

Obscure Saint of the Week

Saint Joseph Benedict of Cottolengo
(1786-1842; Sardinia, Italy)

Feast Day: April 30

Giuseppe Benedetto was born into a middle-class Italian family. He studied at the seminary in Turin and was ordained to the priesthood in 1811.

Early in his priesthood he saw it more as a career than a vocation. This changed one night when he was called to tend to a poor, sick woman who was in labor. She needed medical help, but she had been turned away due to her lack of money and because she had tuberculosis. Fr. Joseph stayed with her, hearing her Confession, giving her Communion, and administering last rites. He baptized the newborn baby, and watched helplessly as they both died. He would never be the same.

In 1827, he opened a home for the sick and homeless. This home expanded as he received help from religious brothers and sisters. The local police closed the home in 1831 during a cholera outbreak, thinking it was the source.

Not to be deterred, in 1832 he opened the Little House of Divine Providence (*Piccola Casa*) in Turin. The Casa soon grew into a small village, which depended almost totally on alms, including orphanages, hospitals, schools, chapels, and workshops with programs to help the poor and sick. He continued to direct the Casa until just before his death of typhus on April 30, 1842. The Casa continues to operate, serving around 8,000 people a day. He was canonized by Pope Pius XI on March 19, 1934. He was named among the saints of charity in Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical *Deus caritas est*.

His last words: "When I am in heaven, where everything is possible, I will cling to the mantle of the Mother of God and I will not turn my eyes from you. But do not forget what this poor old man has said to you."



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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Church History with Fr. Michael



Classes every Thursday 6:00 pm
at Immaculate Conception starting
May 11

The Ridgeway-Barneveld Knights of Columbus will hold a pancake breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, May 7, from 8 to 11 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church in Barneveld. The breakfast will include pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and beverages and will help raise money to support diocesan seminarians as well as St. Bernadette Parish and community projects. For more information, contact Jim Massey at 608-574-8011.

St. Isidore Parish

4th Sunday of Easter
April 29-30, 2023

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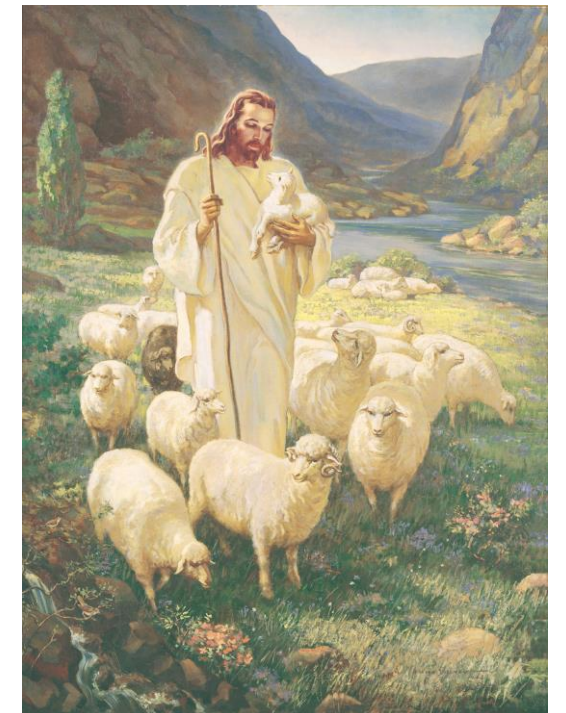
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Bulletin Announcements

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



"The Lord is My Shepherd"
(1946) by Warner Sallman

**"Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."
– Acts 2:40**

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 read this, I am deep into my retreat. Please know you are in my prayers. I wanted to share a brief reflection on our readings this weekend.

It is important for us to remember that the most consistent call in the New Testament, from Jesus Himself, from Peter in today's reading and throughout the Acts of the Apostles, from Paul, is that the first step towards salvation is repentance. "Repent and be baptized..." "Repent and believe in the Gospel..." Over and over we are called to repentance.

We do this by having a prayerful and honest interior life. Every day we should reflect on what we have done, both good and bad. We recognize God's graciousness in the good, and we recognize where we need to work on ourselves in the bad. This is how we grow spiritually and how we grow closer to God.

There is, of course, a need to avoid scrupulosity. That essentially means being overly critical or being overly concerned with areas where we may be failing. Sometimes the faithful can go too far in that direction and become hopeless. The best antidote is, as already mentioned, to be honest about both the positives and negatives of our daily lives. Don't get too proud of the good nor too resentful of the bad. It takes practice, but it is essential for our spiritual growth in the Lord.

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

Announcements:

Welcome, Fr. Tom! Thank you so much for being here with us while Fr. Michael is on retreat.

May is the month dedicated to Our Blessed Mother Mary. The religious education students will be praying the living rosary on May 3 at 6:30 pm at St. Patrick's. All are invited. A small social will be held in the church basement following the living rosary.

On May 7, the religious education students will be crowning Mary before 10:30 mass. Come join us for this day of honoring our Blessed Mother!

May 14 will be First Communion at St. Patrick's Church. We have two communicants this year: Charli Leonard and Isaac Olson. A small reception will be held in the church basement following mass. All are welcome!

Mass and Rosary Procession: Join Bishop Donald J. Hying and Father Michael Radowicz for our 90th Rosary Procession on Sunday, May 7th, 2023, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, 2438 Atwood Avenue in Madison at 10:00 a.m. The Rosary Procession and May Crowning will follow the Mass.

Madison Diocesan Choir - 50th Anniversary (1973-2023) - Solemn Choral Vespers and Concert featuring Antonio Vivaldi's *Magnificat* - Sunday, May 7, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., Holy Name Oratory, Madison

"He became what we are that He might make us what He is."
- St. Athanasius (Feast: May 3), Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Readings for next Sunday

Acts 6:1-7
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12



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, May 1st
Saint Joseph the Worker
No Mass

Tuesday, May 2nd
Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
No Mass

Wednesday, May 3rd
Saints Philip and James, Apostles
No Mass

Thursday, May 4th
National Day of Prayer
No Mass

Friday, May 5th
No Mass

Saturday, May 6th
4:00 pm – Blanchardville
+ David Lee

Sunday, May 7th
5th Sunday of Easter
8:15 am – Argyle
St. Isidore Parishioners
10:30 am – Hollandale
+ Larry Murphy

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, May 6th
Immaculate Conception
Lector: Patty Powers
Eucharistic: Lisa Sikora

Sunday, May 7th
St. Joseph
Lector: Peg Rasch
Eucharistic: Diana Pederson

St. Patrick
Lector: Jason Lawinger
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 3/19/23 |
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| Actual Parish Envelope & Offertory Collection | \$2,803.00 |
| Easter Flowers | \$110.00 |
| Collections – Fiscal Year to Date | \$98,268.61 |
| Amount Needed – Fiscal Year to Date | \$102,600.00 |