

February 18, 2024 First Sunday of Lent

Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, Feb. 19 8:00 am	<u>Intention</u> All Souls
Wednesday, Feb. 21 8:00 am	Happy repose of the souls of all priests
Thursday, Feb. 22 8:00 am	Living & deceased members of the Kelly & Karasch extended families
Friday, Feb. 23 8:00 am	Celebrant's Intention
Sunday, Feb. 25 10:00 am	Alison Hagenbach Stevens

St. Isidore Weekly Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Feb. 20 8:00 am	<u>Intention</u> Dick McCabe
Saturday, Feb. 24 8:00 am Latin	Celebrant's Intention
Sunday, Feb. 25 8:00 am	All Parishioners

Our Gifts to God and Our Parish

Thank you for your blessings to our parishes

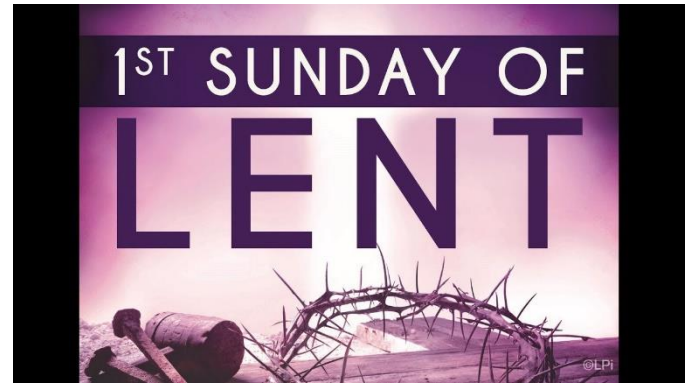
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St. Isidore for week

***This area will return next week. Sorry for the inconvenience.**

Upcoming February Dates:

19: Council of Catholic Women 7pm
PSR: 11, 18



Stations of the Cross at OLHS:

Stations began on Friday, Feb. 16th. Please join us every Friday for stations at 6:30 pm followed by Holy Hour that includes exposition, rosary, a quick quiet reflection, and ends with benediction. We encourage you to bring the kiddos.

Stations of the Cross at St. Isidore:

Stations began on Thursday, Feb. 15th. Please join us Every Thursday for stations at 5:00 pm followed by 5:30 Mass.

Almsgiving is an important part of Lenten practice in the Catholic Church. It is one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, along with prayer and fasting. Almsgiving is the act of donating money or goods to the poor or performing other acts of charity. According to the Catholic Church, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God" -USCCB.org

Mats for the Homeless is pleading for bags. Their supply of plastic bags to make the mats in low and they are trying to hit 1000 mats made by the end of May. Bring your plastic grocery bags and deposit them in the box in the vestibule. Thank you

LENTEN PARISH MISSION

A Biblical Walk Through Mercy

March 10-12 @ 7pm
Hosted by Holy Family Parish
Mission Speaker:
Fr. Zach Samples

If Jesus is truly the Word who came to dwell among us, then we can truly come to know his unceasing and unconditional Love and Mercy through Sacred Scripture.

In this season of Lent - this season of Mercy - we will explore several parables from Jesus's life regarding how we might better and more completely accept Jesus's radical Love and Mercy in our lives.

Sunday, March 10: Candlelight Adoration and Confessions after the Mission Talk.
Tuesday, March 12: Social in the Parish Center after the Mission Talk.

2024 Change for Life Baby Bottle Campaign

OLHS and St. Isidore parishioners are invited to participate in the 2024 Change for Life Baby Bottle Campaign. This campaign will run from 1/21/24-3/10/24. Our parishes are partnered with New Life Pregnancy Care Center to collect coins in the baby bottles during this campaign. The bottles are available at the entrance of each church and can be returned when filled with coins. The money raised in this campaign will be used to support families in need during and after pregnancy. Contact Jill Driscoll with any questions.

How Can I Participate More Actively in Our Parish?

For the last couple of weeks, I have talked about the need for everyone to participate actively in the life of our parish church. Since then, some people have asked how they can participate more actively in the life of our parish. There are many ways to observe this active participation in our parish life. Attending daily Masses, reading at Masses (lector), serving (altar server), cantoring, singing in the choir, joining the usher group, becoming active in our parish Knights of Columbus council or our parish ladies' group or the youth group, bringing Holy Communion to our homebound, becoming a Eucharistic Minister, and making financial contributions for general parish maintenance or specific parish ministries. Dedicated attention to any or some of these or similar ministries often makes people feel an integral part of their parish family in some magical ways. I highly recommend this and hope we can all step up to serve our parish church.

At St. Isidore, we did a training and refresher for altar servers and lectors last week. In the coming weeks, we shall plan another one for Eucharistic ministers and new altar servers as the unfolds.

For Our Lady of the Holy Spirit, we shall be having a training for new and old members of the Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors on Monday, February 19, 2024, at 5:30 pm. This training for new members and refresher for old members is very important. All our lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and those who want to join these ministries must attend. New scheduling will commence soon after the training based on the attendees.

Then, on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, we shall have a training session for our new and old altar servers at 5:30 pm. This training will conclude with a nice dinner at the rectory with Father Peter. While this ministry is open to everyone, our priority is our parishioners from 4th grade through college. A SIGN-UP IS REQUIRED FOR THE ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING. Sign up at the back of the Church or call Carol at the parish office to sign up. Sign-up is open until Tuesday, February 20, 2024. Attendance for the training is highly encouraged.

~ Fr. Peter

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ONLINE GIVING Go to www.mtzolhs.org and click on the link under the Online Giving button.

FORMED.org The Catholic Faith on Demand. Sign up as a parishioner, it's free! Go to formed.org to get started

Life threatening emergencies please call 217-864-3467

Remember your church in bequests and insurance policies.

Parish Council serves to advise the pastor/council about parish issues that arise.

Adoration at St. Mary's Hospital Chapel . Call Jan Mudd 217-864-5175

A locked dropbox is located by the parish office door for 24/7 drop of paperwork, registrations, collection envelopes, etc.

Traveling? In need of an area Mass times and place? Go to masstimes.org to find location and times.

Don't Forget Catholic Radio Listening during Lent and Save the Date for the Annual Radio Dinner on April 25th. Details Next Week!

