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St. Gabriel Elementary

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785 Golbourn Forced Road

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All Saints High School

5115 Kanata Avenue



ST. ISIDORE

Roman Catholic Parish

*Sunday Bulletin • Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 23, 2025*

Pastor's Message

Given the snow conditions of last week and people travelling for the long weekend, I was pleasantly surprised by the number of parishioners who attended Mass last weekend. As one parishioner said to me in December: "We live in the country. We're used to snow!" You were a reminder of the importance of Sunday Mass in the lives of Catholics. The mild winters of recent years may have built up our expectations of a change in winter but, this year, we are back to a "good, old Ottawa Valley winter!" Let us pray that all are kept safe and healthy during these weeks of snow and ice.

We are working on our 2024 Financial Statements which will be submitted to Diocesan Administration and a report made to parishioners. I am not an accountant, but I know enough to realize that correcting and adjusting entries will need to be made to accurately reflect what occurred in 2024 and fairly present the current financial situation of our parish community. Accuracy and transparency cannot be sacrificed for the sake of expediency. It is my hope that we will have a report to parishioners on the 2024 year before mid-April.



You will read elsewhere in our Bulletin that members of the Legion of Mary will be with us on the first weekend of March. Before Mass, they will make a brief presentation about the Legion and then be available, after Mass, to answer questions. The Legion of Mary is an international association of members of the Catholic Church who serve on a voluntary basis. It was founded in 1921, in Dublin, as a Marian movement by the layman and civil servant Frank Duff. Today, active and auxiliary (praying) members make up a total of over 10 million members worldwide, making it the largest apostolic organization of laypeople in the Catholic Church. Membership is open to believing members of the Catholic Church. Its stated mission is for active members to serve God under the banner of Mary through the corporal and spiritual works of Mercy, directed towards Catholics and non-Catholics alike. (cf. Wikipedia)

We are hoping to restart a Pro-Life committee in our parish. If you are interested in working for the Pro-Life cause at the parish level, please speak to me before, or after, Mass or call me at the parish office.

From a Treatise on the Lord's Prayer by Saint Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr – "Let your prayer come from a humble heart. When we pray, our words should be calm, modest and disciplined. Let us reflect that we are standing before God. We should please him both by our bodily posture and the manner of our speech. It is characteristic of the vulgar to shout and make a noise, not those who are modest. On the contrary, they should employ a quiet tone in their prayer."

Fr. Kevin

Sunday Readings

Sunday, February 23rd, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 26.2, 7–9, 12–13, 22–25

The Lord gave you into my hands today, but I will not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.

Psalms 103

The Lord is merciful and gracious.

1 Corinthians 15.45-49

We have borne the image of the one of dust, so let us bear the image of the one of heaven.

Luke 6.27–38

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Liturgies

Saturday, February 22nd – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confessions – 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm

4:30 pm + Gerry Venier by Pat McKinnon

+ John Sullivan by Pat McKinnon

+ David O'Keefe by Mary Jane Donohue

Sunday, February 23rd – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am + Lena Petek by Carolina Petek

11:00 am For the Intentions of the Living and Deceased members of St. Isidore Parish

Please note that there are no weekday Masses from Tuesday, February 25th to Friday, February 28th but the church remains open for prayer on these days during office hours (10:00 am – 3:00 pm).

Thursday, February 27th

7:00 pm Adoration

Parish Announcements

❖ **Charitable tax receipts for 2024 are available for pick-up in the vestibule.** To help reduce mailing costs, we kindly ask that you pick up your receipt by this Sunday, February 23rd. After this date, any remaining receipts will be mailed out. Thank you for your understanding and for your ongoing support.

❖ **Preparation for Confirmation in 2025**

Rite of Welcome for the Confirmandi at all Sunday Masses this weekend, Saturday February 22nd and Sunday, February 23rd.

❖ Our Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League are co-hosting a **Valentine's Breakfast this Sunday, February 23rd after both Masses in the Parish Hall.** Come and

feast on pancakes, sausages and scrambled eggs. Free will offering.

❖ **Youth programmes:**

▪ **Faith and Fellowship Youth Night** on Saturday, March 8th. From 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Parish Hall for students in grades 6 to 12.

▪ **March Break Board Game and Chess club** for high schoolers and young adults on Monday March 10th, Tuesday March 11th and Wednesday March 12th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm in the Gathering Room. Board games will be provided but feel free to bring your own. For more information, please contact Antonella at the Parish Office.

❖ **Generosity Report – January 2025**

- Weekend Collections: \$8,955
- Pre-Authorized Donations: \$11,422.33
- E-transfer Donations: \$770
- Canada Helps: \$6000.92

❖ During Lent, Deacon Des Adam will lead a **Bible Study on Pope Francis' 'Letter of Hope'** that celebrates the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025. The Bible Study will take place in the Parish Hall. The Bible Study will take place on four Mondays, beginning on Monday March 10 from 1:30 to 3 pm. Please contact Deacon Des directly - margdes32@gmail.com or (613) 592-4821 - if you plan to attend or if you wish further details.

❖ **The Legion of Mary of**

Ottawa Regia will be visiting St. Isidore Parish to give a short talk about the Legion during the weekend Masses of March 1st and 2nd. Legion members will be available in the vestibule for any questions and to give you a chance to register for the information session that follows during the week. If you pray the Rosary daily and feel you are called to serve Our Lord by bringing people to Jesus through Mary, this is a perfect Ministry for you.



❖ **Creating Bridges Between Generations - Join the Neeje Visiting Program!** Are you a high school girl (15–18 years old)? The Neeje Senior Inter-Generational Visiting Program is your chance to connect with seniors in Kanata, build lasting friendships, and develop valuable life skills. For more information, please email Paola at pgarciarivera.99@gmail.com.

In our community

❖ As part of the Jubilee year, **Father Paul Nwaeze, Pastor at Holy Redeemer (44 Rothesay Dr.) will be leading a pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain and France.** Join Father Paul for 12 days from Monday, September 15 to Friday, September 26. Cost is \$4,990 (\$300 deposit) — incl. departure from Ottawa, hotel (single supplement \$890), 2 meals (breakfast/dinner), guided tours (in English) and tips. For more information/registration, you are welcome to attend the Info night on April 1st at 7:00 pm at Holy Redeemer or please contact Stan at (647) 463-9057 ext. 339 or stan@ihtours.com.