

CHRIST THE KING, NOVEMBER 24, 2024

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SECOND & FOURTH
SUNDAYS
1:15 PM ENG
2:15 POLISH

Please arrange the date of baptism through the Rectory office after the birth of your child

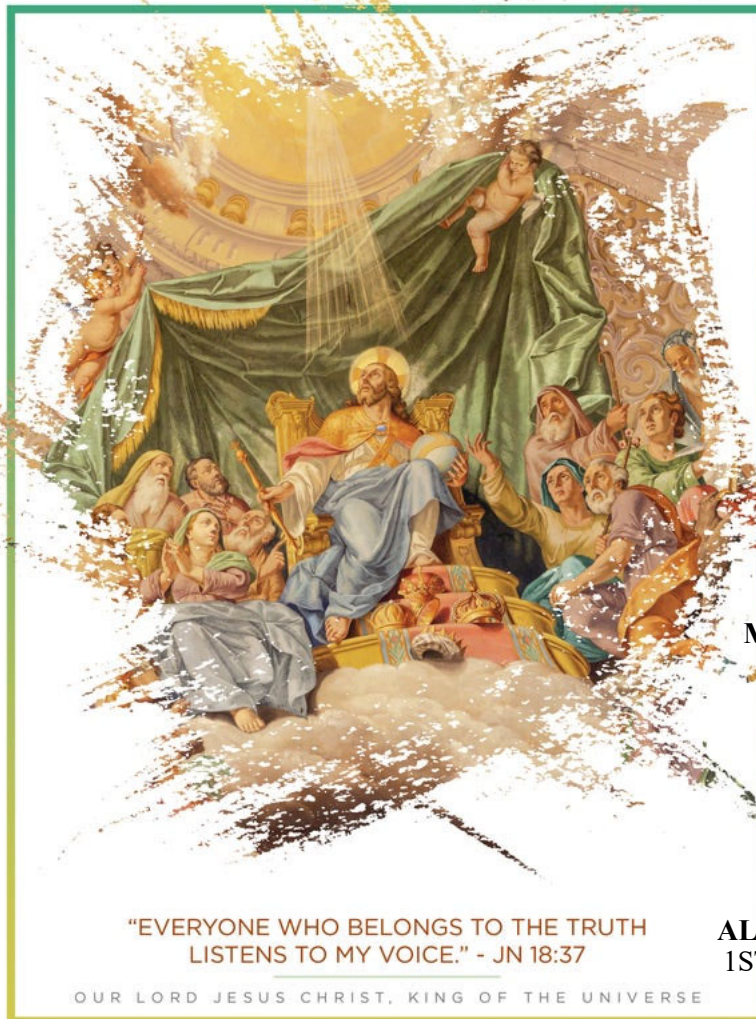
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the Rectory for an appointment at least **six months** prior to the desired date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS
4:00 to 4:45 PM
and
THURSDAYS BEFORE
FIRST FRIDAYS
4:00 to 5:00 PM

Other times by appointment.



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST
WEEKDAYS 7:00 AM
SATURDAYS 8:00 AM
SATURDAY EVENINGS
VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM
SUNDAYS
8:00 & 9:15 AM
10:30 AM (Polish)
12:00 Noon

RECTORY HOURS WEEKDAYS
9 AM to 12 Noon
& 1 PM to 4 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
TUES. 12 to 1 PM

MILLIONS OF MONICAS
TUES. 1 to 2 PM

PL PRAYER GROUP W/ ADORATION
2ND THURSDAYS 7 PM

LAY CARMELITE CHAPTER -1ST SAT.
AFTER 8 AM MASS

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY
1ST WEDNESDAYS 6:30 PM
(APRIL, MAY, JUNE,
SEPT., OCT. & NOV.)

Our Mission Statement

*Lord, God, all creation is yours, and you call us to serve you by caring for the gifts that surround us. May the example of St. Isidore urge us to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of mankind. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.
Saint Isidore, Pray for Us.*

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IN LOVING MEMORY

Bread and Wine

Frank L., Bertha M. & Frank L. Jr. Ostroski

Sanctuary Lamp

Vincent A. Doroszka, MD

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2024

5:00 pm + Estelle Rykaczewski (A)
+ Michael Sulli (13th A) / + Michael Van Houten

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, NOV. 24, 2024

8:00 am + Scott Bugdin
9:15 am + Charles and Dolores (A) Van Rossem
10:30 am The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased
(PL) Birthday Blessings for Katarzyna Wasilewski
+ Jadwiga and Vincent Suchta
+ Anna, Ignacy (A) i Jozef Mackiewicz
Za Zmarlych z rodziny Czarnieckich i Przesrelskich
O Boze Błogosławieństwo dla Barbary i Adama
Biedrzycki z okazji i 20 Rocznicy Slubu
+ Zdislawa Polkowska / + Tadeusz Cichy (1st A)

12 Noon + Edythe and John Kujawski

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2024

7:00 am + Mary (A) & Konstanty Kruk/+ Konstanty Nowik (A)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2024

7:00 am + Sophie Aschenbach

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2024

7:00 am + Marie Dunleavy

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2024

9:00 am In thanksgiving for the blessings of the year
With thanks for answered prayers

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2024

7:00 am Intentions of Deacon Mike and Reina

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2024

8:00 am + Jennie Koroleski

5:00 pm The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased
+ Jadwiga and Julian (A) Bondarowicz
+ Ziggy Wilinski / + Stanley & Mary Sydlowski
+ Antonio Casale / + Gilbert E. Link
+ J. William and Greg Stelzer and Any Kohn

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DEC. 1, 2024

8:00 am + Sophie and Clarence Anderson

9:15 am + Scott Bugdin

10:30 am Za Członków żywego Różańca i Rodzinę Radia Maryja
(PL) O boze błogosławieństwo dla rodziny
Gorski i Serokow / + Teresa Lul
+ Zdislaw Nieciecki i Elzbieta Zdanowicz
+ Regina i Mieczysław i Jagoda Idzkowscy

12 Noon + Connie Bilski (A)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-3

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, November 26, 2024

Adoration 12:00 PM—1:00 PM
Millions of Monicas 1:00 PM—2:00 PM

Thursday, November 28, 2024

Happy Thanksgiving—Office Closed

Friday, November 29, 2024

Office Closed



PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

*Claire Latour
Regina Micucci
Elsie Anderson
Margarita Fuentes Deviccaro*

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

To all those who have donated food, money and time to our pantry to help us make Thanksgiving baskets for those less fortunate, we are deeply grateful and thank you from the bottom of our hearts! We are serving over 65 families (over 225 people) this year for Thanksgiving. The pantry does not receive funding in any form except from the kindness and compassion from people like you through your donations either in food items or in monetary or gift card donations. Everything we do is strictly through your donations.

To our anonymous donors, since I cannot personally thank you, please accept my deepest gratitude for all you do to help keep our ministry going. I am truly humbled by the goodness that has been shown to our ministry.

God's blessings upon you and your loved ones.

~Dianne Massiello

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Benedict Gargulinski * Miguel Angel Castrillon * Nicholas Steinkamp * Peter Pece * Teresa Muenkel * Ron Danowski * Peter Kraljic * Mary Mader * Carson Whible * Dave Zazeski * Faye Anderson * Hana Cutler * James Gibson * Jim Kenna * Daryl Alec * Paula George * Christina Donovan * John Giordano * Richard Francis Harrison II * Ursula Mocniak * Joan Zaleski * Catherine and Charles J. Sehy * Grazyna Pawlak * Gillen Family * Blythe Fickenwirth * Jody Breitfeller * Benjamin Gonzalez * Dominique Tirado * Diana Perniciaro * Sammy * Brodie * Dolline Welch * Cathleen Mickaliger * Joseph Stepnoski * James Kenna * Douglas Clark * Jan Suchta * Justin * Dakota Harmon * Cole Faller * Claire Latour * Halikias Family * Liana Forstein * Rosemary & Daniel Ambrosini * Thomas Ryall * Anne Marie Donlon * Dorothy Sousa * Anthony Naglieri * Thomas McEnany * Mary Khulman * Michael Alperti * Roseanne Murphy * Barbara Kozlowski * James West * Elizabeth Farruggia * Kelly Wine * Mary Van Duesen * Thomas DeGirolamo * William Berenger * Daria Quarlena * Eileen Borchart * Sheila Nolan * Tom Wisniewski III * Jeffrey Clark * James, George and Barbara Jaeger * Ernest and Alex Aponte * Helen Long * Michael Miglionico * Ralph Conforti * The Barauskus Family * Hope & Brittany Williams * John Marion * Emilia Andrychowski * Augie & Georgianna Lucente * Johanna Benthal * Michelle Giaccone * Gloria Keller * Howard Seifert * Ed Kennedy * Kit Z. * Dolores Contino * Agnes Brown * Krzysztof Olszowski * Anders Ryden * Kevin C. Cook * Anita Costi * Doriane Bay * David Vallone * Brittany Schacor * Karen and Kim Finocchiaro * Eleanor Koller * Grace Mary Schulteis * Victor Sechyshyn * George Angle * Marta Andreotta * Melissa Alexandra * Christian Vidal * Suzanne Thompson * Anna Grefe * Anthony Mannino * Marcella Frisen * The Huntley Family * Theresa Puglia * Brian Darmody * Leigh Anne Brown * Dan Modjeska * Judy Zakorski * Marie Miley * Marcjanna Stolarzewicz * John Shuot * Patrick Murphy * Brian Crowley * Louise Pampinello * Barbara Fenn

Please keep all those serving in the military and their families in your thoughts and prayers especially:

1st Lt. Nicholas Santorelli, Nicholas Pelosi, Christopher Drowns, Jeffrey Heppner, James Fleming, Thomas V. D'Auria, Mateusz Marzec, Andre DeRosa and Garrett Bracht

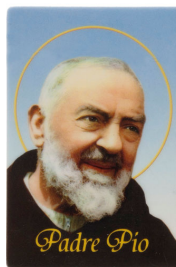
ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Saturday, December 7th
12 to 3 PM

Stonewall's Restaurant

Members \$26 / Guests \$46

RSVP Reina 631-727-2114



Padre Pio's Spiritual Direction

"Do not fear; Jesus is with you, and you are with him!..."

You have no reason to complain, because most of the time you find yourself in darkness. You seek God, you call on him, and you cannot discover any trace of him. It seems that God is hiding himself, that he has abandoned you. But, do not be afraid. Jesus is still with you now and you are in him and with him. He conceals himself, he hides himself to whet your love. In your darkness, tribulation and agony, Jesus is with you. My good daughter, you see nothing but darkness in your spirit, but I assure you on behalf of God that the light of the Lord is flooding you and enveloping your spirit."

~To Antonietta Vona, June 28, 1918

OUR COLLECTIONS

Today, November 24: Sunday and Catholic Ministries Appeal

Next Week, December 1: Sunday and Monthly School

Thank you for your generosity!



BAPTISMS

We welcome:

Addison Lopez and Mason D'Alsace

ADVENT RETREAT

**With Fr. Michael Flynn
(December 1 through December 4)**

Fr. Michael Flynn has been helping with celebrating the Mass here at St. Isidore's for the past few months. He is a retired priest of the Diocese of Rockville Centre where he served for 53 years. He went to St. John's University and St. John Vianney Seminary. He is versed in Scripture, Liturgy, and Moral Theology.

The Retreat's Theme is:
"The Characters of Advent"

(Isaiah, St. John the Baptist, Joseph & Mary)

Fr. Flynn will speak at all of the masses and begin the retreat on Sunday, Dec. 1st, at 7:00 pm. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (12/2, 3 & 4) he will speak at 1:00 pm and again at 7:00 pm.

Bring a friend and open your hearts
for the coming of the Lord!

Lesson of the widow's mite



The **lesson of the widow's mite** or the **widow's offering** is presented in the Synoptic Gospels (Mark 12:41–44, Luke 21:1–4), in which Jesus is teaching at the Temple in Jerusalem. The Gospel of Mark specifies that two *mites* (Greek *lepta*) are together worth a *quadrans*, the smallest Roman coin. A *lepton* was the smallest and least valuable coin in circulation in Judea, worth about six minutes of an average daily wage.

Biblical narrative

"He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, *'Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.'*"

Interpretation

The traditional interpretation of this story tends to view it as contrasting the conduct of the scribes with that of the widow, and encouraging generous giving; often read with 2 Corinthians 9:7, "*... for God loves a cheerful giver.*"

The account of the widow's offering is often used by some churches to encourage the faithful to follow her example and make large offerings, despite a precarious situation. Various theologians have criticized this interpretation. They connect this story with Jesus' condemnation of religious leaders devouring the houses of widows in the preceding verse (Gospel according to Luke, chapter 20). Thus Jesus would not have wanted to show the example of a generous donor, but rather to denounce a case of injustice.

In the passage immediately prior to Jesus taking a seat opposite the Temple treasury, he is portrayed as condemning religious leaders who feign piety, accept honor from people, and steal from widows. "*Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext, recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation.*" (Mark 12:39-40)

The same religious leaders who would reduce widows to poverty also encouraged them to make pious donations beyond their means.

A common moral lesson from the widow's mites:

Good Intentions. From the words of our Lord spoken in praise of the poor widow, we learn that in our good works everything depends upon the intention. The widow had given more than all the rich; for she parted with her whole fortune. She intended to give all she had to God. This was an act of perfect love and sacrifice.



A bronze mite, also known as a Lepton (meaning small), minted by Alexander Jannaeus, King of Judaea, 103–76 BC and still in circulation at the time of Jesus[



The Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrated annually on November 21st, dates back to the 6th century in the East and the 15th century in the West. This feast commemorates the presentation of the Blessed Virgin as a child by her parents in the Temple in Jerusalem.

Before Mary's birth, her parents received a heavenly message that they would bear a child. In thanksgiving for God's gift of Mary's birth, they brought her to the Temple at the age of 3 to consecrate their only daughter to The Lord. What we celebrate on this day is the fact that God chose to dwell in Mary in a very special way.

The celebration of the Feast of the Presentation is first documented in the 11th century within the Byzantine Catholic Church. It was introduced into the Roman Catholic Church in the 15th century by Pope Gregory XI, then removed from the calendar by Pope Pius V in the mid 16th century. Pope Sixtus V later reestablished the feast in 1585, and it is still celebrated today commemorating the faith of her parents, Joachim and Anne, and the purity of Mary.

When Mary was asked to be the mother of the Savior (the Annunciation celebrated on March 25th), she was completely free to accept or reject the offer. Her response, "*Let it be done to me,*" was a great act of faith – her Fiat. She replied "yes" to the angel's announcement and agreed to become the mother of Jesus. The Church has declared Mary to be the Mother of God and the Mother of the whole Church.

Because she did not understand what was happening, she must have known that there would be difficulties ahead. In response, Mary placed her whole self at the service of God. Every moment since your Baptism, God invites you to be open to His grace and dedicate yourself to Him, as Mary did.

Which Catholic chaplain inspired “Saving Private Ryan?” (The Catholic Company – *Get Fed*)



When a couple of German soldiers raised their rifles to shoot American Army chaplain Fr. Francis Sampson, he was trying to say the Act of Contrition. But the only words he could manage to say were: “*Bless us, O Lord, and these, Thy gifts...*” These words would not be his last. They were interrupted, perhaps, by a stern “*Halt! Schiess nicht!*”

A Catholic German non-commissioned officer stopped the execution, recognizing Fr. Sampson as a priest. This German officer showed the priest a Catholic medal he wore and pictures of his infant child. Fr. Sampson would later recall that moment, noting the momentary brotherhood he had with an “enemy” who shared his faith.

Fr. Sampson was able to return to the wounded he had been tending: soldiers who had taken bullets when fighting their way up the beaches of Normandy. Fr. Sampson had jumped in with the 101st Airborne, and—after determinedly recovering his Mass kit which had fallen into a stream—had set about caring for the suffering soldiers.

The courageous Padre stayed with the wounded, even when the rest of the force had to pull out. After they were all evacuated to a division hospital, he continued his tireless care for them. He received the Distinguished Service Cross for his heroism on those days.

The inspiration for the film “Saving Private Ryan”—a 1998 film that portrays the search for a lone private whose three brothers had been killed in combat—came from an incident around this time.

Chaplain Sampson was approached by another paratrooper, Fritz Niland, who learned that his brother, Robert, had been killed on D-Day and buried nearby. Another brother, Edward, had been shot down over Burma a few weeks prior, presumed dead. The compassionate chaplain drove Niland around nearby cemeteries in order to locate Robert’s grave. But they made a terrible discovery during their search. They found the grave not of Robert at first, but of Preston—*another* brother whose death Fritz hadn’t heard about. One can only imagine the young paratrooper’s distress. Thankfully, he had Fr. Sampson with him.

The Chaplain knew that this soldier had seen enough, and that his family deserved to have at least one of their four sons back. So he began the paperwork to have Fritz sent home (which Fritz strongly objected to—to no avail).

The 1998 film takes its inspiration from this incident, but the connection is otherwise loose. Fritz wasn’t lost (he did have to jump early from his plane and ended up behind enemy lines for nine days, but he made it back).

And as God’s good providence would have it, he wasn’t the only Niland brother to come home. Edward also survived, freed after a year’s internment in a Japanese POW camp.

Fritz’s service was over, but Fr. Sampson’s was not. He later jumped into Holland and was captured trying to rescue trapped American troops during the Battle of the Bulge.

Over the following four months, Fr. Sampson continued his lifesaving work, caring for the imprisoned soldiers physically and spiritually. He chose to stay in the enlisted men’s barracks instead of the officers’ quarters. On Easter, he celebrated Mass alongside Dutch, Polish, and French Catholic chaplains for thousands of prisoners.

When the camp was liberated and the war ended, he still wasn’t done. He went on to serve in Korea, and, after being appointed Chief of Chaplains of the Army, spent Christmases visiting troops in Vietnam.

The Cherokee, Iowa native—who had spent nearly his whole priestly career as a chaplain—died on January 28, 1996. He wrote about his incredible experiences in “Look Out Below!” and “Paratrooper Padre” which chronicled his experiences as a chaplain in jump boots.

Whether you’re jumping into enemy territory or just fighting the daily battles of life, be sure to keep your prayer life in top shape with the timeless *Wartime Prayer Book*. Written by the great Fulton Sheen for soldiers in World War II, this compilation offers spiritual strength for both professional servicemembers and for the everyday spiritual warrior inside all of us.