

Obscure Saint of the Week

Saint Michel Garicoïts (1797-1863; France)

Feast Day: May 21

Michel was the oldest son of peasants in the Pyrenees, Arnold and Gratianne Garicoïts. He was far from perfect as a child, with stories of him throwing a stone at a neighbor who insulted his mother and stealing various objects. He worked as a shepherd on neighboring farms to help support the family. During the French Revolution, his family sheltered a number of priests, helping them to cross into bordering Spain. This, and the reception of Holy Communion in 1811, lead to his early calling to the priesthood, but his family was too poor to afford the seminary education needed.

To help out, his grandmother arranged for Michel to work in a parish rectory and in the bishop's kitchen to pay for his education. He studied philosophy at Aire, France, theology in Dax, France, and was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Bayonne on December 20, 1823.

He first was a parish priest in Cambo. His major conflict was with the Jansenist heresy, which argued that nobody was worthy to receive Holy Communion. Instead, he promoted frequent Communion and devotion to the Sacred Heart. He later became a professor of philosophy at the seminary in Lestelle-Bétharram, France, and eventually the rector. He worked to reform the seminary to produce more holy priests. He also helped St. Joan Elizabeth des Bichier des Âges to found the Daughters of the Cross (Sisters of St. Andrew the Apostle) and himself founded the Priests of the Sacred Heart of Bétharram (Bétharram Fathers) in 1838. Their charism is to evangelize people through missions dedicated to the Sacred Heart. They currently serve in Argentina, Brazil, Central African Republic, France, Great Britain, India, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Palestine, Paraguay, Spain, Thailand, and Uruguay.

He died of natural causes on May 14, 1863. He was canonized by Pope Pius XII on July 6, 1947.



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

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

What Anniversary are You Celebrating in 2023?

Bishop Donald Hying will be recognizing couples celebrating 25, 50, 55, 60 or more years of marriage as well as newlyweds celebrating their first three years on Sunday, August 20th with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Francis Xavier in Cross Plains. Mass followed by a cake, coffee, and punch reception.

This is an invitation only event! Please notify the parish office via e-mail - stisidore@mhtc.net or phone 608-967-2344 and include your names, mailing address and your wedding anniversary date and year. We will submit your name to the Diocese. Please remember we have to receive your response by May 24th.

St. Isidore Parish

6th Sunday of Easter
May 13-14, 2023

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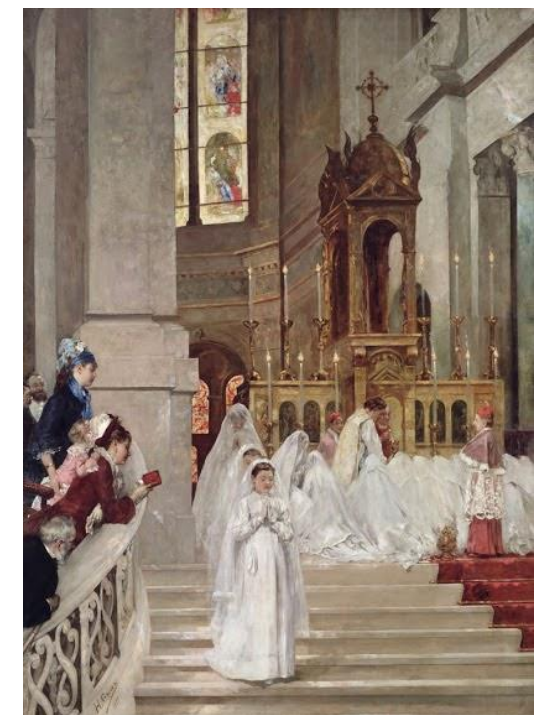
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Bulletin Announcements

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



"Communion at the Church of the Trinity"
(1877) Henri Gervex

**"Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts."
– 1 Peter 3:15**

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 weekend, Mother's Day weekend, we also celebrate First Holy Communion for our students in Hollandale and Argyle. A heartfelt congratulations to Brayden, Layla, Lettie, Naydeen, Jordyn, Charli, and Isaac. This is a wonderful day for them, a day when they first are able to receive Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist.

Did you know that Pope St. Pius X is called the "Pope of the Eucharist"? For quite awhile before him, it was unusual for Catholics to receive Holy Communion regularly. Usually they would only receive once a year, in Easter. A good example of this is St. Thérèse of Lisieux. If you read her famous *Story of a Soul*, you read about how she had to ask her confessor for permission to receive Holy Communion more frequently. There are a number of reasons for this, but most probably it was because people took seriously the charge to never receive Our Lord unworthily (i.e., in the state of mortal sin), and so they erred on the side of almost never receiving. Of course now, the pendulum has swung the other way, and many receive weekly without any regard of the state of their soul.

Back to St. Pius X, he wrote a decree *Quam Singulari* in 1910 that encouraged Catholics to receive Holy Communion more often, even daily. He quoted the Council of Trent that "it declared that daily approach to communion is open to all, old and young, and two conditions only are required: the state of grace and a right intention." This decree also lowered the age of First Communion to the "age of reason," or around 7 rather than the usual age of 12 at the time, appealing to "their innocence and the open simplicity of their souls." Because of this, many young Catholics for decades would wear Pius X pins around the time of their First Holy Communion.

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

Announcements:

Next weekend, May 20/21st, we will be conducting the National Combined Collection in our parish. This collection combines the following individual collections: Black & Indian Missions, Catholic Promotion of Authentic Human Development, Catholic Communications Campaign, Catholic Home Missions, Catholic University of America, Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services and Retirement Fund for Religious.

Your help and support is critical. Please take this week to pray about the support you can provide. A brochure and envelope will be inserted into the bulletin next weekend for your donation.

A public rosary will be prayed at Mary's Rosary Garden on May 28 at 1:00. This is held at the Wiesbrook Farm in Mineral Point. All are welcome! Call for directions: 608-574-1344

"After the Son of God, no creature in the world was so exalted as Mary, because no creature in the world ever humbled herself so much as she did." – St. Bernardine of Siena (Feast: May 20), Priest

Readings for next Sunday

Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20



Fr. Michael's great uncle wearing Pope Pius pin

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 15th

Saint Isidore
8:00 am – Hollandale
+ Therese McCarragher

Tuesday, May 16th

4:00 pm – Argyle
Hedy Wahl

Wednesday, May 17th

8:00 am – Blanchardville
+ Fr. Thomas Doheny

Thursday, May 18th

Saint John I, Pope and Martyr
8:00 am – Hollandale
Jim Toay

Friday, May 19th

8:00 am – Hollandale
+ Larry and Mark Murphy

Saturday, May 20th

Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest
4:00 pm – Blanchardville
+ Linda Toffness

Sunday, May 21st

The Ascension of the Lord
8:15 am – Argyle
St. Isidore Parishioners
10:30 am – Hollandale
Selma Burns and Julia Scott

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, May 20th

Immaculate Conception
Lector: Bev Ryan
Eucharistic: Anita Bohn

Sunday, May 21st

St. Joseph
Lector: Peg Rasch
Eucharistic: Sue Madson

St. Patrick
Lector: John Conway
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 3/26/23
Actual Parish Envelope & Offertory Collection	\$3,390.36
Easter Flowers	\$20.00
Collections – Fiscal Year to Date	\$101,678.97
Amount Needed – Fiscal Year to Date	\$105,300.00