

Dear Parish Family,

Welcome to the 2010 Lent and Easter Seasons. Weren't we just celebrating Christmas? The Church calendar moves in a non-stop circular motion, bringing us back each year to familiar rituals, events, and celebrations. But our prayer is that each time we come back around, we've gone deeper into the mystery of God.

Taking a lesson from our current economy, this Lent our parish leadership has simplified things. The enclosed brochure reflects the basics. Rather than expending funds on a costly parish mission, we offer several opportunities within our parish utilizing our own resources and gifts to go deeper in our Catholic Christian spirituality. We are encouraged to take a deeper, more intentional faith journey as individuals and as a community of believers.

We are also learning a lesson from our technological world. You are invited this Lent to explore the options afforded by the internet for your spiritual growth. While social networking is no replacement for gathering as a faith community, it is providing many Catholics in this young 21st Century more opportunities for connecting with our global family and deepening our formation as disciples.

Explore our website. We are continually working to make it more interactive and useful as a resource. Join our group on Facebook where new links to the latest and freshest approaches to our Catholic Tradition and teaching are shared. Visit sites like www.MyCatholicVoice.com for a wealth of Catholic materials and resources.

As we increase and vary the ways we nurture the faith of our children, teens, and especially us adults, the impact we make on our community and world for Jesus Christ grows proportionately. Keep in mind that the dozens of parish ministries making a difference not only in our lives, but in the lives of our neighbors, need your support. Please be generous with your Easter offering this year and every weekend throughout the year. Rest assured that, in sharing your gifts with St. Isidore, you are supporting the mission and ministry that God has uniquely called our parish to do.

Gratefully,

Rev. Gerald

Pastor

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