

Obscure Saint of the Week

Saint Mary Elizabeth Hesselblad (1870-1957; Sweden; Italy)

Feast Day: April 24

She was the fifth of thirteen children born to Augusto Roberto and Cajsja Pettesdotter Hesselblad. Mary was raised in the Reformed Church of Sweden. The family struggled through many hardships and moved a number of times.

Mary emigrated to New York in 1888 to find work to support her family in Sweden. She worked at Roosevelt Hospital as she studied nursing, and she also would visit and help the sick and aged at their homes. While working with the large Catholic population in New York, she came to love the Church as the place closest to God. She converted to Catholicism, receiving a conditional baptism by Fr. Johann Georg Hagen on August 15, 1902. While on pilgrimage to Rome later that same year, she was Confirmed.

After a brief return to New York, she moved permanently to Rome to start her religious life. She entered the Carmelite House of St. Bridget of Sweden on March 25, 1904. Two years later, she took the habit of the Brigidines (Order of the Most Holy Saviour of St. Bridget). Mary returned to Sweden in 1923, ministering to the poor and attempting to revitalize the Brigidine movement in her homeland.

In 1931, Mary was placed in control of the Brigidine house and church in Rome. She helped to establish a Brigidine house in India in 1937. During World War II, she saved numerous Jews and others persecuted by the Nazis by giving them refuge in Rome. For her efforts, she was recognized by Yad Vashem as one of the Righteous Among the Nations in 2004. Mary died of natural causes on April 24, 1957. She was canonized by Pope Francis on June 5, 2016.

"We must nourish a great love for God and our neighbors; a strong love, an ardent love, a love that burns away impatience, or a bitter word, a love that lets an inadvertence or act of neglect pass without comment, a love that lends itself readily to an act of charity."



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 Tom Young Marty Bellich Deb & Jerry Bruneg Laurie Meixelsperger DeClan Scisson Jay Luna	Bryan Krahenbuhl John Schuster Kathy Alderman Joyce Paradis Marilyn Daly Larry VanDusen Lonnie VanDusen Gene Kolb Alisha Weis Taetyn Disney Pat Eckert Betty Tourdot Diane Quinn Rita Moore George Stettler David McGraw Bob Krieter
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Congratulations to our students who were confirmed last Sunday: Madelyn, Jarvie, Cole, Diana, Jady, Brooklynn, Aidan, and Loretta!
Thank you to Laura for your help in guiding them.

St. Isidore Parish

3rd Sunday of Easter
April 22-23, 2023

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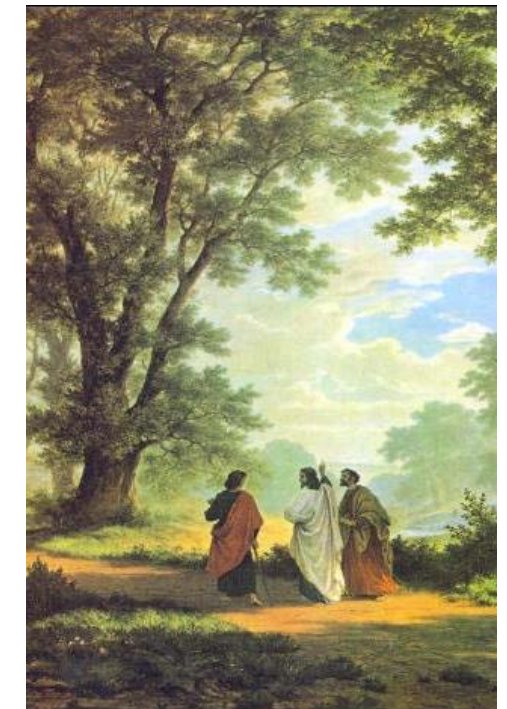
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Bulletin Announcements

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



"Walk to Emmaus"
(1877) by Robert Zünd

**"...He was made known to them
in the breaking of bread." – Luke 24:35**

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,

As you will notice with the liturgical schedule, I will be out of town the next two weeks.

If there is a Sacramental Emergency, please call Fr. Luke Syse at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Darlington (608-776-4059).

The reason for my being gone is my yearly retreat. Every year, priests are to take a retreat of at least 5 days. This is an important time for us to rest and more importantly regroup with God. After all, we hear a number of times in the Gospels that Jesus found time alone to pray. Since I have been ordained, I have been taking my retreat shortly after the busy time of Easter in order to rest before Summer.

The last couple of years I have taken my retreat with the Carmelite Sisters in Denmark (they have a couple of priest retreat houses there). It is quite beautiful and prayerful up there, but I wanted something a little different. I have always wanted to have a retreat in the Rockies, and so I will be heading out to Colorado. I have decided to spend a couple of days on either side of my retreat enjoying the West and all of its beauty (and perhaps taking in a baseball game or two). Nature is, of course, one way for us to witness God's beauty and love for us and to "connect" with Him.

Please know that while I am on my retreat, I will be praying for all of you. If you have any specific prayer requests, please let me know. Please pray for me as well, that I might have a prayerful time with God.

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

Announcements:

Madison Diocesan Choir - 50th Anniversary (1973-2023)

Solemn Choral Vespers and Concert featuring Antonio Vivaldi's *Magnificat*
Fifth Sunday of Easter, Sunday, May 7, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., Holy Name Oratory, Madison

The Church's Vigilance on Abuse Continues

Any allegation of sexual abuse should be brought to the attention of law enforcement officials. If an allegation involves a priest, deacon, or other Church personnel, regardless of when it is said to have occurred, it should also be reported to the Diocese of Madison, by way of the Sexual Misconduct Question and Reporting Line, 608-821- 3162. The diocesan policies regarding sexual abuse allegations and instructions for making a report of sexual misconduct are available on the diocesan website.

"I have no better way of knowing if a man is for God than if he likes to say the Hail Mary and the Rosary."
– St. Louis de Montfort (Feast: April 28), Priest

Readings for next Sunday

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
1 Peter 2:20b-25
John 10:1-10



Reconciliation is available:

Immaculate Conception,
Blanchardville
Saturdays: 3:15-3:45
St. Joseph, Argyle
Tuesdays: 3:15-3:45
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, April 24th
Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen,
Priest and Martyr
No Mass

Tuesday, April 25th
Saint Mark, Evangelist
No Mass

Wednesday, April 26th
No Mass

Thursday, April 27th
No Mass

Friday, April 28th
Saint Peter Chanel,
Priest and Martyr
No Mass

Saturday, April 29th
Saint Catherine of Siena,
Virgin and Doctor of the
Church

4:00 pm – Blanchardville
+ Werner Ryser

Sunday, April 30th
4th Sunday of Easter
8:15 am – Argyle
St. Isidore Parishioners

10:30 am – Hollandale
Daisy Brenner

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, April 29th
Immaculate Conception
Lector: Pat Hardyman
Eucharistic: Patty Powers

Sunday, April 30th
St. Joseph
Lector: Lydia Steinmann
Eucharistic: Sue Madson

St. Patrick
Lector: Cindy Sutter
Eucharistic: Jim Sigg

Madison Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

Everyone is invited!

The Madison Diocese will celebrate its first Eucharistic Congress on Sept. 29-Oct.1, 2023, at St. John the Baptist, Waunakee. **Everyone** is invited to this three-day event. Open your hearts to conversion, transformation, and to becoming witnesses for Jesus' Eucharistic love! The following information will help you plan for your participation and to build your anticipation.

Financial Outlook

	Week Ended 3/12/23
Actual Parish Envelope & Offertory Collection	\$1,143.00
Easter Flowers	\$50.00
Collections – Fiscal Year to Date	\$95,355.61
Amount Needed – Fiscal Year to Date	\$99,900.00