



## 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:**

P.O. Box 1, 6860 E. St. Rd. 164,  
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



### THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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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 30 /Sixth Day with the Octave of  
The Nativity of the Lord**

4:30pm † Charlie Glendening @ SC

**Sunday, December 31/The Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary and Joseph**

8:00am † Deceased members of the Joe Betz Family @ SC

10:00am St. Isidore Parish @SR

4:00pm † Mary Lou Tretter @SC

**Monday, January 1/ Solemnity of Mary**

10:00am † Phyllis Fischer @ SR

**Tuesday, January 2 /Saints Basil the Great &  
Gregory Nazianzen**

6:30pm † Dwayne Schnell @ SC

**Wednesday, January 3 / Christmas Weekday**

8:00am † Betty Heichelbech @ SR

**Thursday, January 4 / Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton**

8:00am † Gilbert Verkamp @ SR

**Friday, January 5 / St. John Neumann**

8:00am † Delphine Knies @ SC

**Saturday, January 6 /Christmas Weekday**

4:30pm St. Isidore @ SC

**Sunday, January 7 /Epiphany of the Lord**

8am † Larry Beyke @ SC

10:00am †Doris "Dot" Schnarr@SR

## Diocese Fiscal year begins July 1, 2023

Year-to-Date Budget .....\$249,475.

Year-to-Date Actual.....\$222,913

Year-to-Date Difference..... **\$26,562**

Weekly Goal.....\$9,979

**Dec. 16, 2023**

4:30pm.....218

**Dec. 17, 2023**

8:00am .....230

10:00am.....218

Dec 17 Direct Deposit \$ 575.00

Dec 17 Envelopes/Loose \$ 11,521.00

Dec 17 Total Collection \$ 12,096.00



## 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.*

Ethan Brown  
Sandy Heeke  
Kelly Friedman  
Mary Ann Rasche  
Ardella Pieper  
Clyde Melton  
Stan Stetter  
Ed & Anna Knebel  
Frances Knies  
Jiggs Pieper

Jack Goodman  
Betty Beckman  
Cecilia Betz  
Fred Lindauer  
Kade Mundy  
Logan Steckler  
Ray Lueken  
Marie Beckman  
Keith Freyberger  
Annette Schepers

Gerald Vonderheide  
Gerry Heeke  
Tom & Shirley Welp  
Nancy Bolte  
Marilyn Jahn  
Alisha Gehlhausen  
Kathy Messmer  
Jim Leistner

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

# For Your Information

Pastor: ..... Father John Pfister-812-634-1875  
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## St. Isidore Parish

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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!*

### Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays: 6am - 9pm St. Raphael  
Fridays: 4pm - 9pm St. Celestine

We invite you to spend an hour  
(or any time you have) with Jesus!



**Wedding  
Congratulations to  
Nick Schmitt &  
Kaitlyn Hoffman**



## Thank you!

To those who ministered at the Christmas Masses, cleaned, and decorated, as well as teachers & parents who prepared the students for the Christmas Play, or helped in any way to make the Masses so special! God Bless you all!

## Parish Office Closed

Through January 2

Email to [stisidore@evdio.org](mailto:stisidore@evdio.org)  
or leave a voice mail message

## St. Isidore Weekly Schedule

### Saturday, December 30

- ◆ 2:00pm Wedding-SC
- ◆ 3:45pm - Reconciliation - SC
- ◆ 4:30pm - Mass - SC

### Sunday, December 31

- ◆ 7:30am - Reconciliation - SC
- ◆ 8am - Mass - SC
- ◆ 9:30am - Reconciliation - SR
- ◆ 10am - Mass - SR
- ◆ 4:00pm - Mass - SC Holy Family

### Monday, January 1

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- ◆ 10:00am - Mass - SR Solemnity of Mary

### Tuesday, January 2

- ◆ 6pm - Reconciliation - SC
- ◆ 6:30pm - Mass - SC

### Wednesday, January 3

- ◆ 7:30am - Reconciliation - SR
- ◆ 8am - Mass - SR

### Thursday, January 4

- ◆ 8am - Mass - SR
- ◆ 6pm - St. Anne Christmas Party

### Friday, January 5

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

### Saturday, January 6

- ◆ 3:45pm - Reconciliation - SC
- ◆ 4:30pm - Mass - SC

### Sunday, January 7

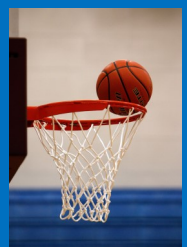
- ◆ 7:30am - Reconciliation - SC
- ◆ 8am - Mass - SC
- ◆ 9:30am - Reconciliation - SR
- ◆ 10am - Mass - SR  
(Epiphany-2nd grade characters -9:40 dress)
- ◆ 11am - Baptism - SR

## K of C Free Throw Competition Sunday, January 14th

The Good Shepherd of the Hills Knights of Columbus council is hosting a Free Throw Competition on Sunday, January 14th, at the Northeast Dubois Intermediate School Gym.

Doors open for registration at 12:30 pm, with the competition set to start at 1 pm. Any boy or girl between the ages of 9 - 14 is eligible to compete (age is as of January 1st, 2024).

There will be divisions for each age group, with separate groups for boys and girls. Trophy for the winner, and they advance to the district K of C competition in February. Random drawing for attendance prizes. We have had past winners advance and win the state competition! There is no cost to participate; anyone in the local area may enter. Any questions can be directed to Jarrod Beck at 812-661-2530.

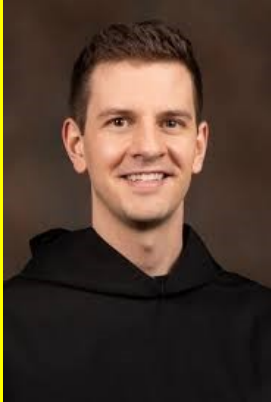


*St. Anne Holiday Party*  
*Thursday, January 4*  
*St. Celestine Hall*

Doors open at 6:00pm  
 With dinner served at 6:30pm

## St. Meinrad Sunday

Next weekend January 6th & 7th a monk who is also a priest will be representing St. Meinrad at all Masses. A monk is a man who lives in a community with other monks where all work together to seek God in their prayer and in their work. Fr. Simon Herrmann, OSB, from Findlay, OH, professed his vows at St. Meinrad, January 20, 2016. Fr. Simon is the Director of Youth and Young Adult Engagement.



### Religious Education Classes

Wed. evening classes will resume on  
 January 10  
 Release Time classes resume on  
 January 9

### **Confirmation 2024 - 9th & 10th grade students**

Will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2024 St. Celestine Church 6:00pm

**"Why Be Confirmed"** Wed, January 10, 2024, 7-8 pm in SC hall—all 9th & 10th grade students


**PARENT MEETING** - Wed, January 10, 7:30-8:00pm in St. Celestine Church

Information for grades 9th & 10th were mailed out on December 16, which includes: Sacramental Enrollment for student and Sponsor information and their forms.

**Please have all information submitted by January 10, 2024.**

### COUPLES to COUPLES

Saturday, Jan 6th after the 4:30 Mass at SC, we'll have a potluck meal for ALL COUPLES. Fr. Simon, from St. Meinrad will be here and give a short presentation on 'New Year's Resolutions: Reimagined for Marriage'. Meat provided - please bring a side-dish or dessert to share. RSVP to Deacon Mike [mseibert@evdio.org](mailto:mseibert@evdio.org) so we have enough food and childcare.



Sign up for Flocknote to receive group and ministry communications, updates about the renovation, special events, announcements, cancellations, etc.

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[saintisidoreparish.flocknote.com](http://saintisidoreparish.flocknote.com)

## **Thank you from Fr. Deydier House:**

Thank you for welcoming Fr. Tyler and 5 seminarians currently living at the Fr. Deydier House in the Propaedeutic Stage of seminary formation. Your support for vocations continues to encourage seminarians as they discern God's call for their life. We ask that you continue to pray for an increase in Vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and holy marriages within our Diocese.



## **Thank you to our Religious Education Teachers:**

We want to take the time to thank our Religious Education Teachers both at release time during the day on Tuesday and Wednesday and Wednesday evening. We wouldn't be able to achieve what we have so far this year or look forward to the future without your help. It is so appreciated and we pray in thanksgiving for you, especially during this holiday season.

The Staff of St. Isidore Parish

## Reflections from Deacon Mike

Ever wonder why we call Mary the Mother of God? Doesn't it sometimes seem like we're giving Mary way too much credit? Many people outside of the Church certainly think so – yet it's actually very logical! In fact, if we were to DENY that Mary is the Mother of God, we would end up throwing out all of Christianity with it!

So let's do a short Theology lesson. First the easy question – was Mary the Mother of Jesus? Yes – obviously – that's well established in the holiday we just celebrated this past week. The second question gets a little trickier... was Jesus God? I'll give you the short answer YES – that's what our whole Catholic Faith is based upon! However, I can remember myself the first time I was asked that specific question – is Jesus God? It wasn't totally clear to me – it's like – he IS God, yet somehow he's distinct, ...so maybe he's not God? That's where we refer to the prelude of the Gospel of John, (my favorite scripture!) Let's focus on just two verses 1 and 14: These two verses teach us as much about Mary as they do about Jesus, and the Trinity:

In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.

What or Who is the WORD that John speaks of? Verse 14 makes it pretty clear:

The Word Became Flesh and Dwelt among us.

The WORD - in Greek 'the Logos' – which is the mind, the will, the plan of God – became flesh and literally 'pitched his tent' among us. Who else could he be referring to but Jesus? John is clearly saying Jesus IS the Word of God. So switching out that one Word, let's read that first verse again: In the beginning was Jesus and Jesus was with God and Jesus was God. Can it be any clearer that Jesus IS God? He is the Word, the divine Logos. And John tells us he was in the beginning! He is co-eternal with God the Father. So – if we've agreed that Mary is the mother of Jesus and this reading makes it perfectly clear that Jesus is God – then doesn't it follow that Mary was the mother of God!? No Mary, No Jesus. Know Mary, Know Jesus.

## Youth Information



### MARCH FOR LIFE

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



### 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.

### 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.



## 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 January 6 4:30pm	Lacey Fischer Jordan Ferguson Lisa Matheis Debbie Beckman Denise Buechler Angie Hochgesang	Maurice Pund Alex Pund <b>Bill Hochgesang</b>	Martha Goepfrich Edwin & Judy Betz Laine Busick	Zachary B. Isaiah G.	Gianna Wagner	Teresa Betz	Mary Grace Wagner Hannah Saub
<b>St. Celestine</b> Sunday January 7 8:00am	Diane Knies Lindsey Linne Janell Pfau Sharon Reckelhoff Emil & Nancy Schroering	Terry Friedman Kregg Nordhoff <b>Christine Sander</b>	Fred & Therese Wessel Nathan Beyke Family Eddie Reckelhoff	Keaton B. Avery S.	Ashley Gessner	Judy Senninger	Choir Traci Catt
<b>St. Raphael</b> Sunday January 7 10:00am	Glenda Reckelhoff Sarah Danhafer Audrey Denu Jennifer Mendel	Marla & Steve Sander <b>Kenny Beckman</b>	Amy Schroering	Halle D. Heidi S.	Brenda Ferguson	Crystal Merkley	Lisa Wagner Sherrie Knies

**Weekend Homebound Minister:** Helen Beyke - 812-678-2434

## Family of the Month

The Good Shepherd of the Hills K of C Council has selected the Terry & Denise Friedman family as Family of the Month for January to thank them for their continued service to our Parish and our local community.

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