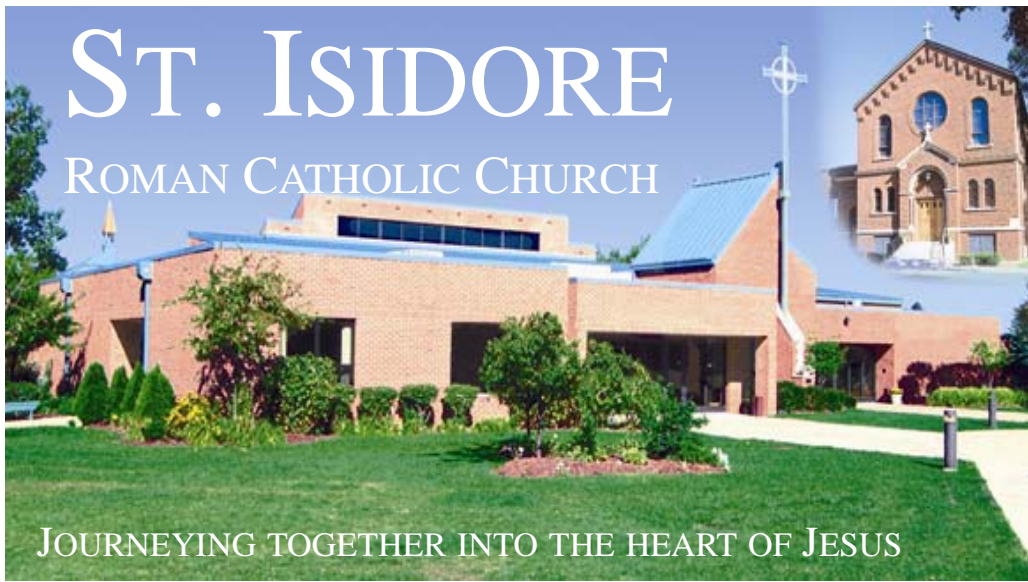


# ST. ISIDORE

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**  
*We are the Roman Catholic Community of St. Isidore the Farmer, Eucharistic people empowered by the Holy Spirit, planting seeds of faith, cultivating growth, and sharing the harvest of the kingdom with all of God's people.*

**OUR VISION**  
*Journeying together into the heart of Jesus, we seek to enlighten, engage, and serve one another, while deepening our faith in God.*

JOURNEYING TOGETHER INTO THE HEART OF JESUS

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 2009



**From the Office of...**  
Tom Norton  
Parish Administrator  
*Read, Listen, Commit*

People have charisms — gifts given by God to do God's work in the world — and communities have charisms. One of St. Isidore's most obvious gifts is *hospitality*.

*Thank God You're Here!* This expression is the theme of the 2009 appeal to renew and deepen our commitment to the stewardship way of life in our parish and in our lives. It is a theme of *hospitality*. Fr. Jerry and his pastoral staff thank God you're here. You bring your giftedness to our community in too many ways to list.

For various reasons parishioners thank God that they're here in this parish. Some just like our liturgy — good music, good preaching, good fellowship. For them it just feels good to be here. Others have had their lives radically transformed by deepening their involvement in this parish. For those folks, the fire of the Holy Spirit is burning inside them. They're seeing with new eyes — the eyes of disciples. So you all are gifts to the parish community

and the community, as the Body of Christ, has the power to be for you a gift of a new — transformed — life. Our hospitality has helped this happen.



ANNUAL RENEWAL OF  
COMMITMENT BY THE  
ST. ISIDORE PARISH  
COMMUNITY TO THE  
STEWARDSHIP WAY OF LIFE  
**2009**

The U.S. Bishops have taught us that Stewardship is the response of disciples to God's gifts. And that ALL IS GIFT. Stewardship is simple, but it's not easy. We can understand the concept that all is gift. We can even commit to believing that as a basic truth. Pretty simple.

The disciple's *response to the gifts* in our lives happens in four ways. A Christian Steward responding as a disciple

- Receives God's gifts GRATEFULLY,
- Nurtures them RESPONSIBLY,
- Shares them CHARITABLY & JUSTLY, and
- Returns them to the Lord WITH INCREASE.

That's not so easy. That's the work of a lifetime. And it's the work we are reminded to do each year at this time.

This week, take Fr. Jerry's letter that you'll receive in the mail and read through all the materials. **Next week listen** to a fellow parishioner share their journey of stewardship. Then, on **October 17-18\***, bring your **commitment card** to Mass expressing your response as a disciple. Thank you for sharing your gifts!

**ALL IS GIFT. RECEIVE GRATEFULLY, NUTURE RESPONSIBLY,  
SHARE CHARITABLY & JUSTLY, RETURN WITH INCREASE TO THE LORD.**

**\*CORRECTION**

The letter you'll receive this week lists the return date for commitment cards incorrectly. Please return the cards on Commitment weekend, October 17-18.



**We're on Facebook!**

*Join St. Isidore's Facebook group and use it as a way to share your faith journey with other parishioners.*