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Saint
Isidore
Catholic Church

2009 Stewardship Renewal • Renovación de la Corresponsabilidad 2009



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In 2009, we at St. Isidore are emphasizing the virtue of hospitality. Our goal is to become a more welcoming community that extends a friendly invitation to each member to become active in building the Body of Christ. When we do this, we are truly grateful for the presence of each member, and as we do, we “thank God you’re here!”

A Core Christian Value

Hospitality has long been an important characteristic of Christianity. In countless stories throughout the Bible, we see strangers and friends welcomed into homes or towns. In fact, Jesus included hospitality as one of the beatitudes: “When I was a stranger, you welcomed me.”

We at St. Isidore are emphasizing hospitality because we want people to feel welcome in our faith community. We want each person to know that they are valued, and that their unique talents are welcome in our parish – whether they are longtime members, new families, or just recently returning to the Church.

Part of being a welcoming community is being open to the gifts and talents of each member. This is why each year we invite all parishioners to make commitments of time, talent, and treasure. Your gifts are what make St. Isidore a vibrant parish community.



Gracias a Dios que estás aquí

Durante el 2008, St. Isidore esta promoviendo la virtud de la hospitalidad. Nuestro objetivo es ser una comunidad más hospitalaria, que extiende una amistosa invitación a cada miembro a participar activamente en la formación del Cuerpo de Cristo. Cuando hacemos esto, estamos realmente agradecidos por la presencia de cada miembro, y como lo estamos, decimos “¡gracias a Dios que estás aquí!”

Un Valor Cristiano Vital

La hospitalidad ha sido siempre una característica importante de la Cristiandad. En un sin número de historias Bíblicas vemos hogares y pueblos dándoles la bienvenida a extranjeros, al igual que a amigos. De hecho, Jesús hizo la hospitalidad parte de las beatitudes. “Cuando fui un extranjero, me diste la bienvenida”.

En St. Isidore hacemos hincapié en la hospitalidad porque deseamos que todos se sientan bien acogidos en nuestra comunidad de fe. Deseamos que cada persona sepa que es valorada, y que sus talentos particulares son bienvenidos en nuestra parroquia - ya sean miembros antiguos, nuevas familias, o que recientemente han regresado a la Iglesia.

Parte de ser una comunidad hospitalaria es estar abiertos a los dones y talentos de cada miembro. Por eso es que cada año, invitamos a todos los feligreses a hacer compromisos de tiempo, talento y tesoro. Tus dones son los que hacen que St. Isidore sea una vibrante comunidad parroquial.



Stewardship of Time

Being a steward of time means making time for the things we love most. “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and strength, and your neighbor as yourself.” If we truly love the Lord, we will make time to be with Him in prayer. If we love our neighbor, we will find ways to help our community. If we love our parish, we will seek out opportunities to spend time with other parishioners.

During this year’s Renewal, under the category “Stewardship of Time,” we are primarily focusing on how we spend time in personal prayer and family prayer. Think about what you love most. If God and family are near the top of the list, resolve to make prayer – the lifeblood of Christian life – a part of your own daily life and the life of your family.



HOSPITALITY IN PRAYER

Hospitality springs from our conviction that we are bonded to one another through our common connection with Christ. Our Catholic connection is most evident through our rituals of prayer, whether it’s via our Eucharistic celebrations, rosary recitations or small group devotions. As we welcome and invite each other into these practices, we also welcome and invite Christ. As you make your Time commitments, consider how you plan to be more hospitable to your fellow parishioners in times of prayer.

Corresponsabilidad de Tiempo

Ser un corresponsable de tiempo significa dedicar tiempo a las cosas que más amamos. “Ama al Señor tu Dios con todo tu corazón, mente y fuerza, y al prójimo como a ti mismo”. Si de verdad amamos al Señor, dedicaremos tiempo a estar con El en oración. Si amamos nuestro prójimo, encontraremos formas de ayudar nuestra comunidad. Si amamos nuestra parroquia, buscaremos oportunidades para estar con otros feligreses.

Este año, durante la Renovación, bajo la categoría de “Corresponsabilidad de Tiempo”, estamos enfatizando primero, en cómo dedicamos tiempo a la oración personal y en familia. Piensa en los que más amas. Si Dios y la familia encabezan tu lista, decídate a hacer la oración - el sustento de la vida cristiana - parte de tu vida diaria y de la vida de tu familia.

HOSPITALIDAD EN LA ORACIÓN

La hospitalidad nace de la convicción de que estamos vinculados unos a otros en conexión común con Cristo. Nuestra conexión católica se hace evidente en nuestros rituales y oraciones, ya sea en nuestras celebraciones Eucarísticas, recitaciones del rosario o devociones en grupos pequeños. Invitándonos y dándonos la bienvenida mutuamente en estas prácticas, también le damos la bienvenida e invitamos a Cristo. Al hacer tus compromiso de tiempo, piensa en cuales son tus planes para ser más hospitalario con tus compañeros feligreses en momentos de oración.



Stewardship of Talent

Most Catholics who attend Mass regularly also want to be involved in their parish during the week. Intuitively, we know that the Gospel preached on Sunday needs to be put into action Monday through Saturday.

We all have different schedules, different abilities, different interests – but we all share a common obligation to be active members of the Body of Christ. A good steward is one who takes this obligation seriously and finds ways to put his or her talent to work.

In the Book of Ministries you'll discover dozens of ministries – from Bible studies to community outreach programs. You don't need to be an artist or musician to have "talent." You don't even need a special hobby or skill. All you need is the conviction that you do, in fact, have a role to play, and the willingness to seek it out.

HOSPITALITY
IN MINISTRY

Practicing hospitality means that we treat each other with respect and with a sincere sense of joy when we meet one another. Through ministry participation, we further build and strengthen the bond that ties our families, our parish and the greater Church together. Our goal, of course, is to develop a practice of hospitality that we carry out into the world, to help us to go out and "make disciples." Through our participation in parish ministry, we are called to be living examples of Christian hospitality.

Corresponsabilidad de Talento

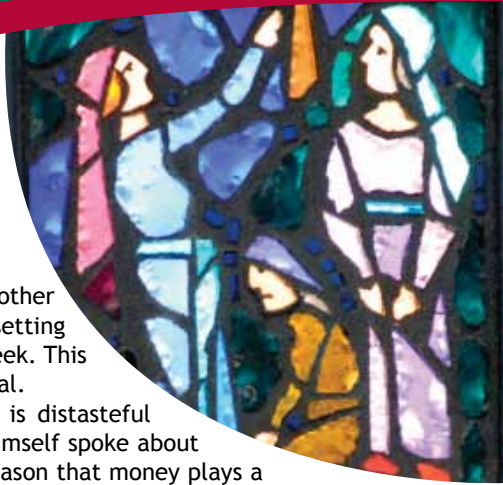
La mayor parte de los católicos que participan en la Misa con regularidad, también desean involucrarse en nuestra parroquia durante la semana. Intuitivamente, sabemos que el Evangelio que se predica los domingos, necesita ponerse en acción de lunes a sábado.

Todos tenemos diferentes horarios, diferentes habilidades, diferentes intereses - pero todos compartimos la obligación común de ser miembros activos del Cuerpo de Cristo. Un buen coresponsable es alguien que toma seriamente esta obligación y encuentra formas de poner sus talentos a trabajar.

En el Libro de Ministerios descubrirás docenas de ministerios - desde estudios Bíblicos hasta programas de alcance comunitario. No necesitas ser un artista, o un músico para tener "talento". Ni siquiera necesitas un pasatiempo o talento especial. Sólo necesitas la convicción de que, en efecto, tienes un papel que jugar y la voluntad de procurarlo.

HOSPITALIDAD EN MINISTERIO

Practicar hospitalidad significa que nos respetamos mutuamente y sentimos una alegría muy sincera cuando nos encontramos. Participando en ministerios, continuamos construyendo y fortaleciendo los vínculos que unen nuestras familias, nuestra parroquia y la Iglesia universal. Nuestro objetivo, por supuesto, es desarrollar una práctica de hospitalidad que llevemos al mundo, y que nos ayude a salir y "hacer discípulos". Por nuestra participación en ministerios parroquiales, estamos llamados a ser ejemplos vivos de hospitalidad cristiana.



Stewardship of Treasure

At St. Isidore, we are encouraging each other to be better stewards of our money, setting aside a generous offering to the parish each week. This is an important part of our Stewardship Renewal.

Talking about money in a church setting is distasteful to some people – but it shouldn't be. Jesus himself spoke about money quite frequently, for the very simple reason that money plays a very large role in our lives. Precisely because of this, it needs to be aligned with our most deeply held beliefs.

After all, Jesus asks us to give Him our hearts; why should it be harder to give Him our dollars? "Where your treasure is, there also lies your heart."

HOSPITALITY IN GIVING

Acts of hospitality are selfless with no expectation of return. Unlike many faiths, where giving of financial resources is often associated with a larger "return on investment," we believe that we give out of our need to give, as an act of selflessness. We believe that God made us to be most happy when we are generously giving of ourselves. Deep down, each of us has a spiritual need to give. Each time we give a gift, we experience the truth of Jesus' saying: "It is better to give than to receive." In that, we have practiced hospitality.

Why give a percentage?

Why should we determine the amount of our gift based on a percentage of income? First, because the tithe (10%) is a scriptural benchmark which the Church has honored for centuries (see Malachi 3:10). Secondly, we give a percentage of income because it is a common-sense standard by which everyone can equitably support the parish, each according to his or her ability.

As a parish, St. Isidore breaks down the tithe as follows:

5% to the parish

5% to the diocese and to other charities

If the goals above seem difficult to attain, consider increasing your gift incrementally until you reach your goal. It may take some time (even several months) but eventually you can reach an amount that adequately reflects God's generosity to you.

As you move toward your goal, the most important thing is to choose a regular amount to give each week or month, and be faithful to it. Families who have reached the tithe will tell you that it brings peace and blessing, because they know they have made God their top priority.

GUIDE FOR GIVING 5%				
Annual income:	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$70,000	\$100,000
5% weekly gift:	\$29	\$48	\$67	\$96



Corresponsabilidad de Tesoro

En St. Isidore, nos alentamos mutuamente a ser mejores coresponsables de nuestro dinero, separando una cantidad generosa para nuestra parroquia cada semana. Es una parte importante de nuestra Renovación de Coresponsabilidad.

Para algunas personas, es desagradable hablar de dinero cuando se trata de la iglesia - pero no debería ser así. Jesús mismo habló de dinero con frecuencia, por la razón simple que el dinero juega un papel muy grande en nuestras vidas. Precisamente por esto, necesita estar en línea con nuestras más arraigadas creencias.

Después de todo, si Jesús nos pide que le demos nuestros corazones; ¿por qué tiene que ser más difícil darle nuestros dólares? "Donde está tu tesoro, ahí está tu corazón".

HOSPITALIDAD EN DAR

Los actos de hospitalidad son desinteresados y no esperan nada en cambio. A diferencia de muchas otras creencias, en las cuales dar de los recursos financieros esta con frecuencia ligado a mayor "ganancias en inversiones", nosotros creemos que damos porque necesitamos dar, como un acto desinteresado. Creemos que Dios nos concede el sentirnos más felices que nunca cuando generosamente nos damos a nosotros mismos. En lo más profundo, cada uno de nosotros posee una necesidad espiritual de dar. Cada vez que hacemos un regalo, la verdad de Jesús que dice: "Es mejor dar que recibir" se hace realidad. En eso, hemos ejercitado la hospitalidad.

¿Por qué dar un porcentaje?

¿Por qué debemos determinar la cantidad de nuestro regalo basado en un porcentaje de los ingresos? Primero, porque el diezmo (10%) es una pauta de las Escrituras, la cual la Iglesia ha honrado por siglos (ver Malaquías 3:10). Segundo, damos un porcentaje de nuestros ingresos porque es un estándar que tiene sentido común, a través del cual todos pueden mantener la parroquia en una forma equitativa, cada uno de acuerdo a sus posibilidades.

*Como parroquia, St. Isidore desglosa el diezmo como sigue:
5% a la parroquia
5% a la diócesis, u otras caridades*

Si estos objetivos parecen difíciles de lograr, podrías aumentar tu ofrenda gradualmente hasta que logres tu objetivo. Puede que te tome algún tiempo (hasta varios meses) pero con el tiempo, puedes alcanzar una cantidad que refleje adecuadamente la generosidad que Dios tiene para contigo.

Mientras avanzas hacia tu objetivo, lo más importante es escoger una cantidad que des habitualmente, semanal o mensualmente a la parroquia, y mantenerte fiel a dicha cantidad. Las familias que han logrado el diezmo, te dirán que trae paz y bendiciones, porque saben que han hecho a Dios su más alta prioridad.

GUÍA PARA DAR EL 5%				
Ingresos anuales:	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$70,000	\$100,000
Donación Semenal de 5%:	\$29	\$48	\$67	\$96



Worship Commission Ministries

Contact Deacon Terry Cummiskey,
630-295-8350 or
tcummiskey@stisidoreparish.org

Altar Servers

All boys and girls grade 4 and older are invited into this ministry. Training provided.



Art and Environment

Join our creative team who decorate our worship spaces with plants, flowers, banners and some sewing.
Contact Dorothy Jaskey, 307-0872.

Coordinators for Funerals, Weddings, and Sunday Masses

We invite welcoming people who set up and clean up for our priests at Masses, and act as hosts at Funeral and Wedding Liturgies.

Ministers of Holy Communion

Distribute communion at Liturgies, Daily and Sunday Mass and to those in Nursing Care facilities, Hospitals and the Homebound. Formation & training is provided & required.

Lector

Proclaim the Scripture readings at liturgies: For those gifted in speaking aloud and expressively, in front of large congregations. Formation & training is provided & required for both daily and Sunday Mass.

Sacristans

Help with the cleaning of the church and Chapel and the priest vestments: launder linens and albs, polish vessels, fill candle stands and maintain worship furnishings.

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Minister to children during Sunday liturgy at 10:00 and 11:30 a.m. Masses. Offer a separate experience geared especially to a child's level (ages 4 and up). Use your gifts to be a leader, reader, shepherd (chaperone), musician, or with the art and environment set-up.

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters & Ushers)

Hospitable people with the gift of welcoming are invited to serve as greeters to our parishioners as they enter church for worship each weekend. Both men and women who are good at politely assisting and guiding large crowds of worshippers safely to enhance the feeling of welcome at our liturgies can serve as ushers. Ministers may also elect to be trained to use a defibrillator or give CPR.



Sacred Heart Prayer Group

This prayer group meets every Monday in the Chapel from 7-9:00 p.m. It includes occasional adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a combined Sacred Heart and Respect Life Novena, faith witnessing, and singing. All are welcome.

Living Spirit Prayer Group

A Catholic Charismatic community of prayer, open to people of all denominations. The gathering consists of music, prayer and scripture-based teaching. The group meets every third Wednesday of each month from 7:30-9 p.m. in the Chapel.

Renacer en el Espiritu Santo

This Spanish prayer group meets every Tuesday in the Chapel, 7:30-9 p.m. The gathering consists of praise, scripture, and prayers for the sick.

Prayer Network

Praying for each other in communion with God is who a Christian is and what a Christian does. The power of prayer is available to all who request it on this email network of compassionate people. Intentions called or emailed to the parish office or Deacon Terry are relayed to the network and passed along. All are welcome to participate. You may request to have a name or your own placed in the parish bulletin Prayer List. It is for a limited time with renewal options.

Saturday Morning Rosary for Life, After the 8:15am Mass

Each Saturday morning after the 8:15am Mass there is a Rosary for all life issues prayed with other intentions of those who are present. Please attend the Mass as well.



First Friday 24 hour Eucharistic Adoration

Each month, after the 7am first Friday Mass, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed through 8am, when there is a Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday morning, prior to the 8:15am Mass. At 7pm on Friday, the Knights of Columbus pray a Rosary for vocations with Benediction, immediately following. All are invited to come and spend time (an hour is suggested) with the Lord Jesus; or you may sign up for a regular time by hour, or captain an hour, by calling the office of Liturgy.



Baptism Preparation

Couples who want to share their faith, as parents, with couples preparing to bring their children into our faith community through Baptism, serve as facilitators of a class required for parents and/or as hosts at the 2:30 Sunday Baptism Rituals and those celebrated during weekend liturgies.

Marriage Preparation

Married couples from our parish minister to couples preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Facilitating the Becoming One Workshop, an all day, Saturday experience, is one way to serve. Another is to act as a Sponsor Couple for engaged couples prior to attending the Becoming One workshop or an Engaged Encounter Weekend, meeting with them to administer the FOCCUS Survey and the follow up discussions on the results.



Music

Contact Karen Stefanic 630-295-8353
or kstefanic@stisidoreparish.org

Adult Music Ministers (Choir and Contemporary Ensembles)

Parishioners gifted with a good singing voice and instrumentalists (strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion, keyboard) rehearse once per week to lead the assembly in song at weekend liturgies and other rituals. A one year commitment is expected. (Summer off).

Children's Choir

Parishioners in grades 3-8 form this group who lead the congregation in song and praise at scheduled Sunday Liturgies. Rehearsals are held on Saturday afternoons (September-April). An initial parent interview is required.

Resurrection Singers

A small chorale of singers is wanted to accompany the cantor for morning funeral liturgies. If you can be available on a 2 day notice and can commit to an occasional rehearsal, please help serve those who are in mourning and need uplifting, prayerful song.

Spanish Choirs

For musicians and vocalist who want to serve during our 6:30 p.m. and 11:30 a.m. Spanish Liturgies. Contact Emma Flores in the Parish office at 630-529-3045 or eflores@stisidoreparish.org



Technicians

Parishioners who have skills or an interest in video and/or audio technical skills enhance the worship experience for our congregation as well as record special events for later viewing and listening. Training is required and will be provided.

Formation Commission Ministries

Adult Formation

Contact Deacon John Freund, 295-8351 or jfreund@stisidoreparish.org

Bible Studies

Men's, women's and mixed Bible Studies are offered throughout the year, usually beginning in the Fall.



Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)

This life-changing weekend retreat right here at the parish has changed hundreds of lives by introducing participants to a deeper relationship to our Lord Jesus.

Adult Sacramental Formation

A preparation process for baptized Catholics who wish to complete their initiation with Confirmation and Eucharist (Communion).

Becoming Catholic (RCIA)

Prepares participants for full membership in the Catholic community through prayerful study leading to Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. There are opportunities for parishioners who are interested in sharing their faith with these participants as sponsors.

Marriage Encounter

A weekend experience designed to make a good marriage great. Couples married five years or more are encouraged to attend the ME Weekend. Special communication techniques lead to a new level of intimacy and spirituality for couples who participate. It is held at a nearby hotel and runs from Friday evening to late Sunday afternoon.

Couples for Christ (CFC)

CFC is a movement intended for the renewal and strengthening of Christian family life. The members have committed themselves to the Lord and to one another so that they may grow in maturity as men and women of God and fulfill their primary vocation of raising up families under the lordship of Jesus Christ and for the service of the Kingdom of God.



Marriage Enrichment

Workshops and programs are conducted at times during the year. Watch the website, the mail, and bulletin for details. Couples interested in planning marriage enrichment activities are needed.

Parish Book Table

Books to assist us in our spiritual journey as Catholic Christians are available seasonally throughout the year. Helpers are needed to transport, inventory, and sell the books.

Spiritual Enrichment

Throughout the year there are opportunities to grow spiritually through Parish Missions, Days of Reflection, Retreats, Musical and Dramatic Presentations. Watch the website, the mail, and bulletin for details. Volunteers are needed for the planning, promotion and execution of these events.

Taizé Prayer

Prayer in the style of Taizé is being conducted at various times throughout the year. Watch the website, the mail, and bulletin for details. Musicians and singers are invited to join the planning and prayer team.

Spirit and Truth Young Adult Ministry

Young Adults (18-35 years), you are important to St. Isidore and the Church universal. Spirit and Truth meets every Tuesday night from 7-9pm and combines presentations, discussions, and Eucharistic Adoration. Interested young adults are needed for the planning of events. Musicians are needed to lead prayer and worship.

Parish Library

Our small library, located just off the main church narthex, is in need of people to administer the borrowing, return, re-shelving of books.





Religious Education

Contact the Religious Education Office,
630-529-9191 or
vzielinski@stisidoreparish.org

Catechist, Co-Catechist, Substitute Catechist

Share your faith with young people grades pre-school through grade 6. Must be a confirmed, practicing Catholic 18 years of age or older. Teach your own class, teach with a friend, or be a substitute. Training is provided. Classes meet once a week September through April. Meeting days are Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon/evenings, and Saturday mornings.

Special Education “Buddy” Catechists

Be a “Buddy” to a student in our special religious education program. This one to one ministry can include Sacramental preparation for Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Coordinated by Certified Special Ed Teachers.

Office Volunteer

Checking attendance making phone calls, answering phones, mailings and other office projects and run errands for Catechists and office staff. Work during RE class times or on call days year round.

Hall & Parking lot Monitors

During RE class times, greet visitors at the main doors, monitor hallways or parking lot for safety, gather attendance folders, make sure cars are parked legally & safely.

Childcare

Care for the young children and infants of Catechists and other Volunteers during class times or for occasional catechist and parent meetings during the year. Childcare volunteers may bring their own children.



Camp St. Isidore

One week Summer experience for children preschool through fifth grade (ages 4-11), usually held the last week of June. Serve as an adult camp leader or youth volunteer (ages 12-17). Other jobs include craft workers, activity directors, “Bible” performers, and refreshment staff.



Youth Ministry

Contact David Heimann, 630-295-8324 or dheimann@stisidoreparish.org

Connect Youth Ministries

Connect Youth Ministries is the comprehensive youth ministry program of St. Isidore Parish for youth between the 7th grade and Seniors in High School. The ministry includes diverse activities on a weekly and monthly basis. The four primary ways to Connect are Connection Groups, Teen Mass, Scheduled Activities, and the Companion Program.

Connection Groups:

Connection Groups meet once a week at the LINK (St. Isidore Youth Center). These groups need enthusiastic volunteers to run Junior High Religious Education, Confirmation Preparation, and the various Senior High Connection Groups which have a wide range of topics and meeting times. These weekly groups are where we make the most lasting impact on teen's lives and we encourage every parent to expect and support their child to be in a Connection Group every year during their Junior High and High School career.

Teen Mass:

The second Sunday of every month at 5:00 PM, Connect Youth Ministries holds a Mass especially for the High School students of the parish. High School students fill all the roles in the Mass and the Homily and activities after the Mass are designed to connect with young people so



as to enrich their faith life and celebrate the Catholic Faith. After the Mass, refreshments are served and a dynamic activity which concludes at 7:00 PM.

Scheduled Activities:

Volunteers are needed to run many of our special activities. Volunteering in this capacity is ideal for adults who cannot commit to volunteering every week. These activities range from social events, such as a trip to Six Flags, to spiritual retreats such as Kairos and Discovery.

Companions Program:

Youth who wish to participate in parish ministries are assigned a Companion to help them learn how to do the ministry and help them to understand the presence of God in the work they do for the Church. If you are currently involved in a parish ministry, you can volunteer to be a Companion so that a parish youth can learn how to do that ministry as well.



Parochial School

Contact the School Office, 630-529-9323

Home School Association

Supports activities such as teacher appreciation, Fast Food Fridays, book fairs, hospitality events, planning & organizing school fundraisers, activities, class parties, uniform exchange, and field day.



Booster Club

Supports the extracurricular athletic program and Athletic Board through fund raising and hosting of home games.

Athletic Board

The Athletic Board is an advisory board that meets monthly. The main purpose of this board is to assist the Athletic Director and the Principal in providing a well balanced, Christian based athletic program for St. Isidore School Students.

Coaching

Parents volunteer to coach boys and girls. Basketball, volleyball, track and cross country programs for grades 5-8.

School Board

School Board is an advisory board that meets monthly. School Board assists the pastor and principal in setting policies for the school. School Board Committees include; Finance, Development, Communications and Political Action.

Human Needs Commission Ministries (Outreach, Community Life, Peace and Social Justice)

Contact: Ane' Berg 630.295.6890
aberg@stisidoreparish.org

Food Pantries

Food pantries provide basic food to those in our community who cannot afford them. Volunteers work in one of the three DuPage County food pantries of the Feeding Northwest DuPage Walk-in Ministry, a Christian Church outreach of which our parish is a founding partner. Training is provided to assist families in need with food, rent, utility and medical care/prescriptions as well as transportation.

Weekly Food Drives

Non-perishable food items are donated by parishioners daily. People serving in this ministry package the food items from the church narthex and take it to our local food pantries on Monday.



Special Food Drives

In addition to food requests during the year for PADS and the Thanksgiving Food Drive, food drives for specific items are held throughout the year. You can serve in this ministry by handing out food item reminder slips after all masses the week prior to the drive. On the weekend of the drive you can serve by helping to collect the food and place it in the food-drive truck after all masses.

Organic Garden

In keeping with our farming roots and to honor St. Isidore the farmer, individuals and families work together to cultivate a garden located on the north side of the St. Isidore campus. All produce is planted, watered, weeded and organically grown. The harvest is taken to our food pantries during the summer months. Green thumbs are helpful but not necessary.

Franciscan Outreach Soup Kitchen

Hot meals are delivered and served to the poor and homeless at the Franciscan Outreach Soup Kitchen in Chicago on the third Saturday of each month. You prepare sloppy joes (recipe given to you) and buy hamburger buns and chips and bring that to the parish office by 10 am. You are invited to join other parishioners at the soup kitchen to serve the meals.

We Care Fund

We are our brother's keepers. With mutual concern and care for each other and especially those who are in urgent need you can give from your abundance, over and above your stewardship commitment. A donation, to this parish fund, assists the families of our parish and community.



P.A.D.S. (*Public Action to Deliver Shelter*)

Approximately 41,000 people in DuPage County are homeless. (8/2009) St. Isidore is a partner in the effort to prevent homelessness on Monday nights throughout the year. Our PADS guests are given 2 hot meals, showers, and a warm safe place to sleep. Volunteers are needed to serve during the hours of PADS on Monday evenings and Tuesday mornings. Food donations, paper products, summer clothes and personal hygiene items are requested. *To learn more about PADS visit their website: www.dupagepads.org*



Transitional Housing

St. Isidore, with other faith-based partners, rents apartments and provides services and opportunities through Bridge Communities (www.bridgecommunities.org) to qualified families, who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The ministry provides mentoring, assistance with job searching, and help with other household management issues. Using your life skills and experiences as a mentor is especially rewarding for those who participate. Training is provided.

Contact Deacon Don Randolph, 630-289-5550

Thanksgiving Food Drive and Sharing

Registered families in need can come and “shop” for the items needed for their Thanksgiving dinner when the St. Isidore Ministry Center becomes a “grocery store” the weekend before Thanksgiving. Food donations (perishable and non-perishable), books, cd’s, DVD’s and other items are requested from the parish community, St. Isidore School and our religious education students starting in October. Workers are needed to count food, box, move items, supervise youth workers and assist our guest shoppers.

Advent Sharing Ministries

Many opportunities to put your faith into action are available during the Advent season. Hundreds of homeless and low-income families are supported through Adopt-A-Family, Toy Drive and Mitten/Giving Tree. You can provide your time and talent in the months of November and December. Adopt a family or purchase a toy or item from the mitten/giving tree to share your abundance.



St. Joseph the Worker Employment Ministry

Are you looking for a job, networks or effective ideas on how to improve your job search? The St. Hubert Expanded Job and Networking Ministry and its partner parishes provide weekly job events/workshops with Human Resources, Search, and Career Counselors. One-on-one advice is available and most of the services provided are free. Information is provided in the St. Isidore weekly bulletin.

Call 630.295.8364 to speak to a St. Joseph the Worker minister.



Burned Church Ministry

Churches in our nation

continue to burn on average of 15-20 per month. The St. Isidore Burned Church ministry is part of a national outreach to help congregations in the Southern United States to rebuild their churches which have been destroyed by arsonists. No experience or skill level is required. Mission trips are generally one week long.

Contact *Andy Lareau*, 630-980-0834.

Council of Catholic Women

The CCW is an organization to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. The CCW proudly serves our parish community, local community, and community worldwide through service projects and fundraising events such as: Christmas Party for nursing home residents, Confirmation Receptions, cooking for PADS, St. Joseph's Table, "Cookies for Kids" Bake Sale, the Craft Show and other drives and fundraisers. The CCW is a faith-filled, fun way to get involved at St. Isidore. All parish women are invited and welcome to join at any time during the year. We meet the 3rd Thursday of every month (Sept - May).

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is an international organization founded by Father Michael J. McGivney in 1882 for the support of our families and the Catholic Church. Knights dedicate themselves to the ideals of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Membership is open to practicing Roman Catholic men 18 years and older. A practicing Roman Catholic is one who lives up to the Commandments of God and the Precepts of the Roman Catholic Church. Membership forms are available from any member of the Knights of Columbus.



Girl Scouts

Troops that meet at St. Isidore are St. Isidore School based troops for girls in grades 1-6. Daisy Girl Scouts are kindergarten girls.

Contact *the School Office*, 630-529-9323

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts

Pack 401 and Troop 401 are based at St. Isidore Parish. Cub Scout Dens at St. Isidore School currently serve boys in grades 1-5. Kindergarten boys may enter as Tiger Cubs.

Contact *the School Office*, 630-529-9323



Feed My Starving Children

Every five seconds a child dies because she or he is hungry. Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is the world's largest private Christian organization dedicated to helping hungry and hurting people. In 2008, 133 million pounds of food and other essentials were shipped to all 50 states and 34 foreign countries. You can help supply this vital source of food for millions by volunteering 2 hours of your time at the FMSC site in Aurora with members of the St. Isidore community. You, your family, friends and school age children will work together to pack nutritious meals. Information about attending a St. Isidore scheduled date at FMSC is available in the bulletin. Learn more about FMSC by visiting their website www.fmsc.org

Peace & Social Justice Ministry

The Catholic Church's social mission not only includes a response to the immediate needs people face but ideally works to change the root causes of poverty, injustice and violence. The St. Isidore Peace & Social Justice Ministry bases our mission on the Gospel teachings of Jesus and the "themes" of Catholic Social Teaching. Our goal is to educate parishioners on the various social issues facing our parish, local and global community. The "themes" of Catholic Social Teaching are: Life & Dignity of the Human Person, Call to Family, Community and Participation, Rights and Responsibilities, Option

for the Poor and Vulnerable, The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers, Solidarity, Care for God's Creation. Opportunities for action/participation are provided to all parishioners.

Respect Life/Project Gabriel

Respect Life participants are dedicated to prayer, education, action, and advocacy for pro-life issues. Actions include letter-writing, prayer vigils, and peaceful demonstration at facilities which perform abortions seeking to teach that all life is sacred from conception to natural death. Project Gabriel is a parish outreach to women facing a crisis pregnancy that partners with pregnancy resource centers, adoption agencies and family assistance organizations. Part of a national network of parish based ministries, Project Gabriel offers mothers-to-be a caring friend and mentor, a "Gabriel Angel." Training is provided by the Project Gabriel coordinators.

Little Disciples/Sunday Nursery

Children ages 1-5 are invited to listen to Bible Stories, make crafts, sing songs and play during the 8:30 and 10:00 am Masses every Sunday while their parent(s) are at mass. Adults, teens and pre-teens (11-12), who enjoy being with small children and can commit to one hour per month, are asked to volunteer.



Pray and Play

Moms, expectant moms and caregivers of babies and pre-school aged children are invited to get together to pray and meet other parishioners and members of our community. Topics relevant to family life are discussed or presented by speakers on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Bloomingdale Library Lower Level on 101 Fairfield Way. Currently the moms are reading and discussing: *The Domestic Church: Room by Room - A Mother's Study Guide*. Books are available. Field trips to local kid-friendly venues are scheduled during the 2nd week of every month.

Community Building Events

Parishioners and members of our community who enjoy the creative process of event planning, arranging, marketing, and working on community-building social events can contribute their time and talents to this team.

Prayer Blanket Ministry

Volunteers make 30 x 30 lap blankets (crochet, knit, sew, fleece-tie, quilt, etc) which after being blessed are given to anyone who needs a tangible reminder of the healing power of God. If you would like to make a prayer blanket or have someone you would like to give one to (English or Spanish) please contact Ane' Berg 630.295.6890.

Rosary Making/Prayer Ministry

Volunteers make rosaries which are given to homebound, nursing home, soldiers and to members of the prayer ministry. You will receive instructions and material to make a rosary. Members of the prayer ministry commit to praying the rosary once a day for special intentions.

English as a Second Language Tutors / Side by Side

Volunteer tutors assist those who wish to learn the English language. Class sessions (1 ½ hours) are held at St. Isidore on Wednesday mornings and Thursday nights weekly from September – May. Tutors have only one student. Training, books and other materials will be provided. No previous tutoring, teaching experience or the ability to speak the student's first language is required.

Nursing Home Minister

Compassionate, faith filled people are invited to bring Communion and fellowship to members of our community who cannot be with us at Mass at the Lexington and West Suburban nursing homes on Sunday and Tuesday. Training is provided and required.

Homebound Minister

Compassionate, faith filled people are invited to bring Communion and fellowship to members of our community who cannot be with us at Mass and who are homebound due to illness, after-care from surgeries, or age. Training is provided and required.



Transportation Assistance

Drivers wanted. Provide rides to medical appointments, Sunday Mass, or other necessary west suburban destinations for those who are unable to drive themselves.

Divorced and Beyond

Divorce and Beyond is a ten-week workshop for men and women who are divorced or in the process of a divorce. This workshop is designed to address the early stages of loss, anger and confusion that can be experienced. Child care is available.

TLC Al-Anon

Al-Anon is a mutual support recovery program based on the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. The family group is open to all men and women who believe their lives have been affected by someone else's drinking. The group meets every Friday, 8 p.m. at St. Isidore in the Ministry Center.

Interfaith Pastoral Counseling Center

St. Isidore is a satellite facility for this program of Alexian Brothers Medical Center. Professional therapists are available by appointment for individual and family counseling. *Contact 847-981-3512*

Health Education and Service Team

Volunteers for this ministry, with or without medical backgrounds, plan health education and health service opportunities for the parish and the community. Examples of some of the services include: CPR/AED training in English and Spanish, Online Screening from Lifeline, Flu shots in the Fall, Winter and Summer Blood Drives, the St. Peregrine and Mental Health Masses.

Emergency Muscle Team

Critical Need: Volunteers are needed with strong backs who are available on short notice to move or transport items such as church decorations, donated clothing & food, set up meeting/event spaces or to just put away tables and chairs.

Stewardship Commission Ministries

Communications Team

Work to get the word out so that both parishioners and members of the surrounding community see our light shining! People with experience and skills in the areas of public relations, communications, marketing, video, photography, graphic design, and layout who want to contribute. *Contact: Tom Norton, 630-529-3045*



Harvester

Share the good news of our active, faithful community through this tri-annual publication. Harvester staff invites writers, typists, photographers and layout designers to join in.
Contact Dorothy Jaskey 630-307-0872 or djjaskey@sbcglobal.net.

Weekly Bulletin

Articles for our parish bulletin must be submitted to the parish office on the Friday 8 days prior to publication. Input from talented writers, graphic and layout designers, editors and photographers is always welcome.
Contact Ruth Ambron 630-529-3045 or rambron@stisidoreparish.org.

Operations Committee

Parishioners with experience and abilities in building maintenance, repair, electrical, plumbing, or landscaping to assist in carrying out our long range facility plan.
Contact Dan Tobin, 630-295-8323 or dtobin@stisidoreparish.org.

Garden Club

The gift of a green thumb is helpful to be a part of this ministry. Members plant and care for the flower gardens surrounding our parish buildings, and lots.
Contact Dan Tobin, 630-295-8323 or dtobin@stisidoreparish.org.

Finance Committee

Primary focus of this committee of people gifted in business, management, finance or accounting is budget preparation and financial planning for our parish community. If you are interested in going through the discernment process for this committee please contact Ann Hatt.
Contact Ann Hatt, 630-295-8327 or ahatt@stisidoreparish.org.

Stewardship/Development Committee

These committees lead our parish in becoming a Total Stewardship Community -- one that recognizes that all is gift and that we are called to receive gratefully, nurture responsibly, share justly, and return to Lord having increased those gifts in our lifetime. Work includes our annual stewardship renewals, involvement of people in our mission and ministry, fundraising/planned giving, Diocesan Appeal and strategic planning.
Contact Tom Norton, 630-295-8330.

Called And Gifted Team

A committee dedicated to helping people discover their unique charisms through our called and gifted workshop and then apply them to the ministries of their life and parish.
Contact Barb Tillman 630-351-9353 or til333@yahoo.com.



St. Isidore's Online Community

Welcome to evangelization in the 21st Century! Join this new online connection to explore and share your Catholic faith with others in the parish and with Catholics around the world. Hosted by My Catholic Voice, this resource provides downloadable Catholic content, opportunities to blog, upload audio and video, and online discussion forums. The site is based on Web 2.0 technology and we invite participation of users as well as those who would like to serve as administrators to the site. To become a member go to www.mycatholicvoice.com/groups to begin connecting, exploring, and sharing! Contact Tom Norton, 630-295-8330 or tnorton@stisidoreparish.org.

Office Helpers

Occasionally we can use help with phone calls, mailings, data entry, and other clerical duties. Let us know how you can help by contacting *Ruth in the Parish Office*, 630-295-8321 or rambron@stisidoreparish.org.

Dream Ministry

We're looking for Dreamers! Based on Matthew Kelly's book, The Dream Manager, in which an entire company's employees had their lives changed by reconnecting with their hopes and dreams, St. Isidore is looking for caring Christians who want to listen and help others achieve their dreams. Imagine how far-reaching the impact can be, on marriages, families, workplaces, and ON YOU! Contact Tom Norton, 630-295-8330.





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