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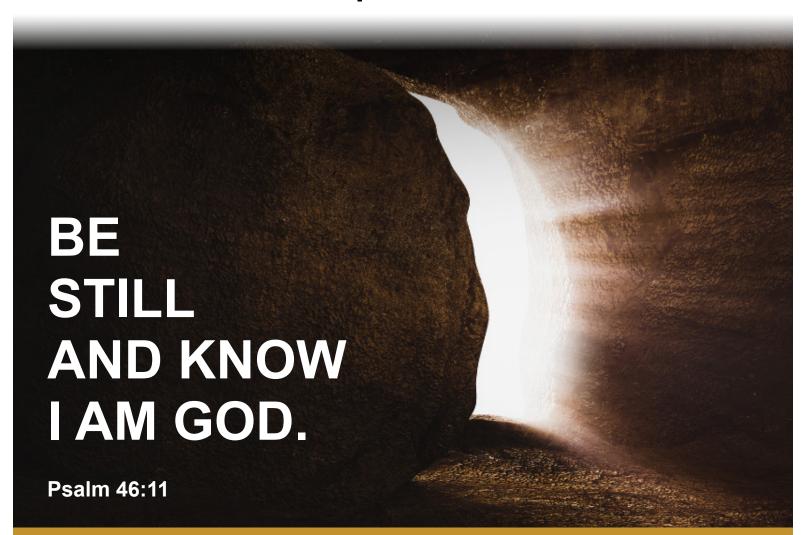
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MARCH 16TH, 2025 | THE 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



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MASS SCHEDULE

The Sacrament of Confession is always offered 30 minutes before every Mass.

Saturday, March 15th

8:15 am - Mass at St. Matthew († Jeff Jamieson)

4:30 pm - Mass at St. Matthew († Jean Wiederholt)

5:15 pm - Mass at Holy Rosary († For the Living and Deceased Members of the Ernie Rock Family)

Sunday, March 16th

8:00 am - Mass at St. Matthew (For the People of the Pastorate)

8:45 am - Mass at St. Philomena († Joan C. Miller)

10:15 am - Mass at Holy Rosary († Pat Black)

2:00 pm - Spanish Mass at Holy Rosary (Intention Available)

Monday, March 17th

8:30 am - Mass at Holy Rosary († Jeff Jamieson)

Tuesday, March 18th

8:15 am - Mass at St. Matthew († Bernard Averkamp)

Wednesday, March 19th

8:30 am - School Mass at Holy Rosary († Frank & Dorothy Goonan)

5:15 pm - Mass at St. Matthew († Bub & Ethel Doyle)

Thursday, March 20th

8:30 am - Mass at St. Philomena († John & Ione Cunningham)

5:15 pm - Mass at Holy Rosary († Irene Gille Family)

Friday, March 21st

8:15 am - Mass at St. Matthew († Tom Mergen)

8:30 am - Mass at Holy Rosary († Jim Honer)

Saturday, March 22nd

8:15 am - Mass at St. Matthew († Jenelda Neis)

4:30 pm - Mass at St. Philomena (For the People of the Pastorate)

5:15 pm - Mass at Holy Rosary († Ed & Rita McKeon and Donna Brick)

Sunday, March 23rd

8:00 am - Mass at St. Matthew († Lloyd & Margaret Mulcahy)

8:45 am - Mass at St. Philomena († Ken Dreger)

10:15 am - Mass at Holy Rosary († Bernadette Wedig-Wiegel)

2:00 pm - Spanish Mass at Holy Rosary (Father Cristian Valenzuela)

WEEKLY EVENTS

Saturday, March 15th

All Day - Middle School Retreat at Camp Gray, Reedsburg, WI

7:30 am - Men's Fraternal Faith Program, Holy Rosary

8:00 am - Women's Bible Study, Holy Rosary

9:00 am - Adoration & Rosary, St. Matthew

5:00 pm - St. Patrick's Shenanigans (Holy Rosary School), Darlington American Legion

Sunday, March 16th

Until 2:00 pm - Middle School Retreat at Camp Gray, Reedsburg, WI

Monday, March 17th

Tuesday, March 18th

Wednesday, March 19th

6:30 pm - Sacramental Preparation for 1st Holy Communion, St. Philomena

Thursday, March 20th

7:00 pm - Journey of Prayer, Immaculate Conception, Truman

7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus Meeting, Holy Rosary

Friday, March 21st

9:00 am - Stations of the Cross, St. Matthew

9:15 am - Stations of the Cross, Holy Rosary

5:15 pm - Stations of the Cross, St. Philomena

Saturday, March 22nd

7:30 am - Men's Fraternal Faith Program, Holy Rosary

8:00 am - Women's Bible Study, Holy Rosary

9:00 am - Adoration & Rosary, St. Matthew

Sunday, March 23rd

6:30 pm - Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation, St. Philomena

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St. Matthew - Loras Kruser | (608) 482- 5054

St. Joseph/St. John - Jim Stietz I (608) 922-3388

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OFFERTORY REPORT

	Weekly Collection Mar 3-10	Weekly Budgeted	Weekly Difference	YTD Total Collection as of Mar 10	YTD Budgeted	YTD Difference
Our Lady of Fatima	\$3,013	\$4,327	-\$1,314	\$125,144	\$160,096	-\$34,952
St. Philomena	\$1,518	\$1,207	\$311	\$44,902	\$44,656	\$246
St. Matthew	\$1,184	\$1,673	-\$489	\$53,488	\$61,904	-\$8,416
St. John	\$20	\$212	-\$192	\$3,404	\$7,827	-\$4,423
St. Joseph	\$50	\$451	-\$401	\$4,954	\$16,686	-\$11,732
PASTORATE TOTALS	\$5,785	\$7,869	-\$2,084	\$231,892	\$291,169	-\$59,277

HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL REPORT

	Monthly Collection Mar. 2025	Monthly Goal	Monthly Difference	2025 YTD Collection	2025 YTD Budgeted	2025 YTD Difference
Holy Rosary School	\$1,177	\$20,000	-\$18,823	\$8,280	\$40,000	-\$31,720

^{*}All one-time donations \$1,000+ included in the annual collection total and spread across 12 months for montly goals.

PASTORATE SERVICES

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES - Call (608)-776-4059 and select option 1 from the menu. A priest will answer or will return your message promptly.

COMMUNION VISITS - Fr. Michael Chika coordinates visits with sick or homebound. Contact Fr. Michael to schedule a visit. We try to make visits to each homebound person at least once per month, or more often if possible.

CEMETERY - For information or to purchase plots, contact the respective parish office or cemetery sexton.

BAPTISM & MARRIAGE - We welcome you to prepare for and celebrate a baptism or wedding at any church in St. Isidore the Farmer Pastorate. To submit a request for one of these sacraments, please visit *stisidorewi.org* – go to the "Sacraments" menu, then choose "Baptism" or "Holy Matrimony."

BULLETINS - Articles for the bulletin can be submitted online at *stisidorewi.org* – go to the "Parishioner Resources" menu, then select "Pastorate Office Request Forms" and click the "Bulletin Article" button to submit the online form. Submissions due by noon on Tuesday.

MASS INTENTIONS - Contact office@stisidorewi.org or 608-776-4059 to request Masses be offered for your intention.

PASTORATE LOCATIONS

HOLY ROSARY, DARLINGTON

Church – 104 E. Harriet St, Darlington, WI 53530 School – 744 Wells St, Darlington, WI 53530 Office – 206 E. Harriet St, Darlington, WI 53530

ST. PHILOMENA, BELMONT

Church – 338 Chestnut St, Belmont, WI 53510 Mail – P.O. Box 345, Belmont, WI 53510

ST. MATTHEW, SHULLSBURG

Church – 344 N. Judgment St, Shullsburg, WI 53586

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Fr. Chris' Column

I pray that you're all having a fruitful Lent so far. Personally, there have been many blessings of my Lenten fast, but not without its challenges. One of the great reminders of Lent is the need for perseverance. This virtue is the practice or habit of enduring difficulties



when the steps to the good we are seeking becomes challenging. Lent is a season that helps us grow to persevere more. In Lent, we choose something to fast from or to give up, which helps us grow in some way. Some might give up a certain food, social media, the way one spends their time, or some activity to make more time for God. While what we give up is a good thing for us, there is also the opportunity to grow in how we go about getting there. Perseverance is one way that we grow – learning to have the courage, or fortitude, to endure difficulties for the sake of a greater good helps us when other difficulties arise in our lives.

When someone doesn't have fortitude or perseverance, it is often the case that he or she will shy away from difficult situations. "I can't do that" or "it would be too much for me" are the mentalities that come from a lack of fortitude or perseverance. Perseverance is the habit of seeing the good for ourselves or others, and being convinced that the difficulty and trial is worth the good we're seeking. We're not in this alone, either. God the Holy Spirit sends the gift of Fortitude to us, and we can always ask the Holy Spirit for an increase of this gift. The Holy Spirit comes to us to help us long more for the good we desire and give us strength to embrace it. This Lent is an opportunity to embrace a renewed spirit of perseverance. What a blessing this season of Lent is to us! Below are a few prayers that can help us grow in perseverance and fortitude.

"Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen." (St. Thomas Aquinas)

"As I begin my day, I turn to You, Lord, and ask for strength. Be my rock whenever the day shakes me. Guide me through the day as I navigate choppy waters that might come my way. Empower me to speak up when I need to, even if my voice shakes. Help me to feel tall in situations that make me small. Be the light that empowers me in darkness. Most of all, help me feel Your loving embrace this day and all days. Amen."

Fr. Chris

COMMUNITY & MISSION

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MARCH ENDOWMENT

Our Lady of Fatima's March sponsor is Tim Meylor. Collection will be the last weekend of the month.



MASS INTENTIONS ONLINE

You can now view the full 2025 Mass Intention schedule for the Pastorate and book Mass Intentions from our website https://stisidorewi.org. You will find the Mass Intention schedule on our welcome page. To schedule a Mass Intention online, navigate to Service > Prayer or go to Parishioner Resources > Pastorate Office Request Forms. Payment can be mailed or dropped off at the pastorate office. You can also continue to schedule Mass Intentions the same way you have in the past by visiting one of our pastorate offices during scheduled office hours, by calling the office at (608) 776-4059, or by email at office@stisidorewi.org.

Spring Cemetary Cleaning

Everyone with graveside decorations at St. Philomena's Resurrection Cemetary in Belmont are asked to clean up and remove items before April 1st to help out those doing the lawncare.

Sponsor Highlight

This week's bulletin sponsor is Bill Crist & Son, Inc. Please support our sponsors!

FORMATION

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AWESOME OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEENS ACROSS OUR DIOCESE

Many of us can look back on the years that we were young and say, "I wish we had _____" or "I didn't have that opportunity when I was a kid." We certainly don't want our own children or grandchildren to wish there was more opportunities for them - we hope and desire to give them what they are longing for! That is why we promote awesome opportunities that our diocese and parish communities have to offer, especially to teens. A vast majority of Catholic youth are disconnecting from the Catholic Church during their teenage years - most by the age of 13. Let's bring them back, pass on the faith to the next generation, and get them engaged into the life-giving hope of the Catholic Church!

We have awesome opportunities for them such as weekend retreats throughout the school year at Camp Gray, week-long summer camps at Camp Gray, summer mission trips to local communities in our own diocese through a program called, "Love Begins Here", a week-long summer program for kids and teens called "Totus Tuus" at various parishes throughout our local area, and not to mention our own formation and youth groups within St. Isidore the Farmer Pastorate which are designed to engage kids and teens in a fun and faith-filled community.

Help us spread the word to the youth in our parishes. Mention these opportunities to them and invite them to attend with some of their friends! Let us go out and make disciples starting with those in our own community. All it takes is an invite from someone they know and care about, and it might change their life forever! Also, please pray for the formation programs in our pastorate and all those who lead and participate in them.



Does your teen have a desire to have "fun in the sun" this summer? We have an opportunity that both parents and teens can get on board with! Love Begins Here (LBH) is a summer service program for 6th-12th grade teens in the Diocese of Madison.

LBH is modeled after Saint Mother Teresa and her quote "Love Begins at Home." Love Begins Here aims to serve our neighbors in need each summer. Get your group of friends together and take advantage of this awesome opportunity! Along with service, teens get to head to the pool each day, eat great food, and dive into their faith through prayer, inspiring talks, and fellowship. To learn more about LBH, you can reach out to Sarah Allen or visit the Love Begins Here facebook page.

Registration for Love Begins Here 2025 is open! We already have 200+ teens and adult Lead Missionaries registered for the summer! **Registration will remain open until Thursday, April 17th.** To register, contact Sarah Allen, Director of Faith Formation 608-776-4059 or sarah.allen@stisidorewi.org.



HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL - Eric Meyer principal@stisidorewi.org

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Join Us In Prayer



Holy Rosary students started the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday Mass on Wednesday, March 5th. We will end each week with the Stations of the Cross on Fridays. A special thank you to our reader, Mrs. Gales,

and our candle holders for making Fridays so special. We welcome everyone to join us on Fridays at noon for the Stations of the Cross each week during Lent. The students have had some great discussions on how we can grow closer to God during Lent through fasting, almsgiving, and prayer. Let us join together in prayer.

If possible, when you are unable to join us for the Stations of the Cross, please say an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be at noon in unison with our students' prayers for the continuation of Holy Rosary School next year.

Please continue to pray for our students and staff during this season. If your heart is calling to give a monetary almsgiving for our school, use the QR code here to be directed to a website to donate or visit https://stisidorewi.org/holy-rosary-school. You may also visit

Holy Rosary School to donate if you are unable to access the website. Please consider supporting our school! Thank you for all your love and support.





SPIRITUAL LIFE

Prayer List

Please pray for the sick: Jerome Bahr, Ed Blaine, Ellen Boatman, Tucker Brugger, Brad Crist, Corey Cullen, Christina Gobrecht, Valerie Gobrecht, Michelle Grinnell, Bob Kendall, Lexi Kinch, Jacob Kobylarczyk, Kathy Mueller, Pete Pivet, Tom Schoenmann, Joan Schraepfer, Jerry Smith, John Stietz, Tom White, and Stella Maris.

If you know of someone seriously ill and in need of community prayers, please submit a prayer request or contact the Prayer Warriors or pastorate office. If any names need to be removed from this list, please contact the pastorate office.

JOURNEY OF PRAYER HEADS TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Join us at Immaculate Conception in Truman on Thursday, March 20th as we continue our Journey of Prayer with St. Isidore the Farmer.

Let us Pray: Lord Jesus Christ, we come to you in humble adoration seeking your divine intercession and the intercession of Saint Isidore the Farmer as we pray for the spiritual needs of all the people who live in St. Isidore the Farmer Pastorate. Lord, you know the needs of your people. Please continue to lead our hearts in prayer and meditation this month as we pray for everyone in our pastorate community. Call to our minds all the ways in which you wish for us to pray for and support your people. Give us opportunities to grow in relationship with each other and share our love for you with everyone we meet. Amen.



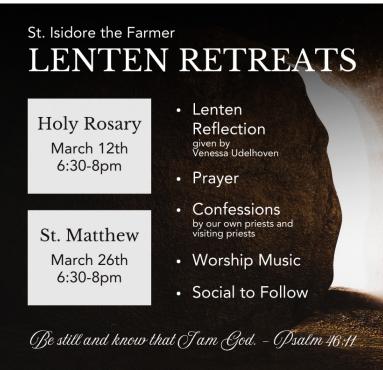
Come Pray with Us!
Thursday, March 20
7:00 PM
Immaculate Conception, Truman

Refreshments Provided after Adoration

CONGRATULATIONS HENSLEY MARIE!

Hensley was baptized on Saturday, March 8th at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Shullsburg. Congratulations to Joshua and Hannah, Hensley's parents! We are glad to welcome you, Hensley, into our pastorate and the family of God!





EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Matthew Catholic Church - Shullsburg -

> Every Saturday 9:00am - 9:45am

Holy Rosary Catholic Church - Darlington -

> Every Thursday 6:00pm - 9:00pm



TEC RETREAT MARCH 21-23

Join us for a TEC Retreat at St. Jerome's in Columbus March 21-23. The retreat begins at noon on Friday, March 21st and ends at 3:30 pm on Sunday, March 23rd. 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. Steve Davies the lay Director and can be reached at 608.220.2088 Or steve.davies@ divinemercymadison.org. More information about TEC can be found at www.MadisonDiocese.org/TEC or by contacting Marie Lins at the OEC at 608.821.3135.

RETREAT COMING UP IN MARCH!

Whether recent or long ago, the decision and experience maybe haunting your mind and heart. Find hope and healing by contacting Project Rachel for private consultation or by attending a Rachel's Vineyard retreat. You don't have to suffer anymore. Contact Mary 608-821-3177, rachel@madisondiocese.org or visit madisondiocese.org/rachel.

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> Our 2025 retreats are: March 28-30 November 7-9

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