

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 22, 2024**

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## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SECOND & FOURTH SUNDAYS  
1:15 PM ENG  
2:15 POLISH

Please arrange the date of baptism through the Rectory office after the birth of your child

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the Rectory for an appointment at least **six months** prior to the desired date.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS  
4:00 to 4:45 PM  
and  
THURSDAYS BEFORE  
FIRST FRIDAYS  
4:00 to 5:00 PM

Other times by appointment.



O come. O come. Emmanuel

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

WEEKDAYS 7:00 AM  
SATURDAYS 8:00 AM  
SATURDAY EVENINGS  
VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM  
SUNDAYS  
8:00 & 9:15 AM  
10:30 AM (Polish)  
12:00 Noon

## RECTORY HOURS WEEKDAYS

9 AM to 12 Noon  
& 1 PM to 4 PM

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

TUES. 12 to 1 PM

## IONS OF MONICAS

TUES. 1 to 2 PM

## PL PRAYER GROUP W/ ADORATION

D THURSDAYS 7 PM

## LAY CARMELITE CHAPTER -1ST SAT.

AFTER 8 AM MASS

## ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

1ST WEDNESDAYS 6:30 PM  
(APRIL, MAY, JUNE,  
SEPT., OCT. & NOV.)

### Our Mission Statement

*Lord, God, all creation is yours, and you call us to serve you by caring for the gifts that surround us. May the example of St. Isidore urge us to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of mankind. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.  
Saint Isidore, Pray for Us.*

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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 22, 2024

## IN LOVING MEMORY

### Missalettes

John B. & Helen Zilnicki and Family

### Bread and Wine

Frank L., Bertha M.,  
Frank L., Jr. Ostroski

### Sanctuary Lamp

Vincent A. Doroszka, M.D.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2024

5:00 pm + Joseph Czulada, Jr. / + Janet Cox  
+ Cornelius O'Neill / + Claire Latour  
+ Lina Guardino / + Nettie, George & Dennis Gayda

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 22, 2024

8:00 am + Sophie & Clarence Anderson  
9:15 am + Anne Kruel  
10:30 am The People of the Parish Living & Deceased  
(PL) + Jadwiga & Vincent Suchta  
12 Noon + Robert D. Taylor

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2024

7:00 am + Claire Latour / + Caroline Stepnoski

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024

5:00 pm Intentions of the Stepnoski Families  
Intentions of the Mader & Massiello Family  
10:00 pm + Jan Harasimowicz & Pulchalski & Harasimowicz Fam  
Blessings for Zaniewski & Szlejter Families  
O Boze bogoslawnienstwo dla Monika, Marcina i rodziny  
+ Jennie Miloski (A)  
+ Jan & Jadwiga Zawadzki & Family  
12:00 am + Lucyna, Edmund & Lydia Wojcechowski

### CHRISTMAS, DECEMBER 25, 2024

8:00 am + Jacob, Mary & Stanley Zielinski & Family  
9:15am + Alex, Sr., & Edna Sydlowski  
10:30am + Andrychowski & Szlejter Families  
+ Wieslaw Luniewski  
O Boze bogoslawnienstwo dla Beaty Slawka i rodziny  
+ Jerzy, Irene, Margaret & Zbigniew  
Aleksandrowicz & Family  
12 Noon + Scott Bugdin

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2024

7:00 am + Edward Truskoski, Jr. & Edward Truskoski, Sr.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2024

7:00 am + Chester & Louise Lejay

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2024

8:00 am Intentions of the Mader & Massiello Families  
5:00 pm The People of the Parish Living and Deceased  
+ Edward Bilski / + John B. & Helen Zilnicki  
+ Tessie & Joseph Karpinski  
+ Maryann Matlak & Anthony Madonia  
10th Wed Anniv BI for Anna & Michael Weber

### HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024

8:00 am Intentions of the Mader & Massiello Families  
9:15 am + Diane Stark (A)  
10:30 am + Marianna Swiderek  
(PL) + Wladyslaw & Wladyslawa Lagun  
12 Noon + Candida Imacolata Giordano

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)  
Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10, 14  
Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)  
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)  
Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)  
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc  
and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10  
(see 5a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### Monday, December 23, 2024

(Last chance) Confessions:  
3:00pm—5:00pm  
6:00pm—8:00pm

### Tuesday, December 24, 2024

No 7 AM Mass  
No Adoration  
No Millions of Monicas

### Christmas Eve (12/24) Masses:

5 PM (English)  
10 PM (Polish)  
12 Midnight (English)

### Christmas Day (12/25) Masses:

8 AM & 9:15 AM (English)  
10:30 AM (Polish)  
12 Noon (English)

The office will be closed Tuesday (12/24),  
Wednesday (12/25) and Thursday (12/26)

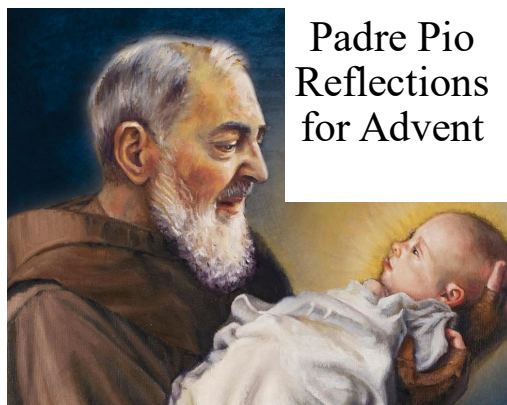
## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

John Donohue \* Josephine Barker \* Carol Block \* Paul Farber \* Benedict Gargulinski \* Miguel Angel Castrillon \* Nicholas Steinkamp \* Teresa Muenkel \* Ron Danowski \* Peter Kraljic \* Mary Mader \* Carson Whible \* Dave Zazanski \* Faye Anderson \* Hana Cutler \* James Gibson \* Jim Kenna \* Daryl Alec \* Paula George \* Christina Donovan \* John Giordano \* Richard Francis Harrison II \* Ursula Mociak \* Joan Zaleski \* Catherine and Charles J. Sehy \* Grazyna Pawlak \* Gillen Family \* Blythe Fickenwirth \* Jody Breitfeller \* Benjamin Gonzalez \* Dominique Tirado \* Diana Perniciaro \* Sammy \* Brodie \* Dolline Welch \* Cathleen Mickaliger \* Joseph Stepnoski \* James Kenna \* Douglas Clark \* Jan Suchta \* Justin \* Dakota Harmon \* Cole Faller \* Halikias Family \* Liana Forstein \* Rosemary & Daniel Ambrosini \* Thomas Ryall \* Anne Marie Donlon \* Dorothy Sousa \* Thomas McEnany \* Mary Khulman \* Michael Alperti \* Roseanne Murphy \* Barbara Kozlowski \* James West \* Elizabeth Farruggia \* Kelly Wine \* Mary Van Duesen \* Thomas DeGirolamo \* William Berenger \* Daria Quarlena \* Eileen Borchart \* Sheila Nolan \* Tom Wisniewski III \* Jeffrey Clark \* James, George and Barbara Jaeger \* Ernest and Alex Aponte \* Helen Long \* Michael Miglionico \* Ralph Conforti \* The Barauskus Family \* Hope & Brittany Williams \* John Marion \* Emilia Andrychowski \* Augie & Georgianna Lucente \* Johanna Benthal \* Michelle Giaccone \* Gloria Keller \* Howard Seifert \* Ed Kennedy \* Kit Z. \* Dolores Contino \* Agnes Brown \* Krzysztof Olszowski \* Anders Ryden \* Kevin C. Cook \* Anita Costi \* Doriane Bay \* David Vallone \* Brittany Schacor \* Karen and Kim Finocchiaro \* Eleanor Koller \* Grace Mary Schulteis \* Victor Sechyshyn \* George Angle \* Marta Andreotta \* Melissa Alexandra \* Christian Vidal \* Suzanne Thompson \* Anna Grefe \* Anthony Mannino \* Marcella Frisen \* Theresa Puglia \* Brian Darmody \* Leigh Anne Brown \* Dan Modjeska \* Judy Zakorski \* Marie Miley \* Marcjanna Stolarzewicz \* John Shuot \* Patrick Murphy \* Brian Crowley \* Louise Pampinello \* Barbara Fenn

Please keep all those serving in the military and their families in your thoughts and prayers especially:  
Nicholas Pelosi, Christopher Drowns, Jeffrey Heppner, James Fleming, Thomas V. D'Auria, Mateusz Marzec, Andre DeRosa and Garrett Bracht  
Please keep Seminarian, Nicholas Waldron, in your prayers.

## A BIG THANK YOU !!!

My deepest thanks to all who participated in the Advent/Christmas giving tree here at St. Isidore's. Your generosity helped these families have a very nice Christmas and lots of smiling children! Thank you, too, to Giorgio's and Foxwood Village for adopting families!



## Padre Pio Reflections for Advent

*"She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God and to His throne.." —Rev. 12:5*

### Reflection

Nothing can be heard except the sobs and whimpers of the infant God. And by means of His crying and weeping He offers to the Divine justice the first ransom for our redemption. ~ Padre Pio

### Let Us Pray

Padre Pio, we pray you will stay close to us on this journey. We pray that we will arrive at Bethlehem with hearts full of hope, peace, joy and love for the child Jesus!



## PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

*Kathleen Rooman  
Marcia Moisa  
Caroline Stepnoski  
Richard Stueber*

## OUR COLLECTIONS

**Today, December 22:** Sunday and Debt Reduction  
**Next Week, December 29:** Sunday and Debt Reduction  
*Thank you for your generosity!*





## GOD'S WORD WILL COME TO US

From a sermon by Saint Bernard, abbot

We know that there are three comings of the Lord. The third lies between the other two. It is invisible, while the other two are visible. In the first coming he was seen on earth, dwelling among men; he himself testifies that they saw him and hated him. In the final coming all flesh will see the salvation of our God, and they will look on him whom they pierced. The intermediate coming is a hidden one; in it only the elect see the Lord within their own selves, and they are saved. *In his first coming our Lord came in our flesh and in our weakness; in this middle coming he comes in spirit and in power; in the final coming he will be seen in glory and majesty.*

Because this coming lies between the other two, it is like a road on which we travel from the first coming to the last. In the first, Christ was our redemption; in the last, he will appear as our life; in this middle coming, he is our rest and consolation.

In case someone should think that what we say about this middle coming is sheer invention, listen to what our Lord himself says: If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. There is another passage of Scripture which reads: He who fears God will do good, but something further has been said about the one who loves, that is, that he will keep God's word. Where is God's word to be kept? Obviously in the heart, as the prophet says: I have hidden your words in my heart, so that I may not sin against you. Keep God's word in this way. Let it enter into your very being, let it take possession of your desires and your whole way of life. Feed on goodness, and your soul will delight in its richness. Remember to eat your bread, or your heart will wither away. Fill your soul with richness and strength.

If you keep the word of God in this way, it will also keep you. The Son with the Father will come to you. The great Prophet who will build the new Jerusalem will come, the one who makes all things new. This coming will fulfill what is written: As we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, we shall also bear the likeness of the heavenly man. Just as Adam's sin spread through all mankind and took hold of all, so Christ, who created and redeemed all, will glorify all, once he takes possession of all.

### RESPONSORY (See Psalm 29:11; Isaiah 40:10)

The Lord will come down to us,  
radiant in his splendor, awesome in his power.  
— *He will bring his people peace  
and give them everlasting life.*

Our God will come, awesome in his power.  
— *He will bring his people peace  
and give them everlasting life.*

### CONCLUDING PRAYER

Prepare our hearts,  
we pray, O Lord our God,  
by your divine power,  
so that at the coming of Christ your Son  
we may be found worthy of the banquet of eternal life  
and merit to receive heavenly nourishment from his hands.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
— Amen.

## Truth has arisen from the earth, and justice looked down from heaven

From a sermon by Saint Augustine, bishop



Awake, mankind! For your sake God has become man. Awake, you who sleep, rise up from the dead, and Christ will enlighten you. I tell you again: for your sake, God became man.

You would have suffered eternal death, had he not been born in time. Never would you have been freed from sinful flesh, had he not taken on himself the likeness of sinful flesh. You would have suffered everlasting unhappiness, had it not been for this mercy. You would never have returned to life, had he not shared your death. You would have been lost if he had not hastened to your aid. You would have perished, had he not come.

Let us then joyfully celebrate the coming of our salvation and redemption. Let us celebrate the festive day on which he who is the great and eternal day came from the great and endless day of eternity into our own short day of time.

He has become our justice, our sanctification, our redemption, so that, as it is written: Let him who glories glory in the Lord.

Truth, then, has arisen from the earth: Christ who said, I am the Truth, was born of a virgin. And justice looked down from heaven: because believing in this new-born child, man is justified not by himself but by God.

Truth has arisen from the earth: because the Word was made flesh. And justice looked down from heaven: because every good gift and every perfect gift is from above.

Truth has arisen from the earth: flesh from Mary. And justice looked down from heaven: for man can receive nothing unless it has been given him from heaven.

Justified by faith, let us be at peace with God: for justice and peace have embraced one another. Through our Lord Jesus Christ: for Truth has arisen from the earth. Through whom we have access to that grace in which we stand, and our boast is in our hope of God's glory. He does not say: "of our glory," but of God's glory: for justice has not proceeded from us but has looked down from heaven. Therefore he who glories, let him glory, not in himself, but in the Lord.

For this reason, when our Lord was born of the Virgin, the message of the angelic voices was: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

For how could there be peace on earth unless Truth has arisen from the earth, that is, unless Christ, were born of our flesh? And he is our peace who made the two into one: that we might be men of good will, sweetly linked by the bond of unity.

Let us then rejoice in this grace, so that our glorying may bear witness to our good conscience by which we glory, not in ourselves, but in the Lord. That is why Scripture says: He is my glory, the one who lifts up my head. For what greater grace could God have made to dawn on us than to make his only Son become the son of man, so that a son of man might in his turn become the son of God?

Ask if this were merited; ask for its reason, for its justification, and see whether you will find any other answer but sheer grace.

### **RESPONSORY Isaiah 11:1, 5, 2**

A shoot shall grow from the root of Jesse,  
and there a flower shall blossom.

— *Justice will be the girdle around his loins, and faithfulness the belt around his waist.*

The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon him:  
a spirit of wisdom and understanding, a spirit of counsel and fortitude.

— *Justice will be the girdle around his loins, and faithfulness the belt around his waist.*

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

Come quickly,  
we pray, Lord Jesus, and do not delay,  
that those who trust in your compassion  
may find solace and relief in your coming.  
Who live and reign with God the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
— Amen.



## Mobile Outreach Bus

# Free Health Screenings and Flu Vaccinations

The Community Outreach team is pleased to offer free health screenings and **flu vaccinations** in your community by a Catholic Health registered nurse.



St. Isidore Church  
622 Pulaski Road  
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Thursday, January 23, 2025  
10 am - 2 pm

### Services for adults (18 and older):

- Brief cardiac history
- Blood pressure screening
- BMI screening
- Simple blood test for cholesterol and glucose
- Health education
- Referrals as needed
- Resources for those without insurance
- Free flu vaccination (senior dose available)

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