

Obscure Saint of the Week

Saint Margaret of Cortona (1247-1297, Italy)

Feast Day: February 22

Patronage: against mental illness, against temptations, homeless people, single laywomen

Margaret was born to farmers in Tuscany. Her mother died when she was seven years old and her step-mother treated her poorly. She eloped with a young nobleman, had his son, and lived as his mistress for nine years. In 1274, he was murdered by bandits.

Margaret saw this as a sign from God. She publicly confessed to their affair and tried to return home, but her father did not accept her back. She and her son took shelter with the Friars Minor in Cortona. She was still young and attractive, occasionally gave into temptations, and each time was followed with long periods of self-hate. She once attempted to mutilate herself to make herself less attractive, but was stopped by one of the friars. As penance, she only ate bread and vegetables.

She cared for sick women and later cared for the sick poor, living only on alms given to her. She became a Franciscan tertiary in 1277. She developed a deep prayer life, including occasional visions and messages from heaven. In prayer, she was asked: "what is your wish?" She answered: "I neither seek nor wish for anything but you, my Lord Jesus."

In 1286, she received a charter to work for the poor, gathered others with her, and formed a community later called the Poverelle (Poor Ones). They founded a hospital in Cortona. She took to speaking out against vices of all kinds and had a great devotion to the Eucharist. Despite doing great work for the least fortunate, her early sins never left her as she remained a target of gossip the rest of her life. She died in 1297 and was canonized in 1728.



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.

Paul Davis Dan Tracy Rose Silver Trina Williams Jack Smith Scarlett Rae Wyss Sean Leary Julia Arneson Lorna Gillespie Pat Flannery Lucy Lawson Monica Hodgson Kane Burton Matthew Keller Mary Jane Yedinak Tim Sutter Riley Sigg Walter "Doug" Chrism	Maggie Hillson Caden Thiel Teresa Swenson Roger Tourdot Max Fox Bob Ihm Steve Zipsie Terry Nelson Jim Green Tom Murphy Mary Botsford Eric Makos Tom Young Layla Marty Bellich Deb & Jerry Bruneg Laurie Meixelsperger DeClan Scisson Jay Luna	Bryan Krahenbuhl John Schuster Kathy Alderman Joyce Paradis Marilyn Daly Joyce Ball Larry VanDusen Lonnie VanDusen Gene Kolb Alisha Weis Taetyn Disney Pat Eckert Betty Tourdot Diane Quinn Rita Moore George Stettler Ted Williams David McGraw
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Ash Wednesday



Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.

February 22

8:00 am - Immaculate Conception,
Blanchardville

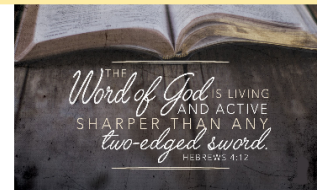
4:00 pm - St. Joseph, Argyle

6:00 pm - St. Patrick, Hollandale

Lenten Journey through the Bible with Fr. Michael

- For each section we will discuss:
 - How to read the different books
 - How they are understood from when they were written to today
 - Major themes for each section
 - Notable areas for greater individual study

"Ignorance of
Scripture is
Ignorance of
Christ"
~ St. Jerome



Fridays
5:00 pm
St. Patrick,
Hollandale
February 24-
March 31

St. Isidore Parish

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 18-19, 2023

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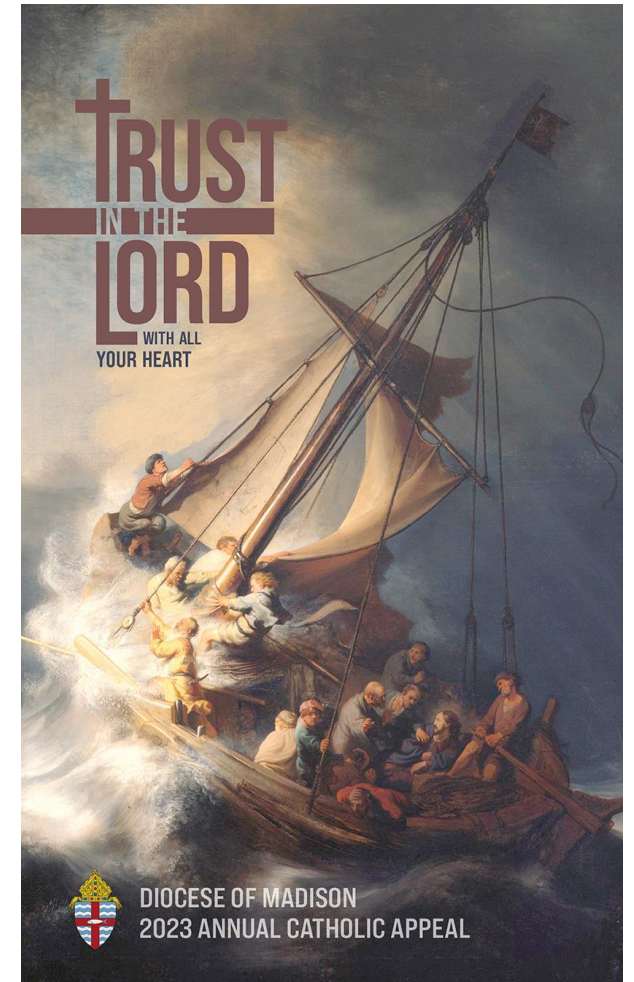
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Bulletin Announcements

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



**"Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people.
You shall love your neighbor as yourself." – Leviticus 19:18**

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,

Since this weekend we will be watching the Annual Catholic Appeal video in place of a homily, I want to share a few thoughts on our readings for this week.

Very clearly, the common theme is love for our neighbors. This is vitally important for us to be like God. We must always remember that God loves everyone. He does not love our sinful actions, but He loves us. That is the reason why He gave us life. If He didn't love us, He would not have given us life in the first place.

We all, at some point in our lives, have people with whom we struggle. We may even think of them as "enemies." We still need to love them and to pray for them. We should pray that they will see the evil of their ways, how they may be hurting us, just as we pray that we will be mindful of our sins and do penance for them. This is how we "love our neighbor as ourself."

St. Paul warns us against destroying God's temple. Certainly, this condemns murder and abortion, which is a type of murder. But it also can include destroying a person with how we speak about them. When we spread gossip or calumny about someone, we are destroying them in the eyes of others. We must always guard against that, because, for one, it is nearly impossible to take back. It is also clearly condemned by God in our readings today. We should all work on being messengers of God's love and mercy, and not agents of evil, hate, and destruction. In this way, we can "be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

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

Announcements:

Diocese of Madison Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

"Trust in the Lord with all Your Heart."

The theme for the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal of the Diocese of Madison is *"Trust in the Lord with all Your Heart."* Taken from Proverbs 2:3, this biblical verse reminds us that God indeed holds us in His Heart and that we need to place our trust in Him, especially in times of difficulty and change.

Each pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal supports the many programs, resources and services that the Diocese sponsors, offering hope, help and healing in countless ways. In all that we do, the Gospel transforms, the sacraments sanctify and our charity blesses.

This year, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge, payable over six months. Your gift will help enable our parish and the diocese to reach its goal and provide to the ministries supported by the appeal.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back.
Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

*"Nobody can fight properly and boldly for the faith if he clings to a fear of being stripped of earthly possessions."
– St. Peter Damian (Feast: February 21), Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

Readings for next Sunday

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11



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, February 20th
No Mass

Tuesday, February 21st
Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
4:00 pm – Argyle
+ Helen Marie Kloess

Wednesday, February 22nd
Ash Wednesday
8:00 am – Blanchardville
+ Barney McGowan

4:00 pm – Argyle
+ John and Dody Condon
6:00 pm – Hollandale
+ Mae and Grant Morse

Thursday, February 23rd
Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
8:00 am – Hollandale
Herman and Mary Sigg

Friday, February 24th
8:00 am – Hollandale
+ Therese McCarragher

Saturday, February 25th
4:00 pm – Blanchardville
+ Ron Anderson

Sunday, February 26th
1st Sunday of Lent
8:15 am – Argyle
+ Wayne Collins and
Madelyn Jo Langmeier

10:30 am – Hollandale
St. Isidore Parishioners

Financial Outlook

	Week Ended 1/8/23
Actual Parish Envelope & Offertory Collection	\$2,136.00
Collections – Fiscal Year to Date	\$68,666.05
Amount Needed – Fiscal Year to Date	\$75,600.00

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, February 25th

Immaculate Conception
Lector: Bev Ryan
Eucharistic: Virginia McGowan

Sunday, February 26th

St. Joseph
Lector: Lydia Steinmann
Eucharistic: Diana Pederson

St. Patrick
Lector: Patricia Sigg
Eucharistic: Jim Sigg

TEC Retreat: St. Cecilia, Wisconsin Dells

March 17 (noon) – March 19 (ends 3:30)

TEC (Together Encountering Christ) is centered on the Paschal Mystery of Christ. Our Shepherd Bishop Donald Hying has also centered his 'Go Make Disciples' initiative on that same theme. TEC is especially designed to help us grow in our love for Christ and our Holy Catholic Church. It is an amazing experience for the young at heart who are 15 years of age or older. Regardless of your present walk in our Catholic Faith, you will be rejuvenated. This is also a 'shout out' to those of you who have already experienced a TEC retreat and would like to help out. Fr. Eric Sternberg will be the Spiritual Director. Steve Davies, the lay director, can be reached at [608.220.2088](tel:608.220.2088) or sdavies@saintchristopherparish.com

Online or paper applications and more information about TEC can be found at www.MadisonDiocese.org/TEC or contacting Marie Lins at the OEC at [608.821.3135](tel:608.821.3135).