

Obscure Saint of the Week

Saint Rafael Guízar y Valencia (1878-1938; Mexico)

Feast Day: June 6

Rafael was one of eleven children born to Prudenzió Guízar and Natividad Valencia in Cotija, Mexico. He was ordained a priest in 1901 and conducted missions throughout Mexico. He also founded the Congregation of Missionaries of Our Lady of Hope in 1903. During his ministry, he founded a school for poor girls and two colleges for boys.

The Mexican state began its persecution of the Church in 1911, at which point his Congregation and his missionary work were prohibited. He continued his work anyways, at risk of great persecution. He founded a Catholic magazine in Mexico City, but the government quickly shut it down. So instead, he went on the road as a missionary, but he disguised himself as a merchant or musician. The government pursued him anyways. A few times soldiers even shot at him. In 1916 he had to flee the country, first to the United States and then to Guatemala. He remained there for a year before traveling to Cuba for missionary work from 1917 to 1919.

Rafael was named bishop of the Diocese of Veracruz-Jalapa on August 1, 1919. Since it was still dangerous for him to return home, he went to Colombia for further missionary work. He returned to Mexico on January 4, 1920.

The persecution by the government grew worse. They shut down the diocesan seminary so Bishop Rafael moved his seminarians to Mexico City where they continued their studies secretly. In 1931, the governor of Veracruz enacted a decree that there could only be one priest for every 100,000 Catholics. Bishop Rafael closed all of the churches in protest. When Governor Tejeda ordered he be shot on sight, the bishop walked in the governor's office. The governor feared that killing him would cause too large an uprising, so he revoked the order to kill him. Bishop Rafael spent the next 7 years continuing to fight for the Church. He died on June 6, 1938, after having suffered a heart attack in December 1937. He was canonized on October 15, 2006, by Pope Benedict XVI.



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

Church History with Fr. Michael



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



"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." Let God amplify the love in your marriage by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on June 23-25 in Geneva, IL; Aug. 5-6 in person or virtual in Madison /Milwaukee/ Appleton; or Sept. 9-10 in Mundelein, IL.

Visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

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The Most Holy Trinity
June 3-4, 2023

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Bulletin Announcements

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



"Adoration of the Trinity"
(1511) by Albrecht Dürer

"The Lord, the Lord, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." – Exodus 34:6

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,

The Trinity is a central mystery of our faith. How is God one yet three persons? The problem is that we usually have to use an analogy to try and explain it, yet those analogies can very easily lead to heresies.

One of the most famous explanations is St. Patrick using the shamrock to convert the Irish pagans. Did he actually do that? Possibly. Should we? No, because it is most definitely heretical (that is not to take anything away from St. Patrick).

What is wrong with the analogy? There are actually two potential heresies from this analogy. One is "partialism," which teaches that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are parts or components of God. They are only fully God when they come together. The other potential heresy is "tritheism," which teaches that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are three independent divine beings, or three separate gods that share the same substance.

The reality is that the Trinity is extremely difficult to comprehend with anything other than an analogy. But analogies always fall short, so we must keep in mind how each analogy is lacking. That should not stop us from trying to comprehend the Trinity, or at the very least adoring the Trinity.

This weekend, all of the parishes in the diocese are being asked to share a message from the incoming pastors regarding Mass times as of July 1. Please remember that any changes will not come into effect until the weekend of July 1, we just want to give you plenty of time to prepare for any relevant changes. Please see the inserts for full information.

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

Announcements:

We need your help!

Calvary Cemetery in Blanchardville (\$7,000) and Calvary Cemetery in Argyle (\$6,000) both have significant projects coming this summer. We need your help to cover the costs for this work. Please consider donating to one or both projects. Envelopes can be found in the back of the churches. Please make checks out to "St. Isidore Catholic Church" and place them in the proper envelopes.

Thank you for your generosity.

Diocese of Madison 2023 Summer Organ Recital Series

Compline "Night Prayer" will be prayed after each recital.

All recitals begin at 7:30 pm and are held at Holy Name Oratory, Madison, featuring the Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ (Op. 1204).

Thursday, June 15

Tyler Pimm - Associate Director of Music and Organist from St. Maria Goretti, Madison

Thursday, July 20

Michael Mills - Director of Music from Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monona

Thursday, August 17

John Sittard - Director of Music from Diocese of Madison/ St. Bernard, Madison

"The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course." – St. Boniface (Feast: June 5), Bishop and Martyr

Readings for next Sunday

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
John 6:51-58



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, June 5th

Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
No Mass

Tuesday, June 6th

Saint Norbert, Bishop
4:00 pm – Argyle
+ Dean Flannery

Wednesday, June 7th

8:00 am – Blanchardville
+ Bernie Koch

Thursday, June 8th

8:00 am – Hollandale
Vernon and Frieda Toay

Friday, June 9th

Saint Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church
8:00 am – Hollandale
Joe Sigg

Saturday, June 10th

4:00 pm – Blanchardville
St. Isidore Parishioners

Sunday, June 11th

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
8:15 am – Argyle
Harry and Betsy Gavigan
10:30 am – Hollandale
+ Rosalie Toay

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, June 10th

Immaculate Conception
Lector: Pat Hardyman
Eucharistic: Virginia McGowan

Sunday, June 11th

St. Joseph
Lector: Lydia Steinmann
Eucharistic: Diana Pederson

St. Patrick

Lector: Patricia Sigg
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 4/16/23
Actual Parish Envelope & Offertory Collection	\$2,277.15
Holy Land	\$1,040.00
Building Upkeep	\$505.00
Collections – Fiscal Year to Date	\$108,810.13
Amount Needed – Fiscal Year to Date	\$113,400.00