

Pray For!

Our Church, the Pope, our Diocese, Bishop Hying, Priests, Conversions, the Sick, the Suffering & Dying, Jobs for our area, Religious freedom, Judges, Healing of abortion, Family & children, Mary's Intentions, Valley of Our Lady.

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DEEPEN YOUR FAITH WITH THE CATHOLIC HERALD Issue of September 8, 2022

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Parents, please remember to sign your children up for Religious Education. Paper forms may be filled out or online registration is also available. Our year will begin in Hollandale with the first class on September 7 at 6:30 pm. Classes in Argyle will begin on a date to be determined.

Continued series on the priesthood

Once being accepted as a seminarian, there are essentially two tracks to follow. Those who enter with a college degree must take two years of "Pre-Theology", meaning two years of philosophy studies. Those without a college degree will go attend a university for a four-year degree in philosophy. In either case, seminarians must "master" philosophy before they can tackle theology.

This can be difficult to understand, because we want to jump right into theology and studying God. Isn't that why we're in the seminary? After going through the process, I better understand the reasoning. Philosophy is a necessary base of knowledge and thinking for theology. I often had question myself, or my parents, why with a doctorate would I have so many years in the seminary. Philosophy and theology are very different ways of thinking than history, and it takes those years to get a better grasp of how to think.

What do we study in philosophy? There are actually many different classes, but ultimately, as I just said, philosophy is to help us think critically. Some of the basic classes were walking through the different eras of philosophy (ancient, classical, medieval, modern, post-modern). Here we received a rudimentary teaching on Ancient Greek philosophers like Zeno, Plato, Aristotle, Socrates, and others. We also read the philosophy of saints like Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, and Bonaventure. We were then able to move into the (largely false) philosophies of Rene Descartes, Voltaire, Karl Marx, and many others. This helps us to trace the history of thought and to see where and why certain philosophers veered from the truth.

Besides the historical, we also have classes in particular areas of philosophy, like ethics, epistemology (the study of knowledge), and metaphysics (the nature of reality). One of the most helpful classes for me was logic, which helps us to learn how to think logically and how to (hopefully) avoid logical fallacies. The more I learned about logic, the more I realized that people claim that they think logically but, unfortunately, the vast majority of Americans have no idea how to actually think logically since it is never taught. This becomes a major problem: making logical arguments to people with no knowledge of logic means that they cannot grasp the truth (a simple example: Murder is the killing of an innocent person. An unborn baby is innocent. Therefore, the killing of an unborn baby is murder. Simple logic that many people cannot or will not grasp).

St. Isidore Parish

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 4, 2022

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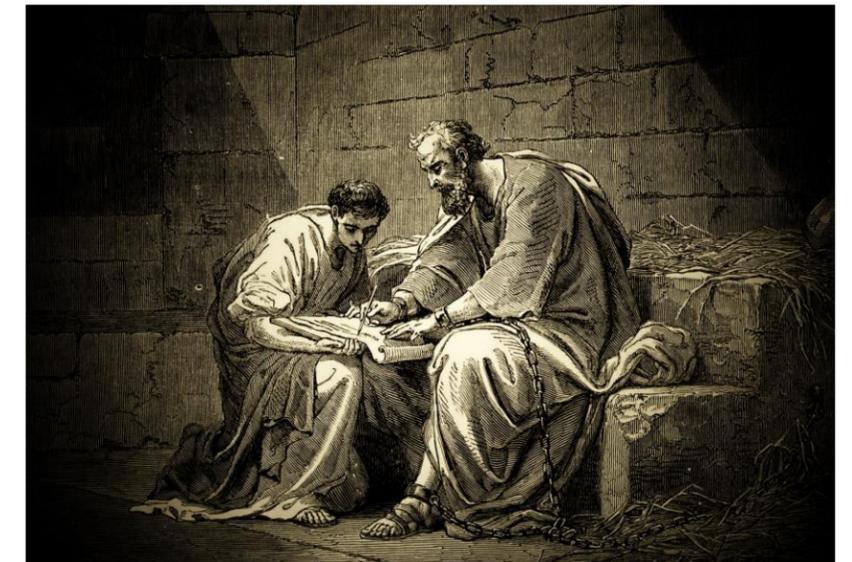
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Bulletin Announcements

Due by Tuesday evening.
Send to:
stisidorebulletin@mhtc.net

Readings for Next Sunday

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-32 or 15:1-10



"St. Paul in Prison" (1886) by Gustave Doré

"Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the Lord intends?" – Wisdom 9:13

Welcome!

If you are new to our parish or just traveling through, welcome!

<https://www.stisidorecatholicparish.com/>

YouTube Channel: St. Isidore Catholic Parish – Hollandale, WI



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Isidore Family,

This past week Monday (August 29) was the Memorial of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist. Among the important things to think about with this memorial is that St. John the Baptist was martyred for speaking the truth. Not just any truth, but he was admonishing Herod for his unlawful marriage.

The unfortunate reality is that the truth of marriage has been under attack in recent years, as you all well know. Even within the Church, the universal truth that marriage is for life and only between a man and a woman has been questioned. This reminds us yet again that what God commands, humans cannot change. From the beginning of time, God gave us the beautiful sacrament of marriage to bind a man and a woman for life. God created man and woman as complimentary, meaning what one lacks the other completes. It cannot be so any other way.

Another unfortunate reality is that sometimes the man or woman did not enter into marriage with fidelity to the vows in mind. For this reason, the Church has allowed for the declaration of nullity, meaning that the Church recognizes that the marriage was not valid from the start. Sometimes people equate this with divorce, but there are substantial differences, too significant to be tackled here.

If you have unfortunately been in such a relationship which has been nullified, please know of my prayers for you. And please, in the spirit of St. John the Baptist, may we all pray for a clear definition of marriage within all nations as given to us by God.

God Bless, and please know you are in my prayers,
Fr. Michael

Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist Training

September 8
6:00 pm
Immaculate Conception
Church

*Required for all new and
returning*



Lector Training

September 15
6:00 pm
Immaculate Conception
Church

*Required for all new and
returning*

**"It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish."
– St. Teresa of Calcutta (Feast: September 5), Religious**

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Reconciliation is available:

Immaculate Conception,
Blanchardville
Saturdays: 3:15-3:45
St. Joseph, Argyle
Tuesdays: 3:15-3:45
(unless there is no 4 pm Mass)
Sundays: 7:45-8:00
St. Patrick, Hollandale
Fridays: 8:30-9:00 am
Saturday after Mass
Sundays: 10:00-10:15
Also available anytime upon request
Just call 608-967-2344
Email: stisidorepastor@mhtc.net

Getting Married: Please contact
6 months before the date.

New baby: Please call to schedule
the baptism.

**In case of serious illness or
imminent death:**

Call Fr. Michael any time.

First Friday Communion: For
Communion to the homebound,
please contact Fr. Michael.

Parish Membership:
To join St. Isidore Parish, please
contact Fr. Michael.

Masses for the Week

Monday, September 5th
Saint Teresa of Calcutta

No Mass

Tuesday, September 6th

4:00 pm – Argyle
+ John and Dody Condon

Wednesday, September 7th

8:00 am – Blanchardville
+ Mary McKeon

Thursday, September 8th

*The Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*
8:00 am – Hollandale
Deceased members of the
Tim and Selma Burns family

Friday, September 9th

Saint Peter Claver, Priest
8:00 am – Hollandale
Conversion of sinners

Saturday, September 10th

4:00 pm – Blanchardville
+ Barney McGowan

Sunday, September 11th

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:15 am – Argyle
St. Isidore Parishioners
10:30 am – Hollandale
David and Eileen Johnson

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, September 10th

Immaculate Conception
Lector: Judy Zimmerman
Eucharistic: Pat Hardyman

Sunday, September 11th

St. Joseph
Lector: Lydia Steinmann
Eucharistic: Diana Pederson

St. Patrick
Lector: Cindy Sutter
Eucharistic: Jim Sigg

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Across the Diocese of Madison, there is a
tangible longing for... MISSION.

The Ability to Engage in Meaningful Outreach

As Catholics we are called to give of
ourselves and our resources to serve the
"least of these" and to "make disciples."
But we long to know that our efforts and
sacrifices will make a meaningful impact
and bear spiritual fruit.

We believe that the Into the Deep
strategic planning process will help us to
achieve this vision of a brighter future
and a more vibrant local Church, but this
process will require the participation and
engagement of every Catholic in the
Diocese of Madison. We would love to
have you walk with us.

To stay informed about where God is
leading us, please sign up for our email
newsletter! And may God help all of us
to follow Him... into the deep!
<https://bit.ly/3P82vh8>

Financial Outlook

	Week Ended 7/24/22
Actual Parish Envelope & Offertory Collection	\$1,749.25
Collections – Fiscal Year to Date	\$7,170.25
Amount Needed – Fiscal Year to Date	\$10,800.00