would have snatched the baby back, called the police and sobbed for a week.

But Mary knows that Simeon speaks the truth, and she cannot receive God's will with anything less than joy, even if it means a pierced heart.

Family means love, but love means — what, exactly? Pleasure, fulfillment, contentment? Yes, but so much more, too. Love means you have much to lose.

How full is family life with these beautiful moments which, on the surface, look and feel painful — but hold within them the opportunity to be like Mary, to bow our heads and once again say "Yes, Lord."

*"Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another..." — Colossians 3:12*

*Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

What are the servant songs of Isaiah? How do they relate to Jesus' life and ministry?

### Answer:

The four servant songs (Isaiah 42:1-4, 49:1-6, 50:4-9, and 52:13—53:12) are strategically placed in Second Isaiah to offer hope and consolation to a suffering Israel during its Babylonian Exile.

Israel had been defeated by the Babylonians, who destroyed their temple, killed the last of the kings in David's lineage, exiled them from their land, and transported them to Babylon. This is the context in which Second Isaiah composes his powerfully poetic book of hope and consolation. A significant part of that message is the portrait of God's servant, who is called to be a source of hope and encouragement for the people.

Each of the four poems emphasizes God's choice and election of the servant. The last poem stresses the suffering and rejection of God's servant, along with his eventual death. Isaiah is certain that God will use the servant's innocent suffering as a way to redeem and remove the guilt and sin of others. Thus, the servant becomes a source of salvation for himself and for others.

Who is this servant? Many suggest that Isaiah was referring to Israel herself, as she underwent exilic suffering which would ultimately prove to be redemptive. Jesus' followers, including those for whom Mark wrote his Gospel, understood Jesus' ministry in terms of Isaiah's suffering servant whose innocent suffering and death became the means of salvation for all.

“For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

- Lk 2:30-32

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading

Abraham and Sarah relied on their faith in the Lord as they struggled with family matters. When have you needed to rely on faith when it comes to your family?

### Second Reading

Hebrews teaches us that at every challenge in his life, Abraham consistently trusted and obeyed God. When have you had to surrender complete trust to God?

### Gospel Reading

In their purification ritual in the Jerusalem Temple, Mary and Joseph learn news from Simeon and Anna about their newborn baby, Jesus. In your family, how do you deal with startling or unsettling news?



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