



# St. Isidore

Catholic Parish

**St. Raphael Church**  
5564 E. St. Raphael St.  
Dubois, IN 47527

**St. Celestine Church**  
6864 E. State Road 164  
Celestine, IN 47521

**Parish office is located at  
the Celestine campus**

**Mailing address:**

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Celestine, IN 47521

**Phone:** (812) 634-1875

**Website:** [saintisidoreparish.com](http://saintisidoreparish.com)

**Email:** [stisidore@evdio.org](mailto:stisidore@evdio.org)

**Office Hours:**

Mon: 8-12

Tues. Weds. Thurs. 8-4

**Friday: closed**

*Regular Mass times are listed.  
Check Mass Intentions for any changes.*

Saturday 4:30pm - SC

Sunday 8:00am - SC

10:00am - SR

Tuesday 6:30pm - SC

Wednesday 8:00am - SR

Thursday 8:00am - SR

Friday 8:00am - SC



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. - Jn 1:6-7

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### Mission Statement

We, the parish of St. Isidore,  
witness to the world the love of Christ  
we have received in the Sacraments,  
and we invite others to personally  
experience the Grace of God through prayer,  
acts of service, and spiritual formation.

Mass cancellations are made by Flocknote -  
the St. Isidore text and email service.

# MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

**Saturday, December 16 /Advent Weekend**  
 4:30pm David & Mary Gudorf 50th Anniversary

**Sunday, December 17/Third Sunday of Advent**  
 8:00am St. Isidore @ SC  
 10:00am † Landon Mattingly@SR

**Monday, December 18 Late Advent Weekday**  
 6am-9pm Adoration @ SR

**Tuesday, December 19/Late Advent Weekday**  
 6:30pm † Deceased members of the  
 Larry & Marilyn Thewes family @ SC

**Wednesday, December 20/ Late Advent Weekday**  
 8:00am † Alan Schepers @ SR

**Thursday, December 21/Late Advent Weekday**  
 8:00am † Ted & Clara Heeke family @ SR

**Friday, December 22/Late Advent Weekday**  
 8:00am † Herman & Dorothy O'Connor @ SC

**Saturday, December 23 / Late Advent Weekend**  
 4:30pm † Linus & Darlene Hassfurther

**Sunday, December 24/Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
 8:00am @ SC Flower Memorials  
 10:00am @SR Flower Memorials  
 4:00pm @ SC Flower Memorials  
 6:00pm @ SR Flower Memorials

**Monday, December 25/Nativity of the Lord**  
 12 midnight @ SC Flower Memorials  
 9am @ SR Flower Memorials

## Diocese Fiscal year begins July 1, 2023

Year-to-Date Budget .....	\$229,517	<b>Dec. 2, 2023</b>
Year-to-Date Actual.....	\$203,893	4:30pm.....208
Year-to-Date Difference.....	<b>\$25,623</b>	
Weekly Goal.....	\$9,979	<b>Dec. 3, 2023</b>
Dec 3 Direct Deposit	\$ 5,285.00	8:00am .....227
Dec 3 Envelopes/Loose	\$ 7,095.25	10:00am....170
Dec 3 Total Collection	\$ 12,380.25	



## PRAYER REQUESTS

*If you would like to submit a name please call the Parish Office or Patty Englert. Names will be removed after 2 months unless resubmitted. If you or a loved one would like a sick visit while in the hospital or at home, please call the Parish Office.*

Charlie Schnarr	Ethan Brown	Keith Freyberger
Sandy Heeke	Jiggs Pieper	Annette Schepers
Kelly Friedman	Jack Goodman	Gerald Vonderheide
Mary Ann Rasche	Betty Beckman	Gerry Heeke
Ted Teets	Cecilia Betz	Tom & Shirley Welp
Ardella Pieper	Fred Lindauer	Margaret Buechler
Clyde Melton	Kade Mundy	Nancy Bolte
Stan Stetter	Logan Steckler	Marilyn Jahn
Ed & Anna Knebel	Ray Lueken	Alicia Gehllhausen
Frances Knies	Marie Beckman	

Prayer Line Contact: Patty Englert @ 630-3548 or tpcmenglert@frontier.com

# For Your Information

Pastor: ..... Father John Pfister-812-634-1875  
 jpfister@evdio.org

Deacon:..... Deacon Mike Seibert- 812-482-1886  
 mseibert@evdio.org

## St. Isidore Parish

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 Director of Communications ..... Craig Gehlhausen  
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Parish Nurse ..... Keri Witte (812)661-2328

Child Protection Services ..... (800)800-5556

Victim Assistance Coordinator Diocese(866)200-3004

## Baptism:

Anyone wishing to baptize their first child must first attend a baptismal class offered by the parish. Arrangements can be made by calling the parish office. This can be done anytime during the pregnancy. IMPORTANT! Before choosing your godparent, please call the office and learn about the qualifications of a godparent.

## Marriage:

Please call the parish office as soon as you have a date you would like considered. The couple must call at least 8 months prior to the date to set up marriage preparations.

## Reconciliation:

You can celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation:

Weekend: 3:45-4:15pm Saturday at St. Celestine  
 7:30-8:00am Sunday at St. Celestine  
 9:30-10:00am Sunday at St. Raphael

Weekday: 6:00-6:30pm Tuesday at St. Celestine  
 7:30-8:00am Wednesday at St. Raphael  
 7:30-8:00am Friday at St. Celestine

**The bulletin will be submitted to the printer on the Monday afternoon prior to the weekend. All items must be to the parish office by 10am on Monday.**

*If you have a change of address or phone number, or would like to join our parish, please let us know!*

## Catholic Ministries Appeal Update

Saint Isidore, it seems, does not understand (or worse case scenario is apathetic) the consequences of failing to meet or assessment for the services we are blessed with from the diocese. Our shortage is paid in seven monthly payments and added to our monthly invoice from the Diocese. At this point, if nothing else is pledged, our shortage will be \$66,750 and our monthly payment will be \$9,535. Give online as instructed below. Whether you can or cannot afford to give, please pray for the Bishop every day.

**Diocese of Evansville Website: Homepage:**

<https://www.evdio.org> - Scroll halfway down the page and click on Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Baptismal Congratulations to:

✠ Livia Knieriem daughter of Kendrick & Leann Dodd  
her  
godparents are Chloe Johnson &  
Kaytlynn Tretter and witness  
Brandon Dodd  
Friday, December 8



✠ Kate Ellis Lueken daughter of  
Brent & Megan  
Lueken her godparents are Randy Schnell & Kimberly  
Hustedde  
Saturday, December 16,

May God Bless Livia & Kate and their families.

Christmas Flower  
Memorials are due to the  
parish office by  
**Monday, December 18.**



## St. Anne Christmas Party

DATE CHANGED TO  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

Doors open at 6:00pm

With dinner served at 6:30pm

New forms are at the entrance to the churches.

## Bulletin Deadlines

With the holidays approaching, the bulletins will have early submission dates. See schedule below.

Weekend

December 31

Item Due Date

December 20

## St. Isidore Weekly Schedule

Saturday, December 16

- ◆ 7-11am - Advent Adoration - SC
- ◆ 3:45pm - Reconciliation - SC
- ◆ 4:30pm - Mass - SC 50th Anniversary
- ◆ 5:30pm - Baptism - SC

Sunday, December 17

- ◆ 7:30am - Reconciliation - SC
- ◆ 8am - Mass - SC
- ◆ 8:45am - Christmas Play Practice/Decorate - SC
- ◆ 9:30am - Reconciliation - SR
- ◆ 10am - Mass - SR
- ◆ 11am - Advent w/ Deacon Mike - SR hall

Monday, December 18

- ◆ 6am - 9pm - Adoration - SR
- ◆ Christmas Memorial Due to Office

Tuesday, December 19

- ◆ 6pm - Reconciliation - SC
- ◆ 6:30pm - Mass - SC
- ◆ 6pm - Stephen Ministry - SR

Wednesday, December 20

- ◆ 7:30am - Reconciliation - SR
- ◆ 8am - Mass - SR
- ◆ 6:30pm-8pm Reconciliation 7th thru 12th SC
- ◆ 7pm - CLASS 7th -12th Rel. Ed.
- ◆ 8pm - 7th-12th Christmas Party @ Celestine Park

Thursday, December 21

- ◆ 8am - Mass - SR
- ◆ 6 -8:30pm Parish Reconciliation SR

Friday, December 22

- ◆ 7:30am - Reconciliation - SC
- ◆ 8am - Mass - SC
- ◆ 4-9pm - Adoration - SC
- ◆ 6-8:30pm Parish Reconciliation SC

Saturday, December 23

- ◆ 7-11am - Advent Adoration - SC
- 9am Rosary of the Blessed Mother
- 9:30am Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 10am Reading & commentary—Benediction
- ◆ 3:45pm - Reconciliation - SC
- ◆ 4:30pm - Mass - SC

Sunday, December 24

- ◆ 7:30am - Reconciliation - SC
- ◆ 8am - Mass - SC
- ◆ 9:30am - Reconciliation - SR
- ◆ 10am - Mass - SR
- ◆ 3:30pm Children's Christmas Play SC
- ◆ 4pm Children's Christmas Vigil Mass SC
- ◆ 6pm Vigil Mass SR

Monday, December 25

- ◆ 12am Midnight Mass SC
- ◆ 9am Christmas Mass SR



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## St. Isidore the Farmer Parish REVERSE RAFFLE EVENT

Saturday, February 2, 2024

**LAST TICKET DRAWN WINS  
\$10,000**

\$50.00 DONATION PER TICKET

Dinner tickets sold for \$15.00/plate

Join us for a casual night of fun, cash prizes, games, silent auction items, & fellowship. Fried Chicken and the Fix'ins served at 6:30pm with a meal ticket purchased.

Benefits Religious Education & Youth Ministry.  
Tickets sold till 400 tickets sold out  
Forms are at church entrances, tickets will be mailed to you.

**Makes a great Christmas Gift in those stockings and cards, and benefits our youth!**

### Christmas Eve Special Collection

After communion on Christmas Eve, there will be a special collection at each location to benefit the volunteer fire departments of Celestine and Dubois

*Marriage  
& Banns*

*II—Nick Schmitt &  
Kaitlyn Hoffman*

Please be sure you are signed up on Flock notes with either your cell phone or your email address in case Mass is cancelled for inclement weather or a funeral. Call the office if you need help signing up and we would be glad to help you.

## Family of the Month

The Good Shepherd of the Hills K of C Council has selected the Joseph & Stacy Helming family as Family of the Month for December to thank them for their continued service to our Parish and our local community.

## Catholic Heart Workcamp

St. Izzy is headed to Knoxville, TN June 23-28, 2024 for our return trip to Catholic Heart Workcamp. All students entering 8th grade in the fall and up are encouraged to join us. Catholic Heart Workcamp is a mission week that is full of service work, prayer, games, music, food, and lots of free time. Registration for this year's trip opens January 3rd at 10am.



## Youth Group Events

December 20

Service Opportunity

5:45pm Celestine Parish Hall

Open to 7th-12th Grade

## Christmas Masses

**Sunday, Dec. 24**

4 PM SC Children's Mass (Play at 3:30PM)

6 PM SR Mass

**Monday, Dec. 25**

12 AM SC Midnight Mass

9 AM SR Mass



## St. Isidore Parish Reconciliations

Thurs., December 21 @ 6:00pm till 8:30pm @ SR

Friday, December 22 @ 6:00pm till 8:30pm @ SC

## Visitors to Saint Isidore

This weekend we are welcoming Father Tyler Tenbarge and five seminarians currently living at the Father Deydier House of Discernment in their Propaedeutic stage of seminary formation. These five men are taking this year to grow as disciples of Christ as they continue to discern whether God is calling them to the priesthood.



Father Tyler will preach and one seminarian will give a brief witness of their personal discernment, promoting vocations and getting to know some of God's people at Saint Isidore. *Please continue to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, religious life, single life, and holy marriages within our Diocese.*

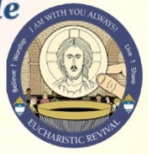
**Saturday Advent Adoration  
7 AM to 11 AM  
at Saint Isidore Parish,  
Saint Peter Celestine Church**

7:00-Exposition  
7:00-9:00 Silent Adoration, contemplation  
9:00-Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
9:30-Divine Mercy Chaplet  
10:00-Reading and commentary of Dei Verbum  
10:55-Benediction and Repose


December 23 - "Sacred Scripture in the Life of the Church"



**The Diocese of Evansville**  
**EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS**  
*A Revival for Your Heart  
Life for Your Soul*



**January 13, 2024**  
Old National Events Plaza  
**Bishop Joseph Siegel  
Rev. Tyler Tenbarge**  
**Msgr. James P. Shea  
Dr. Edward Sri  
Dr. Andrew & Sarah Swafford**  
**John Michael Talbot  
PJ Anderson Music Group**



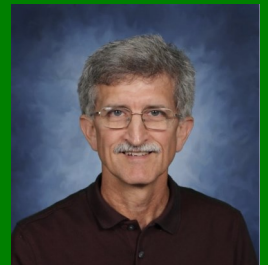
This Eucharistic Congress is meant to draw the local body of Christ together for worship, adoration, education, service, joy, and especially mission. We are called to share the good news, and this Congress could be a starting line for a new age of mission in the Diocese of Evansville.

**Reserved Seating Tickets are selling fast!**  
To get yours and more information go to:  
[www.eucharisticcongressedvdio.org](http://www.eucharisticcongressedvdio.org)

## Advent Series: Week 4—NOW WHAT?

FOR EVERYONE: Four Sundays during Advent (Dec 3, 17) after the 10am Mass at SR, we'll have brunch followed by an engaging discussion of the basic Gospel message.

Brunch for the whole family starting around 11am and discussion ending at 1:15pm. Please RSVP to Deacon Mike ([mseibert@evdio.org](mailto:mseibert@evdio.org)) so we have enough food. No Cost. If you can help with food, contact Janell Pfau.



## LITURGICAL ROLES ST. ISIDORE PARISH

	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Sacristan</b>	<b>Music</b>
<b>St. Celestine</b> Saturday Dec 23 4:30pm	Lacey Fischer Diane Knies Lisa Matheis Judy Senninger Mike Vogler <b>Volunteer</b>	Dale Knies Alex Pund <b>Volunteer</b>	Lisa Hohler Maurice & Karen Pund Laine Busick	Zachary B. Kaden B.	David Gudorf	Teresa Betz	Lisa Wagner Youth Choir Kendall Buechler
<b>St. Celestine</b> Sunday December 24 8:00am	Lindsey Linne Lori Merkle Janell Pfau Kay Schroeder Emil & Nancy Schroering	Paul Gehlhausen Clarence Reckelhoff <b>Chris Bieker</b>	Hilbert & Janice Betz Betty Kleinhelter George & Pat Schroeder	Keaton B. Ty B.	Patrick Betz	Sharon Reckelhoff	Mary Grace Wagner Traci Catt
<b>St. Raphael</b> Sunday December 24 10:00am	Sarah Danhafer Brenda Ferguson Jennifer Mendel Pat Seger	Brian Beckman Jeremy Mundy <b>Michael Betz</b>	Emily Woolems	Gus P. Iliza P.	<b>Volunteer</b>	Pat Seger	Lisa Wagner Sherrie Knies
<b>St. Celestine</b> Sunday December 24 4:00pm Christmas Eve Children's Mass	Denise Buechler Janell Pfau Audrey Denu Nancy Schroering Jordan Feguson	<b>Volunteer</b> Dave Schmitt <b>Sherry Schnell</b>	Greeters Filled	Eli D. Halle D. Avery S.	Ashley Gessner	Judy Senninger	Youth Choir Kendall Buechler
<b>St. Raphael</b> Sunday December 24 6:00pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass	Diane Knies <b>Volunteer</b> <b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Volunteer</b> <b>Volunteer</b> <b>Clara Fromme</b>	Greeters Filled	Andy M. <b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>	Tammy Mehring  Fr. Don Ackerman	Cadence
<b>St. Celestine</b> Monday December 25 12:00am Christmas Midnight Mass	Betty Kleinhelter Teresa Betz <b>Volunteer</b>	Kurt Sermersheim Clarence Reckelhoff <b>Volunteer</b>	Greeters Filled	Zach B.	Dave Gudorf	Sharon Reckelhoff	Adult Choir Traci Catt
<b>St. Raphael</b> Monday December 25 9:00am Christmas Day Mass	Angie Hochgesang Brenda Ferguson	<b>Volunteer</b> <b>Volunteer</b> <b>Volunteer</b> <b>Clara Fromme</b>	Greeters Filled	<b>Volunteer</b> <b>Volunteer</b>	Crystal Seger	Pat Seger  Fr. Tim Tenbarge	Adult Choir Sherrie Knies

Weekend Homebound Minister: Judy Senninger - 812-634-9661

# Youth Information



## HOCKEY

Join us on January 26 for a trip to the Evansville Thunderbolts! All 6th-12th students are welcome to watch the Thunderbolts take on the Birmingham Bulls at the Ford Center. We will leave at 5:30pm from Celestine and return around 12am. Cost is \$20.

Sign up on our website.



## MARCH FOR LIFE

All high school students are encouraged to attend the Indiana March for Life on January 22nd. This will be a one-day event. Details and signup coming soon. Adults are welcome and needed.



## YOUTH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PARTY

All 7th-12th grade students are invited to the Young Ministry Christmas Party on December 20th. Meet us at the Celestine Park from 8:15pm-9:15pm for food, games, and fellowship. A \$10 option Gift Exchange will take place starting at 8:30pm.



## Religious Education

### Advent Reconciliation

**Wednesday, December 20**    7th thru 12th grade  
6:30pm—11th & 12th gr.  
7:00pm—7th & 8th gr.  
7:30pm—9th & 10th gr.

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