



# ST. ISIDORE'S

CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER

Kansas State University

## *Mass Schedule*

SATURDAY: 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: 7:30am/9:30am/11:00am/5:00pm

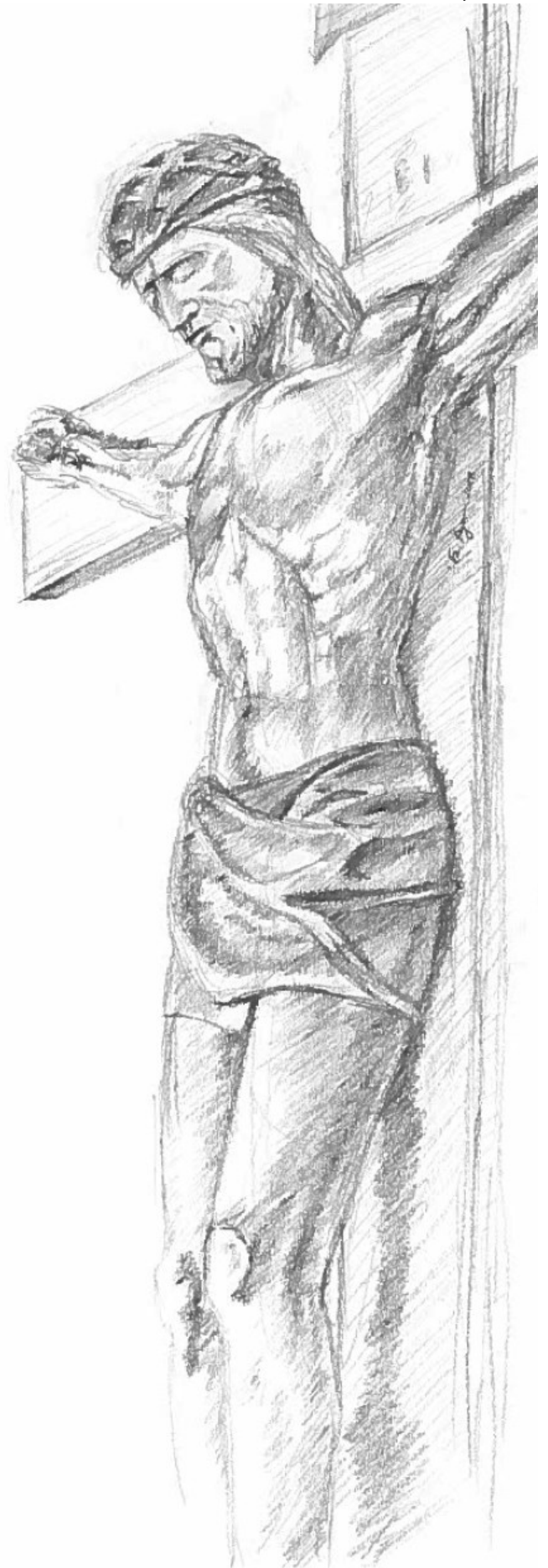
Livestream -Sunday 9:30am Mass on Facebook - St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center

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

WED/FRI: 12:10pm

## *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Mon/Tue/Wed/Thu: 8:00 pm



**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
Jeanae Brungardt	Director of Stewardship
Robert Jennings	Director of Evangelization
Ron Ratliff	Theology Instructor
Diane Mack	Sacramental Coordinator
Heather Gritton	Finance Manager
Quenten Troyer	Facilities Manager

### Office Hours

Monday - 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.*

**THIS WEEK**

**Monday, Dec 15**

8:00 pm Confession  
9:09 pm—Mass

**Tuesday, Dec 16**

8:00 pm— Confession  
9:09 pm—Mass

**Wednesday, Dec 17**

12:10 pm—Mass  
8:00 pm—Confession  
9:09 pm—Mass

**Thursday, Dec 18**

8:00 pm—Confession  
9:09 pm—Mass

**Friday, Dec 19**

12:10 pm—Mass

**Saturday, Dec 20**

5:00 pm—Mass

**Sunday, Dec 21**

7:30 am— Mass  
9:30 am— Mass  
11:00 am- Mass  
5:00 pm— Mass

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, Dec 13**

5:00 pm— + David Shipman

**Sunday, Dec 14**

7:30am Katie Cummings  
9:30 am + John Juenemann  
11:00 am+ David Magette  
5:00 pm Living and deceased members  
of the Charles Ebert Jr Family  
9:00pm St. Isidore's Community

**Monday, Dec 15**

9:09 pm— Priest's Intention

**Tuesday, Dec 16**

9:09 pm - + Kristy Ast

**Wednesday, Dec 17**

12:10 pm- + Deacon Duane Lampe  
9:09 pm - Priest's Intention

**Thursday, Dec 18**

9:09 pm- + Rosemary Werth

**Friday, Dec 19**

12:10 pm- + Lex Pearson

**Saturday, Dec 20**

5:00 pm- + Carole Elsasser

**Sunday, Dec 21**

7:30am- Priest's Intention  
9:30am- Fred Maneth  
11:00am- Living & Deceased members  
of the Charles Ebert Jr. Family  
5:00 pm— St. Isidore's Community

# 3rd Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025



## This Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10  
Psalm 146:6-7,8-9,9-10  
James 5:7-10

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

### December 14, 2025 3rd Sunday of Advent Matthew 11: 2-11

When I was 11, I was riding my bike on a Friday night in Scottsdale, Arizona. I saw giant spotlights swirling in the sky. Something amazing had to be happening. I pedaled after them with excitement. Sweaty and tired, I arrived, only to find a used car lot. Bright lights, flapping banners, inflatable balloon men swaying wildly in the wind. I stood there, heart sinking. All that spectacle, and all my effort ... for this?

As life proceeds, we learn what it is like to pursue promising but fruitless searches. This week we hear Jesus ask the crowds regarding John the Baptist: **“What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?” (Matthew 11:7).** He’s not just describing the crowd’s mis-aimed pursuit. He’s naming our tendency to chase after what’s flashy but flimsy.

What are our swaying reeds? For me, it is endless video reels on my phone, worldly pleasures, entertainment in sports, and the good opinion of others. Inflated distractions that bend whichever way the wind blows. But they can’t satisfy my soul. What are your flimsy reeds?

John the Baptist wasn’t a swaying reed. He was rooted, grounded, unafraid to speak the solid truth. The people went to see him because, deep down, they were starving for something real.

This Advent, the Church asks us to reassess: What are we really looking for? Are we chasing the dazzling but hollow? Or are we seeking what is solid and lasting — that which points to Christ?

- *Father John Muir*

## Sing at Christmas

We are in need of voices to sing at the Christmas Eve and/or Christmas Day Masses. Rehearsals will be on Mondays, December 15 and 22 at 7pm in the music room. Please join us! Contact Frank at 785-539-7496 or [franks@stisidores.com](mailto:franks@stisidores.com) if you have any questions.

## Iron Sharpens Iron St. Joseph Men's Conference

St. Joseph's Catholic Church in McPherson is hosting a men's conference on Saturday, February 21, 2026 from 8:00 am-4:00 pm. All men 14 and older are encouraged to come and join us for a day learning and celebrating being a Catholic man. Special guest speakers will be Casting Nets Ministries, Chris Stewart and Tony Brandt. Cost for the day is \$30 and includes: Mass, Adoration, Confession, Inspiring Speakers, Fellowship and Lunch. For more information contact Gabe Prescott at (620)755-1764 (Call or Text), [gabe.ray.prescott@gmail.com](mailto:gabe.ray.prescott@gmail.com). Register for the event by scanning the QR code below.



## 2025 Contribution Statements

Our Annual budget depends on your contributions and many of those contributions come at this time of year. Please support the mission at St. Isidore's! Contributions can be made online at [stisidores.com](http://stisidores.com) or send a check to 711 Denison, Manhattan, KS 66502. As far as 2025 giving goes, donations that appear on the 2025 Contribution Statement must be postmarked by December 31, 2025 or delivered to the office by noon on January 2, 2026 and must be dated December 31, 2025 or before. All contributions received after that will appear on the 2026 Contribution Statement. 2025 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).

## Silent Retreat Saturday, December 20th

If you feel restless and need some time for yourself to rejuvenate your soul, consider attending the Silent Retreat on December 20th from 10:30 am-5:00 pm. The theme for this year's retreat is *Preparation for Christmas*. The retreat will consist of 10 minute reflections at the top of the hour while the remainder of the retreat will be intentional silence on your own. Various activities will also be provided. Also, take time to visit Jesus in Adoration. If interested, please sign-up by contacting Robert Jennings at [rjennings@stisidores.com](mailto:rjennings@stisidores.com). This retreat is open to **students** and **permanent community** members. Max capacity is 15.

## Finals Week Snacks

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

## Tithes & Offering

### November 2025

Offertory Collection & Electronic Donations	\$46,840.81
Budgeted	<u>\$52,000.00</u>
Shortage	< \$5,159.19 >

### Fiscal Year (July 1, 2025-November 30, 2025)

Offertory Collection & Electronic Donations	\$255,436.70
Budgeted	<u>\$260,000.00</u>
Shortage	< \$4,563.30 >

## Door by the Marian Grotto

Please note that the door into the church by the Marian Grotto will be locked 10 minutes prior to the start of Mass. Please do not push the button to automatically open the door during Mass as it will not open and will make disruptive noises inside. Thank you for your cooperation!

## Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, December 20

5:00 pm **Alter Server** - Matthew Fortino (Sub Requested)  
**EMHC** - Amy Bayer/Volunteer Now/Volunteer Now  
**Hospitality** - Bob Bramhall/Jan Marks  
**Lector** - Geneva Jahnke

### Sunday, December 21

7:30 am **Altar Server** – Volunteer Now  
**EMHC**– Volunteer Now  
**Lector** - Volunteer Now

9:30 am **Altar Server** – Dustin Stephenson (Sub Requested)  
**EMHC**– Darlene McGraw/Joe McGraw/Celia Snetsinger (Sub Requested)/Brad Starnes  
**Hospitality** - Kurt Dillon/Pam Dillon/Chloe Merideth  
**Lector** - Mariah Haug

11:00 am **Altar Server** – JP Cardenas  
**EMHC** - Sandi Feldkamp/Joe Ney/Kim Ross/Kieryn Thilking  
**Hospitality** - Tanya Castor/Larry McCarthy/Traci McCarthy (Sub Requested)  
**Lector**– Joseph Kappelmann

5:00 pm **Alter Server** - Michael Melgares  
**EMHC** - Samuel Hermesch/Emma Johnson/Trase McQueen  
**Hospitality** - Peg Johnson/Volunteer Now  
**Lector** - Jackson Fike



Brennan Skerjanec  
Gabe Diaz  
Simon Sutton  
Sabrina Granata  
Abbey Schwarz  
Marianna Medearis  
Nicole Burrus

## Knights of Columbus

The St. Isidore's Student K of C Council #8511 welcomes all interested male KSU students. Questions?  
Contact James Menges at [jmenges2022@gmail.com](mailto:jmenges2022@gmail.com)

## Student Leadership Team

**President:** Heidi White  
**Social Chair:** Landon Rozean  
**Service Chair:** Amala John  
**Food Chair:** Lauren Menges & Miayla Ayers  
**Hospitality Chair:** Izzy Schmidt  
**Liturgy Chair:** Trey Schaefer