

## THIS WEEK

**Monday, December 30**

No Mass

**Tuesday, December 31**

5:00 pm - Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

**Wednesday, January 1**

9:00 am - Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

**Thursday, January 2**

No Mass

**Friday, January 3**

No Mass

**Saturday, January 4**

5:00 pm - Mass

**Sunday, January 5**

9:30 am - Mass  
11:00 am - Mass  
5:00 pm - Mass

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, December 28**

5:00 pm – Priest Intention

**Sunday, December 29**

9:30 am – † Ron Forkenbrock  
11:00 am – K, Jhoe & Arlie Stonestreet II  
5:00 pm – St Isidore's Community

**Monday, December 30**

No Mass

**Tuesday, December 31**

5:00 pm - † Gayla Fief

**Wednesday, January 1**

9:00 am - Imelda Evangelista Family

**Thursday, January 2**

No Mass

**Friday, January 3**

No Mass

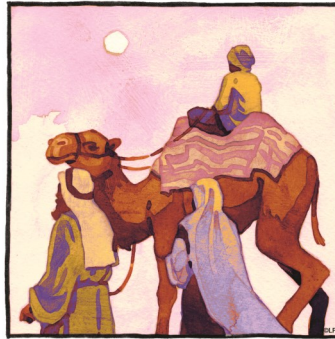
**Saturday, January 4**

5:00 pm – Priest Intention

**Sunday, January 5**

9:30 am – Deceased members of the St. Isidore's Legacy Society  
11:00 am – † Hiet Pham  
5:00 pm – St Isidore's Community

# Feast of the Holy Family and December 29, 2024



## This Sunday's Readings:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

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

Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

Lk 2:41-52

GOSPEL MEDITATION -  
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

## December 29, 2024 The Holy Family

As a first-time pastor in a parish, I received a phone call one afternoon from a young married couple, “Father, our 2-year-old son drowned in our pool this morning. We are at the hospital. Please help us.” I sped over. The little boy was gone, his body cold, slightly blue, laid out on a bed. His parents were distraught and in shock. For the next few years, I walked with the couple along their difficult and painful road. They openly shared with me how they were often tempted to blame and accuse each other for the loss. And yet, by God’s grace, their love for each grew stronger and deeper as the years went by.

The Holy Family was not without its pain and loss, either. Luke tells us, after losing their twelve-year-old son, Joseph and Mary “**after three days found him in the temple area, sitting among the teachers...**” (Luke 2:46). We don’t know specifically what those three days were like for them except for what Mary says: “**Your father and I have been looking for you anxiously.**” The three days of his absence foreshadow his death and burial. His finding in the temple is a kind of resurrection for his family. They had to learn, again and again, that their family was becoming a place where death and resurrection was not only accepted but welcomed and celebrated. But surely they deeply felt the dangerous agony of their loss — just like every couple who has lost a child.

What losses in your experience of family still cause you anxiety? In what ways has God’s presence seemingly vanished in your family? Will you keep searching for Jesus? Remember, he will rise and be found. Your family may be suffering, but when he is found, it will be stronger than ever before.

— *Father John Muir*

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## ST. ISIDORE'S

CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER

Kansas State University

### *Mass Schedule*

SATURDAY: 5:00pm

SUNDAY: 9:30am/11:00am/5:00pm/9:09 pm

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

MON/TUE/WED/THURS: 9:09pm

WED/FRI: 12:10pm

### *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

MON/TUES/WED/THURS: 8:00pm

### *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

MON/TUE/THU: 9:00am-1:00pm WED/FRI 9:00am - 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](mailto:dmack@stisidores.com).

**Sacrament of Marriage:** A six-month preparation period is required. Contact Diane Mack for information at least six months prior to your intended wedding date at [dmack@stisidores.com](mailto:dmack@stisidores.com).

**OCIA:** If you, or someone you know, are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact Ridge Pinkston at [rpinkston@stisidores.com](mailto:rpinkston@stisidores.com) to register. Class begins in September and ends in April of each year.

### St. Isidore's Staff

Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt	Pastor, Chaplain
Fr. Trevor Buster	Parochial Vicar
Ridge Pinkston	Assistant Pastoral Administrator
Frank Schmeidler	Director of Worship
Robert Jennings	Director of Evangelization
Ron Ratliff	Theology Instructor
Jeanae Brungardt	Director of Stewardship
Lauren Koch	Administrative Assistant
Emily Genereux	Director of Communications
Diane Mack	Sacramental Coordinator
Heather Gritton	Finance Manager
Quenten Troyer	Facilities Manager
Lori Harlan	Kitchen Coordinator

### Office Hours

**Monday - Thursday** 9:00am-5:00pm **Friday** 9:00am-3:00pm  
**phone:** 785-539-7496 **email:** [stisidores@stisidores.com](mailto: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](http://www.stisidores.com/contact/register) for students or permanent community.*

## 2024 Contribution Statement

Our annual budget depends on your contributions and many of those contributions come at this time of year. We know that you may be supporting others as well, but please consider giving to St. Isidore's. As far as 2024 giving goes, donations that appears on the 2024 Contribution Statement must be postmarked by December 31, 2024 or delivered to the office by **noon** on January 2, 2025 and must be dated December 31, 2024 or before. All contributions received after that will appear on the 2025 Contribution Statement. 2024 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).

## Hearing Assistance Devices

St. Isidore's is missing one of our hearing assist devices. If you realize you have it please return it to the charging port found in the Narthex of the church. We appreciate your help in finding these!

## St. Joseph Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Don't miss a wonderful opportunity to spend a quiet hour in the Real Presence of Our Lord at the St. Joseph Perpetual Chapel, 731 Pierre St. Public hours are from 7am to 9pm daily. You can participate in different ways: 1) Take one of our vacant hours: **Saturday 10 am, and 11am**. 2) Be a prayer partner on an hour of your choice. 3) Be a substitute when needed. Please text or leave a message for Mary Knapp, 785-537-2814. **STUDENTS WELCOME!** God bless you!

## Dollar Dinner Teams

It's Dollar Dinner Time at St. Isidore's! If you are not already on a team and would like to help feed our 250+ students on Sunday evenings, we would love to have you join this fun and meaningful ministry. If interested, you can be assigned to a team, and only volunteer to help on the Sundays you're available. Please email Teresa Williams at [sweett28@gmail.com](mailto:sweett28@gmail.com) for more information.

## The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Please be aware that January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. **Our Mass times for this Holy Day are Tuesday, December 31st at 5:00 pm, and Wednesday, January 1st at 9:30 am.**

## From Fr. Gale and Fr. Buster

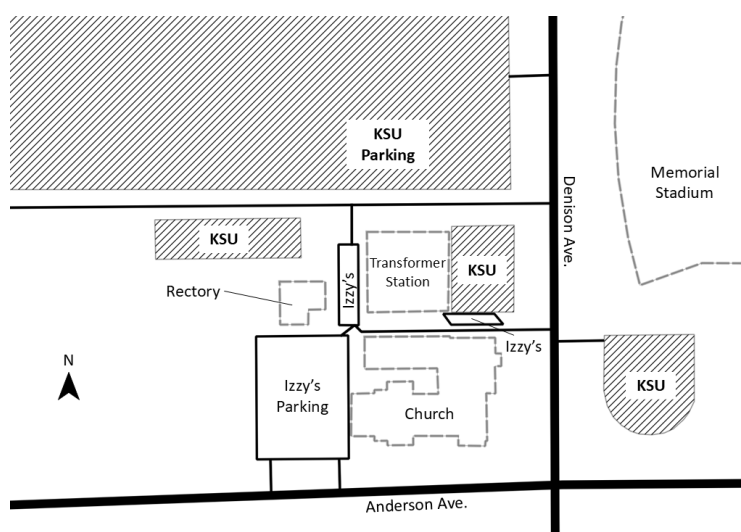
To everyone who showered us with love, cards, and gifts of all sorts this Christmas season, we want to give you a heartfelt thank you and blessings for the new year. Thank you again and know of our love for you.

## Mass Schedule Update for Break

**There will be no daily Mass on January 2nd and 3rd and no confession on Friday, January 3rd.** Office hours next week will be Monday, Thursday and Friday, 9 am to 12 pm. There will be no 9:09 pm Mass. Please reach out to [stisidores@stisidores.com](mailto:stisidores@stisidores.com) or 785-539-7496 with any questions.

## Parking During Christmas Break

Even though campus may be closed while students are on break, we want to remind everyone that **KSU still writes tickets during all breaks Monday-Friday!** Please see map below showing which parking lots belong to St. Isidore's, and which belong to KSU.



## Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, January 4

5:00 pm

**Altar Server** - Jackson Fike  
**EMHC** - Angela Fief/ Jared Hyman/ Katie Schmit  
**Hospitality** - Sonja Betzen/ Geneva Jahnke  
**Lector** - Amy Bayer

### Sunday, January 5

9:30 am

**Altar Server** - Logan Hubbell  
**EMHC** - Mackenzie Birney/ Darlene McGraw/ Joe McGraw  
**Hospitality** - Christy George/ Alleynah Ronnau  
**Lector** - Chris George

11:00 am

**Altar Server** - JP Cardenas  
**EMHC** - Mackenzie Anderson/ Tiffany Shaheen/ Nathan Smith  
**Hospitality** - Brooklyn Bennett/ David Cramer  
**Lector** - Justine May

5:00 pm

**Altar Server** - James Allen  
**EMHC** - TJ Flax/ Pat Strathman/ Volunteer  
**Hospitality** - Dustin Newton/ Ruth Newton  
**Lector** - Cali Keith



Brennan Skerjanec  
Landon Kemp  
Hannah Steadman  
Simon Sutton  
Sabrina Granata  
Caleb Mitchell  
Gabe Diaz

## Knights of Columbus

The St. Isidore's Student K of C Council #8511  
welcomes all interested male KSU students.  
Questions? Contact Andrew Husband at  
ahusband20@gmail.com

## Student Leadership Team

**President:** Douglas Koch  
**Social Chair:** Ryan Stueve  
**Service Chair:** Luke LeBar  
**Food Chair:** Chloe Lamb  
**Hospitality Chair:** Lily Myers  
**Liturgy Chair:** Cameron Pascal

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." (1 Sm 1:27-28)

### Psalm:

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)

### Second Reading:

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. (1 Jn 3:2)

### Gospel:

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers. (Lk 2:46)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

For three days, Mary and Joseph search and worry before finding Jesus in the temple. "Didn't you know where I was?" he says to them, in so many words. We, too, look for Jesus. We, too, know where to find him. Let us never forget and never despair.

## Observances for the week of December 29, 2024

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



## Saint of the week

St. Gianna Beretta Molla (1922-1962) is the first woman doctor and working mom to be canonized. During her last pregnancy a uterine tumor was surgically removed so she could bring her daughter into the world, even at the expense of her own life.

## Prayer for Family

Dear God,

Help my family to be holy, too!

Amen.



Not finding [Jesus], they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. - Lk 2:45-47

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading:

In gratitude to the Lord, Hannah returned the gift of her son, Samuel. Is there a gift from the Lord for which you are particularly grateful?

### Second Reading:

As children of God, John teaches us that believers should love one another and believe in the name of Jesus. In addition to faith and love, what else do you think unites us as children of God?

### Gospel:

Luke presents an anxious experience that Mary and Joseph had as parents raising the young boy, Jesus. Do you recall a time when your parents were worried or anxious about you?



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THE HOLY FAMILY

“ THE CHARITY WHICH BURNED IN THE HOUSEHOLD AT NAZARETH SHOULD BE AN INSPIRATION FOR EVERY FAMILY. ”

- ST. JOHN XXIII